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BRIEFLY

MCC's "Open House" May 7

One week after a Salem District Court judge denied the Manchester Community Center's appeal of a \$199,000 judgment and eviction, the group's board of directors will hold a public "open house" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at the Community Center to speak for the first time about the current state of the MCC and answer questions. The MCC is reportedly still trying to go ahead with a \$1.2 million countersuit in Salem Superior Court, scheduled to be taken up later in the month. "The community has many questions, and the MCC board is eager to address them," the group wrote in a flyer. For articles on how the case got here, go to thecricket.com.

Last Call! May 4 Artist Reception for Juni Van Dyke

Manchester artist Juni Van Dyke will be featured in an exhibit open now through May 26, "Color: One of my Favorite Things," at Inner Space Fine Arts in North Reading. The exhibit explores the impact of color and compares Van Dyke's work to Emile Nolde and Wassily Kandinsky. A reception at the gallery for the artist is scheduled for this Saturday, May 4, 5 to 7 p.m.

Golden Agers: May 11 Meeting

For the music lovers out there, The Manchester Golden Age Club will hold its final spring meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11 in the Masonic Lodge behind Manchester Town Hall. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, with entertainment provided by ME Regional High School acapella group, The Sound Waves. Club members will be asked to sign up for the Sanford Trust-sponsored summer events, which include the anniversary lunch at Danversport Yacht Club, the summer lobster bake at Tuck's Point, and Cape Ann Lighthouse cruise.

Crib Addicts Week 4

Tuesday was Week 4 of this spring season of Cribbage (also known as the "Crib Addicts") at the Amaral Bailey American Legion in Manchester. After Week 3 of play, it was (for the third week in a row) David Slade in the lead followed by Ted Cakounes, Billy Bell, Harry Parsons, Michela Hirnak, Tina Latassa, Stephen Chabot, John Bubrowski, Bob Torkildsen, Paul Clark, Clem Courcy, Jim Chabot, Heather MacDonald, Ben Conway, Karen Rieck, and Joan Snow. The group meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m., and all skills are welcome.



This award-winning shot of a bobcat in full hunting mode, mid pounce, was taken this year by Dan Prosser near Jefferson, Mass. Anyone who doubts the "rewilding" of Cape Ann may want to think twice, writes Jim Behnke. Local sightings of beavers, bears, coyotes and, yes, bobcats are more common. And this "rewilding" is changing how we relate to our local outdoors. Page 5

(Photo: Dan Prosser)



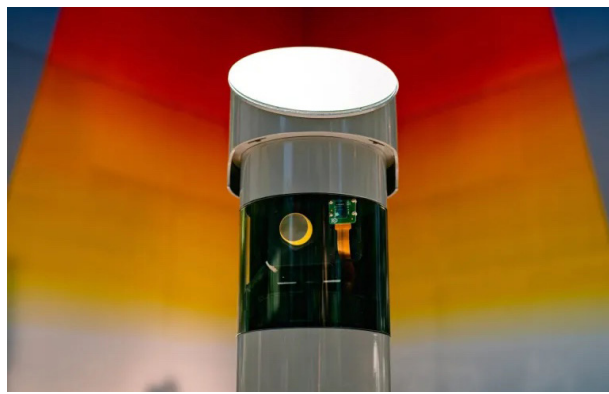
Under the watchful eyes of 5th grade teachers, Maggie Tomaiolo, Joe McDonough and Tree Warden Tom Henderson Memorial School students help plant the Arbor Day Tree, a Northern Red Oak. The event was organized by the Friends of the Manchester Trees. Each 5th grader added their shovelful to the prepared hole. Photo Paul Clark

Using Technology to Help Enforce Parking Limits

By Gregory T. Federspiel

Parking, especially during warm weather, is one of those perennial concerns around town that never seems to be fully resolved. Generally, there is adequate parking but certainly there are times (hot summer weekends!) when parking is at a premium and residents and visitors get frustrated trying to find a parking spot in the village core area or at Singing Beach. Parking complaints remain common at Town Hall.

Enforcement of parking rules, while generally desired, sometimes runs into resistance when it comes to a resident getting a ticket! Staff are often requested to "just give a warning" or end up in disputes over what seems to be the simple facts of an incident - both situations put them in a difficult spot. Understandably no one wants to pay for a parking ticket. But consistency is important, and it is criti-



cal that enforcement be fair to all regardless of visitor or resident.

Our primary enforcement mechanism has been seasonal Parking Enforcement Officers that the Police Department hires. These are not easy positions to fill and, of course, officers cannot be at all places all the time leading to spotty enforcement.

At the Select Board's request, Police Chief Todd Fitzgerald investigated numerous options for parking limit enforcement. Parking meters are a typical approach that communities

utilize. Certainly, meters can work but they are not trouble free and they have a more urban look that many are reluctant to add to Manchester.

Another option that the Select Board has approved on a trial basis is the use of automated "safety sticks". These are basically a solar powered digital camera on a short, 41" tall pole placed at no parking zones or limited timed parking spaces that automatically detect when a car arrives and monitors the length of time it remains. If the

vehicle over-stays the maximum time allowed a picture is taken of the license plate and transmitted to the police station where the ticket is finalized and sent to the vehicle owner. The devices operate 24/7 and thus offer continual parking enforcement coverage.

This automated ticketing system will be tested in and around the Village in a few dozen locations. Targeted areas are to include no parking zones and the stretch of parking spaces along Beach Street from the railroad tracks to Masconomo Park. The company that developed the system, Municipal Parking Services, pays for the equipment and installation. They receive a percentage of the ticket revenue

generated going forward. Thus, the system does not require any up-front town funding. We pay for the system by turning over a portion of the ticket revenue.

You may have noted orange construction cones around the village - small concrete pads are being poured at these locations and the new poles will be attached to these pads. The poles will be a new element to the streetscape and will undoubtedly take some getting used to. The Select Board wants to use this summer pilot period to assess the acceptance and utility of the new devices. While they are pretty confident the poles will improve parking compliance and better turn-over of parking spaces near businesses, less clear is how well they will fit into the streetscape of the Village and how well they will be accepted by residents. This summer will provide a good test of their effectiveness and acceptance.

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 4 May		58°	39°
Sunday 5 May		63°	46°
Monday 6 May		53°	49°
Tuesday 7 May		63°	48°
Wednesday 8 May		58°	53°
Thursday 9 May		59°	54°
Friday 10 May		59°	54°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel
This Week's Town Meetings

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

Essex BOS
Monday, May 6
5:15 p.m.

MERSD
SC Meeting/Early Start/
EES
Monday, May 6
5 - 7 p.m.

