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BRIEFLY

Crib Addicts: Finale Week!

It was the final showdown Tuesday from this season of Legion's "Crib Addicts" cribbage season and in the end, it was Harry Parsons at the top (as he has been all season), followed by Jim Chabot, Bob Torkildsen, Ben Conway, Heather MacDonald, Tina Latassa, Billy Bell, Marc Kwiatkowski, David Slade, Michela Hirnak, Joan Snow, Ed Conway, Ted Cakounes, Corrie Whalen, Martha Emery, Paul Clark, Stephen Chabot, Pierre Rumpf, Clem Courcy, and Bob Allia. See you next season.

Veterans Day Service at the Manchester Legion

In observance of Veterans Day, a service will be held inside at the Amaral-Bailey Post 113 Manchester American Legion behind Town Hall at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 11. All are invited to attend. Collation to follow.

Pre-Holiday Preview

It seems early to offer up a holiday season preview, but with all the events on deck in Manchester and Essex (and the rest of Cape Ann for that matter) it seems justified. On Page 8, read about next weekend's 48th Annual Essex Turkey Trot, begun way back in 1978 by the Essex Lions Club and held each year the Sunday before Thanksgiving. They say it's the longest running Turkey Trot race in America. Then, on Page 5, check out the Holiday Season preview which runs quickly through community events happening as soon as next week.

Last Call! Veterans Day Service at Manchester Legion Saturday

In observance of Veterans Day, a service will be held inside at the Amaral-Bailey Post 113 Manchester American Legion behind Town Hall on Church Street at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 11. All are invited to attend this touching ceremony. Collation to follow.



Photo Kirk Williamson

Steve Gang (left), chair of the Manchester ConCom readies protest signs Wednesday with Lily Wainwright (right), Catherine Creighton (back center), MBTS Finance Committee member Albert "Mory" Creighton III and the MECT's Mike Dyer (both back right) before joining approximately 50 people gathered outside the Massachusetts Housing Appeals Committee site visit to protest the development of a proposed affordable housing project off School Street in Manchester's Limited Commercial District.

Essex STM: Zoning, Property Tax Cap, Apple Street, MERSD Funds

By Erika Brown

Residents of Manchester and Essex each head to Special Town Meetings this coming Monday, November 13. In some ways, the issues to consider are similar. Voters in both towns will weigh in on significant adjustments to their Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw and address funding and capital items.

But while Fall town meetings are an opportunity to address supplemental or special items, Essex will plow through an ambitious 25-article Warrant that is full of critical issues.

Big items for discussion include the proposed widening and fortification of a culvert on Apple Street along with substantial road-bed elevation for emergency vehicle passage during flooding events; a request to extend the change-of-land-use moratorium; adoption of a property tax cap for seniors on fixed incomes; and school district

funding related to turf fields replacement and financial consultants to help navigate school district budget gaps expected for next year.

The Essex STM is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Essex Elementary School. Here are the highlights:

Articles 4 to 7 all address a series of Planning Board articles related to its two-year effort to shape zoning. **Articles 4** is a highly detailed article that would add a new General Use Zoning District, characterized by single-family and two-

family dwellings, including dwellings with home occupations, and small-scale multi-family dwellings, with considerable protected and/or private open spaces and wetlands. The district also includes areas of commercial and agricultural use, occasional institutional, civic, and light industrial uses, and minor utility facilities.

The article details all the associated regulations like parking, permitted uses, density, multifamily regulations, nonconforming lots and structures, dimension-

al requirements, permitted uses, among others. The new tables that would be added to this section of the bylaw provide extreme clarity on all the requirements (density, setbacks, etc.) and clearly identify what projects would be by right, by special permit, or allowed subject to listed standards.

Article 5 asks voters to approve new language that significantly bolsters language for projects requiring Site Plan Review. This would give the town a strong tool to review and notify impacted neighbors as projects seek approvals for things like change of use and adds clear procedures for site plan review. The controls that would have teeth in the process would still be the special permit process, but the site plan review bylaw would offer visibility to the modification or development projects that are permissible under present zoning and gives impacted parties a way to register site-specific concerns like safety or other issues.

Article 6 introduces new definitions to the bylaw for terms such as attic, basement, certificate of occupancy, mixed-use lot, buildable lot area, special permit, impervious surface coverage, accessory building, family, variance, among others.

Article 7 asks voters to extend the change of land use moratorium established in 2020 from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025. This is the second time the moratorium has been extended at Town Meeting.

Moving from zoning, **Article 8** reprises the town's effort to acquire easements over a series of primarily roadside strips of land along approximately 850 feet of Apple Street starting at Southern Avenue to replace a culvert and elevate the roadbed to make it a navigation link to Rte. 22/Martin Street for emergency vehicles when the Essex Causeway on Route 133 is flooded. This is the second time the town has sought to acquire easements at 128, 129,

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ME Field Hockey Wins Opener, Moves on to Sweet 16



Senior midfielder and captain Caelie Patrick has been named the Cape Ann League's Baker Player of the Year in field hockey. Ella Chafe and Abby Kent join her on the CAL First Team all-stars, Courtney Brown of the Hornets was named CAL Baker Coach of the Year. Go Hornets! Go! Photo Paul Clark

By Jason Brisbois

On paper, the Manchester Essex field hockey team's Round of 32 matchup with 31-seed Bromfield looked like it wouldn't exactly be the toughest challenge of the year for a Hornets squad that went 14-1-3 and earned the second seed in the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament. That notion was proven true with a dominant 7-0 win that propelled Manchester Essex into a Sweet 16 matchup with 15-seed St. John Paul II.

"We were up 5-0 by the end of the first quarter in this game," explains Manches-

ter Essex field hockey coach Courtney Brown. "At that point, we had an idea of what the outcome of the game would be. Every member of our team played some solid minutes and contributed to controlling the game and ultimately winning, 7-0. The girls' energy going into the day even at school set us up for success in this game. We had excellent passing combinations all 60 minutes."

The Hornets are a loaded team with experience and talent in every corner of the field. While the team's starters set the tone and staked out an early lead to make this one a forgone conclusion,

Brown was quick to laud the efforts of those who came off the bench to keep the momentum going for the final three quarters.

"While our starters closed the door for this game early on, I want to call out some players who have been patiently waiting for their opportunity to contribute to a big team win like this," says Brown. "Emma Hickey, Celia Mannal, Hannah Davis, and Jessie Philpott went in and maintained the same level of play as our starters. It was so awesome to see them get playoff experience."

Winning a tournament game and moving on is some-

thing worth celebrating, but these Hornets are focused on greater goals than first-round victory after making it to the State Championship game in 2022. "It feels great, but is expected," says Brown. "We know we have a lot of work ahead of us to make it to the state championship."

The Round of 16 matchup with St. John Paul II was slated for Nov. 7 at Manchester Essex Regional High School. This is not a particularly familiar foe for the Hornets, but there's no denying the success they've enjoyed in 2023 in going 11-2-4.

"We know they've had a fairly successful season, but it's hard to say without having any common opponents," explains Brown. "Having watched film, we do know who their strongest players are and we are preparing for their style of play. Most importantly, we are cleaning up our own play and working to take the lead early on."

It also doesn't hurt that this isn't the first time that the field hockey team has played in a high-pressure game at this level.

"It gives us the confidence to control a game," Brown says of her team's big-game experience. "No matter what, playoff games are intense and high pressure. Showing other teams what a number-two seeded team plays like fuels us to work hard and play strong all across the field."

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 11 Nov		47°	34°
Sunday 12 Nov		41°	31°
Monday 13 Nov		43°	27°
Tuesday 14 Nov		44°	34°
Wednesday 15 Nov		47°	39°
Thursday 16 Nov		48°	43°
Friday 17 Nov		49°	43°

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.

MBTS ZBA Site Visit
Saturday, Nov 11, 9:30 a.m.

MBTA Task Force-Zoning Subcommittee
Tuesday, November 14 10 a.m. Hybrid Meeting

MBTS Bike & Pedestrian Comm
Wednesday, November 15 6 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

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Chief's Corner Grants, Overdose Emergency Kits, Collaboration Force

By Todd Fitzgerald,
Manchester Police Chief

Earlier this month we received a \$10,000 grant from the North Shore Health Project as part of the POST Overdose Aftercare Program. This grant supports a number of projects such as purchasing Narcan for our officers and community; professional development about addiction, overdose, and harm reduction; and community outreach.

We also are considering installing overdose emergency kits in public areas.

We partner with the Lahey Behavioral Health and Essex Police on an overdose and mental health follow-up team. Sgt. Stephen Louf heads the unit, which includes Lahey professionals and representatives from One Stop, a free prevention and screening service. We continually work to improve how we interact with those who have mental health or substance misuse challenges.

We used to be called "law



enforcement." Today we collaborate with our residents, build strong partnerships, and work proactively to keep Manchester-by-the-Sea safe.

We want our residents to have the support they need, so that their challenges can be addressed before we are called.

If we can save a life, or help someone find a new path in life, every dollar is well spent.

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



MONDAY, OCTOBER 30
8:16 a.m. Bridge St., fire alarm, fire false. 9:45 a.m. Raymond St., fraud/scam, spoken to. 3:18 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, spoken to. 5:55 p.m. School St., suspicious activity, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
7:24 a.m. Lincoln St., school zone, directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:27 p.m. Central St., fraud/scam, assisted as needed. 4:09 p.m. Smith's Point Rd., alarm, cleared, false alarm. 10:19 p.m. Summer St., selec-

tive enforcement, no action taken.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:05 a.m. Coolidge Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 10:44 a.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle accident, no personal injury, arrest. 3:04 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 10:00 p.m. Pine St., animal complaint, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
8:18 a.m. Central St., citizen assist, public assist. 3:49 p.m. Forster Rd., animal complaint, report to follow. 5:03 p.m. Pine St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 6:13 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8:23 a.m. Norwood Ave., theft, assisted as needed. 1:03 p.m. School St., theft, report to follow. 5:51 p.m. Pine St., disabled motor vehicle, vehicle towed. 7:00 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7:07 a.m. School St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. 10:35 a.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 4:25 p.m. Union St., parking complaint, assisted as needed. 6:17 p.m. Loading Place Rd., animal complaint, notification made.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
12:24 a.m. Forster Rd., suspicious activity, no action taken. 10:11 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 2:11 p.m. Beach St., animal complaint, gone on arrival. 5:02 p.m. Woodholm Rd., animal complaint, assisted as needed.

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Nov 13th Special Town Meeting: Citizen Initiated Articles



By Gregory T. Federspiel

At the upcoming Special Town Meeting, set for this coming Monday, November 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Memorial School, 14 articles will be presented to voters for action. Last week I provided information on Articles 1-10. This week the focus is on four articles that were initiated by residents, not by a Town Board.

