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BRIEFLY

Kids Pan Mass Challenge at Masco May 11

The North Shore PMC Kids Ride will be hosted in Manchester-by-the-Sea on Saturday, May 11 from 7:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Masconomo Park to raise money for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event will feature ride routes for all ages, and a post-ride party with a magician, balloonist, games, and prizes. The North Shore PMC Kids Ride is a local chapter of the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) kids rides, inviting participants ages 2-15 from Manchester-by-the-Sea, Gloucester, Rockport, Beverly, Salem, Ipswich, Hamilton, Wenham, and other neighboring towns. The Manchester-by-the-Sea Bike & Pedestrian Committee will be in attendance to show their support. \$20 registration fee and a \$40 fundraising minimum. Details at kids.pmc.org/northshore.

Good on you! Jen DeSimone

Last week's edition of *The Cricket* featured a piece from Norm Weeks on Manchester resident Jennifer DeSimone, who ran Monday's 26.2 mile Boston Marathon for the 25th year in a row. The veteran runner was successful and we're happy to report that DeSimone has secured a rare spot in the event's "Quarter Century Club," only the 18th woman to do so in the race's 128-year history. Friends and family met DeSimone with a congratulatory banner. What a feat!

Crib Addicts: Week 2 Results

Last night's Cribbage League at the Manchester's American Legion (the "Crib Addicts") had another exciting week. After Tuesday's play it was Ted Cakounes in the lead followed by David Slade, Billy Bell, Stephen Chabot, Heather MacDonald, Tina Latassa, Michela Hirnak, Harry Parsons, John Bubrowski, Jim Chabot, Ben Conway, Bob Torkildsen, Clem Courcy, Paul Clark, Peter Gabriez, and Joan Snow. The group meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m., and all skills are welcome.

Girls Score & Achieve Goals at CAYH's Bruins Academy

By Jason Brisbois

What happens on the ice each Sunday around 1 p.m. at Dorothy Talbot Rink in Gloucester may come as a bit of a surprise to some.

It's at that time every week that 40 young hockey hopefuls ages eight and under lace up their skates, strap on helmets and pads and take part in the Bruins Academy Girls Learn to Play Hockey Program. The sight of young female athletes filling the ice and embracing a sport that can be tough to access in some instances is a unique one created by both the Bruins Academy and Cape Ann Youth Hockey (CAYH).

"The response exceeded everyone's expectations," says Tod Johnson, CAYH Developmental Director. "If you had told me a few years ago that we could assemble 40 new-to-hockey girls and get them all onto the ice at the same time, I would have lost a bet."

The surge of interest that girls have shown in the sport has grown over the years, making scenes such as these much more common in recent years.

"A lot of it has to do with society empowering women and girls to go into the corners and dig out the pucks, even if it's a boy in the corner with the puck," explains Johnson. "On top of that, you have a women's professional hockey league putting tens of thousands of fans in the seats with players being paid to play."

He adds: "Young girls can finally answer the question, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' question with the answer, 'I want to be a professional hockey player.' And for reasons that are good for the sport, girls' and women's hockey has governance that highlight the skill and grace of the game as opposed to the brutality that is often associated with hockey. The Bruins, Cape Ann Youth Hockey,



Photo: Dawn Enos



The 2024 Cape Ann Youth Hockey Bruins Academy at the Dorothy Talbot Rink in Gloucester. The program has surged in popularity with more than 40 girls signing up this year.

USA Hockey, and so many hockey communities support, encourage, and enable all of those things to take place."

While girls youth hockey has certainly gained in popularity, the sport can be one of the more challenging to get into: It requires learning and mastering both the fundamentals of skating and playing hockey to play, while also requiring hope-

fuls to obtain a lot of gear -- helmets, sticks, pads, skates -- which can be expensive. The Bruins Academy has helped to equal the playing field by helping participants to overcome those barriers.

"The Bruins Academy program takes away some of the barriers required for kids to even think about trying out hockey," explains Johnson. "While every kid has a pair of sneakers and can jump

onto the soccer field or basketball court; very few kids have a full set of hockey gear buried in their closet."

With that in mind, the program provides discounted equipment to girls who participate so they have the gear they need to play. The sport is presented as welcoming and fun instead of something that is exclusionary, with a focus on fundamentals and teaching

the basics. Cape Ann Youth Hockey also boasts a long history of providing girls hockey teams and programming for years, with more experienced CAYH players coming back as peers to mentor the younger members of the Bruins Academy.

"My daughter had never played hockey before, she had only skated a few times," says Nate Berkowitz of Manchester, who's daughter, Dory, is enrolled in the Bruins Academy. "She's really enjoying it. It's a great way of introducing kids to hockey."

"There are 40 Bruins Academy girls on the ice and when they fall down they are being picked up and dusted off by 20 or so current and former CAYH girls players," says Johnson. "I'm on the ice with the girls as I wouldn't miss this for the world, but we've flooded the ice with 'ponytails' as opposed to the 'five-o'clock-shadow' crowd, and the girls love it."

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It's Annual Town Meeting Time

By Gregory T. Federspiel

The Annual Town Meeting (ATM) is set for next Wednesday, April 24. All voters are asked to come to the Memorial School for the 6:30 p.m. start. (Come early to avoid the rush and you can listen to the high school acapella group, the Sound Waves!) Free childcare is available for those who pre-register through the Parks and Recreation Department. A public information forum on the articles is set for this Thursday, 4/18, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

There are 21 articles up for consideration. The articles can be found on the Town's website either on the warrant or the Finance Committee Report which also contains details of the budget and the recommendations from both the Finance Committee and the Select Board. The Report also will be mailed to all households within the next few days. Please bring this report with you to the meeting.

Most all of the articles at this ATM pertain to expenditures. The Town's operating and regular capital budgets are presented in Articles 4 and 5. This proposed operating budget for the coming fiscal year that begins July 1 proposes a few staffing changes. A new Deputy Harbormaster



Next week's MBTS Annual Town Meeting will address town funding, and a new Senior Center

is proposed to provide needed assistance for what has become a much busier harbor and waterfront. Fortunately, a busier harbor generates more revenue, and these revenues can offset the higher staffing cost. Also, the Town's communications Coordinator role is slated to increase from 3/4ths time to full time, again due to increased demands, including the MBTA

Task Force work. A few part-time clerk positions are combined into one full-time land use clerk position to provide better customer service and continuity amongst various land use boards. And instead of contracting out for a Clerk of the Works position, which is required for large capital projects, a temporary in-house position is proposed.

In addition to the list of regular capital items found in Article 5 (road work, replacement equipment needs, etc.) There are additional requests in subsequent articles. Article 6 seeks funding to purchase a portion of the Mason Building, creating a new condominium arrangement and operating a new Senior Cen-

ter. Article 7 seeks voter approval to fund and start operating a new Town run launch service for mooring holders. While voters need to approve the funding, the goal is to have the new service be fully funded by subscription fees the users will be required to pay annually.

Article 8 seeks approval of new borrowing (bonds) to pay for major upgrades at the sewer treatment plant, advance the design and testing of new filtration systems to remove PFAS from our drinking water, upgrade a stretch of water main and replace all water meters with new "smart" meters that will provide real time consumption data (and make leak detections much more effective and timely.) A total of \$7.55 million is sought and will also need approval by ballot at the Town Election on May 21.

In Article 9 voters are asked to consider redirecting previously approved funds for renovation of the restroom at the library and instead use some of the funds as a match for a planned grant from the state to develop options for renovating and possibly expanding the library. -

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 20 April		59°	45°
Sunday 21 April		56°	42°
Monday 22 April		51°	37°
Tuesday 23 April		47°	42°
Wednesday 24 April		49°	45°
Thursday 25 April		50°	47°
Friday 26 April		54°	47°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

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

Town Halls Closed Monday, April 15, All Day

MERSD No School -- Spring Recess April 15 - 19

MBTS Welcoming Committee Wednesday, April 17 7 p.m. Town Hall, Room 7

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FOMT members Martha Chapman, Marlene Dolan, George Smith, Jody Morse, and Steve Gang, after tagging each tree for its designated planting location. (Courtesy Photo)

Manchester's Tree Canopy Grows

Tulip tree, American Elm, Sweet Gum, and White Oak* are just some of the 21 new trees planted around Manchester this week. Every spring, for the past 51 years, the Friends of Manchester Trees (FOMT) has been adding to Manchester's tree canopy to create a healthier and more beautiful town. With the financial sup-

port of members and with permission from the DPW, this local non-profit plants trees on public streets, in parks, and in cemeteries. There are countless benefits to planting trees in an urban or suburban environment, including cleaner air and water, support for wildlife, and happier residents. If you'd like a new Acer rubrum (Red

Maple) in your front yard or want to plant a Cladrastis kentuckea (Yellowwood) in honor of someone, FOMT wants to know. Planning for spring planting in 2025 is officially underway.

*Liriodendron tulipifera, Ulmus americana, Liquidambar styraciflua, Quercus alba.

Voting Electronically at Town Meeting

By Alan Wilson, Town Moderator

As we have at other recent town meetings, we will vote electronically this time. Since some voters who will attend may not have been there before, this article will explain how electronic voting works.

We will use electronic handsets to register votes quickly and accurately. Voting electronically will reduce the time required when a vote must be counted, and every vote will be a secret ballot.

These voting keypads (pictured) look similar to a TV remote control, but instead of pushing buttons to change channels, voters will push buttons to enter yes, no or abstain. Each voter's selection will be wirelessly transmitted to a computer that will record all votes and tabulate the final results. The moderator will then declare the outcome.

Each voter will receive a



keypad when checking in for the meeting. The keypad will not have an identification number associated with the voter's name; therefore, every vote counted electronically will be a secret ballot.