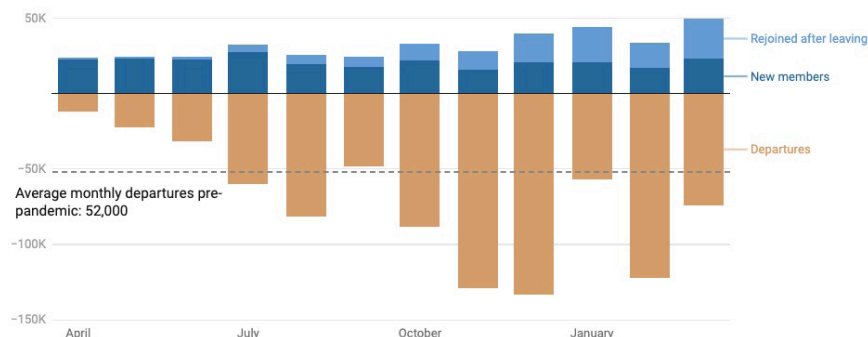
STATE HOUSE NEWS

Nearly 200,000 People Off MassHealth In Last Two Months

More Than 350,000 Removed From MassHealth Rolls In 11 Months

MassHealth has shed 358,000 members since April 2023

Monthly changes in MassHealth membership during year-long redetermination campaign.



By Chris Lisinski

On the verge of completing a year-long process to reassess eligibility for every member, the MassHealth public insurance program has now cut more than 350,000 people from its rolls since last April.

The caseload for the state's combination of Med-

icaid and Children's Health Insurance Program fell to about 2.04 million people by the end of March, down from the 2.4 million who were enrolled at the start of April 2023.

Officials removed about 74,000 people from MassHealth last month—almost 2,500 per day, on average—offset by 23,000 Bay Staters who newly joined

the program and another 27,000 who regained coverage after previously being deemed ineligible.

Cuts were even more significant in February, when 122,000 people were divorced from MassHealth, 17,000 signed up and another 17,000 rejoined.

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Obituaries

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

Thomas Knoke



Thomas Knoke, 60, passed

away suddenly on Saturday, April 20, 2024. He was the loving husband of Regine Adam and devoted father of Emily and Shannon Adam. Thomas grew up in Wenden, Germany, as the oldest of three sons. He earned his Master's degree of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology at the Technical University of Munich. Thomas founded TK Consulting in 2004 and worked as a project manager and consultant for many years. His consulting included several international banks as well as Frankfurt International Airport. Thomas had a deep passion for the environment and sustainability. As Manager IT Business Solutions at Form Energy in Boston, Thomas was able to find the best place to combine his passion and talents to support their mission of low-cost clean energy. Thomas loved spending time with his wife of 28 years and his two daughters whether at home or traveling the world together. In 2012, he moved to Manchester-by-the-Sea with his family for its sense of community and beautiful location. He loved photography, riding his bike

on Cape Ann as well as walks on Singing Beach. At any family or friends gathering he could be found barbecuing behind the grill; he was a great host. In addition to his wife and daughters, he will be missed by his brothers, Harald Knoke and Stefan Knoke; their spouses; his nieces and nephews; and many extended family members and close friends. A celebration of life will be hosted for family and friends on May 9, 4-6 p.m. at the Congregational Parish Hall, Manchester. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in his honor to PLAN International. Condolences, memories & photos can be shared on Thomas' Tribute Wall.

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Memorial School 5th Graders Celebrate Arbor Day

On Friday, April 26th, the 5th Graders at Manchester Memorial Elementary School celebrated Arbor Day with the Friends of Manchester Trees (FOMT). They experienced the joy of planting a tree as they eagerly stepped up to shovel dirt around the massive root ball. Now a beautiful Northern Red Oak stands next to the new playground behind Memorial School.

Ashley Ochs, an FOMT board member and parent of students at the elementary school, explained, "This tree will offer much-needed shade and wind protection for those enjoying the play structure. And we hope to add more trees here in the future."

Among the attendees were Tom Henderson, Manchester's Tree Warden, 5th grade teachers Maggie Tomaiolo and Joseph McDonough, and Principal John Willis, who read the official Arbor Day Proclamation signed by the Manchester Select Board.

Manchester has upheld the Arbor Day tradition for over 30 years, when our town first earned recognition as a Tree City USA. Jody Morse, FOMT President, emphasized the importance of Arbor Day: "It shows our commitment to trees—they clean our air, provide wildlife habitat, connect our community, and contribute to our well-being."



(Photos Paul Clark)



MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES

MONDAY, APRIL 22

9:47 a.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
10:41 a.m. Beach St., animal complaint, gone on arrival.
2:35 p.m. Beach St., suspicious activity, assisted as needed.
6:06 p.m. Lincoln St., animal complaint, assisted as needed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

1:54 a.m. Lincoln St., alarm, secured/checked.
8:56 a.m. White Beach, animal complaint, assisted as needed.
12:04 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.
1:59 p.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, criminal application.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:37 a.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application.
9:13 a.m. Raymond St., animal complaint, other.
2:30 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application.
11:22 p.m. Pine St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

4:47 a.m. Summer St.,



alarm, secured/checked.
9:14 a.m. Proctor St., parking complaint, secured/checked.
7:10 p.m. Summer St., noise complaint, gone on arrival.
11:02 p.m. White Beach, directed patrol, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

1:00 a.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
10:04 a.m. Proctor St., parking complaint, spoken to.
2:00 p.m. Sea St., disturbance, spoken to.
9:56 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

1:37 a.m. Harbor St., alarm, cleared false alarm.
2:59 p.m. Union St., erratic operator, gone on arrival.
4:10 p.m. Bridge St., alarm, secured/checked.
6:02 p.m. Bridge St., alarm, no action taken.

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Manchester Police Welcome First “Comfort Dog”

Chief Todd Fitzgerald and the Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Department last week announced the arrival of the department’s newest officer, its first comfort dog.

Daisy is a five-month-old female yellow Labrador retriever and she arrived for service on Wednesday, April 17, from Professional Canine Services in Middleborough.

The dog will be assigned to School Resource Officer Andrea Locke, who will house her.

The K-9 will provide general support for students, faculty, and staff of Manchester Essex Regional School District, as well as the town’s senior population. The K-9 also will serve as a department ambassador downtown and at Masconomo Park, especially during community events.

“While a comfort dog can create positive interactions within a community, it also can greatly assist with our public safety work,” Chief Fitzgerald said. “A dog can be a calming influence when we meet with a child victim or witness, provide a sense of comfort during a mental

SRO Locke and Lt. McCoy presented the idea to the Select Board at its April 16 meeting. Students and the officers will present this to the School Committee next.

health intervention, and reduce the stress felt by residents during a critical incident.”

MERHS first-year students Cate Vendt and Scarlet Lee first proposed the idea for a comfort dog at the High School to SRO Locke. The students worked with SRO Locke to develop a formal proposal. A meeting was set up with Chief Fitzgerald and Lt. Mark McCoy, where the students presented their proposal.