Citizens can petition to place articles on any Town Meeting warrant. For this Special Town Meeting, four petition articles were submitted to the Select Board for inclusion. Because there were a few questions about whether the petitioners met every detail for successfully putting an article on a warrant, the Select Board, determining that the spirit of the law was met, has put these four articles on the warrant under their own authority. Doing so avoids debating whether the articles are properly before voters and will allow residents to concentrate on the merits of the articles.

Article 11 asks voters to authorize the Select Board to acquire the building that has been the home of the private, non-profit Manchester Community Center (MCC.) The article states that the acquisition should be by purchase or eminent domain. An easement for access to the building from Beach Street over property owner by Harbor's Point Associates is to be included. The vote will also include a sum of money to be allocated for the acquisition costs (currently suggested to be \$350,000.) Furthermore, the proponents of the article want the property to be resold to the MCC through a negotiated payment plan between the Town and the MCC.

This article differs from Article 8, which the Select Board and Finance Committee prefer. In Article 8, voters are being asked to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 10-year renewable lease for the same building to be used for a variety of community uses, including continued use by the MCC.



A \$10,000 appropriation is sought to help pay for building utilities. Both articles are aimed at continuing the use of the building for community purposes. The private, non-profit MCC was on a month-to-month lease of the land on which their building sits. However, this lease is being terminated and, per the signed lease agreement between MCC and Harbor's Point Associates, unless the MCC relocates the building, the building ownership transfers to Harbor's Point Associates. The Select Board believes the quickest and most assured means of continuing the use of the building for community purposes is through a new lease arrangement.

Article 12 asks voters to adopt a new local bylaw that requires all zoning amendments to be approved by a ballot vote as part of a local election in addition to being approved at a Town Meeting. The Town has a special act that was approved back in 1991 that is referenced in the article which allows for certain questions to require a ballot vote if voters so choose. Town Counsel researched the applicability of this special act to the zoning approval process and does not believe it applies. There is case law which concluded the approval process of zoning matters as specified in state statutes cannot be altered by local bylaws. For these reasons, Town Counsel does not believe the Attorney General's Office, which must approve all local bylaws, will approve this proposal. Voters can still

proceed to see what the AG's Office will do. Currently, the 1991 Special Act has been used for bond votes over \$1.0 million. Otherwise, most issues that come before voters are debated and decided at a Town Meeting.

Articles 13 and 14 relate to the Town owned lands comprising Powder House Hill. Four parcels make up the bulk of the holding and these parcels were handed over to the "care, custody, control and management" of the Conservation Commission in a Town Meeting vote back in 1977. The lands have long been used for passive recreation purposes. Given this history, Town Counsel believes these lands are already considered to be "Article 97" lands and fall under the protection of this article of the Amendments to the Commonwealth's constitution. Nevertheless, Article 13 seeks affirmation that the lands are subject to the dictates of Article 97 meaning that it takes a 2/3rds vote of the state legislators (both the House and Senate) in addition to other measures before such lands can be put to a different use.

Article 14 asks voters to authorize the Select Board to convey a conservation easement to a third-party entity whose purpose is land conservation. Before doing so, the multiple steps that Article 97 requires would have to be met.

For the full warrant and other information related to Monday's Special Town Meeting, please visit the Town's website. See you Monday evening!

BOARD UPDATES

Special Town Meeting: Save the date! A Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial School. Check-in starts at 5:30 p.m. The Warrant and meeting details are posted to the Town website.

Walker Road Work: DPW will begin water main replacement work on Walker Road starting Monday, November 13. The work will take place M-F from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and will take approximately 90 days to complete. Traffic will be one way on alternating sides of the road during work times.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic: The Board of Health will hold the monthly Blood Pressure Clinic with the



Public Health Nurse on Monday, November 13 from 11 a.m.-12 noon in Town Hall Room 5. No appointment needed.

MBTA Zoning Walking Tour: Join the MBTA Zoning Task Force for a walking tour of downtown Manchester to view and discuss examples of density. The tour will take place on Saturday, November 18 at 10 a.m. and will start on the Town Common in front of Town Hall (weather permitting).

Curbside Leaf Collection: DPW will collect leaves dur-

ing the weeks of November 13 and 27. Place leaves in bags on curb by 7 a.m. on the Monday of collection week regardless of your trash collection day. Please cover with a tarp if it rains.

Transfer Station Hours Update: The Transfer Station will reopen on Wednesdays starting Wednesday, November 22 from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Transfer Station will continue to operate on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1933

The Board of Selectman have granted Conomo Tribe Red Men permission to parade with other tribes on the evening of November 22nd through School and Vine Streets, Norwood Ave, Washington and Union Street to Town Hall. At Masconomo Park on Tuesday, November 7th, Manchester Girls Field Hockey Team was victorious over Rockport High, in the first home game of the season. After a hard struggle a goal was made for Manchester in the second half by Captain Evelyn Foster.

60 YEARS AGO - 1963

About 300 voters of Manchester met on Monday evening in the Manchester Memorial School auditorium and approved a By-Law change which will make it possible to sell public land without an auction upon the favorable recommendation of three Town Boards, the Selectman, Planning Board and Finance Committee.

On October 25, Mr. Edwards, Manchester High School biology instructor, took one of his biology classes on a field trip to Black Beach. The group was transported by school bus and spent over two-and-one-half hours collecting different specimens of marine flora and fauna.

45 YEARS AGO - 1978

Captain Fred Strene and his three-man crew of the Ketch Bowditch arrived at Logan Airport Sunday night after undergoing an extremely harrowing experience following the sinking of their boat, a victim of hurricane Kendra.

The Browns moved into first place in the Men's Monday evening bowling league this week, the result of a 3-4-8 bombing of the Crickets. Table Four topped Al's Café Keglers, 30-12. Bill's Canteen rolled over Standley's 25-17.

30 YEARS AGO - 1993

Sunday, November 14, 1993, 12 noon at Gloucester High

School's Newell Stadium, the Manchester Junior Hornets C team will play the Riverdale Rockets for the Cape Ann Pee Wee football championships.

The flagpole on the Town Common needs to be replaced. The wooden pole has been a fixture on the Common for at least 50 years. When the firefighters were preparing to paint the pole, they discovered that there was some dry rot at the base of the pole. The Building Inspector concluded that, although the pole wasn't about to fall down, it should be replaced.

15 YEARS AGO - 2008

Several hundred items including antique furniture, tin ware, toys, picture frames and everything else you'd find in an attic are being offered for sale Saturday, November 15 at the Trask House on Union Street. The sale, sponsored by the Historical Society, is the result of extensive "housecleaning" and a thorough inventory of the Society's collection.

Marion Powers, Manchester Essex Regional High School and Middle School art teacher, is the featured artist at The Sovereign Bank in downtown Manchester. The exhibit Manchester and The Sea: Painterly and Conceptual works, is a refreshing and unique interpretation of familiar sites and landmarks in Manchester.

Sponsor-A-Bulb Donors Setting Up Manchester Holiday Tradition



The Manchester Woman's Club (MWC) has launched its annual Friendship Tree lighting program tradition, with local residents sponsoring bulbs on the tree at the Town Common when it is lit up for the season on Sunday December 3, as part of the Holiday

Stroll in Manchester. Each year the MWC sponsors the program which includes a concert on the Town Green, hot cocoa provided by the Manchester Masonic Lodge and served by the MWC, and the lighting of the Friendship Tree at 4 p.m.

The following people have already sponsored a bulb on the tree in the name of loved ones.

NAME OF DONOR	REMEMBERING
Eileen Morsett	W. Connors, K. Connors, R. Connors, W. Connors, A. O'Sullivan
George Kelley	D. Kelley, C. Kelley, A. Miller, L. Miller, B. Miller
Lori Dumont	Donation
Beverly Melvin	B. Melvin, E. Forward, M. Forward
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Cynthia Conant	boulder, bear, kiwi, oscar mox
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Jessica Spinelli	J. Linskey, J. Linskey, S. Linskey, J. Linskey, T. Linskey
Richard Sullivan	B. Sullivan, P. Hickey, G. Rundlett, H. Rundlett, L. Thompson

The Friendship Tree has a long history dating back to 1965 when the MWC organized a campaign to raise funds to acquire a tree on the Town Green, as a "symbol of a friendly community." The citizens of Manchester responded, and the tree was placed in its current location as a permanent re-

cord of the generosity and spirit of the community "for future edification and inspiration."

The MWC is committed to maintaining and lighting this town treasure, and that is why our Buy-a-Bulb Program is so important. The funds raised from the program go directly to maintain-

ing, pruning, and lighting the tree. The tree is topped with a brightly lit snowflake to add to the charm of the season.

Envelopes for the Sponsor-a-Bulb will be distributed to businesses throughout town, and your name, or name of your donee will be listed in the Manchester Cricket.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
10 Fri	9:06	9.0	9:30	8.6	2:51	1.4	3:20	1.2	6:26	4:27
11 Sat	9:45	9.4	10:13	8.7	3:36	1.3	4:08	0.8	6:27	4:26
12 Sun	10:21	9.8	10:53	8.8	4:19	1.1	4:54	0.4	6:29	4:25
13 Mon	10:57	10.1	11:32	8.8	5:02	1.0	5:39	0.1	6:30	4:24
14 Tue	11:33	10.4			5:45	1.0	6:24	-0.1	6:31	4:23
15 Wed	12:12	8.9	12:12	10.5	6:29	1.0	7:09	-0.2	6:32	4:22
16 Thu	12:55	8.8	12:55	10.6	7:14	1.1	7:56	-0.2	6:34	4:21

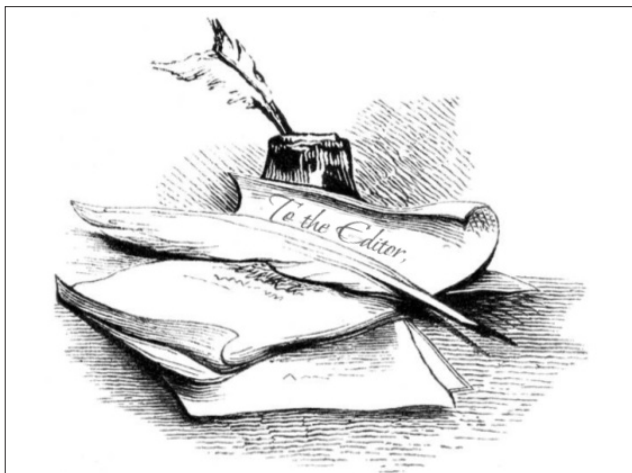


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Hatred In the World is a Long, Unacceptable Story of Humanity

To the Editor:

Turkey's claims: "Israel has been openly committing war crimes for 22 days, but the Western leaders cannot even call on Israel for a cease-fire, let alone react to it," said Turkey's president Recep Tayyip Erdogan last week, according to The Hill.