We will use electronic voting for all votes, unless the moderator determines that calling for a voice vote may save time. Each time, voters will have 15 seconds, or a longer period at the dis-

cretion of the moderator, to register their votes. Press 1 for yes, press 2 for no or 3 to abstain. Pressing 3 will clear the previous choice as well as counting as an abstention. The computer records only the last number pressed.

We all know that technology sometimes fails as it did last fall. Because that was not the first failure of the system, I appointed a committee of residents with technical expertise to investigate the problem. Their report is also posted on the moderator's page; they concluded with high confidence that the issue is resolved and will not recur. I thank the members of the committee (Jim Starkey, Lee Spence, Kurt Melden, Bob Moffett, Tiffany Marletta and Ann Harrison) for their work. Nevertheless, the Town Clerk will have tellers appointed to count votes manually, should the need arise, and paper ballots on hand in the event a secret vote must be conducted the old fashioned way.

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Efforts to provide better restrooms ran into severe space constraints. With the opening of a new funding round from the state for both design efforts and construction projects, the Town has an opportunity to pursue a more global solution to the space needs of the library with an infusion of significant state funds.

Three articles dealing with funds for the School District follow and were discussed in my article last week.

Article 14 presents the recommended Community Preservation fund projects for next year. There are 13 different projects plus money for administrative expenses which are listed in

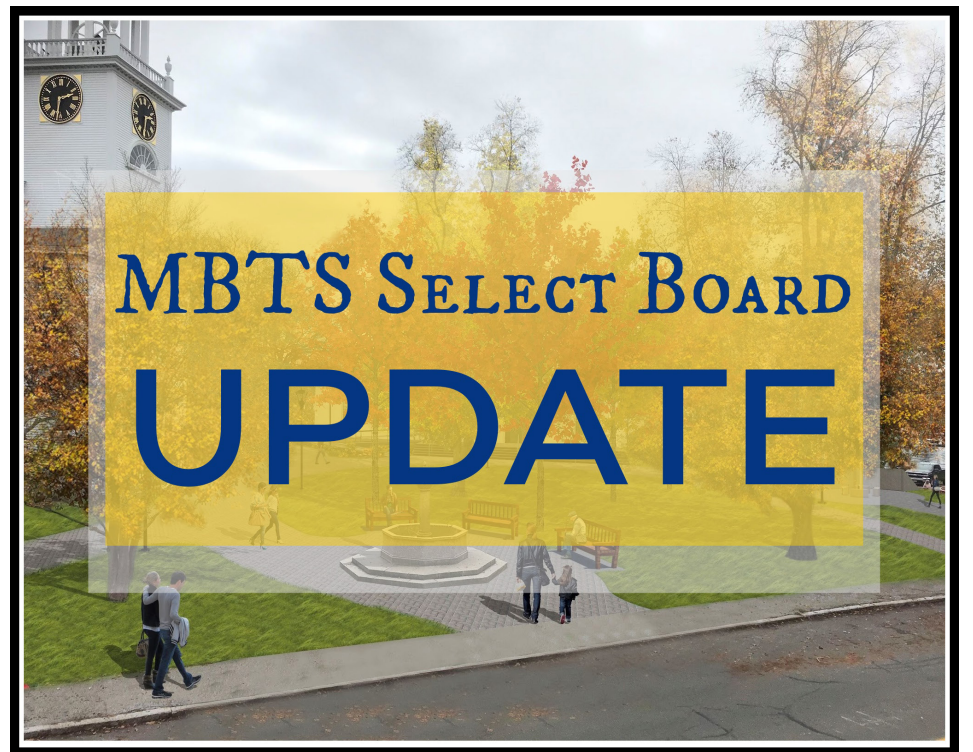
the article. The largest proposed project is the continued funding of the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust for future housing projects.

Two of the last money related articles include #16, seeking an extra \$100,000 to cover legal expenses for the current fiscal year. In addition to defending other appeals, the appeal of the ZBA denial of the 40B project has proven to be expensive not only for legal work but also in expert testimony that has been provided to the state's Housing Appeal Board. Article 17 seeks approval of \$300,000 for the Town's annual contribution to the Town's Other Post Employment Benefits Trust fund to

cover future retiree health benefits expenses.

A couple of other articles, including permission to obtain a new access easement to Powder House Hill through lands owned by the Manchester Housing Authority and a citizen's petition article seeking to amend the Town By-laws to allow advertising banners on town and school property round out the evening.

Join your fellow residents in an important evening of community decision making. Your attendance is strongly encouraged at what I always look forward to - a community debate on important issues that help shape the future of Manchester.



BOARD UPDATES

Annual Town Meeting: The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial School. Childcare will be available through Parks and Recreation, register at mbtsrec.com.

Annual Town Reports: The Annual Town Report distribution has changed this year in an effort to conserve environmental resources. Town Reports are available online or for pick up at Town Hall, Library, Police Station, Fire Station, and also at Town Meeting. The Finance Committee Budget Book has been mailed directly to residents ahead of Town Meeting.

Hydrant Flushing: The semi-annual hydrant flushing will begin on April 22. Flushing will take place Monday through Thursday from 7

p.m. If you experience dirty water, run a cold tap until clear.

Cemetery Clean Up: All decorations and greenery must be removed from Manchester cemeteries by April 30. Any leftover décor will be disposed of by DPW.

Planning Board Vacancy: Due to the unexpected vacancy on the Planning Board, the Town is seeking letters of interest from the community to help fill the elected position through May 2025. Please contact Debbie Powers at powersd@manchester.ma.us to learn more by May 1.

Diaper Drive: The Board of Health is sponsoring a Diaper Drive during the month of April to benefit local families in need. Please consider dropping a diaper donation off at Town Hall, Library, Police Station, Crosby's, and 4

Beach.

Beach Tag Sale: 2024 Singing Beach Walk-On Tags are now on sale through the Parks & Recreation Department at a discounted rate of \$25, through April 30. Purchases made in April can be made online at mbtsrec.com or in the Parks & Recreation office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Everyone between the ages of 12 and 65 needs a tag to access the beach.

Trash, recycling, and compost collection: Regular Schedule. Please place curbside by 7 a.m. on day of collection. Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

The Manchester entrants in the New England Bowling Championship matches held at Shanley's Recreation Alleys in Boston last Tuesday evening were Roger Wheaton, James Murray, and Charles Chadwick. James was runner up with a score of 1,119, and Roger bowled 946, and Charles totaled 964.

The Manchester public was treated to new sensations last Friday evening when the pupils of the Story High School presented their annual dramatic offering before an audience that tested the full seating capacity of Town Hall, the title of the play being, "The House of the Flashing Light".

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

Prospects for obtaining a suitable building for the Manchester Youth Center came into being last Monday evening when Mr. Lawrence Reeve, of Proctor Street, offered the Old Stone Mill, on Elm Street, with the several adjoining acres to the committee, free of charge, on a 10-year lease.

Superintendent of Streets, P. Edward Sweeney has put the two new 2 1/2 ton trucks into operation which were authorized at the Annual Town Meeting. Both trucks

are green, one a Ford purchased from Standley's Garage and the other a Chevrolet purchased at Gregor Chevrolet.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

The proposed giant one-way pattern submitted by the Traffic Committee to alleviate traffic problems in the downtown area came in for its share of opposition at a public hearing held Tuesday night by the Board of Selectman. The main contention of the more than 40 persons' present was that Manchester has a parking problem, not a traffic problem. Scoutmaster Wellington Stiles and Assistant Scoutmaster Donald Towle of Boy Scout Troop Three participated in an outdoor training session for scout leaders held this weekend at Raymond, ME.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

Teresa Doucette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Doucette of Knight Circle, is appearing in an off-Broadway production of "The Night of the Tribades" by Swedish playwright, Per Olov Enquist.

Six boats were vandalized at Manchester Marina early Tuesday morning. According to police, hatch locks were forced open and entrance gained. The manager

discovered the breaks on his rounds.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

The MAA is looking into a softball league open to males and females 35 and older to play in a league here in Manchester playing on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons for the months of June and July with playoffs in August.

Channel 7 chief meteorologist, Harvey Leonard will be the guest speaker at the April 21st meeting of the Manchester Club. Through the efforts of Manchester's amateur meteorologist, David Towle, president of the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Meteorologist Society, Mr. Leonard agreed to address the club.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

The Manchester Singers will present a Spring Pops Concert on Sunday, April 26 at the new Endicott College Center for the Arts. The new center just opened last January with a music recital hall that has been described as one of the best performance halls on the North Shore.

The Manchester Public Library salutes its volunteers. Collectively, 60 volunteers gave over 1,300 hours of service in 2008. This translates into a tremendous savings for the taxpayers.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				Sun	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
19 Fri	9:15	8.7	9:43	8.4	2:55	1.9	3:35	1.7	5:52	7:31
20 Sat	10:06	8.8	10:28	8.7	3:47	1.7	4:20	1.6	5:51	7:32
21 Sun	10:52	8.9	11:08	9.0	4:35	1.3	5:01	1.5	5:49	7:33
22 Mon	11:34	9.0	11:44	9.3	5:21	1.0	5:40	1.4	5:48	7:34
23 Tue			12:13	9.0	6:04	0.7	6:19	1.3	5:46	7:36
24 Wed	12:16	9.5	12:49	8.9	6:47	0.5	6:58	1.3	5:45	7:37
25 Thu	12:48	9.7	1:24	8.8	7:28	0.4	7:38	1.3	5:43	7:38

Act the way you'd like to be and soon you'll be the way you act.
~ Leonard Cohen ~

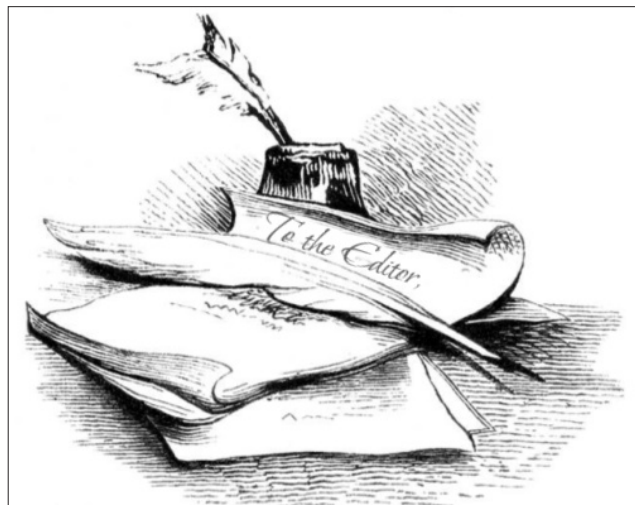
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Vote "YES" to Article 9 at Manchester's Annual Town Meeting for Library Renovation and Expansion

To the Editor,

The Manchester-by-the-Sea Public Library has been approved to participate in a state grant process for library renovation and expansion. If selected, the grant would cover approximately half of the eligible costs of a renovation/expansion of the library.