SRO Locke and Lt. McCoy presented the idea to the Select Board, which approved it at its Tuesday, April 16 meeting. The students and the officers will present this to Manchester Essex Region-

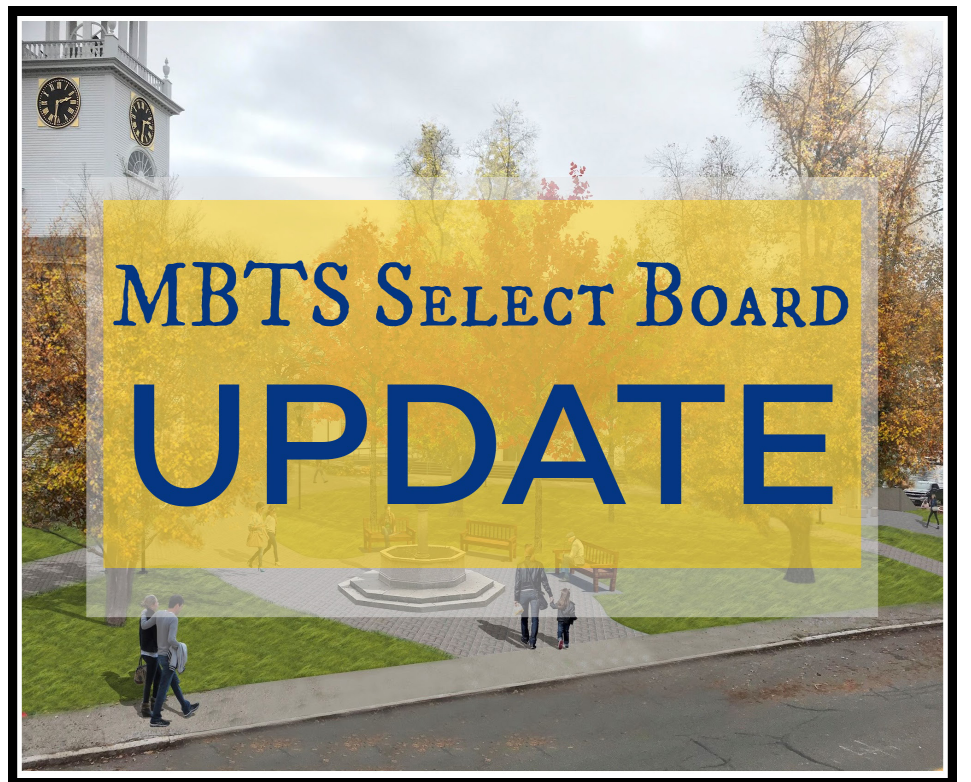
al School Committee on May 21 for its approval.

Program funding will start with the Department’s current K-9 allocation and its North Shore Health Outreach Account for mental health programming. Lt. McCoy is working with the Hooper Fund to secure additional financial support for the initial cost of the dog and required training.

“Thank you to the Select Board for its approval, and its ongoing support for our programs,” Chief Fitzgerald said. “The Department truly appreciates the positive working relationship we have with the Board.”

Chief Fitzgerald said he wanted to thank the Manchester Masons Lodge, Manchester Rotary Club, and resident Ralph Bates for donations. The Essex County Co-Op and Crosby’s Market also pitched in and provided dog food and supplies.

Chief Fitzgerald also said the Manchester Essex Regional High School Class of 2024 has already pledged to donate a portion of its class funds as their class gift toward Daisy’s startup costs.



BOARD UPDATES

Select Board Meeting: The Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

MBTA Zoning Task Force: The MBTA Zoning Task Force will meet on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Police Chief Office Hours: Chief Fitzgerald will hold his monthly office hours on Thursday, May 9 from 4-6 p.m. at the Police Station.

Board of Health Hearing:

The Board of Health will hold a continued Public Hearing on the proposed private well regulations on Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Town Election: The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Memorial School. Details can be found on the Town website.

Beach Tag Update: Singing Beach tags will be sold at the beach starting Memorial Day weekend during operating hours for \$35 each. All visitors to Singing Beach aged 12 to 65 need a tag to enter.

Hydrant Flushing: Hydrant Flushing will continue Monday through Thursday starting at 7 p.m. If you experience dirty water, run a cold tap until clear.

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

Manchester was well represented at a hearing held in the Council Chamber at Gloucester City Hall on Friday evening of last week on the building of the new proposed super highway running from Beverly to Gloucester, which has been under consideration by state engineers for some time the need for which is emphasized by the congested condition of North Shore roads throughout the summer.

One of the largest branches on the Elm tree opposite the Baptist Church on School Street was removed Wednesday. There was a large cavity in the crotch of the tree which was too deep to be filled and Tree Warden Mark Edgecomb was forced to amputate the limb.

75 YEARS AGO – 1949

It will certainly be a royal occasion tonight when the girls of Story High present Evelyn Millard’s three-act play, “Royal Occasion.” The girls under the direction of Mrs. Carolyn Hardy, have worked hard on the play and the performance promises to be one of the best presented by Story in many years.

Word received from Washington states that Frederick B. Reynolds and Frederick Fleetwood of this town have successfully passed the Civil Service Examination for the Postmaster’s position here in Manchester.

60 YEARS AGO – 1964

The Hylandmen, suffered two losses this week, a 4-0 set back at the hands of league leading Georgetown, at Georgetown on Thursday and they were edged 6-5 Monday at the Brook Street Playground by the Masconomet Chiefs.

Police Chief Leonard Andrews spoke to the intermediate grade pupils at the Memorial School on Tuesday afternoon on bicycle safety. He stressed the Safe Bicycle Riding Rules for the boys and girls to observe at all times. A safety film of bicycles was shown.

45 YEARS AGO – 1979

Danny Ina set a blistering pace by shooting 21 out of 25 foul shots Sunday, April 22 at Boston College to win the 13-year-old Boys Division of K of C Basketball Free-Throw State finals. His score was the best of the day and qualifies him for the select international level.

Elizabeth D’Angelo, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nestore J. D’Angelo of Woodholm Road, has been named this year’s Manchester Jr. Sr. High School student delegate to the U.N. on July 2-7, sponsored by the Manchester-Magnolia Lodge of I.O.O.F. and Rebekah.

30 YEARS AGO-1994

The Hornets boys’ tennis team is cruising right along with 3 more victories to their credit, making them unde-

feated so far in the season with 5 wins and no losses. Does this surprise Coach Snow? “I had a feeling we would come out strong this season,” said Coach Snow, “but we’re still working hard to improve and not let our early success go to our heads.”