"We will tell the whole world that Israel is a war criminal," he added. "We are making preparations for this. We will declare Israel a war criminal."

Anyone of any generation who is expressing an opinion about the current Horrible and Sad Events in Israel and Hamas should try to get educated about these, "Horrible, Inhumane and Unthinkable" behavior of humans in that part of the world including Ataturk's Turkey National Movement and in Europe by the Nazis and which have taken place often during the last century up to now.

Several books have been written by different writers about all these shameful history events done to Humanity.

Everyone should read the book "Ships of Mercy," written in 2008 by Christos Papoutsy. It's a thoroughly researched book with actual government documents, newspaper articles by media reporters on scene, actual photos, interviews and reports of the Events and Horror by people who later died and from the ones who lived through it and survived, etc.

It is the History of the Genocide, Atrocities and Expulsion of the Armenian, the Greek (after being there for more than 6,000 years) and the Jewish peoples from Smyrna and its surrounding provinces along the coastal area of Asia Minor in September of 1922. It is now known as Ismir, Turkey.

Unfortunately, the Lausanne Treaty in 1924 it created amnesty granting immunity for crimes committed between 1914 and 1922.

My family and I cannot understand: why there is so much hatred towards Jewish People in our world? In my personal opinion they are the only people who have suffered, and they have been systematically treated the worst in the world for their extinction.

Why do people have so

much hatred towards other humans because of their religion, origin, status, culture, knowledge, political and gender preferences, territories, and so many other differences. What a boring world we would have been living in if we were all the same!

We as a Country of far less than 300 years in existence and which represents, with its population, most if not all the Countries in the World. We should promote Peace, Democracy (which has nothing to do with the Democrat Party) and accept each other's differences instead of supporting wars as a solution and special interests. People should learn to live in the land with each other, no matter what their differences are.

America has to take care of its own people and their needs and not take care of every other Country's needs and people with our taxpayers' money.

I was very blessed to have been born, brought up in my birth family and being married to a partner with similar family beliefs and life's values which we have passed on to our sons and hopefully to our grandchildren.

I thank my stars for my parents and my maternal grandmother who all introduced me to love, not hatred, to be kind, respectful and caring to others, to culture, art, history and music, allowing me to speak my mind in almost everything, including politics, fight for the rights of all and encouraged me to be independent from a very early age. And not discriminate against anyone about race, class, color or ethnicity and so on. I wouldn't have traded these values for anything!

We had, have and continue to have, friends of Jewish faith among our good friends and we will continue to do so.

There is a saying, "If we do not talk about History (positive & negative), it is often repeated". Sincerely,

Katerina Gates
Manchester

MBTS Halloween Committee Thank You

The Halloween Party at the Memorial School was a very busy location with families dropping in to start their Halloween evening. Pizza slices, drinks, goodie bags and glow-in-the-dark necklaces were available to all. This town tradition would not be possible

without the many people who worked together to plan and run the event. Thanks, from the Halloween Committee to the following:

The MERSD for the use of the Memorial School;

Kitchen workers who passed out the pizza and goodie bags - Lillian Muise, Muffin Driscoll, Charlotte Towle, Kathy and "Doc" Dainton;

Crew at the MFD including the two groups led by Lt. Jim Doucette and Lt. Jon Happel for putting together the goodie bags and delivering them to the school;

Chief McNeilly, MFD and Chief Fitzgerald and Lt, McCoy MPD for being at the party and spending time with youngsters working with the distribution of the glow-in-the-dark necklaces; and thanks to Tiffany Marletta and Heather DePriest for their work in promoting the event.

Special Thanks to Liz Swanson, Dina Brown and the crew at 4 Beach for donating all the penny candy that went into the goodie bags, Andrea Lance of Next Chapter Family Law and Estate Planning LLC for sponsoring the Glow-in-the-Dark necklaces and Cheryl Marshall, Park and Recreation Director for assistance in planning, promoting and running the event.

Thanks to those people who replied to our mailing asking for donations as well as many who dropped donations in the donation pumpkins at the event. They all supported this great event for the children in the community.

An event like this makes all believe in the power of many people coming together for others in our community.

Thanks again,

Tom Kehoe,
for the Halloween Committee

Vote Yes on Article 13

Why vote YES on Article 13? This petition serves to eliminate confusion, complete the record, and reaffirm the Town's desire to protect the Open Space known as Powder House Hill Reservation.

Based on what we know as of the time of this writing, Powder House Hill Reservation is likely protected under Article 97, but the Town doesn't have complete records from Town Meetings many decades ago. Your vote to affirm or reaffirm the protection of the precious woods at the center of our Town can ensure their use by you, your neighbors, our children, their children, and future generations in perpetuity.

Despite the claims of Robert Beatty's OpEd piece in last week's Cricket, this petition has nothing to do with blocking plans for the expansion of affordable housing behind Newport Park. Why Mr. Beatty would make such an egregious assumption regarding the intent of this petition is simply misinformation and fear mongering. Land can still be swapped to expand Newport Park should this article pass Town Meeting. Powder House Hill Reservation is a wooded gem in the heart of our town that has been preserved and enjoyed for generations. Records show that prior Town Meetings have voiced support to protect this Open Space since at least 1913. What they saw as special over 100 years ago is still special today. Vote YES on 13!

Donna Furse
Manchester

Vote YES on Article 12

Why should Manchester residents vote YES on Article 12? Simply put, it expands citizen participation in the democratic process. Manchester has a historically low turnout for Town Meetings. There are approximately 4,300 registered voters. Of which, approximately 200 residents consistently show up for Town Meetings. Why the low turnout? Our population is older, many residents are still snow-birding in April, college students are studying for exams, and for our much older population, sitting in a folding chair for several hours is not realistic. Therefore, citizens are advocating for the use of a unique Manchester bylaw to increase civic and voter participation.

In 1991, Manchester enacted a special provision that allows certain measures in the Town to be approved at the town election. The proposed by-law will simply codify this provision to pertain to all future zoning changes.

Some claim that this is a "second bite at the apple". It's hard to take a second bite if you never took a first bite.

Town Meeting may be described as the purest form of democracy. However, if you are disenfranchised due to distance, finances, or illness this most pure form of governance is not equitable. Those against more democracy, aka a "second bite" are discriminating against a majority of our population, especially for those who were never able to hold the apple.

Democracy is a two-way street. If town officials are open and honest, and if citizens take the time and energy to ask the probing questions, an educated constituency that shows up and votes will make Manchester a stronger community. Please vote YES on Article 12 to allow more Manchester voices to be heard.

Christina Delisio
Manchester

Proposed ADU - Is this the best we can do?

At the Special Town Meeting on November 13th, you will vote on a proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) bylaw for detached accessory structures. This is changing a current bylaw that allows, in single resident districts only, an employee of an owner-occupied property to reside on the premises in an accessory structure. The proposed change is to remove "employee" as a requirement and allow an accessory structure to become an Accessory Dwelling Unit with a Special Permit. Look around you, is there a garage, stable, shed, or other accessory structure next door to you or in your neighborhood that could become a new additional dwelling unit?

Our present bylaw allows for a second dwelling unit within a residence in Single Family Districts that have twice the required lot size. This proposes to have a second ADU bylaw for detached structures in all residential districts. An ADU bylaw for detached accessory structures can be a good planning tool to provide housing diversity for communities. Neighboring communities have robust ADU bylaws that set a standard of requirements for these additional dwelling units to ensure they fit into the fabric of the Town. This proposal falls way short of ensuring these criteria for Manchester. It lacks proper property line setbacks, proper lot size, adequate off-street parking, size of structure, number of bedrooms, what constitutes "existing", and more.

Other questions - what is the quantity of ADU's in town now, can more dwelling units fit on a lot size that is zoned for only one, or a third dwelling on a lot zoned for two, how will this impact school numbers, how will this impact off-street parking and traffic, how will this impact water and sewer, how are short-term rentals enforced? We need Senior Housing and Affordable Housing, why doesn't this address either of those needs?

Is this the really best we can do? We need to construct an ADU bylaw that also protects the stability and character of our neighborhoods. Vote NO on Article 4.

Mary Foley
Manchester

In Support of Article 12

In the last 10 years, the average attendance at Town Meetings/Special Town Meetings has been 341 registered voters, out of a population of 4,165 registered voters. Only eight percent of us are making critical Town decisions for all of us. This is both insufficient and dangerous. Now, and in the next 10 years, our town is facing not only many significant capital expenditures, but land use decisions which affect property values and deserve as many voters and votes as possible. With a quorum as low as 100, very few residents can make irreplaceable changes to all that

makes Manchester the special place that it is. Article #12, which asks to send zoning bylaw amendments to a ballot vote, is meant to get as many voters to the polls as possible by adding early voting and mail-in voting to your options. It has nothing to do with the topic of affordable housing.

Town Meetings do not allow for everyone to fully participate in our democracy. If you physically can't be there, whether for work, travel, sickness, or family commitments, then you don't have a voice in changes to your zoning. Let's change that!

Morgan Evans
Manchester

Vote Yes on Article 12

Town Meetings don't fairly represent the majority of voters.

The last two town meetings were only attended by 310 and 266 voters out of - 4,300 voters (7.2% and 6.2%).

In contrast, typically 50% of citizens turn out to vote at a ballot. Perhaps the frequency of the town meetings is causing voter "burnout" or the distractions of modern-day life (family, business, travel, etc.) causes meetings to be sparsely attended so they don't fairly represent the majority of the town's voters. Article 12 seeks to remedy the lack of representation for zoning changes.

Last weeks op-ed in the Cricket erroneously asserted this has never been done in any city or town which is incorrect as we follow this process in Manchester for indebtedness greater than \$1M (MBTS General By-Laws P8). Town meeting only needs to approve putting the articles on the ballot for broader consensus. Last November, the bulk of the proposed zoning articles were passed over due to lack of clarity. At the April Town Meeting, two zoning articles placed on the warrant by the Planning Board were recommended to be passed over by the Planning Board. Zoning articles that were approved in April were amended in June as they were poorly drafted and needed correction. On June 28th, the planning board (per the Town Meeting Minutes) said these were the last of the zoning changes yet major changes that will permanently alter our historic town are on the warrant again for Monday.

I practice commercial real estate and recently permitted a \$20M client project in a nearby town. It took a year and the zoning by-laws in that town never changed during the process. We need to be more deliberate and inclusive in our actions. Vote yes on Article 12.