1. Why now? This is the first time in seven years the grant round is being held, with the next round expected to be in 2028 or later.
2. Why do we need an expanded/renovated library? The building faces challenges due to its size and age, most importantly accessibility issues and limited meeting spaces.
3. What are the next steps? As part of the application, we must approve the appropriation of \$150,000 at town meeting to be spent in the initial "planning and design" phase of the grant. Funds would be spent only if we're selected to advance.

Please show support by attending the town meeting

and voting "yes" to the warrant article addressing this grant (Article 9) at Annual Town Meeting on April 24, 2024.

David Lumsden, Ric Rogers and Sarah Davis
Manchester Library Board of Trustees

Jeffrey Delaney for Select Board

I would like to introduce myself to those who do not know me: my name is Jeff Delaney and I am running for the position of Select Board. I grew up in town, my father is the late Richard Delaney, and I am the 3rd generation of the Delaney family to live here with my wife and daughter.

Since 2017, I have been representing the Town of Manchester at the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School as a school board member, and for the last three years, I have been the policy committee vice chair. I have had the honor of watching the school flourish to become the largest high school in the State and, in my opinion, one of the best Tech/Agricultural high schools in the country, setting the bar for others. I have great support for technical education, being from a technical background myself and from a family working in

technical occupations.

I worked with administration through COVID to get students back into the classroom as soon as the State would allow, making sure protocols were in place. I believe hands-on learners cannot reach their potential behind a screen, and it is important to get them back into a hands-on environment as soon as possible.

I developed the "Manchester what when where how" Facebook group and have been the sole administrator for the past 6 1/2 years. This has given residents a platform to discuss topics of town interest and have a dialog away from official Town platforms. It has also been a great resource for local small businesses to advertise on and for residents with general questions about the town. I have no doubt the new administration there will carry on in the same spirit.

Recently I have worked with a great group of people to help jump start the local Sons of the American Legion chapter after a short hiatus through covid. We are working to put continuing education scholarships into local students' hands and help support our local veterans and our local Legion, who in turn support our community. We hope to see you at our annual Casino Night this November, which was a ton of fun last year.

I am also a long-time member of the Manchester Club, and I have recently worked with the executive board on scholarships and maintained one of the oldest continuing clubs in Manchester.

I hope to be able to work as a team with the Administration, current Select Board members, other boards, and residents to move the town forward in a fashion that is constructive, and in the best interest of residents. Manchester is lucky to have residents and board members from different backgrounds, and I hope that my experiences can complement both moving forward. Although I am running unopposed outside of any write-in campaigns that may come, I hope to have your vote and get a chance to earn your trust. I thank everyone who has been so supportive thus far.

Jeff Delaney
Manchester

Easter Sunrise Service Success!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped make this year's Easter Sunrise Service another huge success.

Thanks to commander Alan Kirker and the American Legion Post 113 for the yearly generous donation of their hall and kitchen for both Saturday night and Sunday morning; to Mr. Jim Crosby and Manchester store manager Kevin O'Brien of Crosby's Marketplace who provided all our eggs, potatoes, peppers and onions and much, much more through their significantly sized gift certificate; to Mr. Deo and Dominick Braga of Dunkin' who loaded us up with donuts and munchkins, and a special thanks to newcomers this year, DeDe and Bruce Warren, owners of The Laughing Gull on Summer Street, who loaded us up with bagels, scones, muffins, and other delicious pastries. These merchants' generosity over the years is greatly appreciated by not only us, but by the townspeople of Manchester who attend the service at the beach and the breakfast each year. We thank these people for their gracious contributions to this community event.

Largely due to the generosity of these merchants, this is the 33rd annual (except for '20, '21, and '22 when we had to take a breather for COVID) breakfast that has been served free of charge, and we feel that the community spirit that has been displayed by these people is to be admired.

Finally, we could never run this event without our valuable volunteers. Again, this year there are too many to mention, but you know who you are, and you know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you and see you next year (God willing!!)

Jack Buckley
Manchester

Ecologically Sound Mosquito Management: Please don't spray!

The Manchester Coastal Stream Team and the Sustainability Committee are concerned about the increased number of residents who are spraying their properties for mosquitos and ticks. While we understand the desire for people to protect themselves from nuisance bites and the diseases that can be transmitted by some species, we are concerned about the harm to our environment from these sprays.

Mosquito control agents have significant negative impacts on aquatic invertebrates (dragonfly nymphs and tiny crustaceans, for example), as well as the fish, birds, and amphibians (frogs and salamanders) that live and feed in wetlands. The agents that kill mosquitos are implicated in sharp declines of both wetland-associated and terrestrial wildlife, including endangered species that live near treated areas. In addition, local beekeepers are aware that their honey bees, bumblebees, and other pollinators, such as butterflies and moths, are impacted. Bats, dragonflies, spiders, and many birds eat millions of mosquitos and are harmed if what they consume is laced with pesticides.

We all can work to reduce the number of mosquitos. The best mosquito control strategy is a simple measure that eliminates where mosquitos reproduce -- stagnant water. To break the mosquito life cycle by eliminating breeding habitat, we urge you to survey your property after rainfall. Empty water from garbage cans, buckets, pots, birdbaths, gutters, pipes and old tires. Mosquitos can breed quickly in any amount of standing water - even in a few days, especially when temperatures are warm.

A key fact regarding mosquito-borne disease is that only a few of the 175 mosquito species in the United States transmit disease -and even the species that can transmit may not be carrying the disease, but it is important to take the following steps to avoid mosquito bites.

Drain standing water sources on your property.

Wear long sleeves and long pants. Use insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil

whenever you are outside, especially at dawn and dusk.

This information, and much more, is available on www.xerces.org

Sincerely,
Jessica Lamothe on behalf of the Manchester Coastal Stream Team
Alison Anholt-White, on behalf of the Sustainability Committee

Pollinators in Peril

The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that three widely-used neonicotinoid insecticides, clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam, likely harm roughly three-fourths of all endangered plants and animals, including bees and all 39 species of amphibians protected under the Endangered Species Act. Neonicotinoids, which are banned in the European Union because they are proven to cause cancer in humans, are the most popular insecticides in the United States, used widely in agriculture, yet they are responsible for the precipitous decline in insect and amphibian populations. Pollinators are declining nationwide. The American bumblebee, once the most common bumblebee species in the United States, has declined by an estimated 89% in just the past 20 years. These chemicals, manufactured by Bayer, Ortho and others are sold as garden pesticides in our local hardware stores. So far, the EPA has not banned the use of these systemic, carcinogenic toxic chemicals.

Similarly, carcinogenic herbicides such as Round-Up, designed to kill clover, crabgrass and dandelions, are decimating insect and bird habitat. Pollinators depend on these plants to do their work of providing our food.

Please, please don't use these products in your garden, and ask your lawn guy what chemicals they use.

What's most important, survival of the species, including ours, or a perfect lawn?

Alison Anholt-White
Chair, Manchester Sustainability Committee

LIBRARY NEWS



We have some very talented poets in Manchester. Thank you to all who participated in the library's 1st poetry contest for a wonderful evening of verse. Courtesy Photo

Mindfulness Meditation at the First Parish Church Meeting Room

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-12 noon in the teen loft 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.

Book Donations

Help support the annual book sale on the library lawn during Festival by the Sea on August 3. Please donate books you no longer want but are in good enough shape that you would buy them. Our collection location is MERHS, not the library. Drop off on Saturday, April 20, May 18 and June 15 from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Recycled Materials Wind Chime

Tuesday, April 23 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Join us at the library once a month for a new adult craft activity. This

month we will be using old keys, silverware and bottle-caps to create colorful and melodious wind chimes.

Author Discusses "Find More Birds" (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 24 from 7-8 p.m. Author Heather Wolf will be discussing her latest book "Find More Birds: 111 Surprising Ways to Spot Birds Wherever You Are". Register online or over the phone.

Mystery Book Group

Friday, April 26 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. We will discuss "The Maid" by Nita Prose.

Hearthside Book Group

Tuesday, May 7 from 4-5 p.m. We will discuss "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Free Friday Movie

Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. We will be showing a movie in the Reference Room on the 4th Friday of every month. We will supply the popcorn, feel free to bring covered, non-alcoholic beverages. Check out what is showing on our website.

26 from 11 a.m.-12 noon. The MBTS Library is in the process of apply for grant funding to renovate and expand the library. The Library Director will hold open table hours each Tuesday in the library. Drop in to ask questions and learn more about the project.

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:

Winter and Spring Storytimes

Wednesdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join Miss Audrey for Storytime for children ages 0-5 with their caregivers. We will share books, songs, and games. This program runs through April 24th.

Pajama Storytime

Thursday, April 25 from 6-6:45 p.m. Come dressed in your pjs for storytime and craft with Miss Audrey. Ages 4-7.