The Manchester Boosters Club has established a Building Fund for fundraising to build a permanent structure (Canteen) on a site located at the rear of Manchester High School. Our Canteen, built years ago with volunteer labor and material and maintained by the Boosters Club since, is showing signs of advanced old age.

15 YEARS AGO – 2009

The Manchester Essex High School Sailing Team sailed in the New England Scholastic Sailing Association Fleet Racing Championship Qualifier on Saturday, April 25th out of Hyannis Yacht Club. Manchester Essex High School was among the sixty schools competing for the O’Day Trophy during the two-day event.

The Manchester Arts Festival Committee, and the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce are happy to announce that the second annual Manchester Arts Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2009. This event is an open-air, juried Arts festival which will take place in the streets and in the parks throughout Manchester.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
3 Fri	7:26	9.7	8:09	9.4	1:34	1.1	2:12	0.5	5:32	7:47
4 Sat	8:33	9.8	9:08	9.9	2:35	0.7	3:08	0.3	5:31	7:48
5 Sun	9:37	9.9	10:04	10.4	3:36	0.2	4:04	0.1	5:29	7:49
6 Mon	10:36	10.1	10:58	10.9	4:36	-0.3	4:57	0.0	5:28	7:50
7 Tue	11:32	10.1	11:49	11.2	5:33	-0.7	5:49	0.0	5:27	7:51
8 Wed			12:25	10.0	6:28	-0.9	6:39	0.1	5:26	7:53
9 Thu	12:38	11.3	1:16	9.8	7:20	-0.9	7:27	0.3	5:24	7:54



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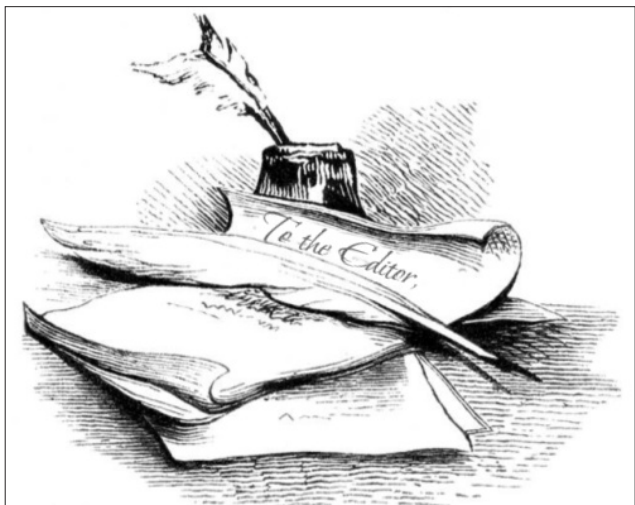
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Former School Committee Members Support a New Essex Elementary School

To the Editor,

Since 2000, our two communities have been joined by a regional school agreement. The agreement includes a provision that “the District shall at all times maintain at least one (1) elementary school facility in each member town.” About 12 years ago, as MERSD prepared to embark on the project of rebuilding our elementary schools, extensive surveys were conducted to explore the idea of one central elementary school. At that time taxpayers were not interested in a centralized elementary school, and so the District proceeded to submit both elementary schools to the MSBA separately. As we all know, Manchester Memorial School was in worse condition, so it was replaced first. Now it is time for Essex Elementary to go through the MSBA process.

We know that there are many benefits to having an elementary school in each town. Neighborhood schools promote a sense of community engagement and allow for expression of each town’s unique character. The school buildings themselves serve as community centers and hubs of activity for the town. Having a local school means that students can walk or bike to school, a healthy habit which reduces rates of tardiness and absenteeism and therefore improves student outcomes. Small-town schools foster a culture of belonging, safety, and care, and provide opportunities for communities to become stronger and more connected. We are lucky to have enjoyed excellent schools here in Manchester and Essex. Our model works.

The first schoolhouse was erected on the common of Essex in 1702. Now, almost

325 years later, it is time for a new Essex Elementary School.

Please join us in voting YES for the feasibility study to get this project started.

- **Manchester residents:** vote at the ballot on Tuesday, May 21
- **Essex residents:** vote at Town Meeting on Monday, May 6

Signed,

Past ME Regional School Committee Members:

Sarah Wolf, Annie Cameron, Ken Warnock, Caroline Weld, Ann Harrison, Susan Beckman, Linda Crosby, Shannon Erdmann

Of Smart Meters, Massachusetts for Safe Technology and “Generation Zapped” (the film)

Wireless technology is becoming a serious health issue. A quote from the acclaimed film, “Generation Zapped”:

“A wifi classroom is like the inside of a microwave oven set at very low power. Children are exposed to that wifi radiation six hours every school day, five days a week, and for several months during the year.” – Magda Havas, Associate Professor of Environmental and Resource Studies, Trent University, Canada

Today we encounter a hundred thousand times the level of radiation from wireless technologies than we did decades ago. Yet the safety standards set by federal regulatory agencies are outdated. New wireless devices such as smart phones, tablets and baby monitors to the latest “Internet of Things” continue to enter the market without any proper pre-market testing or post-market monitoring. Too little is done to ensure public safety and awareness.” (From the web-

site on the film, “Generation Zapped”)

This letter is in regards to the suggestion that our town allow Smart Meter installation at great cost to taxpayers, and an even greater cost to the health of our residents. I find it disturbing that this referendum is clumped together with a myriad of other items on one single article which was voted on at town meeting, and passed.

I was shamed at the last town meeting for bringing up safety concerns of smart meters, being followed by comments from an elder town resident (name?) quickly quoting his credentials and “dismissing” any concern after his (industry funded?) many papers on the subject, as the crowd clapped and cheered after his remarks.

I would like to thank this gentleman. It was his arrogance and dismissiveness that fired me up to revisit the non-industry funded research on the subject.

I am no stranger to critical thinking when it comes to environmental health. When my now adult children were playing t-ball at Masconomo Park, I sat next to a little yellow sign with a circle and a line across it. A trip to the town hall, acquiring the MSDS literature on the weed killer prompted a few meetings with the DPW and before long, we had a Citizens Pesticide Awareness coalition (some of you helped in that endeavor!) in town which changed practices. Amazing what can be done when logic meets the caring of the heart.

Presently, concerned that our community needed heightened awareness on the issue of wireless radiation health issues, I contacted known expert on the issue, Cecelia (Cece) Doucette, a woman of great agency who has over 13 years of research, and activism under her belt. She graciously alerted me to a free live virtual presentation in which she spoke on the current legal, ethical, and health issues nationwide. I am more confident than ever, that we, as town residents, have every reason to demand that any decisions to allow water smart meters (at \$650 a household!!) be re-evaluated for safety and efficacy. I suggest that anyone willing to take the time to review the links below will conclude that there is neither. And ... the town will quite possibly be legally liable for health issues that arise with those that comply.