Jonathan Keefe
Manchester

Clarification on Manchester Zoning, Special Permits

We are writing to help residents understand a number of important facts about special permits and Manchester Zoning and to correct a few of the numerous errors in Mr. Keefe's letter in last week's paper.

Special permits are intended to ensure that a proposed use is not detrimental to the Town. Specifically:

1. Special permits have nine comprehensive performance standards that are detailed in 11 pages of Section 6.3 of the Zoning By-law.
2. A special permit requires that a majority of the board determine that the standards are met.
3. Special permits do not waive lot size requirements.
4. Climate resilience and adaptation are important to Manchester and are consistent with state policy (see 2023 Massachusetts State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan section 1.1.1).
5. Special permits require a public hearing and abutter notification.

We look forward to seeing fellow citizens on November 13.

Ron Mastrogiacomo,
MBTS Planning Board Chair

Sarah Hammond
Creighton,

MBTS Planning Board Vice Chair

Audit Without School Committee Collaboration? No

The towns of Manchester and Essex are fortunate to have capable and responsible leaders guiding our excellent schools. Since 2010, Pam Beaudoin and Avi Urbas have led the district in a financially responsible way that prioritizes stable and predictable growth. They have led our schools to excellence with a 3.28% average annual growth in assessment to the towns over the past 12 years. Member towns have only passed two Proposition 2.5 overrides in that time. (Overrides passed in Manchester in 2012 and 2016.) Considering that typical high-performing high schools regularly anticipate and budget for increases up to 3.5-4%, and Proposition 2.5 overrides every 5-7 years to fund those increases, this is truly remarkable.

Yet the town of Manchester is asking voters in Article 3 to approve up to \$80,000 for an operational review to determine additional opportunities for "greater efficiencies and cost savings." This is an unnecessary use of taxpayer dollars given the sound financial leadership of our district. Furthermore, an audit is redundant because the school district is already audited yearly and submits yearly financial reports to the state.

Most importantly, finding these efficiencies is within the purview of the school committee, not town leaders. This audit was put on the warrant without the input of school committee members and the scope of this audit has not been made clear. School committee members are actively looking into efficiencies and were elected to make these specific decisions. They employ benchmark studies to compare MERSD to like districts and compare costs. They are considering a free district review by the state. Rather than throwing our limited resources at the problem, taxpayers would benefit from town boards working productively and collaboratively within their appropriate purview.

Such an audit will almost certainly result in further cuts to a district that has already been forced to make cuts year after year. District leaders strive to achieve level services at a minimum but have been forced to stay within the confines of the levy limit imposed by the towns. This means that the district has fallen short of level services and last year's slashed budget become next year's "level services." We have lost 15.85 positions, mainly through attrition, in the past five years.

At Memorial, we've seen class sizes go up and program offerings go down. If, as town administrator Brendan Zubricki shared at the all-boards meeting, Essex can only fund up to 2.5% overall growth, then we are looking at a budget gap of \$920,000. Without a commitment from the towns to find ways to address this gap, we are looking at even more substantial program cuts and continued use of district reserves. Indeed, in the past five years, the district has helped keep taxes low by dipping into their reserves to cover the budget gap, spending \$100,000 in FY20, \$335,000 in FY21, \$335,000 in FY22, \$520,000 in FY23. In the past, stable reserves have resulted in an excellent credit rating for the district, saving taxpayers millions in the Memorial and Middle/ High School Building projects. There is an imminent need to rebuild or renovate Essex Elementary School and the district has already applied to the MSBA for funding. If the project is approved, we must maintain strong reserves, stability, and community support. We cannot waste district time and resources on an overly broad audit.

We need town leaders to demonstrate their stated support for our excellent school district. We need them to get behind our school committee by appropriately collaborating to solve the problem of how to fund our excellent schools and prevent further cuts. We do not need an audit.

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Lindsay Torres Banks
Manchester

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Out & About Warming Up For the Holidays!

It's all happening. In Essex, there are three pre-Thanksgiving events designed to spark the holiday spirit. First, Anna Hardy Interiors is hosting **Harvest Elegance: Table Decorating & Block Printing Extravaganza!** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16. Participants will master the art of table decorating and block printing onto fabrics. The workshop is part of a series of holiday themed events at Anna Hardy's Eastern Avenue studio. Wine and nibbles will be served, and the cost is \$95.

On Saturday, November 18 at 9 a.m. the **Annual Christmas Fair** is at St. John the Baptist Church on Main Street kicks off a weekend long holiday crafts and gift fair. There will be a themed basket table where attendees can make their own personalized basket of favorite items; a baked goods table; a craft table; a plant table; and a used books table. The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast and lunch, and Woodman's will be offering clam chowder. Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and again after 5 p.m. Mass. Then on Sunday, the Christmas Fair opens again after 10 a.m. Mass. No cost to attend, of course, but that is so you can spend a lot on the goods.

That same Sunday, November 19, it's the **48th Annual Essex Turkey Trot**, which has been organized and hosted ably by the Essex Lions Club since 1978. They say it's the longest running turkey trot in America, and it's also a great way to preemptively run (or walk) off that turkey and mashed potatoes (not to mention the stuffing and pie) before the big day while also raising money for a good cause. The fun starts Sunday, November 19 at 10 a.m. Check in is at Woodman's, the cost is \$25 and a bit cheaper if you buy your tickets early.

Right after Thanksgiving, on Wednesday, November 29 (7:30 to 10:30 p.m.) at the Amaral Bailey American Legion Hall on Church Street. Just a \$15 cover and, of course, there's the legendary cash bar at the Legion. Celebrate homecoming with the town's only Thanksgiving Eve party, and support local veterans. The 80s music will take you back in time, and since it's Thanksgiving Eve in Manchester, you might think you're at the Harborside eating bean dip and knocking back Rusty Nails.

Then, it's not too early to start talking **Christmas by the Sea**, which is packed



Manchester's Jingle Bell Walk, 2020 (above) and 2022 (below). Courtesy images.



this year. It's the weekend long celebration in Manchester from the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce. The event formally kicks off Thursday, November 30 with the **Chamber's Manchester Division Holiday Party** (5-7 p.m.) at Bravo by the Sea. Come on down and enjoy food, friends, and a cash bar.

The following day is the **big Holiday Downtown Stroll** (Friday, 1 Dec. 4-8 p.m.). There are several events that night, so be sure to check out the full schedule on the Chamber's website. The **Manchester Historical Museum Open House** runs 4 - 8 p.m. (worth it just for the dé-

cor!), and businesses will be open late with treats to welcome shoppers to the season. Be sure to punch your Chamber Holiday Stroll Passbook to be entered to win a prize! From 5-8 p.m. the Cornerstone Church will host **Parents Night Out**. Drop your kids (pre-K to Grade 5) off in their holiday pajamas for an evening of fun activities, free pizza, and a showing of a holiday movie. Then from 4-8 p.m. it's the **Friends of the Library Holiday Book Fair** at the First Parish Church Community Hall on Chapel Street behind Santander Bank, hosted by the Friends of the Manchester Library to

peruse the hottest new book titles from The Book Shop in Beverly Farms. (Hannah Harlow, owner of the Book Shop will be there and a portion of all the shop's proceeds that night benefits the library.) There will also be stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, cards, and more for sale.

The fun continues on Saturday, Dec. 2 with the **Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals**, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the First Parish Church Community Hall, hosted by the Friends of the Manchester Public Library. After the show, head to the Manchester Public Library for treats. Following this, head to Mas-

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onomo Park for Santa Claus and the **Jingle Bell Walk** (Saturday, Dec. 2, 1-3 p.m.). Santa will arrive by boat and lead the children in a parade around the park and then be available for pictures. There will also be a petting zoo, crafts, face painting, a candy cane hunt, refreshments and a visit from Mrs. Claus! This is all sponsored by the Manchester Community Center, the GCACC and the Manchester Mother's Club. Rounding out Saturday is the **Night of the Stars Talent Show** at the ME Regional High School (4 p.m.), which will feature programs from local youth talent.

The weekend ends with a high energy program, starting with **Breakfast and Photos with Santa** (Sunday, Dec. 3 9 a.m. - 12 noon) at the Manchester Masonic Lodge, a Manchester Library Meet and Greet (1 - 2:30 p.m.) and then the ever-popular Community Carol Sing (2:30-3:15 p.m.) followed by the epic annual **Friendship Tree Lighting at the Town Common** (Sunday, Dec 3, 3:30 p.m.), hosted for decades by the Manches-

ter Women's Club with community hot cocoa provided by the Manchester Masons. The outdoor program this year will include a concert by the ME High School Band and the Memorial School Chorus, and a dance performance by students of **Manchester's Ballet de Mar School**. Beautiful!

Want more information? Check out details on these events and more at the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce events website, capeannchamber.org. It's a great organization that supports business and community life.

Next week, the Cricket will publish its seasonal supplement, the 2023 Manchester Cricket Holiday Book with 40 pages of gift ideas (all local!), a sit down with chef Rosalie Harrington, a look into holiday traditions of locals, new books coming out this season, and design ideas. Oh yes, and a preview of holiday events around Cape Ann as a reference.



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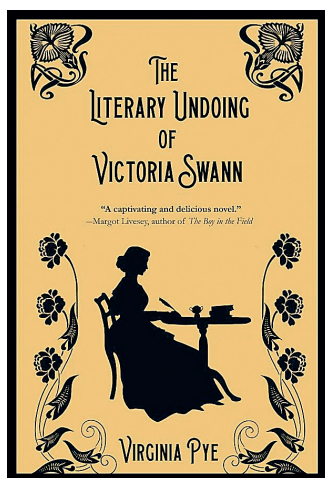
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LIBRARY NEWS



The Literary Undoing of Victoria Swann by Virginia Pye.

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Library Closed

The library will be closed Saturday, November 11 for Veterans Day

Art Across Asia: Japanese Aesthetics (Virtual)

Sunday, November 12 from 2:30-4 p.m. Exploring Japan's Artistic Sensibilities with Mary Mead. Kimono, netsuke, swords, lacquerware, screens, and scrolls. Come explore the variety, complexity and beauty of Japanese art. For the Japanese the functionality of an object was not enough; it also had to be aesthetically pleasing and display the skill of the artisan, the taste of the patron, and the values of the culture.

Diversity Matters Book Group

Tuesday, November 14 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. November's diversity matters book group will be reading "How to make a slave and other essays" by Jerald Walker.

Q & A with Historical Fiction

Author Virginia Pye (Virtual)

Wednesday, November 15 from 7-8 p.m. This one's for those of you who love historical fiction set in Boston as well as books related to writing and stories of finding yourself. Virginia Pye will be discussing her most recent book "The Literary Undoing of Victoria Swann".