Graphic Novel Club

Wednesday, April 24 from 4-4:45 p.m. We meet once a month through June. We will be discussing "Squire and Knight" by Scott Chantier. Grades 4-7 and registration is required.

Plant a Seed - Paint a Pot

Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. During the plant swap, kids and kids of all ages can paint a pot and plant a seed of their choice. Bring home your creations and watch it grow.

Plant Swap

Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Have some spider plants that are ready to propagate? Buy an eight pack of flowers and only need six? Why not swap the plants with your neighbors? Trade some spider plants for some aloe. Some zucchini for some tomatoes. Notice: These plants are from home gardens and may carry pests and disease that may not be healthy for your garden. Trade with caution and when you can, remove the soil from new plants and plant them as bare roots to limit the spread.

Manchester Reads 2024

This May discover the universe together with a space-themed Manchester Reads. Check out books, programs for all ages, crafts and even a telescope.

MBTS Library Renovation: Ask the Director

Tuesdays beginning March

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Shop Thoughts Book Lovers, Clear Your Calendars!

By Hannah Harlow

Book lovers of the North Shore, clear your calendars for the last weekend of April. On Saturday, April 27, bookstores across the country will be celebrating Independent Bookstore Day. It's one big party and each store marks the day in its own unique way.

My bookstore, the Book Shop of Beverly Farms, will have a wheel of fun to spin to win discounts and giveaways and we'll have exclusive items for sale that are only available at participating indie bookstores starting on the 27th. These include a special paperback edition of *A Stroke of the Pen* by Terry Pratchett, which has 20 newly-unearthed short stories by the late bestselling author, along with woodcut illustrations, and a foreword by Neil Gaiman; a signed fifth anniversary edition of *The Field Guide to Dumb Birds of North America* by Matt Kracht; a signed limited edition of *An Excellent Host* by Chelsea G. Summers, which has two new stories from the author of *A Certain Hunger*; Independent Bookstore Day Blackwing pencils; and, for the kids, there's a signed limited edition of the new *Bubbly Beautiful Kitty-Corn* by Shannon Hale, illustrated



Local historians Bethany Groff Dorau, Ghlee E. Woodworth, and Dyke Hendrickson will be at the 19th annual Newburyport Literary Festival later this month. Hannah Harlow and her The Book Shop of Beverly Farms business partner, Sam Pfeifle, will be there too, moderating a panel.



Courtesy images

by LeUyen Pham.

This Indie Bookstore Day weekend also marks the launch of the North of Boston Book Trail. Pick up a passport at any of the 16 participating bookstores (including the Book Shop of Beverly Farms, of course!) and see how many stores you can visit over the course of the weekend, picking up stamps at each store as you go. At the end, be entered to win over \$4500 in prizes. (Visit northofbostonbooktrail.com for all the details.)

Finally, make time to head up to Newburyport for the 19th annual Newburyport Literary Festival. The

festival opens at 6 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Firehouse Center for the Arts with an event honoring local Newburyport historians Bethany Groff Dorau, Dyke Hendrickson and Ghlee E. Woodworth.

On Saturday the 27th, dozens of authors will be appearing at nine different venues across Newburyport. (You'll be able to find Book Shop of Beverly Farms booksellers selling books at the Newburyport Public Library and the Old South Church.) There's a little something for everyone. Notably Sam Pfeifle, co-owner of the Book Shop, will be moderating a panel about baseball writing

with Keith O'Brien, author of the new Pete Rose biography *Charlie Hustle*, and Chad Finn, sports and sports media columnist and editor of *The Boston Globe Story of the Red Sox*. In other events, Michael Cunningham will be talking about his new novel *Day*; Celestine Martin will be discussing the allure of the Romantasy genre, including her *Elemental Love* series; Eric Jay Dolin will be presenting his newest work of maritime history, *Left for Dead*; and Tamar Haspel digs into self-sustaining ... which she writes about in her memoir *To Boldly Grow: Finding Joy, Adventure, and Dinner in Your*

Own Backyard – among many, many other options!

Finally, the weekend wraps up on Sunday, April 28 with a day of online events. As part of Sunday's festivities, Sam and I will be hosting a live recording of our podcast, John Updike's Ghost, with guests Jami Attenberg and Steve Almond, two accomplished authors with new books out about the craft of writing, *1000 WORDS: A Writer's Guide to Staying Creative, Focused, and Productive All Year Long* and *Truth is the Arrow, Mercy is the Bow: A DIY Manual for the Construction of Stories*, respectively.

We'll be talking about writing and writing communities, as well as our most favorite recent books. The Book Shop will also be open that day from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. so travelers on the North of Boston Book Trail can stop in to collect their stamps – and hopefully a well-chosen book to settle down with after such a busy weekend.

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

Local Shipwrecks Addressed by State Archaeologist David Robinson



Photo of David Robinson in full dive gear ascending a ladder.

Courtesy



Top section of a ship's hull.

Courtesy

It's a night of shipwrecks and diving next week, when David Robinson of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources (BUAR) heads up an Essex Shipbuilding Museum lecture on BUAR's recent North Shore research and site monitoring work on intertidal archaeological sites threat-

ened by coastal erosion.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 at the Essex Historical Society Schoolhouse on Main Street in Essex.

These monitored sites include the remains of a 575-year-old wooden fish weir and the wrecks of multiple vessels dating from the

late-eighteenth through late-nineteenth centuries.

Underway since 2020, BUAR's research and site monitoring work has been conducted in partnership with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management's (MCZM) North Shore Regional Coordinator, the Trustees of Reservations,

Essex master shipwright -- Harold Burnham, and local fishermen, harbormasters, shellfish wardens, and citizen scientists.

The talk will also include an overview of Massachusetts' underwater archaeological resources, BUAR, laws and regulations protecting the Commonwealth's underwater archaeological heritage, and a current state-wide study by BUAR and MCZM to assess the vulnerability of coastal cultural resources to climate change and sea level rise-related coastal hazards of erosion and inundation.

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In the Hornets' Nest



ME Hornet Jack Lawler serves as his partner, Finn Birkeland awaits a return on Wednesday's match against North Reading at the Memorial School courts. The Hornets took the W, 4-1. This first singles duo won 6-2, 6-4. *Photo Paul Clark*



Hornet Becket Walker celebrates his first career varsity goal against the Hamilton Wenham Generals Friday. The home team routed the Generals 18-2. The Hornets sit at 4-1 early in the season. *(Photo Mark DiPasquale)*

BOYS TENNIS: The Manchester Essex boys' tennis team brought its record to 3-1 overall with an impressive 4-1 win over a very talented North Reading team. Points came from Charlie Virden at second singles with a convincing 6-0, 6-2 win over his hard-hitting opponent, Jan Vytopil at third singles 6-0, 6-0 to remain undefeated on the season, and both first and second doubles. The first doubles tandem of Finn Birkeland and Jack Lawler won 6-2, 6-4 while

the second doubles team of Sander Breuker and Charlie Langendorf took their match 6-2, 6-0.

SOFTBALL: The Hornets opened the season on the road on 4/1 with a win over Swampscott 7-2! Anna Gardner went the distance and was in complete control giving up only 2 earned runs with seven strikeouts. Cami Friedrich had an amazing day at the plate going 4 for 4 with an RBI. Cami played a great

game defensively behind the plate as well. Katie Crompton was 2 for 3 with an RBI. Penelope Riggs was also 2 for 4 with an RBI.

On the following Monday, the Hornets pulled out the home opener in a nail-biter over Hamilton-Wenham 4-3. Anna Gardner was again in command, giving up two earned runs and going the distance once again. She got the out to end the game with runners on first and second on a flyout to Celia Mann who came in to make the catch in

center field. Celia also was 1-3 with an RBI at the plate. Abby Aiello was 2 for 3 with an RBI and scored twice. Penelope Riggs was 1-3 with a double. Cami Friedrich was 1 for 3 and scored. Lucy Parmelee was also 1-2 with an RBI. Abby Aiello tripled driving in a run and scored in a 16-3 loss to an excellent Amesbury team. Penelope Riggs also drove in a run going 1-3, and Morgan also contributed with a hit. Anna Gardner swiped two bases after walking twice.

GIRLS LACROSSE:

The Manchester Essex Girls Lacrosse team opened week two of their 2024 spring season with a dominant 13-2 win over division 2 powerhouse, Masconomet High School. After a competitive first quarter the Hornets found themselves controlling the contest, outscoring their opponent 3-0. They continued to command the game and pulled away 11-2 in the third quarter. The Hornets found their success on both ends of the field. Midfielder Abby Kent led the team with four goals and directed the team's possession with five draw controls. Junior defender Charlotte Crocker led the defense to a low scoring game as well as posted two goals of her own and three draw controls for the day. Supporting Charlotte Crocker was goalie, Brigid Carovillano. A stand-out in the Cape Ann League, Carovillano denied the Chieftains consistently, giving up just one goal in each of the third and fourth quarters. To no surprise, Manchester Essex captains Mechi O'Neil and Ella Chafe commanded the game, posting three goals each leading the team to their successful victory. The Hornets prepare to travel on Tuesday, April 23rd to face the Lynnfield Pioneers in hopes of tallying yet another win in the books.

a minute to tie the game at 8. With just over two minutes remaining, it was Senior Captain Mac Edgerton that would take matters into his own hands, dodging from the right side and putting one past the Winthrop goalie to go up by 1. Manchester would win the ensuing faceoff, call a timeout then only to turn the ball over for a fast transition down the field for Winthrop. Freshman Conrad Garfield would make the game winning play on defense by causing a turnover on the Vikings last shot on cage attempt. Manchester would successfully clear and run out the clock to secure the victory.