I encourage the gentleman who was so very dismissive at the town meeting to contact Ms. Doucette to receive a plethora of information not readily available before making any further statements on behalf of the “safety” of wireless technology. Industry funded research will always land on the side of industry. Industry does not care about

the safety our community. Industry is, and always will be, driven by profit above all else.

Please stay tuned for a lively debate that I will arrange with Cecelia Doucette director of Massachusetts for Safe Technology (ma4safetech.org) presenting at our local library or school in the not-too-distant future. A flyer for this event will be posted in town and hopefully on our town newspaper!

I welcome interested inquiries. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Johanna M. Keefe, PhD
Manchester

Not So Smart Meters

“If it ain’t broke, then don’t fix it.”

Why are we spending \$1.5 million (\$650/home) on water meters to replace working water meters. Apparently, there may also be an additional \$75/quarter charge (\$300/year) for every home as discussed at the Town meeting. Once again, less than 7% of the Town voters are deciding to spend the hard-earned money of the other 93% of the voters.

I understand there has been no justification, return on investment or other analysis for this expenditure submitted to the FinComm. Decisions like this demand transparency and thoughtful analysis. Calling something smart doesn’t make it so. Why is this \$1.5M bundled in a “pork like” fashion into a single capital authorization with other needed DPW water and waste treatment repairs and maintenance?

This seems like a solution looking for a problem.

As far as leak detection goes, the only leak it might help detect is the one inside your premises, AFTER it goes through your water meter. The information this expensive system will provide is already readily available using the existing meters and a bit of old-fashioned analysis.

I suggest we vote “No” of the spending authorization at the town ballot in May until we can get satisfactory answers about this dubious undertaking or separate it out for a separate vote as was suggested at the town meeting.

Jon Keefe
Manchester

Thanks for 2024 MBTS ATM Success

I write to thank the nearly 400 voters who made time to attend the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) last week. Although the warrant contained only 21 articles, many involved important decisions for the town and, in some cases, substantial financial commitments. Careful preparation by board and committee members and the vot-

ers themselves allowed us to have thoughtful discussions and complete our business before 9:30 p.m.

My thanks also go to the Soundwaves and director Ben Icenogle. Their enthusiasm and musical performance were engaging, and many people arrived early to listen. Their rendition of the National Anthem was an appropriate introduction to this early creation of American democracy.

Like so many aspects of local government, ATM depends on the efforts of the volunteers who make it run. Although they were too numerous to list in this letter (there were 21 of them), I thanked them in my opening comments and reiterate my gratitude now.

We added a new aspect at this year’s meeting: closed captioning for those who may have difficulty hearing. I thank Caitlin Eppes of the ADA Advisory Committee for encouraging us to introduce it.

In my letter after last April’s ATM, I reported that problems with our electronic voting system seemed to be behind us, only to have them resurface in November. Accordingly, I appointed a committee of technical experts to investigate and resolve the failure. I thank the committee – Chair Jim Starkey and members Lee Spence, Kurt Melden and Bob Moffett – as well as Ann Harrison and Tiffany Marletta who assisted in the investigation. This time, the system performed as it should. It was important to get this right, because many voters have told me they value the opportunity to vote privately.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Wilson
Manchester Town Moderator

Thanks for the Support: Affordable Housing Trust

As members of Manchester Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), we wish to thank town residents for their support at the Town Meeting of the Community Preservation Committee (CPA) article that included an appropriation of \$200,000 to the MAHT.

The MAHT was approved by the Town Meeting in 2016 to create, preserve and support community affordable housing that benefits low and moderate-income households in our town.

Since 2016, with town support of CPA appropriations, the MAHT has been able to pursue a number of initiatives including a program to prevent evictions and foreclosures of homes during and after the pandemic. We have also been able to bankroll resources for future projects. Repeated CPA appropriations have helped MAHT’s financial position so that we

can energetically pursue our goal.

MAHT continues to assess and pursue local development opportunities, including modernization and expansion of the properties owned and managed by the Manchester Housing Authority.

In the future a developer will look to the Town for financial support of an affordable community housing development. The MAHT, bolstered by ongoing CPA support, is precisely that. In the meantime, the MAHT meets monthly, and all meetings are posted on the town’s website. We look forward to seeing folks at our meetings. Sincerely,

The Manchester Affordable Housing Trust

John Feuerbach, Muffin Driscoll, Sarah Mellish, Joan McDonald, Chris Olney, Peggy Hegarty-Steck, Gretchen Wood

4th of July Committee Thanks ...

The Manchester-by-the-Sea 4th of July Committee would like to thank the following donors in the last couple of months:

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We would also like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship: Sullco Inc and Allen’s Pharmacy.

July 4th in Manchester-by-the-Sea will cost about \$70,000 and we are almost 25% of the way there through fundraising. Please look for fundraising envelopes in your Town Meeting packets. If you know of any companies or businesses in town looking for sponsorship opportunities, please send them our way. We have sponsorship levels set up to get some great advertising during the fireworks!

Thank you,

Cheryl Marshall
Director of Parks and Recreation, Manchester-by-the-Sea

LIBRARY NEWS

Glorious Civilizations: An Exploration of Southeast Asia (Virtual)

Sunday, May 5 from 2:30-4 p.m. Ten countries, numerous cultures, thousands of years. Explore the varied and intriguing art of Southeast Asia as reflected in the religious and secular art of this fascinating region. Registration required.

Coexisting with Coyotes in Suburban Communities (Virtual)

Thursday, May 9 from 7-8 p.m. Join this webinar to learn about eastern coyote biology, how coyotes use suburban areas, and how communities can take effective steps to coexist with coyotes. This talk will be presented by Mass Wildlife’s Black Bear and Furbearer Biologist,

Dave Wattles, PhD. Registration required.

MBTS Cultural Council Presents: Ron Skates, former CEO of Data General

Thursday, May 16 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For our last session we will be hosting Ron Skates, the former CEO of Data General who will be speaking about artificial intelligence and the uses of new technological advancements. Registration for this event is required as space is limited. We will move locations if registrations exceed capacity, and attendees will be notified via the email or phone number provided.

Digital Advice Appointments on Monday and Drop In on Friday

Register for a dedicated session Mondays at 12 noon or 12:30 p.m. or drop in on most Fridays between 3-4 p.m. We have guidance for easy to moderate tech issues. Please bring your device, charger and any passwords associated with your device or project. This is a program to offer one on one instruction on how to better utilize your technology, we cannot do a tech project for you and certain issues will be outside of our digital expertise.

Mindfulness Meditation at the First Parish Church Meeting Room



We had perfect weather for the plant swap and paint a pot event on the library lawn. (Courtesy Photo)

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, May 18 and June 15 from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Hearthside Book Group

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

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 from 11



a.m. - 12 noon. The MBTS Library is in the process of applying 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.