Library Building Program

The library is preparing a grant application for the next round of construction grant funding from the state. To apply for the grant, which is due next Spring, we are preparing a Library Building Program, a planning document which identifies what the community wants and needs from their library in the next few decades. To begin that process, we need lots of community feedback, so we are inviting community members, library users (and non-users) to participate in focus groups. If you are interested in participating in one of the focus groups, please contact

the library. We will be hosting two public forums on November 15, one at 11 a.m. at Town Hall, room 5, and another at 6 p.m. at the library.

Color Painting Class Series

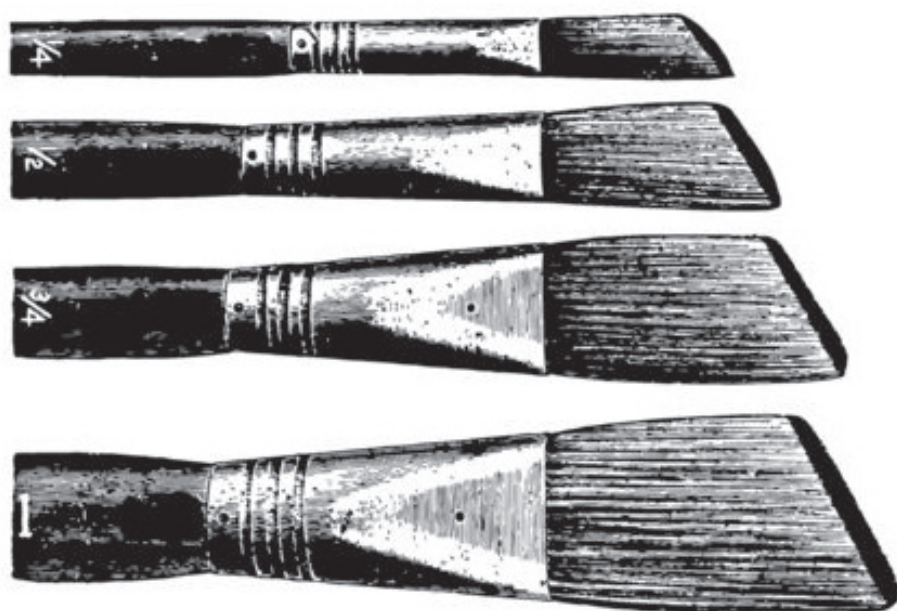
Wednesday, November 29 from 11 a.m.-12 noon. Local artist, Allison Moir-Smith, whose work is on exhibit at the library in November and will be offering two beginner, concussion and arthritis friendly painting classes on November 8 and November 29. All adults of any skill level are welcome. When you register for the 1st session you will be registered automatically for the second so you can see how your technique progresses. Artists will work on their skills by painting the same subject with acrylic in both sessions. This event is for adults. Allison's exhibit is called From Darkness-Color and will be on display from November 6-December 4. Allison Moir-Smith is a concussion activist, public speaker, brain-injury art teacher, and facilitator of an online concussed Moms support group. Learn how to recognize phishing and reporting phishing attempts.

Library's Free Public WiFi

MBTS Library's WiFi is now encrypted, offering extra security for our community and guests. Log on from inside the building or from the front garden by connecting to MBTSLibraryWifi using password library1887.

Mindfulness Meditation

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-12 noon at the Community Center with Alida Bryant. Beginners and experienced meditators are welcome.



There will be guided meditation, some silence, and discussion. Please register if this is your first time coming to this program. We need either an email or a phone number in case we need to cancel or change venues.

Tai Chi

Wednesdays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. When the weather is good the class will be held on the library's front side lawn, if the weather is inclement, it will be held at the Manchester Community Center. Please complete the Safety Release Registration Form, on the event listing on the library website, before joining. Susan Halpern will update by email those who have completed the Safety Release Registration Form.

Digital Advice Appointments and Drop-ins

Register for a dedication session on Mondays, or drop in most Fridays between 3-4 p.m. Increase your comfort level with technology or try out a digital service you have always wanted to try. Shut Up and Write (Virtual)



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

Lego Fun!

Saturday, November 25 from 2-3 p.m. Children ages 4-12 are invited to come to the library to build their own spectacular Lego creations. We've got tons of Legos for you to make the project of your dreams.

Storytime with Miss Au-

frey

Fall and Winter story time, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Registration is required each week as space is limited.

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.

Winter Hours

The library is now open on Sundays from 1-4 p.m.



Participating Crib Addicts celebrate the end of an eight-week session with a "soiree" at the last meeting. The Crib Addicts was formed by Marc Kwiatkowski and Bill Bell, Mark is first from the right and Bill is third from the right. We will start another session in the spring, watch the Cricket for details.

(Photo Credit Rick the Legion Bartender)

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Spaulding Education Fund's 12th Annual Night of Stars Talent Show

Calling performers of all ages in Manchester and Essex for annual showcase benefiting schools

Spaulding Education Fund's 12th Annual Night of Stars Talent Show will be held this year on Saturday, December 2 at 4 p.m. in the Manchester Essex Regional Middle High School Auditorium.

This special event raises funds for Spaulding Education Fund, an independent, non-profit organization providing support for programs that enhance the academic curriculum of the Manchester Essex Regional School District. The gala performance showcases talent from the local community and features singers, dancers, comedians—and a few surprises, too.

Students of all ages, parents, teachers, and community supporters are invited to audition. Adults are welcome to accompany their children, or to perform alone. Auditions will be held at the Middle-High School Auditorium on **Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m.-12 noon and Monday, November 20 from 3-5 p.m.** Sign up for an audition slot at spauldingeducationfund.org. Tickets to the event may be purchased at spauldingeducationfund.org starting November 3,

or purchased at the door on the night of the event. The success of this fundraiser depends on our generous sponsors, who support excellence in our public schools. To find out how your business can benefit as a Night of Stars sponsor and a Spaulding Education Fund partner, please visit spauldingeducationfund.org.

The Night of Stars Talent Show is Spaulding Education Fund's largest fundraising initiative of the year. Proceeds support educational programs in the Manchester Essex Regional School District, a top-rated school district in greater Boston. Through grants to teachers, students, and other members of the school community, Spaulding Education Fund enriches students' learning with hands-on activities, cultural experiences, and access to cutting-edge technologies that aren't funded through the towns' budget processes. Spaulding Education Fund is a 501(c)(3) and welcomes tax-deductible donations of any size.

To find out more about the Night of Stars Talent Show, register for an audition, buy tickets, or learn about the organization, please visit spauldingeducationfund.org.

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The Essex Council on Aging offers a variety of events and trips for seniors. For further information or to sign up for an event, please call the Essex COA Office at 978-768-7932 or visit the Senior Center at 17 Pickering Street.

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

Arts & Crafts activities: Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.
COA Fitness Programs - \$5 Donation Requested:
• BALANCE IN MOTION Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.

Grab and Go Meals, Mondays & Thursdays, 12 noon (must be picked up by 12:30 p.m.): Monday meals provided by Open Door, Thursday meals provided by Senior Care. Please register two business days in advance - 978-768-7932.

Ted Lasso Weekly Watch Party, Thursdays, 11 a.m. - starting September 7: "Ted Lasso" is a feel-good television series that combines sports, comedy, and drama to deliver a heart-warming and inspirational story about the power of optimism and kindness, both in sports and in life. Unless you have Apple+ TV, you can only watch Ted Lasso with us -- so come and join

the party and watch this delightful show on our new TV! Light refreshments will be available!

Monthly Book Club: last Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m.: Join us for a lively discussion about the current book of the month and other topics.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

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Public Library



Scavenger hunt.

Courtesy Photo

Library will be closed on Saturday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Community Book Group
Monday, November 13 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Yellowface" by R.F. Kuang.

Holiday Baking Demo
Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. with Chef Erin Jeanne McDowell.

Holiday Romance Book Recommendations
Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m. with "Booklist" reviewer, John Charles.

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

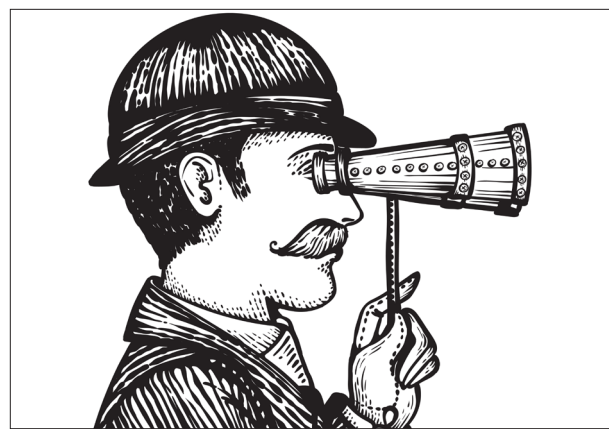
Monthly Scavenger Hunt
Stop by and enjoy our themed scavenger hunt all throughout the library.

Puppet Story Time
Tuesday, November 28 at 2 p.m. with the Waldorf School at Moraine Farm.

Story Hours Begin
Wednesdays at 9 a.m. for Wee Ones, ages 0-2 yrs. 20 minutes for songs, rhymes, stories and creative play. Please register. 10 a.m. Preschool ages 3-5 years. 30 minutes of songs, rhymes and stories read aloud and concludes with a themed craft. Please register.

CFCE Science Thursdays
Thursdays 9-10 a.m. for ages 2-6 years old. Join Ms. Christine for some STEAM fun, you will listen to stories, then explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Space is limited so please register.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
4:50 a.m. Harry Homans Dr., male with breathing difficulty, transported to hospital. 6:13 a.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 6:49 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:04 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30
9:09 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 11:31 a.m. Coral Hill, male with mental, emotional issues, patient refusal. 4:01 p.m. Southern Ave., animal complaint, notification made. 9:48 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
7:23 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:02 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 6:40 p.m. Winthrop St., missing person, assisted as needed. 8:54 p.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
9:57 a.m. Laurel Lane, traffic hazard, notification made. 5:52 p.m. Spring St., male sick, transported to hospital. 7:13 p.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle complaint, erratic operation, citation issued. 8:27 p.m. Eastern Ave., male fall, transported to hospital.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
1:00 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:45 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 3:14 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 6:38 a.m. Main St., alarm, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8:47 a.m. John Wise Ave., animal complaint, notification made. 12:42 p.m. Route 128SB, male unconscious, assisted as needed. 1:43 p.m. Southern Ave., male sick, transported to hospital. 10:00 p.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7:48 a.m. Town Farm Rd., theft, criminal application. 4:14 p.m. Essex Park Rd., motor vehicle accident, no personal injury, report to follow. 8:47 p.m. Western Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 11:23 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

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131, 135 Apple Street; 1 Andrews Street; and 0 Southern Ave.