Next, Manchester Essex hosted CAL Baker Rival Hamilton Wenham on a foggy Friday afternoon on Hyland Field. From the start, the Hornets begin to dominate possession time ultimately leading to tallies for the home team early in the first frame. Mac Edgerton, Quinn Brady, Jack McCavanagh and Henry Thurlow would make it 4-0 after one. The notorious ride by Manchester's attack unit proved to also be dominant, causing multiple turnovers on the day, 4 of them in the first half. The Hornets would lead 10-0 at half before the visiting Generals struck early in the third quarter to cut the Hornets lead to 9. Team offense shined bright in this game for Manchester Essex, with Walker Valeo, Turner Valeo, Luke Donahoe, and Becket Walker all scoring their first career varsity goals. It was a complete and dominant game from the Hornets, with the final being 18-2. Manchester now stands at 3-1 on the year and 1-1 in conference play. Next game is set for Tuesday April 16 where the Hornets travel to Woburn to face the Tanners on their spring break business trip. Face Off is set for 10 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS:

Hornets Girls Tennis had a highly successful week, winning competitive matches against Bishop Fenwick and North Reading to improve their record to 4-1 and enter the spring break on a high note. Highlights of the week included Sienna Crocker winning two huge matches at third singles while the doubles teams of Grace Scarborough / Sarah Cort and Emily Parkins / Mackay Brooks won both of their matches as well, including some very exciting matches under the lights to clinch the victory over Bishop Fenwick! Grayson Crocker and Nina Zalosh also had several excellent matches featuring long, hard fought rallies -- a week of great tennis all around!

Sailing Team Report for Week of August 8

By Tony Leggett

Windy conditions over the past week have limited our practice, but we still managed to host Dover-Sherborn on Wednesday and put our first one-on-one meet into the victory column. In the first race, held in

light air, we came off the line in a poor position, and our number two boat fouled a competitor on the starting line. However, we took advantage of some slight wind shifts and sailed well on the critical first upwind leg, managing to slow down the lead Dover boat with a well-placed cover. On the down wind

leg, we managed to pass two opponents, and had a winning combination by the third mark. The team held on through the next two legs and crossed the finish line with a 1, 2, 5, versus Dover's 3, 4, 6. The wind increased for the second race, making it more exciting for the sailors. The

two teams were bunched at the first and second mark, with no clear advantage to either side. But at the end of the third leg, Grey and Thaddeus came into the mark on starboard jibe and forced a Dover boat on port away from the mark, allowing one of our boats to pass ahead, rounding the mark in

first place. The Dover coach, watching the action, shook his head in admiration and said quietly, "Nice move." From that point on we held onto a commanding position in the race, and crossed the finish line with a 1, 2, 6, beating Dover's 3, 4, 5. ME won the meet with a 2-0 score.

Dover moved on to race against Landmark in the next match, defeating them 2-0. And to finish it off, all three teams completed a three way "friendly" with nine boats on the course, making it back to the dock before dark.

Tony Leggett is the coach of the Hornets Varsity Sailing team.

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Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 8, 2024
Report covers from March 23, 2024 to April 5, 2024

Town Hall Auditorium Remote Meeting Equipment Repair

At the last meeting, although remote meeting participants were able to hear the Board and each other, the Board could not hear remote meeting participants. The Town Administrator (TA) reviewed the matter and was not able to find any particular problem with cabling or with specific pieces of hardware. The vendor that installed the broadcast system reviewed the matter further via remote connection and was unable to determine the cause of the problem (it was not programming or software-based). As such, a technician was dispatched to our location to diagnose and correct the matter, and we are hopeful that the system will work properly at the present meeting (information not available at the time of printing). Unfortunately, since the issue was not with the new speaker system for remote audio itself, and had to do with the original broadcast board, the service visit was not covered under warranty.

Hiring of New Town Clerk

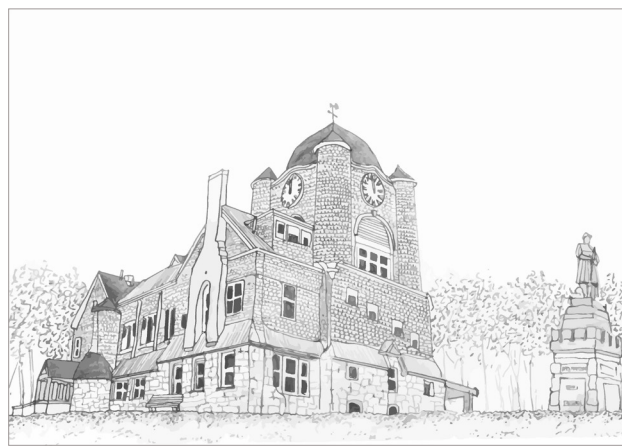
Ms. Ann Dunne has accepted the Board's offer to become the next Essex Town Clerk. Ms. Dunne comes to us from an assistant town clerk position in Sudbury and is available to start work sometime in May. Retired Town Clerk Pamela Thorne will cover the office between April 16 and when Ms. Dunne begins and is communicating directly with Ms. Dunne about some cross-training.

Hiring of New Town Accountant

The Board has authorized the TA to engage with a Town Accountant candidate to explore her requirements prior to potentially extending her an offer of employment.

Centennial Grove Restroom Project Update

As the Board may recall, the Board recently decided to accept an offer from volunteers to design and construct the Centennial Grove restroom facility, in a fashion very similar to the pavilion project. Local architect Peter Levasuer has donated his time to develop a set of plans for a post and beam restroom building with associated changing rooms and volunteer project coordinator Dan Mayer of Mayer Tree would like to advance the project



along by getting lumber cut to build that particular design. Also, the TA is working with Septic System Installer Dave Clark of D.F. Clark. Mr. Clark has agreed to coordinate the tight tank installation and to obtain the necessary permit. The TA has already designed the system and it has been approved by the Board of Health. The actual labor and machine time for the earthwork will be supplied in-kind by Mr. Mayer. Mr. Clark will assist with the selection of all necessary materials and the TA will order and pay for all materials directly, using Town funds.

Public Safety Facility Repair Project Procurement Commencement

Chairman Preen and the TA met virtually with personnel from our public safety facility repair project engineering firm on March 28, 2024. We finalized the plans, specifications, and bid documents for the project and the bid package will be released to prospective bidders on April 10, 2024. The bid process will unfold from April 10 through mid-May and the Board will be asked to consider a contract with the successful bidder at its meeting of May 20, 2024. The Town will hold a pre-bid site visit on April 24, 2024 at 10 a.m., filed sub-bids will be due on May 8, 2024 at 1 p.m., and general bids will be due on May 15, 2024 at 1 p.m.

Downtown Decorative Lighting Project Update

Subsequent to the Board's last meeting, the TA has received additional information concerning the subject project. The grant coordinator for the DOT Shared Streets and Spaces Grant has indicated that it may be possible to defray a portion of the custom lighting element materials using grant funding but no final word is available as of the printing of this report. Our lighting installation contractor has billed the Town for services rendered to date and we are in the process of reconciling that invoice against certified payroll documents and oth-

er backup. Other materials such as electrical wire and fuse holders that the Town obtained in the past are returnable for credit and we are working with the DPW to transport those back to the supplier in Gloucester. On March 29, 2024, the TA sent a letter to our engineering contractor (Stantec) informing them that it may be necessary for the Town to make a claim against Stantec's insurance policy. The TA has also begun to discuss this matter with Town Counsel and it is likely that additional communication will be forwarded to Stantec in the near future, as advised by Counsel. With respect to the custom lighting components that were ordered, the lanterns are set to arrive on April 8, 2024 and the light poles will be following shortly. If there had not been utility conflicts, the light pole bases would have been in the ground by now and our lighting contractor would soon be installing the light poles, fixtures, and attachments. The light pole bases had been delivered some time ago to an area adjacent to Memorial Park and they have now been moved to another location since boating and baseball season is upon us. Dan Mayer of Mayer Tree generously donated his equipment and personnel to perform that relocation work for the Town.

Monthly Pothole Log

The TA obtained the pothole log for the month of March from the DPW during the week of April 1, 2024. The log is intended to document reports of potholes and swift action on the Town's part to repair. No potholes were reported during April.

Freeze-up Prevention Logs

The TA obtained from the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Public Works a series of heat log sheets for various public buildings. Completing the sheets each weekend when buildings are not occupied is part of our insurer's freeze-up prevention program and

inspections are intended to detect heat problems early, avoiding frozen pipes. Fortunately, we had no heating outages or freeze-up problems this past winter.

Memorial Park Restrooms

The Memorial Park Restrooms have opened for the season - 8:30 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. every day (as of April 1, 2024). Our new Senior Center Custodian is responsible for daily cleaning and he will expand his weekly hours to accommodate this seasonal task.

Centennial Grove Seasonal Startup

The Centennial Grove is starting to open up for the season. The Selectmen's Assistant will arrange for portable toilets both at the Field of Dreams and at the picnic grove. We are working with the DPW and the Manchester Essex Little League to have a fields contractor perform spring maintenance work at the Field of Dreams and our irrigation contractor will start up the irrigation system there in May. Also, the Water Department will soon turn the seasonal water back on and our plumbing contractor will restore water service to the Cottage.

Preliminary Annual Town Meeting Motions

At the last meeting, the Board approved the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The TA has begun to develop possible Annual Town Meeting motions based upon the warrant.

Annual Town Meeting Booklet

The booklet for the Annual Town Meeting, which contains the Finance Committee's Report, the Wage & Salary Scale, the Town Meeting Warrant, and other items is available on the Town's website. The booklet was dropped off for printing at the end of the week of April 1, 2024 and paper copies will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Town of Essex Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan

At the last meeting, personnel from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) presented a final draft of the subject plan, with the intent of seeking public comment prior to the plan's review by State and Federal authorities. As noted at the meeting, a dedicated website has been set up to allow the public to review the draft plan and provide direct input, which will be accepted through late April. Thereafter, MAPC will make any necessary adjustments and will

LIBRARY NEWS

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Public Library



Teen Max Crosby shares a story with new little friend, Cole.