Stem Club

Friday, May 10 from 3:45-4:45 p.m. For grades 3-6. How would you like to be the chief engineer for an important NASA mission? In this activity, you design a great satellite. Come down and see what’s happening.



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The Rewilding of Cape Ann



Lucia Hackett

With its primary predators—wolves and cougars—eradicated from the East, the coyote began expanding its range east of the Mississippi, reaching Western Massachusetts in the 1950s. (Courtesy of Lucia Hackett)



Like this young male photographed in Bedford, bears love raiding birdfeeders. Why? A large feeder of black-oil sunflower seeds has the caloric equivalent of 10 cheese pizzas! (Courtesy John and Donna Betz)

By Jim Behnke

I'm no Daniel Boone, but I've paid enough attention to animal tracks over the years to recognize cat tracks when I see them. The tracks I saw in the wet sand of the Dunes at Castle Neck one chilly morning last December could only come from one critter: a bobcat. I learned later that a deer hunter with permission from the Trustees of Reservations to hunt in the dunes had photographed the bobcat.

Over the last few decades, this stealthy feline has gradually expanded its range eastward. Unless someone can prove me wrong (and I'd be happy to be wrong!), that hunter documented the farthest east sighting of a bobcat in Massachusetts this century. We haven't yet seen a bobcat in Essex or Manchester, but most naturalists believe we soon will. After all, we have perfect habitat for this mostly nocturnal member of the lynx family.

The bobcat is just one of several fur-bearing mammals whose range has been expanding eastward, including fishers, beavers, coyotes, and black bears. Although the reasons differ, range expansion is also occurring with birds, such as bald eagles, ospreys, and wild turkeys, all of whom have found suitable habitat on Cape Ann. What's driving this trend?

Conservationists use the term "rewilding" to describe the phenomenon where habitat is restored and native flora and fauna return (or are reintroduced) to their former range. Naturalist and author George Mombiot describes rewilding as "resisting the urge to control nature and allowing it to find its own way." For this to occur, nature needs some help. Conservation initiatives, land trusts, and regulations are all contributing factors. A major reason for the return of beavers, bobcats, and black bears to Eastern Massachusetts can be traced to Ballot Question One in 1996 ("Wildlife Protection Act") when residents voted overwhelmingly to outlaw various inhumane methods of trapping fur-bearing animals.

It's hard to imagine a more oppressed and underappreciated mammal than the North American beaver. In the 17th



The beaver is North America's largest rodent. They live in family groups and use the tail slap to warn family members of possible danger. (Courtesy of John Randell)



The bobcat is primarily nocturnal and feeds on small mammals and birds. Adult bobcats can weigh up to 35 pounds. (Courtesy of Dan Prosser)

Century, having obliterated the population of European beavers, the French and British were delighted to find a seemingly endless supply in North America. There was high demand in Europe for beaver pelts to make felt hats and castoreum for medicinal purposes and as an ingredient in foods and perfumes (never mind that it came from a gland between the beaver's anus and genitalia). Over the next two centuries, beavers were trapped and hunted to near extinction.

By the late 19th Century, there were no beavers in Massachusetts. According to

Michael Callahan, founder of the Beaver Institute in Southampton, "the 20th Century brought increased awareness of the value of beavers and wetlands . . . beavers were reintroduced to Massachusetts and spread to areas where beavers had not been seen

for hundreds of years."

Beavers and humans are the only mammals that construct their environments to fit their own purposes. Because of their critical role in habitat creation and restoration, beavers are considered a "keystone species." Dave

Rimmer, wildlife biologist and Director of Land Stewardship at Greenbelt says that beavers "create amazing habitats for a wide range of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, you name it." Are they a boon to biodiversity? "Big time!" And they are a mitigating influence on floods, wildfires, drought, and depletion of ground water. But beavers and humans sometimes have conflicting plans.

In her recent book, *Beaverland*, author Leila Philip writes, "In 2019, beavers caused an estimated \$500,000 of damage in Massachusetts by flooding roads, train tracks, septic systems, and agricultural land, as well as felling trees . . ." Here in Manchester, Eric Richardson, Director of Grounds at Essex County Club, told me the golf course has been flooded repeatedly from breaching of upstream beaver dams and backup from downstream dams. In 2019, due to public health concerns, several beavers that built a dam and lodge just below the confluence of Sawmill Brook and Causeway Brook were euthanized.

Beavers are also environmental engineers on a grand scale. There's a beaver dam in Alberta that's visible from space. It's almost 2,800 feet long, twice the span of Hoover Dam. The dam was reported by NASA, which is using remote sensing to monitor beaver impact on climate resilience and the creation of wetlands.

Like beavers, black bears and coyotes are often considered "nuisance animals." By 1940, black bears were almost nonexistent in Massachusetts due to hunting and loss of habitat; there are now approximately 4,500 in the state. The comeback of black bears corresponds to the reforestation of Massachusetts from its nadir of 20 percent forest cover in the mid-1800s to approximately 62 percent today.

Bears are a matrilineal species. The boars (males) have no role in rearing cubs. Most of the denning of sows and cubs occurs west of I-495, but each summer, increasing numbers of boars too young to successfully compete for sows in estrus have been showing up in Eastern Massachusetts—from Arlington to Amesbury to the South Shore to Danvers last August.

Could we see a bear in Essex or Manchester? Gloucester naturalist and author Chris Leahy says, "It's inevi-

table, and it wouldn't even surprise me to run across one in Dogtown." You might think the most likely place to encounter a bear is in the woods, but you're more likely to see a bear in your backyard or raiding a dumpster. Bears are opportunistic foragers and the people of central and western Massachusetts have had a couple of decades to learn how to co-exist with them. The key is to eliminate anything that might lead bears to habituate to human-provided food sources, like unsecured trash and bird feeders.

The same goes for coyotes. Although they aren't native to Massachusetts, coyotes have certainly found a home here. "They are so prevalent on our landscape now," says Dave Rimmer. "They're running across the salt marshes, they're running on the beaches, they're in the woods, they're in your trash, they're everywhere."

There are two major misconceptions I often hear about coyotes. First, they're coming into town because of a loss of habitat. No. They're coming into town because it's part of their habitat. They find food in towns and even big cities. The City of Chicago has a population of over 2,000 coyotes! Second, they're overpopulated and should be culled. No. Coyotes can adjust their litter sizes based on the carrying capacity of their habitat. Dan Flores, author of *Coyote America*, writes that one function of the yipping and howling of coyotes we hear at night "is to assess the size of the surrounding coyote population." Attempts to cull the coyote population elsewhere have failed. Coyotes always find a way.

In 1856, upon noting that he could no longer find beavers at Walden Pond, Henry David Thoreau wrote, "... the nobler animals have been exterminated here—the cougar, the panther, lynx, wolverine, wolf, bear, moose, deer, the beaver . . . I cannot but feel as if I live in a tamed, and . . . emasculated country."