Last spring, a similar article failed the required approval at Essex's ATM. Those opposed to the project said Apple Street is a charming historic rural road that should stay the way it is. They also said the forced taking of valuable property by eminent domain is excessive. The town counters that the total lands needed for the project are just 1.8% of the targeted parcels, representing narrow slivers of roadside property that would widen the pavement width of the public road from 18ft to 20ft. The value of these roadside easements is minimal since the land is generally wetlands that about the roadway with virtually no other possible use. They say the "public good" offered by emergency vehicle access (especially if the

Causeway Bridge on Main Street floods, which it has done three numerous times in the last six years). While it is true that Apple Street itself has not flooded very often, experts are predicting additional events in the future due to sea level rise and climate change. The town is seeking to have the project completed entirely with state and federal grants.

Then, **Article 9** would add a 3% "impact fee" to short-term rentals managed by professional rental companies like Airbnb. If passed, this fee would be collected by the Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue and would be in addition to the 5.7% tax retained by the state and the 6% local excise tax paid to the town. But if this passes, **Article 10** would seek to apply that 3% impact fee to all short-term rentals, not just those professionally managed.

Article 11 seeks to establish a property tax cap for means-tested senior citizens by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation. If implemented, this would begin a dramatic move toward helping senior citizen homeowners with increasing property taxes.

On the topic of the Manchester Essex Regional School District, **Articles 13 and 14** ask voters to fund the town's apportioned share of two turf athletic field replacement projects that were completed this summer by the district; and the next article asks voters to fund the town's share of a third-party audit of the Manchester Essex Regional School District operations.

Other articles to be considered address specialty funds for targeted projects and purposes:

- FinCom's FY24 Reserve Fund
- Retiree benefits fund
- CPC funding
- Purchase or lease of a Fire Dept. new ladder truck
- A fiber optic municipal area network extension between the Water Filtration Plant and the Centennial Grove
- Maintenance and beautification
- Funding for a state matching grant to design and construct decorative downtown street lighting
- New cabinets, shelves, storage areas at the Essex Senior Center
- Fortification of a series of town capital and maintenance funds
- Municipal sewer system improvements and replacement monies.

A full Warrant is available on essexma.org, along with FAQs and reference info.

Rollicking chamber-folk adventure touches off in Annisquam



Chamber Roots. From left, George Clements, Erica Pisaturo, Charles Clements, Scott Moore. (Courtesy photo)

Chamber Roots, a series of musical conversations curated by violinist and composer Scott Moore, returns to the An-

nisquam Village Church Saturday evening, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. A reception with the artists will follow the performance.

Chamber Roots: Return of the Wayfaring Stranger is described as "a globetrotting sonic romp." Strings and voices weave a compel-

ling tapestry of fiery fiddle tunes, forlorn love ballads, and chilling accounts of wayward woe. Virtuosity, sensitive musicianship, and compelling original ideas combine in a dynamic process of genre-bending musical exploration—from the hills and hollers of Appalachia to continental oddities by turns surly and sultry, to the playful and plaintive strains of Celtic and Scandinavian folk, to newly-composed works by members of the ensemble.

Moore, a Kentucky native in his second year as Artist-in-Residence at the Village Church, is joined by a versatile cast of capable colleagues: Erica Pisaturo (violin), and the Clements Brothers, George (guitar) and Charles (double bass).

"We've each spent many years traveling the world playing music—from Carnegie and Symphony Hall, to premier festivals—Greyfox, Big Ears, and Rockygrass—to tours of China, Australia, Europe, the Middle East. And here we all are living in Lanesville," said the band. "Fantastic!"

CHAMBER ROOTS: Return of the Wayfaring Stranger admission is by donation (\$35 suggested) Saturday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. Annisquam Village Church 820 Washington Street | Gloucester

Essex Locals

115 Years Ago - 1908

The State Highway Commissioners have a gang of men at work on the state road across the long causeway picking it up and remodeling it with a composition of tar and fine crushed stone. It has needed repairs for a long time.

90 Years Ago - 1933

National Education week was observed in the Essex Schools with a parents' night Tuesday evening, when the school for the eighth grade on held evening sessions, augmented by a motion picture film.

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Turkeys Can Fly! – It’s the Annual Essex Turkey Trot

Editorial Staff

Thanksgiving is upon us, and that can mean only one thing—it is time for the annual Essex Turkey Trot.

Always the Sunday before Thanksgiving, this year that means Sunday, November 19. The set-up has become routine after decades of stewardship by the Essex Lions Club. Registration and kick off at Woodman’s draws crowds of all manner of runners. Many are runners, for real, showing up in appropriate performance clothing and running shoes. Then there are the families, with eager parents and kiddos excited to run their little hearts out (regardless of actual speed). There are the walkers, out to enjoy a community event together with others. And, finally, there’s the category that pulls through all of these: the costumers, who show up in turkey hats and crazy costumes or accessories to emphasize what the Essex Turkey Trot is all about: a whole lot of fun.

Turkey Trots have been around for a long time. The concept’s roots lie in 1896 Buffalo, NY, when the local YMCA hosted a cross country



Trotters in the 2021 Essex Turkey Trot, a popular pre-Thanksgiving community event organized every year by the Essex Lions Club since 1978.

Photo: Erika Brown

Thanksgiving Day race that only four participants were able to complete. Over time, Turkey Trots have become popular as a way to get a literal jump on big holiday eating with a healthy run. Essex’s trot, which began in 1978 is, allegedly, the oldest continuously running Turkey Trot in the United States.

The original idea came from Dick Cairns of Essex, a plumber and high school

cross country coach, to hold as a fundraiser for the Essex Lions. Back then the race was an 8k (approximately five miles). Today, by popular demand, it is a dual 5k race with a 5k fun walk.

The race begins, as it always has, at Woodman’s on the Causeway. We had the good fortune of a visit here at The Cricket when Bill Bradford (fun fact: former long-time Gloucester Daily Times

reporter Taylor Bradford’s grandfather) who has been helping out with the Trot for 45 years.

Bradford shared that back in the 1970s when the race first began, Dick Cairns had the idea to release live turkeys at the starting line. This led to the suggestion to use Dick’s grandfather’s blunderbuss gun to begin the race. (What could go wrong?) Turkeys were acquired

from Boundary Turkey Farm out on Choate Street in Essex. Several wooden crates, each with approximately five unassuming plump white turkeys, were picked up. On the day of the race organizers opened the crates at the starting line and shot off the gun to kick off the runners and the birds. The organizers didn’t count on what happened next. To summarize, well, in Bill’s words, “Turkeys

can fly!”

And so they did, landing on top of the Woodman’s building, on top of several other roofs, and in the Essex river; they were everywhere. Luckily, all the startled birds were found and safely returned to their crates.

That was the first, and last, time live turkeys attended the race.

This year’s trot has a new starting time, so take note! The fun run will begin at 10 a.m., and the race at 11. T-shirts are guaranteed for those who pre-register online, the cost for both the run and walk is \$20. If you sign up the day of, the price increases to \$25 and a t-shirt is not guaranteed. After the race, results are tallied and the prizes begin, including quite a few 15lb. frozen turkeys. Woodman’s chowder is available for free to race participants, and all proceeds from the race go to the Lions Club of Essex, which helps them to host their annual seniors’ dinner that celebrates all Essex high school seniors, regardless of where they attend school. It’s good all around. Registration and details can be found at essexmalions.com.



Seven Times Salt Performs for Winter Solstice

Known for their historically informed performances, Seven Times Salt will perform an annual concert celebrating the winter solstice. The concert will feature early music from across the British Island and Europe including familiar carols, festive wassailing songs, Renaissance dances and Scottish tunes. <https://www.seventimesalt.com>

St. John’s Concert Series

- Sunday December 10, 3 p.m.
- St. John’s Episcopal Church
- 705 Hale St., Beverly Farms
- \$ free, no tickets required but donations are appreciated



MassJam 2023

By Paul Coughlin

Troop 3 has recently returned from Massachusetts Jamboree 2023, or MassJam. This is quite a rare

event, happening only once every five years, where nearly 5,000 Scouts and leaders, as well as over 300 staff, come together at an extensive camporee held in the Cape Cod Fairgrounds in East Falmouth, MA.

There were 319 different units from 7 different states in or around the New England area. Representing Troop 3 were 13 Scouts and 2 adults. Thanks in particular to Mrs. Hall and Mr. Kuehnemund for providing

adult leadership throughout the weekend, as well as Mr. Donohoe for transporting Troop material to the campsite.

There was plenty to do throughout the Troop’s time at MassJam, with eight action centers along with a theme show for Scouts to enjoy. Some of the more popular events throughout the Troop, and the rest of camp, were tomahawk throwing, air rifles, archery, and the escape rooms. Many Scouts also purchased food from the Snack Bar throughout the weekend, as well as the very popular Trading Post, in which Scouts from different regions display their often extensive collections of patches which they have amassed throughout their time in Scouting, and many also trade with one another.

Many Scouts within the Troop had no issue socializing and having fun with Scouts from other Troops. Some recognized the friends they made from J.N. Webster Camp, or the National Jamboree, catching up with their new friends. Others made new friends at activities like the sports center. However, the sports center wasn’t the only way the Troop stayed active. The Troop coordinated a game

of Ultimate Frisbee with the “Ultimate” Troop from Maine, which quickly turned into an equally enjoyable game of football with multiple Troops. When not having fun at one of the aforementioned events, the Troop was either relaxing with fellow Scouts, or cooking all of their own meals throughout the trip. There was a Saturday dinner, three meals on Sunday, and a grab-and-go Monday breakfast. The cooking was planned, coordinated, and led by Scouts working on the Cooking Merit Badge: Paul Coughlin, Cia Donohoe, and Adrian Kuehnemund. While these Scouts did lead the cooking efforts, the entire Troop played a crucial part in cooking and cleaning up each and every meal.

The weekend trip was enjoyable for all involved, as Scouts made new friends, gained new cooking skills, and stayed active throughout the outing, hopefully one of even more to come for the Troop in the following years, especially for the younger Scouts, who also had a positive impression of the camporee which will shape their Scouting experience significantly.



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Close Loss to Cohasset Knocks ME Football Out of Playoffs

By Jason Brisbois

Going into this one, it was promised to be one of the toughest challenges of the year for the Manchester Essex football team.

The Hornets struggled with consistency during the regular season before making a statement with wins in their final two contests, helping the team finish up with a winning (5-3) record and a claim to a coveted spot in the Top 16 in the Div. 7 rankings. Earning the 15th seed out of 16 teams got Manchester Essex into the tourney, but it also earned them a matchup with second-seeded Cohasset, setting the team up for a long bus ride to face an opponent that has played at a high level in a competitive division, on the road, with the opportunity to move on in the postseason on the line.