Courtesy Photo

Teen Minute to Win-it

Monday, April 29 at 4 p.m. for grades 5-8. Tweens and Teens, enjoy an afternoon of fun, fast paced challenges with your friends. Please register, space is limited.

Annual Pie Fest Fundraiser

Wednesday May 1 from 12-4 p.m. on the 3rd floor. All are welcome to purchase a slice of pie to enjoy with coffee and tea to help support the future library programming.

Queen Elizabeth II

Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. A theatrical performance with actress Sheryl Faye. Enjoy an evening with England's longest reigning monarch followed by tea and treats.

Community Book Group

Monday, April 29 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Dancing at the Pity Party" by Tyler Feder.

Regional Social Worker

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 12 noon 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.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8

10:04 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
12:14 p.m. Main St., animal complaint, assisted as needed.
4:54 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed.
7:49 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7:17 a.m. Island Rd., animal complaint, secured/checked.
10:56 a.m. Route 128SB, traffic hazard, assisted as needed.
2:27 p.m. Pond St., suspicious activity, report to follow.
9:19 p.m. Western Ave., male fall, transported to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6:17 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, verbal warning. 10:23 a.m. John Wise Ave., traffic hazard, notification made. 4:31 p.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle crash, vehicle towed. 10:42 p.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

10:32 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked.
3:08 p.m. John Wise Ave., fraud/scam, spoken to.
5:54 p.m. Western Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 9:04 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

1:55 a.m. Apple St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
2:06 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked.
6:11 a.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 6:58 a.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

No report.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

No report.

Essex Locals | Feb 23

115 Years Ago - 1909

That spring has come needs no other evidence than the grass in pastures and fields which is fast becoming green and the trees which are putting out buds and leaves. Dandelions, that are esteemed by many as an article of food, are being gathered and all things point to an early season.

90 Years Ago - 1934

Winter killing of fruit does not seem at present writing to be as severe as anticipated. Essex County did not undergo the severe zero temperature reported by regions north and west. Some ornamental trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials have not fared as well.

Essex Kite Day

On Saturday, April 13 a kite-flying spectacle was held at Cogswell's Grant, in Essex. You could bring your own kite or build one, and watch professional kite flyers from Kites Over New England. A limited number of kite-building workshops, courtesy of Blue Hill Observatory and Science Center, were held with all materials included for \$10, so kids and adults could make their own kites and learn how to fly them. Cogswell's Grant is part of the Historic New England Organization. When this reporter arrived 200 people had already been checked in as participants or spectators.



Photos Paul Clark



Learning to make kites in the barn at Cogswell's Grant.

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Step Into History: Eric Pape's Masterpieces on Display at Hammond Castle Museum

By Erika Brown

Right now the Hammond Castle Museum in Magnolia is offering a trip through time and artistry with its latest exhibition, "Gertrude Cawein at Hammond Castle Museum."

Running until Saturday, April 28, this exhibit brings to life the masterpieces of Eric Pape (1870-1938), an important figure in Gloucester's artistic history and marks a homecoming for this extraordinary collection of pieces from Pape's extensive portfolio, most of which have never been shown together in a single exhibition.

A longtime resident of Boston and a fixture of Gloucester's artistic scene, Eric Pape left a unmistakable mark on Gloucester's cultural landscape. He designed the familiar Tablet Rock Memorial in Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, which is a testament to his local influence. But his artistry had much wider range. Pape captured the essence of Cape Ann through "plein air" landscape paintings and, as can be seen in the museum's current exhibition, he was a prolific and skilled portrait artist who cemented his legacy as a prominent, if underappreciated, artist of his time.

At the heart of the exhibition stands a towering example of Pape's talent: the full-length portrait of Gertrude Cawein, rendered in oil on canvas with meticulous detail. On loan from the esteemed Filson Historical Society in Louisville, KY, this rare work offers visitors a glimpse into Pape's prowess as a society portraitist.

Before its unveiling, the painting underwent careful conservation by expert conservator, Timothy Neill, ensuring it will endure for decades to come.

The exhibition features nearly 60 pieces from Pape's extensive repertoire, offering a multifaceted exploration



"Gertrude Cawein," 1907 by Eric Pape, oil on canvas, 75" X 52" framed, is the centerpiece of the Hammond Castle Museum's current exhibit.

Courtesy images

of Pape's talent. Many works are graciously loaned from the private collection of Dr. Gregory Conn, a distinguished Pape collector and biographer.

Admission to the "Gertrude Cawein at Hammond Castle Museum" exhibition will include self-guided tours of the museum. Hammond Castle Museum members enjoy free

access to the exhibit. Virtual tour access will also be offered, making this the most accessible Pape exhibit ever offered.

The exhibition not only showcases Gertrude's portrait but also highlights the intricate world of Eric Pape's artistry, offering a unique glimpse into Pape's role as a portraitist and including

examples of his celebrity portraits created during the Great Depression. There are pencil sketches and vibrant watercolors. Each piece showcases Pape's versatility. From celebrity portraits to poignant murals, each piece offers a glimpse into the soul of a remarkable artist and his profound connection to Gloucester.



The intricate world of Eric Pape's artistry is on display and offers a rare comprehensive look at his prowess as a society portraitist

According to Caleb McMurphy, Hammond Castle Museum's director of visitor services and education, Eric Pape was a friend of John Hays Hammond Sr., the prominent American mining engineer, diplomat, and philanthropist. As a result, three Pape paintings are on permanent display within the museum, including the artist's sole surviving mural, "The Wireless Naval Battle of Gloucester Bay," a dramatic World War I themed piece he painted especially for his son, John Hays Hammond, Jr.

In 2023, these three works were the centerpiece of a small exhibition, "Pape at Hammond Castle Museum," and that event became the seed to this current, expanded exhibit in partnership

with Dr. Conn. The Museum Shop will host a limited number of copies of Dr. Conn's newest biography, "Eric Pape in the New York Herald Tribune," which delves into Pape's work as a society portraitist.

The exhibition also marks the announcement of the launch of Dr. Conn's new website, ericpape.com, featuring free flipbooks of all five of his published Pape biographies.

The connection between the Cawein family, Eric Pape, and Gloucester runs deep. Madison Cawein, known as the Keats of Kentucky and Gertrude's husband, wrote a poignant Ode to the founding of Gloucester for the 1907 Gloucester Day celebrations, during which time Pape presented his iconic Tablet Rock Memorial. The exhibition will also feature an elaborate pen and ink drawing by Pape, representing Madison's moving elegy upon the death of Pape's first wife, Alice Monroe Pape, in 1911.

Hammond Castle Museum
80 Hesperus Ave., Magnolia (978) 283-2080 or hammond-castle.org

Cape Ann Blossoms Returns to Cape Ann Museum May 4

Just in time for the beginning of spring, Gloucester's Cape Ann Museum is bringing back its popular Cape Ann Blossoms event on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Floral designers from the North Shore will bring art to life through eye-catching arrangements inspired by artworks around the museum.

Cape Ann Blossoms will open with a ticketed preview party on Friday, May

3, from 6-9 p.m. The party will include light fare, festive drinks, and a chance to see the inspired floral compositions located throughout the Museum galleries.

"Cape Ann Blossoms is a weekend of spectacular floral displays that highlight the relationship between art and our natural world," says Oliver Barker, Director of the Cape Ann Museum. "Visitors are dazzled each year by the breadth of floral composi-

tions crafted by talented local designers' responses to works of art from the Museum's collection. Whether you are an art lover, a keen gardener or someone looking to be inspired, Cape Ann Blossoms is a must-attend event."

The designers and garden clubs participating include:

- Cape Ann Garden Club represented by Pat Plevisani and Christina Cunningham
- Celia's Flower Studio represented by Celia Gibson
- Danvers Garden Club represented by Nancy Walke
- Danvers Garden Club represented by Stacy Giggie
- Essex County Horticulture Organization represented by John Archer
- Farm and Son represented by Jeffrey Pratt
- Floralscapes by Maureen represented by Maureen Duncan
- Generous Gardeners represented by Leslie Pope and Mary Ethel Stack
- Gordon Florist and Greenhouse represented by Cindy Gordon and Leandro



Cape Ann Blossoms (2023) image of Augustus W. Buhler (1853-1920), Shoving Off. C. 1907. Oil on canvas, Gift of Dr. Bernard S. Cohen, 1979. [Accession # 2199]. Floral Arrangement by Joni Pesola of Danvers Garden Club. (Photo: Aram Boghosian)

- Gomez
- Hamilton Wenham Garden Club represented by Pat Fleming
- Helios Floral represented by Keelia Otten
- Luna Moss represented by Amy Sadler
- Isabella Natti (10 years old, made the arrangement in the lobby in 2023)

- Newburyport Horticultural Society, represented by Janet Collett
- North Shore Garden Club represented by Catherine Ebling and Helen Glaenger
- Posy Florals represented by Britt von Decker
- Reading Garden Club represented by Rosemarie Rose

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Rocky Neck's BIGTiny: Let the Bidding Begin



It's an "every year" thing. It's also a great exhibit of local Rocky Neck artists, a great way to make art accessible, and a great local fundraiser.

It's the Rocky Neck Art Colony "BIGTiny" online art auction, which opens April 18 and runs through April 21. This year, participating artists have donated original

artworks—all of them just 6" x 6"—that are up for sale with all proceeds benefiting the RNAC.

All artwork available for sale can be viewed now at rockyneckartcolony.org/big-tiny-art-event/. All pieces are priced at \$200. Event organizers warn participants to act fast, or they risk losing out on a favorite. Then, each

subsequent day paintings are reduced by \$50, so on Day 2 (April 19) paintings are \$150 each. On April 20, each piece is \$100. On the final day, April 21, everything goes for \$50 each.