I think Thoreau would be pleased to see the rewilding taking place in Eastern Massachusetts today. After all, he also wrote, "In wildness is the preservation of man."

Jim Behnke is a Manchester-based nature writer whose stories have appeared in *On the Water*, *Outside*, and *Scientific American*. He has been a contributor to *The Cricket* since 2019.

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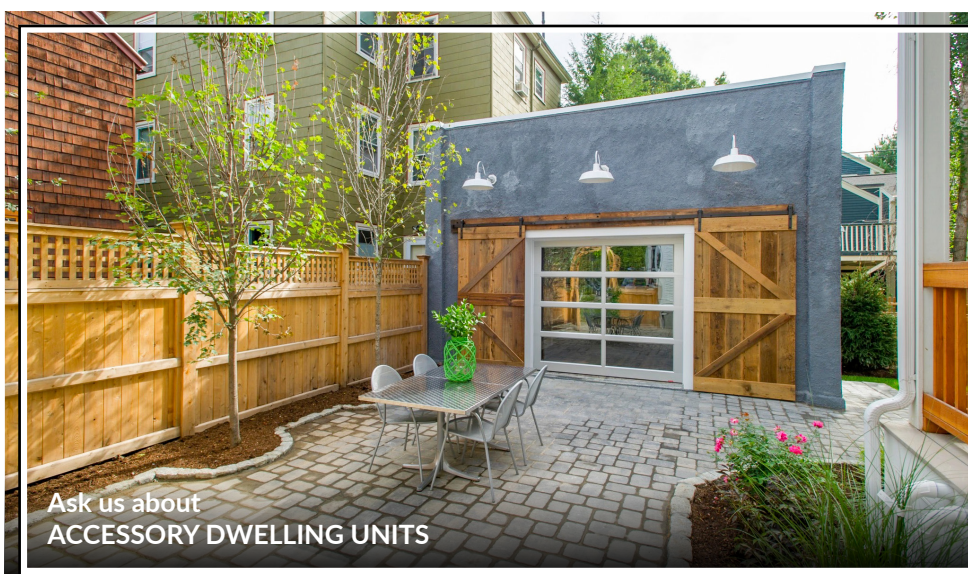
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Pitching Has Been Key for ME Baseball in 2024



8th grader Slade Gorton at the mound. (Photo Erika Brown)

By Jason Brisbois

Pitching, as much as anything else, has been the key so far for the Manchester Essex (ME) baseball team.

The Hornets have gone 4-4 to start the season and

are still in the middle of fine-tuning everything around a pitching staff that has been an anchor for this team in the early going.

"We are pitching very well compared to last year and even in our losses we are competitive," explains ME

baseball coach BJ Weed. "We have improved on defense by making more plays and not letting errors snowball. We need to continue to improve on the little things offensively: bunting, baserunning and situational hitting."

While the Hornets work

out the kinks, they can lean on a pitching staff that includes Matteo Sarmanian, who has allowed only two earned runs over 16 innings and struck out 21, as well as Troy Flood, who is providing a boost both on the mound and at the plate (two home

runs so far in 2024).

Outside of that, there have been signs of progress on defense and offense for ME.

"We are finding our identity, moving some guys game-to-game to find our best formula."

That includes some young, talented players finding their footing on the varsity stage.

"Parker Woodman as a sophomore has driven the ball very well in the four-hole," explains Weed. "Connor St. Laurant as a freshman won the first base job and has played great defense and is starting to hit the ball well. An eighth grader, Nick Glass, has played beyond his years as our starting catcher and eighth Grader Kevin Heim has played a great SS for us when Troy pitches."

ME started the season with a pair of losses to Arlington Catholic and Marblehead, but a 6-1 win over Hamilton-Wenham on April 10 resulted

in a three-game win-streak (with victories over Ipswich on April 16 and Amesbury on April 21). "Beating Hamilton-Wenham in the third game of the year gave us confidence after starting 0-2," says Weed.

Losses to Pentucket and North Reading followed, but the Hornets once again righted the ship with a 12-7 win over cross-town rival Rockport on April 27. The hope is that the team can use that victory as the starting point for another winning streak, with a home game against Georgetown scheduled for April 30, Newburyport coming to town on May 2 (4:30 p.m.), and a rematch against Hamilton-Wenham at home on April 4.

"We have a tough week with an undefeated Georgetown team Tuesday, a very good Newburyport team Thursday, and Hamilton-Wenham Saturday," says Weed.



In the Hornets' Nest

Girls Lacrosse:

The Hornets have been on a roll during week four of the spring season! Their Tuesday victory against the Lynnfield Pioneers in the Cape Ann League brings their league record to 2-1. The final score of 14-4 reflects the team's hard work on both offense and defense, resulting in another solid win. Mechi O'Neil led the charge with six goals, closely followed by Abby Kent with four. On Friday, the Hornets faced Triton and dominated the field throughout all four quarters. With a nine-point lead at halftime the Hor-

nets made a few positional changes leading to a few new career accomplishments. Sophomore Teyah Fleming, senior Gabbi D'Andrea, and freshman Sarah Broadbent all scored their first career goals. Additionally, Harper Brooks contributed her first goal of the season, extending the Hornets' lead to 13. Defensively, junior goalie Brigid Carovillano continued her impressive performance, securing yet another shutout for her career stats. Meanwhile, junior attacker Sylvie McCavanagh not only scored two goals in the offensive circle but also demonstrated

impeccable game sense by setting up her teammates for numerous opportunities near the net. With this decisive win, the Hornets now boast an impressive 5-1 record and are well-positioned for success. They're gearing up for a Friday matchup against Georgetown, followed by a Sunday game against the Hamilton Wenham Generals where they hope to add two more commanding wins to their record.

Boys Lacrosse:

The Manchester Essex boys' lacrosse team finished 1-1, splitting their games last week between Lynnfield losing 15-12, and beating Triton on the road winning 11-9. Senior Quinn Brady reached a milestone on Tuesday vs Lynnfield, recording his 100th career goal, and currently at 106 on his four-year varsity career. The Hornets are currently 2-2 in the CAL and 5-2 on the season. They host Amesbury HS on Tuesday, 4/30 on Hyland Field and travel to D4 powerhouse Weston HS on Saturday for an afternoon out of conference game. This will be the first time Manchester Essex will play a top 5 team in the state for a regular season game in

nearly eight years.

Baseball:

Manchester Essex started off the week with a home game against Pentucket on Tuesday, 4/22. Nick Brown and Satchel Rubin both pitched and only let up 2 Earned runs in a solid effort. Troy Flood, Connor St. Laurant, and Ross Edelstein each had a hit. While the Hornets ultimately lost 4-0, it was a great game.