Once they got there, the Hornets looked as if they could overcome all the pressure that went along with this contest, but came up just short in a close contest, falling to the Skippers by a 35-28 score on Nov. 3.

"A good playoff battle between two good teams," explains Manchester Essex football coach Joe Grimes. "I was really proud of my guys -- they fought and scrapped for 48 full minutes and just came up a little bit short against a good Cohasset team."

Sophomore quarterback/defensive back Zach Hurd accounted for the bulk of the yardage and scoring for the Hornets, going 8-for-14 for 145 yards and a touchdown through the air, in addition to 92 yards, a pair of touchdowns and a successful two-point conversion on the ground.

"Zach has been playing great all year in his first year at QB for the Hornets," explains Grimes. He's been really solid and it was great to see the stats reflect it this



It was playing like this as a team that propelled the Hornets to a playoff spot in post-season action.

Photo Paul Clark

week -- we run the ball a lot.

He adds: "Zach Hurd played his best game so far as a varsity quarterback."

The Skippers staked an early lead, scoring a rushing touchdown in the first quarter and getting a safety on defense in the first half before Hurd and Co. answered with a scoring drive that culminated in a three-yard touchdown run by the quarterback. Manchester Essex's two-point conversion failed, making the score 8-6 in favor of the home team at intermission.

Cohasset struck first again in the second half with a 16-yard run on the ground

followed by a failed extra point attempt. Hurd and the Hornets answered the score with a 62-yard rushing touchdown, followed by Stephen Martin punching in the first successful two-point conversion for either team in the game, tying the contest at 14-14.

"The running back tandem of Stephen Martin, Quinn Brady and Mac Edgerton have been workhorses for us on offense this year," says Grimes.

The score was soon unknotted, however, with Cohasset once again scoring before the end of the third and a successful extra point

attempt gave the Skippers a 21-14 lead heading into the final stanza.

In the fourth, the Skippers and Hornets alternated scoring, keeping Manchester Essex from inching closer to either tying the game or taking the lead. Cohasset scored on a passing touchdown and a 17-yard run, going 1-for-2 on two-point conversions, while Manchester Essex got a 39-yard touchdown pass from Hurd to Preston Potter and an 8-yard run from Martin. Hurd passed to Quinn Brady after the second touchdown to complete the two-point conversion, but the pass would close out both the

scoring in the game and the Hornets' playoff run.

"It was a pretty close one," explains Grimes. "It was back-and-forth throughout the game and really felt like it was going to be down to the wire -- and it was."

The Hornets now move on to the non-playoff bracket, and are now scheduled to face Triton at home on Nov. 9 (6:30 p.m., Hyland Field).

"We've seen some film and played them a couple years ago in a similar situation," Grimes says of the Vikings. "They just missed the Div. 6 playoff but had a pretty convincing win last week, so I'm sure they'll be ready to go on

Thursday."

While the opportunity to continue on in the playoff has ended, the Hornets still made a statement with their play against the Skippers and throughout the season.

"My overall sentiment regarding the '23 campaign is feeling proud of my whole team, but especially the seniors," explains Grimes. "A great group of young men and really high-quality football players that have done a great job of setting the tone for our underclassmen and laying out the template of success for years to come."



In the Hornets' Nest

Girls Soccer:

The ME Hornets take down the Monomoy Sharks in the first round of playoffs and advance to the MIAA Division 4 Sweet 16. The Hornets were on the front foot from the start of the game, dominating possession and creating chances to score. It took a moment of magic to open the scoring, however. Harper Brooks put pressure on the Shark's right back to win a corner and Libby Lawler stepped up to take it. Her strike curled towards the back post and without a touch from either team, found its way into the back of the net. The Hornets continued to press, but were frus-



ME Hornet Madi Cook named a First Team CAL All-Star.

Courtesy Photo

trated for the remainder of the half. Their back four of Ella Arnsten, Tori Moulton, Mackay Brooks and Grace Scarborough hardly put a foot wrong all half and sti-

fled a Sharks front 3 that had combined for more than 30 goals in the regular season.

The Hornets picked up where they left off at the start of the second half. Charlotte Crocker was the engine that kept the team going. Libby Lawler was dominating the midfield and Meg Hurd and Pippa Spingler were terrorizing defenders on the right and left wings respectively. Chances continued to fall for the visitors, and it was Harper Brooks' hard work again that created the opening the Hornets needed. Harper won the ball back in Monomoy's half and managed to find Liv Kent just inside the box for a perfectly placed

strike that doubled the lead. It wasn't long before Mechi O'Neil scored a third goal for the Hornets, this time with Liv Kent turning provider. Pippa Spingler was running riot down the left wing, creating chances for herself and her teammates, and the Hornets certainly could have scored more, but they will be happy with a comfortable 3-0 win and look forward to a probable trip to South Hadley to face the number one seed in the next round.

Players of the match:

- Ella Arnsten for an impeccable performance at center-back.
- Liv Kent for a fiery display at center-mid that saw her involved in both second half goals.

"Sweet" Victory for ME Girls Soccer

By Jason Brisbois

It took a whole lot of effort and a little bit of time, but the Manchester Essex girls' soccer team broke through to score the goals necessary to secure a win and move on to the Sweet 16 in the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament.

The 17th-ranked Hornets faced 16-seed Monomoy on Nov. 3 on the road. While Manchester Essex was the visiting team, they showed that they were the most dominant club on the pitch during this Round of 32 matchup, dominating the ball and earning a 3-0 win.

"The Hornets were on the front foot from the start of the game, dominating possession and creating chances to score," explains Manchester Essex girls' soccer coach Christo Manginis. "It took a moment of magic to open the scoring, however."

That magical moment was provided by standout Libby Lawler. Harper Brooks' play near the goal earned the Hornets a corner kick, and Lawler's strike curled untouched into the back of the net. The goal was all Manchester Essex would need to eventually claim the victory, with the offense and midfield controlling play for much of the game.

"Charlotte Crocker was the engine that kept the team going," says Manginis. "Libby Lawler was dominating the midfield and Meg Hurd and Pippa Spingler were terrorizing defenders on the right and left wings, respectively."



ME Hornet Libby Lawler, CAL All-Star Second Team.

Courtesy Photo

When Monomoy did manage to get a hold of the ball, the Hornet defense shutting down any and all attempts by the Sharks' offense.

"The back four of Ella Arnsten, Tori Moulton, Mackay Brooks and Grace Scarborough hardly put a foot wrong all half and stifled a Sharks front three that had combined for more than 30 goals in the regular season," says Manginis. Manchester Essex now moves on to face top-seed South Hadley in the Round of 16, with the date and time of the game TBD.

The Manchester Essex Hornets take down the Monomoy Sharks in the first round of playoffs and advance to the MIAA Division 4 Sweet 16, but spent some time enjoying their opening-round playoff win. "Pippa Spingler was running riot down the left-wing creating chances for herself and her teammates, and the Hornets certainly could have scored more, but they will be happy with a comfortable 3-0 win and look forward to a probable trip to South Hadley to face the number one seed in the next round," says Manginis.

Bright Future for ME Boys Soccer After Strong Finish to 2023

By Jason Brisbois

Near the end of the 2023 regular season, the switch flipped for the Manchester Essex boys' soccer team.

There was the start of the season, where the young Hornets were trying to figure things out. There was an almost month-long winless streak that stretched from the middle of September to mid-October.

Then, coach Rob Bilsbury made some adjustments to his lineup, and his young group seemed to figure things out. Manchester Essex forged a tie with Essex Tech on October 18, picked up an impressive 5-0 win over Triton two days later and even looked good in a close, 2-1 loss to rival Georgetown to close out the regular season.

"We played some really good soccer in the last few matches of the year and came together," explains Bilsbury. "We lost the last match of the season versus Georgetown, but we created a ton of chances and played



ME Hornet Sammy Bothwell, CAL AllStar First Team.

Photo Paul Clark

really well together. Getting into the tournament allowed us to continue that."

That final run helped the Hornets earn the 30 seed in the Div. 4 Tournament, and the boys' soccer team kept that momentum going with a 4-1 win over 35-seed Tri-County RVT in the Preliminary Round of the tourney, followed by a close loss to third-seeded Hampshire Regional in the Round of 32.


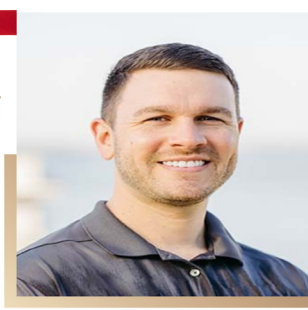
"This was a rough season for us," says Bilsbury. "Some of us were trying to do too much for ourselves and were frustrated with our play. When we stopped worrying about ourselves and playing together - and that formation tweak - it started us moving in the right direction." The loss to Hampshire Regional knocked the Hornets out of the tournament and ended the 2023 season,

but it also served as a portent of the bright future this program could have ahead of it. As with most high school teams, this squad will lose some seniors to graduation, but the majority of the team's top contributors should be back in 2024.

"We lose five seniors, two of them key contributors and one of them a full-time starter," explains Bilsbury. "But we have a pretty big group of juniors with a lot of experience, and most of the rest of the starting lineup is made up of sophomores and juniors who have played a lot together. It makes me hopeful for next year."

That returning talent was on display in the tournament win over Tri-County. Finn Birkeland set up Sammy Bothwell 20 minutes into the contest to help Manchester Essex take a 1-0 lead, while Owen Oliver-Meehan set up Bothwell for the Hornets' second goal of the game. Charlie Langendorf set up Ali Erdogan for ME's third goal, and Erdogan set up Bothwell for the final insurance goal.