Important Dates:
Online auction (Check back soon for the auction link)

- April 17 - preview only
- April 18 - all works \$200
- April 19 - all works \$150
- April 20 - all works \$100
- April 21 - all works \$50

Claim your winnings: The pickup party and "big reveal" will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24. Find out who made your masterpiece while enjoying re-

freshments and live music by Anne Gilson and friends.

The Rocky Neck Art Colony (RNAC) fosters appreciation of the arts through exhibitions, workshops, residencies, historical tours, and vibrant cultural events for its members and the public. RNAC operates three exhibition spaces on Rocky Neck in Gloucester, includ-

ing The Cultural Center at Rocky Neck (6 Wonson St.), The Salted Cod Arthouse (53 Rocky Neck Ave.), and Cove Gallery (37 Rocky Neck Ave.). Information at www.rockyneckartcolony.org and 978-515-7004.

MERSD Shares Update on Essex Elementary School Feasibility Study

The Manchester Essex Regional School District wishes to provide the following information about the proposed feasibility study for Essex Elementary School.

In November 2022, consultants Habeeb & Associates publicly shared its needs assessment of both Essex Elementary and Manchester Essex Middle High School. The study identified that Essex Elementary, which opened in 1955, has passed its useful life and requires about \$9 million in capital investment.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) admitted MERSD into the Eligibility Phase of its grant process in 2023. Being accepted means Essex Elementary has been identified as being one

of the neediest schools in the state, and close to being out of options to address its structural issues. Participation in the MSBA program allows MERSD to work with MSBA experts to determine solutions for providing a renovated/rebuilt facility.

The project will be overseen locally by the Essex Elementary School Building Committee, which will work in partnership with MSBA. The SBC is required by the MSBA to be made up of town representatives with backgrounds in construction, architecture, landscape and education, as well as, the district Superintendent of Schools, a School Committee member, the school Principal, District schools' facility management director, at least one teacher from

the school, a member of the Finance Committee or local budget official, and a representative from an office authorized by law to construct school buildings.

This feasibility study will be funded by Essex, Manchester, and the District. The towns' cost will be determined by the capital allocation formula in the Regional Agreement and MSBA will provide a minimum of 30 percent reimbursement.

Funding the Feasibility Study is a three-step process.

The first step is an affirmative vote for the Essex Elementary School Feasibility Study warrant article by the MERSD School Committee. The second and third steps require affirmative votes to

fund the towns' portions of the study at each of the town meetings.

The School Committee voted on April 2 to move ahead with a \$1.5 million feasibility study. The study will assist the District in developing and evaluating alternatives and recommending the most cost-effective and educationally appropriate preferred solution to the MSBA for consideration.

Manchester-by-the-Sea Town Meeting convenes on April 24 at 6 p.m. at Memorial School. Essex Town Meeting convenes on May 6 at 6:45 p.m. at Essex Elementary.

To learn more about MSBA and the feasibility study please visit the Essex School Building Project page.

Dustin Rubin Places Second Statewide in Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Championship



Dustin Rubin, Manchester by the Sea, holds the trophy for placing second in his Boys 10-Year-Old Division for the Knights of Columbus Massachusetts 2024 Free Throw Championship. (Courtesy Photo)

The winners of January's Free Throw Championship, hosted by Masconomo Council 1232 Knights of Columbus, went on to compete in the regional free throw shoot out at St. Mary's High School, Lynn on March 9th.

Of the five competitors who made it to the regionals and shot from the free throw line, Hadley Johnson, winner of the Girls 12-Year-Old Division and Dustin Rubin, winner of the Boys 10-Year-Old Division, qualified to go on to the State Final Shoot Out at Holliston High School at Holliston, MA April 6th.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Hadley could not compete at the Holliston Finals and the lone competitor from Manchester-by-the-Sea was precision shooter Dustin Rubin, who represented Cape

Ann like a champ. Tied for second, Dustin took home the second-place trophy after winning an exciting shoot out. It was thrilling and a nail-biter to the end.

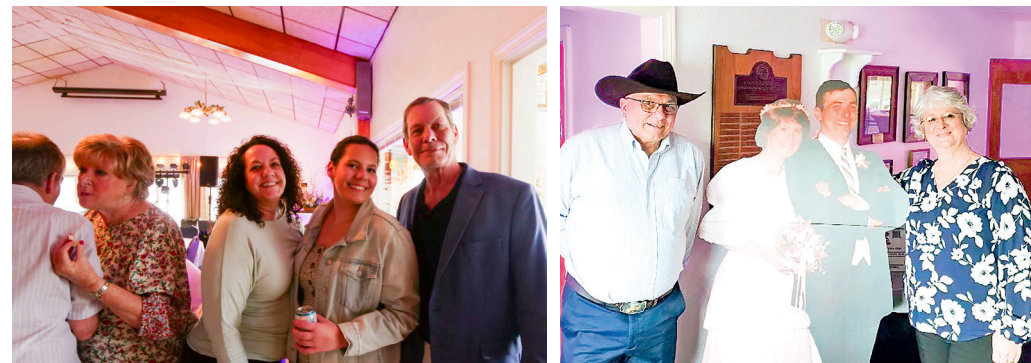
Representing Manchester-Essex at the Statewide competition was: Dustin Rubin - Boys 10-Year-Old Division

Masconomo Council Free Throw organizer Fred Newton said, "We were pleased to see the level of skill and good sportsmanship on display from each of our competitors in this Free Throw Tournament. Dustin Rubin was amazing. His shooting consistency was impressive. He was great to watch. To place second statewide is quite an accomplishment for Dustin as he shot past hundreds of competitors in his age group."



A SWEET 40TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER!

The American Legion Hall in Manchester was packed Saturday night with a dual purpose: to raise a glass to Sylvia and Alan Kirker for 40 years of wedded bliss and to raise money for the planned renovations at the Amara Bailey American Legion Hall. Between the delicious food from the Todd Crane kitchen crew, rocking music, dancing, and a fully stocked bar, it was an unforgettable night. And a super creative fundraiser for the Legion, one of Manchester's best spots. The proverbial fun was certainly had by all! Congratulations to the Kirkers and here's to 40 more!



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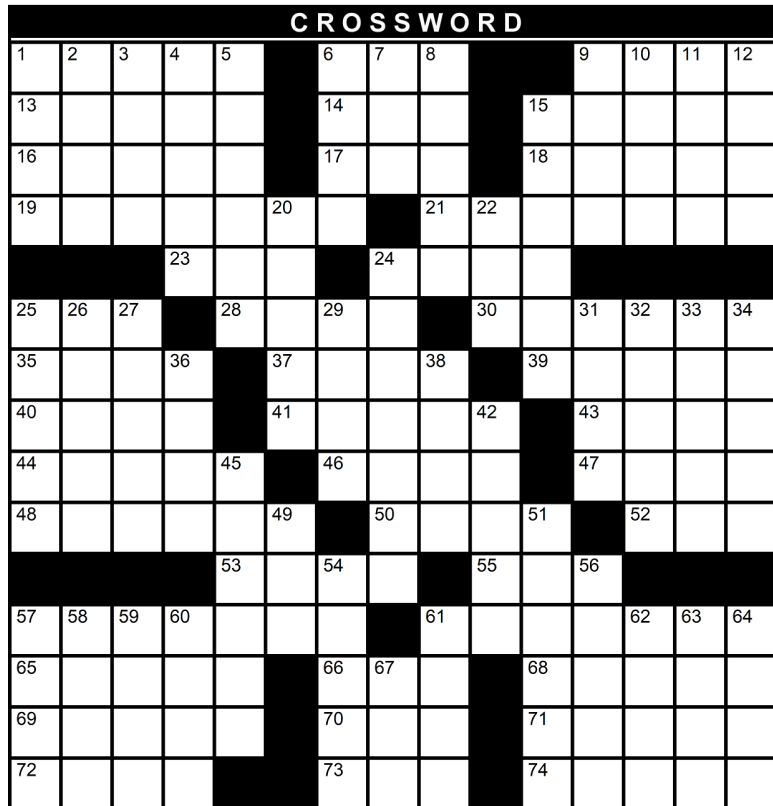
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Puzzle

THEME: GRADUATION

ACROSS

- 1. Accumulate
6. Popular pickup
9. Johnny Depp's 2001 biopic
13. Jousting pole
14. Mozart's 'L' del Cairo
15. Figure of speech
16. Oak nut
17. Be off base
18. Less typical
19. *Graduating class
21. *S in BS
23. *Graduating NCAA player's goal?
24. FedEx, verb
25. 'I Want My ___,' television channel
28. Daytime drama
30. Online business
35. Fleur-de-lis
37. Dart
39. Planktonic tunicate
40. Not naughty
41. Break of day
43. Last row
44. Verdi's opus
46. Lion's do
47. D.E.A. agent
48. Sell again
50. Penny
52. To the ___ degree
53. Prep for certain potatoes
55. Metered ride
57. *Final reward
61. *Academic ___, a.k.a. Cap and Gown
65. Gibson garnish
66. Rocks, to a bartender
68. Angry
69. Lieu
70. Not solid or liquid
71. Post-it user
72. Of two minds
73. Bldg unit
74. Opposite of friend
DOWN
1. 'Oh, woe!'



Advertisement for Consumer Cellular featuring a '\$25' graphic and the text 'Off First Month of New Service! USE PROMO CODE: GZ590'. It includes the phone number 888-804-0913.