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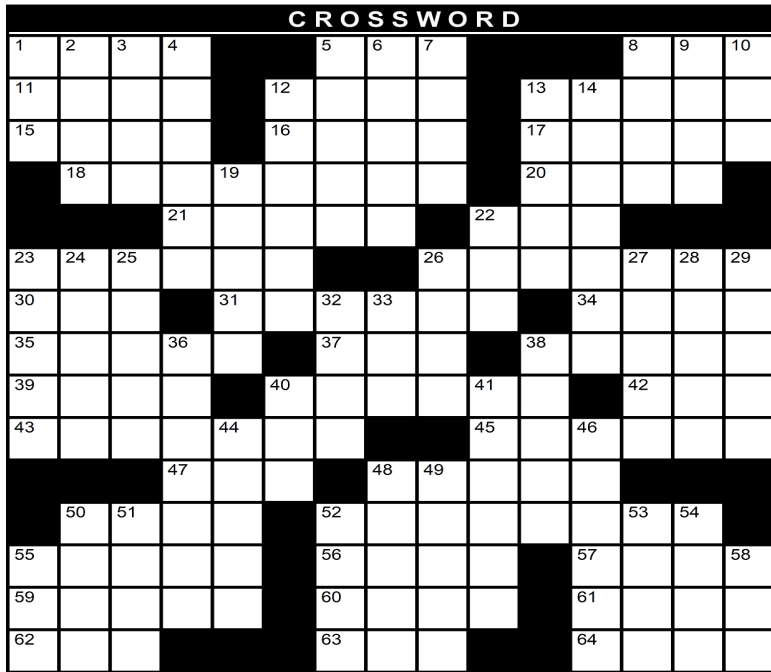
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Puzzle

THEME: THANKSGIVING

ACROSS

1. "If all ___ fails..."
5. End of philosophical system
8. Center of our orbit
11. Indian flatbread
12. Take down, as in a dragon
13. Yemeni neighbor
15. Homer's "Iliad", e.g.
16. *Copper coin with issuer of Thanksgiving Proclamation
17. A sign or symbol, archaic
18. *A certain famous Mayflower rock
20. *5K, a.k.a. Turkey ___
21. Blair or Hayek
22. Spy org.
23. Like hikers' camps
26. Tourney grid
30. Beehive State native
31. Casual top
34. Money in Milan
35. Belches
37. Roth __, acr.
38. Low-ranking workers
39. Old Norse texts
40. Major Black Sea port
42. Dog command
43. Resize
45. *Thanksgiving, a.k.a. ___ Day
47. Baby goat
48. Subway entrance
50. Parting words
52. *Massachusetts' contender for first Thanksgiving celebration
55. Oyster gem
56. One thing on a list
57. Of two minds
59. Sonnets and such
60. Mastercard rival
61. Carve in stone
62. Ted Turner's "baby"
63. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
64. "James and the Giant Peach" au-



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DOWN

1. Compass dir.
2. Arctic native
3. Flying jib, e.g.
4. Enclose in a cyst
5. Part of small intestine
6. *Traditional occupant of the last parade float
7. *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
8. Asian food thickener
9. *Tbs. or tsp., in Thanksgiving recipe
10. Zip
12. Chews out
13. Ostium, pl.
14. *"___ on 34th Street"
19. '90s TV sitcom "Boy ___ World"
22. TV tube in days gone by, acr.
23. *Sweet one or russet one
24. Short musical composition
25. Smart candy?
26. Women's undergarments
27. Newsstand, e.g.

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9. Solutions on Page 11

28. "Sesame Street" Muppet
29. *Dinner exclamation?
32. Sweep under the rug
33. Fury
36. *Lions' opponent this year
38. ___ exclusion principle in physics
40. Like something for a wedding day
41. Bad rep
44. Supermarket walkway
46. Let for money
48. Form of civil disobedience
49. Lock of hair
50. Past participle of "be"
51. Knitter's ball
52. Long live, in French
53. Itty-bitty bit
54. Like part of McDonald's logo
55. Rubber substitute, acr.
58. Stanley Cup org.

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

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

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

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.
 Church services, with Father Christopher Kolentsas, are held each Sunday.
 Sunday's Divine Liturgy, with Fa-

ther Christopher, starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a weekly sermon. All are welcome to attend.

First Parish Church Manchester-by-the-Sea

Worship service, Sunday Nov. 12, 2023, 10 a.m., we invite everyone to join us for hospitality following the service. Worship Leader, Rev. Ellie Richardson
 Music led by Dr. Herman Weiss, with the First Parish Choir.
 Monday Friends of the COA Senior Drop in 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday VNA Health Clinic 10 a.m. - 12 noon, open to all, free
 Thursday Seaside Parish Knitters 1-

3 p.m., all knitters welcome to drop in

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

Coming up in December, mark your calendar! Happening before the outdoor concert in coordination with The Manchester Woman's Club tree lighting event, Sunday, Dec. 3, -- Community Carol Singing at 2:30-3:15 p.m. inside First Parish Church, 10 Central St. Join us around the piano to sing some traditional carols and get in the mood for the tree lighting. Happening no matter the weather.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2nd Annual Mes-

siah Sing, 7:30 p.m. with a reception held following.

St. John's Episcopal Church (Beverly Farms)

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE - 8 a.m. Rite I & 10 a.m. Rite II
 Our Children's Chapel is the first Sunday of every month. Our first children's chapel will be October 1.

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.

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Pancreatitis In Dogs

PETS AND PEOPLE



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

Pancreatitis in dogs is one of the more challenging diseases to diagnose. The symptoms are variable and routine blood tests are often not helpful. At the Manchester Animal Hospital, I see these cases not infrequently, and on some occasions, it is necessary to refer them for advanced imaging after special blood tests are performed.

The pancreas is the organ in the abdomen that is responsible for producing the enzymes that digest food before absorption and for producing the hormone insulin, which regulates blood glucose concentrations and prevents diabetes mellitus. Pancreatitis is inflammation of the pancreas and develops when the enzymes produced and stored within the pancreas become overactive and start to digest the pancreas itself.

Many factors can trigger this abnormal self-digestion. In humans, pancreatitis is most commonly caused by gallstones and excessive alcohol consumption, factors which are not considered in dogs and cats.

Other causes of pancreatitis include various drugs and toxins, conditions such as shock and trauma that affect the supply of oxygen to the pancreas, genetic factors, dietary factors, excessive fat in the bloodstream, and tumors or parasites in the pancreatic duct system. In many animals with pancreatitis,

there is no evidence of any of these predisposing factors which can be found, and the cause is unknown.

The clinical signs of pancreatitis are highly variable, probably reflecting the great variation in digestive enzymes activation that may be present in any individual animal. Diagnosis of pancreatitis is usually suspected from the history and clinical signs (usually depression, poor to no appetite and vomiting) and a suggestive pattern of abnormalities on routine blood tests. Confirmation of the diagnosis (and elimination of other diseases that cause similar clinical signs) may be difficult and usually requires special blood testing, radiographic and ultrasonographic examination and biopsy of the pancreas at surgery.

Once a diagnosis has been made, it is important to remember that pancreatitis is a highly unpredictable disease of widely varying severity, and it is difficult or impossible to give a prognosis. If the underlying cause is known and can be corrected (for example, exposure to a toxin, side effect of a drug, ingestion of a meal high in fat), supportive care and fluid therapy for a couple of days are usually followed by complete recovery. Overweight pets are more likely to have severe pancreatitis and to have a protracted recovery or even fatal complications.

Most dogs and cats with uncomplicated pancreatitis probably recover naturally

after a single episode and do well if high-fat foods are avoided.

Many dogs recover fully after an isolated episode of severe pancreatitis. Unfortunately, in some pets, life-threatening signs accompanying severe acute fulminating pancreatitis leads to death despite aggressive supporting measures. In other cases, relatively mild or moderate chronic or recurrent pancreatitis persists despite all therapy, and the pet either dies in an acute severe exacerbation of the disease or undergoes euthanasia because of failure to recover and the expense of long-term supportive care.

Special care usually includes intravenous fluid therapy and provision of good nutritional support by tube feeding if vomiting is not too severe. If vomiting is severe, food may be withheld for a few days in an attempt to "rest" the pancreas. Such starvation may not be tolerated well, and long-term (particularly in cats) intravenous feedings or feeding through a tube placed in the intestines may be recommended. Despite ongoing research, there currently are no specific drugs that treat pancreatitis. If the cause of the pancreatitis is known, and that can be treated, then the pancreatitis will hopefully resolve. The goal in treating pancreatitis is trying to keep your pet comfortable, well-nourished, and hydrated.

It is important to be ag-

gressive with supportive medical care and to do everything possible to prevent the pancreas from starting to digest itself. In many patients this approach is successful, but it is not possible to predict which animals will do well.

When dogs and cats recover from pancreatitis, no special treatment is required other than to avoid known risk factors, particularly fatty foods, and obesity. In a few patients (especially miniature schnauzers) pancreatitis smolders, sometimes without obvious clinical signs, and the pancreas may gradually be destroyed.

If the pancreatic cells producing digestive enzymes are destroyed, your pet may eventually require special enzymes to be added to meals to digest food and prevent weight loss and diarrhea. If the pancreatic cells producing insulin are destroyed, diabetes mellitus may develop, and insulin therapy may be required. Fortunately, these complications of pancreatitis are uncommon.



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

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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PET OF THE WEEK



CIAO TORTILINNI

Hello! I'm Tortilinni. I'm a super sweet and friendly kitty looking for my forever home. I am around 4 months old and have some very pretty colors. I am a bit shy towards people but am working on my social

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Manchester Club

The Manchester Club held its October dinner on the 19th and a large crowd was on hand for the evening! The Scott Boys served up their traditional Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner capped with a dessert of DQ bars, Club President Bruce MacDonald, called the meeting to order and after the Pledge of Allegiance, the

business part of the meeting was held including the secretary's and treasurer's reports. The guest speaker for the evening was local resident, Mr. Fred Wales, who spoke about his time serving aboard an ice breaker during his years with the US Navy back in the 1960's. He had a fascinating story to tell and slideshow to share about the ship's captain's efforts to maintain a high level of morale and discipline among the sailors, long weeks at sea up around the Arctic

Circle and close encounters with other country's spy ships. The next Manchester Club dinner will be held on Thursday, November 16 at the Legion Hall. Steak tips will be served for dinner and Captain Dave Marciano of National Geographic TV's "Wicked Tuna" will be guest speaker. Members are asked to please RSVP using the email invitation they should have received by now. Thank you and stay safe. (Manchester Club Executive Board)

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Please visit the church's website, www.glooucester-uu.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.

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.

Annual Mass Honoring Veterans and Their Service

On Sunday, November 12 at 8:15 a.m. at Saint Ann Church Holy Family Parish at 74 Pleasant Street, Gloucester there will be an Annual Mass honoring veterans and their service. The Reverend James M. Achadinha Pastor will preside. A complimentary breakfast in the church lower hall will be provided.

All veteran's spouses and families are cordially invited. This event is hosted by 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 390.

Please RSVP: Ray McNulty / rjmcnulty@gmail.com for headcount

PUBLIC NOTICE



Town Hall
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SELECT BOARD

Public Hearing

The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on Monday, November 20, 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.

- Request for Amendment to the Change of Ownership Interest in the all alcohol, on-premises license at 8 Atwater Avenue, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA held by Aspect Athletic Club, LLC

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November 10, 2023 MC
November 17, 2023

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Public Hearing Notice to be
Published on or before 11/10/23

On Behalf of Darren & Johanna Ross, John Morin of The Morin-Cameron Group, Inc. requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for construction of a single-family house within the 100-ft Buffer Zone at **1 Windemere Park Extension** (map 57, lot 29 & 6)

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