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- 2. Riot spray
3. At another time, archaic
4. Substitute for tender
5. Mistery in Spain
6. Fish eggs, pl.
7. Acronym, abbr.
8. Wet land
9. Highlands hillside
10. Forsaken
11. Oil org.
12. 'The Way We ___'
15. *Finals at Cambridge University
20. Building toppers
22. El ___, Spain's national hero
24. Popeye's fuel
25. *Major's partner
26. Beef ___, dim sum choice
27. Moral weaknesses
29. *Grad
31. Mountain lake
32. As a whistle?
33. 1960s abstractionism

Sudoku

Sudoku puzzle advertisement featuring an image of a shower and the text 'Call today and receive a FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF'. It includes the phone number 1-855-576-5653 and a 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in.

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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

- 34. *'Pomp and Circumstance,' e.g. singular
36. Dried up
38. Adjust the pitch, with 'up'
42. Previous VP
45. Marcona nut
49. Skedaddle
51. Moroccan spiced stew
54. Eurasian antelope
56. Sacha Cohen's middle name
57. Olden days 'do', second person
58. Sean Penn's movie '___ the Wild'
59. Embarkation location
60. *Student aid
61. Catch one's breath
62. Not on time
63. One on a list
64. Bald eagle's nest
67. *Graduation garb topper

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.

Visitation Parish - Mass Sched-

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The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as www.mecatholic.org
Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.
St. John the Baptist Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

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

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church
8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

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

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

are welcome to attend.

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Monday Friends of the COA Senior Drop in 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Tuesday Online Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m., join in with computer,

smart device or dial in on a phone from wherever you are - email of: fpcchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link

Wednesday Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Church Worship:

Every Sunday we hold services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Child care is available during the 10 a.m. service. Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

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Willow Sanderson from Essex chases the puck last week.

Photo Dawn Enos

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Johnson states that the goal of the program is to not only make the sport easy to get into for newcomers, but to keep it fun and compelling so that they want to continue playing as they get older instead of worrying about the factors that might keep them from taking part in a sport they enjoy.

"The goal of the program once it is in my hands is to have these kids leave the rink with nothing on their minds except wanting to come back for the next session," he explains. "It truly is all about fun, but I also want them to recognize that they are accomplishing something really challenging, and they're having fun doing it. That lesson alone makes this all worth it. These girls also get to experience the community that exists within the Cape Ann Youth Hockey girls program. It's an incredible thing to witness."



Benny Mangini from Manchester on the ice at the O'Maley School in Gloucester last week.

All photos: Dawn Enos

A Short Guide to Town Meeting

By Alan Wilson,
Town Moderator

Part Two

This is the second of two articles offering background on Manchester's town meeting. The Annual Town Meeting will take place this year on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Manchester Memorial School in the gymnasium. The first installment described the function of town meeting and the roles of the Select Board and Finance Committee. This focuses on how town meeting works. The complete guide is posted on the moderator's page on the Town's website and questions are welcome: call 978-526-4229 or e-mail awilson@spyrockhill.net.

The moderator presides over the meeting, manages the discussion of warrant articles, rules on all procedural issues, and is required by state law to declare the result of votes. The moderator's ruling on matters of procedure is final - under the relevant statute, there is no appeal. Moderating therefore requires scrupulous fairness to the participants and giving all those who wish to speak an opportunity to do so, while simultaneously keeping the proceeding moving as efficiently as reasonably possible.

Town boards and committees, sponsors of warrant articles and other citizens may prepare handouts for the meeting to inform the voters about issues relevant to the warrant. Those wishing to do so should ob-

tain permission before the day of the meeting from the moderator or town clerk. The purpose is not to review the content of documents but to make sure there are enough copies and that they are placed in the lobby and not distributed during the meeting itself, which could be distracting. It is preferable for a handout to identify its authors or, if prepared on behalf of a private organization, the group's principal officers: signed papers have more credibility than anonymous ones.

The meeting takes up the articles in order as they appear in the warrant, unless the meeting decides by majority vote to alter the sequence. Articles are not self-starting, however, but require a motion and a second. The article may be fairly general, but the motion must propose specific action and may differ from the article. It must be close enough, however, that a voter who read the article would not be surprised by the action voted under it. For example, if the article proposed to buy one police car for \$25,000, a motion to buy five cars for \$125,000 would be out of order. The question is whether the motion is "within the scope of the warrant," and one of the moderator's tasks is to decide whether each motion passes this test.

Under our By-laws, the moderator

can require that motions be made in writing, and we follow that practice when circumstances warrant. Written motions should be submitted in documentary and electronic form to the moderator and to the town clerk prior to the meeting if possible.

Any registered voter may speak at town meeting, provided he or she is first recognized by the moderator, and may offer a motion under an article. Non-residents, including non-resident town employees, may also attend the meeting with the moderator's permission. Once a motion is made and seconded, another voter may move to amend the motion, provided the proffered amendment is also within the scope of the article. Our rules provide that only one "main motion" and no more than two amendments may be before the meeting at the same time. The purpose of this rule is to avoid the confusion that might result from too many proposals pending simultaneously. The meeting may close debate by a two-thirds vote - the process to do so is called the "motion for the previous question."

The last step in the process is voting. Manchester's town meeting now votes electronically, using handsets similar to a TV remote. Electronic voting means that every vote is a secret ballot, affording privacy that many residents find desirable. An explanation of how to use the handsets is also on the town website.

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Quaker Meeting

Quakers of the North Shore worship every Sunday from 10-11 a.m. at the Glen Urquhart School: 74 Hart Street, Beverly Farms, Mass. It is an unprogrammed Quaker Meeting. There is no Pastor (or leader) save the spirit of God in and among us. Our worship is primarily silent. When a worshiper is moved, it may include a brief, spoken

ministry offered in a 'spirit of worship.' Friends gather together quietly, awaiting the experience of God's presence.

People in our community hail from the traditional tribal lands of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts now called Manchester, Gloucester, Beverly, Ipswich, Rockport, Salem, Lynn and Marblehead. Whether you have worshiped in other Quaker (Friends) Meetings

or not, we welcome you to join us. 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

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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PET OF THE WEEK



Deja Vu

Perhaps you're having a bit of Deja Vu that you've already had this tiny panther in your life? Charming and frolicsome, she's a gem in her own rite. Slightly timid to begin, she truly opens up with a bit of play. We believe she'd benefit

from an outgoing friend in the home, with proper introductions of course. Send in an app and come down to say hi to this petite beauty!

To submit an application for this lovely lady, go to CapeAnnAnimalAid.org/Adopt

PUBLIC NOTICE



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Manchester-By-The-Sea, Massachusetts (Owner) invites Bidders to submit sealed Bids for the FY24 thru FY26 On-Call Utility Repair Emergency Services Contract, which includes, but is not limited to on-call services to construct emergency repairs to water, sewer, and drain infrastructure and all materials and equipment, services and construction inherent to the Work under individual Work Authorizations reflecting the agreed upon Work Scope, schedule and pricing. The Project being bid is subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M. A pre-Bid conference will not be held. Sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained on or after April 17, 2024 at 11 a.m. by contacting Nate Desrosiers at desrosiersn@manchester.ma.us. ealed Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. local time on May 1, 2024 at Owner's offices 10 Central Street, DPW Room 6, Manchester-By-The-Sea, MA 01944. Attention: Mr. Nathan Desrosiers.

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

April 19, 2024 MC

PUBLIC NOTICE



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Manchester-By-The-Sea, Massachusetts (Owner) invites Bidders to submit sealed Bids for the Mill, Forest and School Street Utility Improvement Project, which includes, but is not limited to replacing existing water mains and all related appurtenances on Forest and School Streets, installation of sewer force and construction inherent to the Work reflecting the agreed upon Work Scope, schedule and pricing. The Project being bid is subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M. A pre-Bid conference will not be held. Sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained on or after April 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. electronically by request to Matthew Connors, P.E. hancockassociates.mconnors@hancockassociates.com. Sealed Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. local time on May 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Owner's offices 10 Central Street, DPW Room 6, Manchester-By-The-Sea, MA 01944. Attention: Mr. Charles Dam, P.E.

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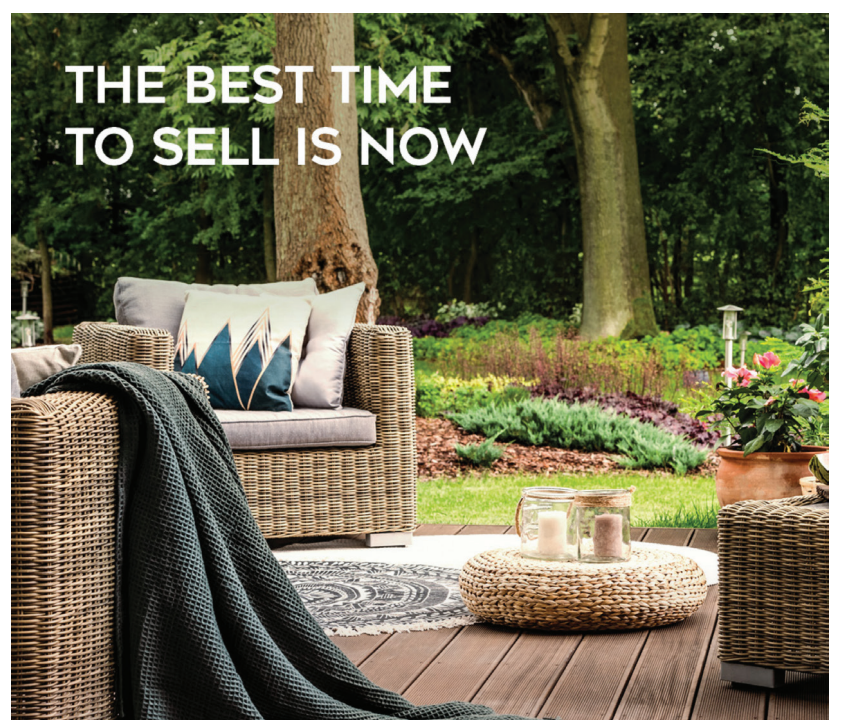
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