The following day, the Hornets traveled to North Reading. Chris Heim went 2-2 with 2 RBI's and a stolen base. Parker Woodman hit a 2 RBI double. Troy Flood tripled and scored a run. Despite a strong offensive effort, the Hornets fell to North Reading 7-6 in the bottom of the 7th.

Manchester Essex finished the week strong with a home game against Rockport on Saturday, 4/27. The Hornets secured their first victory of the week, defeating Rockport 12-7. Troy Flood was 3-4 with a HR and 2b. He drove in 4 with 2 runs scored. Matt Mckenna was 2-4 with 3 RBI's and 2 stolen bases. Nick Glass contributed with 2 hits and an RBI double. Connor St Laurent was 1-1 with an RBI Double. Chris Heim got the

win on the mound.

Sailing:

Wednesday, April 24 The Hornets were ready to take on Beverly, and Pingree was competing against visiting Concord Academy, when a front hurried through our sailing area.

We had initiated a starting sequence when we observed dark rain clouds coming down towards us from the direction of Salem, with the threat of rain and a sharp burst in wind speeds. A few boats capsized, while the coach boats gave assistance as others managed to take down their mainsails and ride out the winds with just their jibs. As expected, the squall passed through quickly, and we reset the course for the new wind. Manchester squared off against Beverly, while Pingree and Concord headed back to the docks.

In Race 1, the Hornets jumped into an early lead in the full breeze, finishing the race with a 1, 2, 3, for 6 points, versus Beverly's 15. In Race 2, the Beverly sailors turned the tide and managed to achieve a 1, 2, 6, beating the Hornets' 3, 4, 5. But our sailors tightened things up and came back with another 1, 2, 3, to seal the victory.

Thursday, April 25, The Hornets beat Pingree by the tight score of 3 races to 2.

Eager to improve the previous day's score while also getting the entire squad into the action, we started out with our top sailors in the boats and won the first two races handily. But when we subbed in the JV sailors, the wheels fell off, and we lost two races by narrow margins. Getting the top sailors off the bench once more, we managed to jump off the starting line and win the last race in a convincing manner. It was a fun day of racing, and everyone on the squad managed to participate in the effort.

Sunday, April 28 we headed up to Portland to compete in the qualifying races for the New England High School Fleet Racing Championship, the O'Day. The team was hampered by the absence of our top skipper due to an illness. Our next two skippers, Nicholas Bock and Grey Brooks, with Cole Cote and Thaddeus Bardsley crewing, had trouble with the conditions and the strong competition, finishing in the bottom half, but picking up some valuable experience in a new venue. On May 2nd, we will take on Landmark at home, and on Saturday we will send our 9th and 10th graders to the Freshman-Sophomore Regatta on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA, and two teams to the North Shore Invitational at Manchester.

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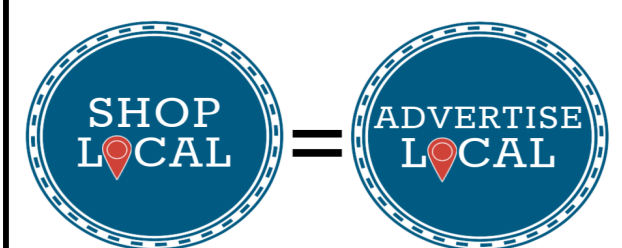
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Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
of April 22, 2024
Report covers from April 6,
2024 to April 19, 2024

Installation of Conomo Point Ramp, Float, and Water Access Stairs

Our marine contractor will soon install the subject equipment at the small, waterfront park at Conomo Point, for the season.

Drain Clog and Backup in Public Safety Facility

A drain in the public safety facility experienced a serious blockage on April 16, 2024 and backed up sewage-contaminated water into the building. The clog was on the street level and backed up water drained down through the ceiling to the police offices on the lower level. The Chief of Police brought in a remediation specialist immediately after having a drain company visit the building to clear the blockage. The TA has connected the Chief with our insurer since cleanup and repair costs may be substantial and are likely covered by our insurance policy.

Finalization of Annual Town Meeting Motions

The Board reviewed preliminary ATM motions at the last meeting and we have updated the motions in accordance with the Board's guidance.

Quarterly Review of Executive Session Minutes

Chairman Perea has reviewed unreleased execu-



tive session minutes as she does on a quarterly basis and has discussed with me her recommendations for potential release. The TA has reviewed the recommendations with Town Counsel and several matters can be considered concluded, warranting the release of the minutes.

Site Visit to Owner Unknown Parcel Adjacent to Route 128

Chairman Perea and the TA and Economic Development Committee Chair Jodi Harris accessed the subject parcel from abutting private property (with permission from that abutter) just to understand the topography and possible depth to bedrock. This preliminary viewing of the area confirms steep slopes and shallow depth to bedrock. While the site conditions on this parcel

are generally not ideal for future development, some portions of the property may be useful. Our title examiner is continuing to review area property deeds in an effort to understand past ownership and possibly to approach this parcel from a tax-title taking perspective in the future.

Closeout Meeting for Community Planning Grant

Mr. Zubricki participated in the subject meeting on April 10, 2024 along with Chairman Perea, Planning Board members, Metropolitan Area Planning Council personnel, and others. MAPC was interested in collecting feedback from the Town with respect to how the project played out. Comments were registered concerning how public engagement could be improved in the future

and how exercises could have been better tailored to the average citizen in a more understandable way. All agreed that the project final summary report would benefit from additional detail and cross-referencing of work products and MAPC is preparing a revision to that report.

Town Administrator Leave

Mr. Zubricki was out of the office, on leave, on April 12, 2024, and for a portion of the day on April 17, 2024.

Patriots' Day Holiday

The office was closed on April 15, 2024 in observance of the subject holiday. This report is available at www.essexma.org on the morning after any regularly scheduled Essex Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library



Library guests enjoyed a royal evening with actress Sheryl Faye performing "Her Majesty: Queen Elizabeth II" followed by teatime. (Courtesy Photo)

From Fungi to Foraging

Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Learn about fungi with special guest Jana Harris. Fungi history, terminology, hunting safety and ethics, growing them in your garden and more. No registration required.

Healthy Eating Habits Workshop

Wednesday, May 29 at 7 p.m. Registration required.

Pet Loss Grief Support

Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Join grief support specialist Marla Andrews of Humane Hearts, LLC. If you have experienced the loss of a beloved pet or are anticipating a loss, please join us for a conversation about this topic and find support available to help guide you. No registration required.

Community Book Group

Monday, May 20 at 10 a.m. Join us for a discussion of "Secrets of the Sprakkar" by Eliza Reid.

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 22

12:57 a.m. Western Ave., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 7:48 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 11:35 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, secured/checked. 4:18 p.m. Lakeshore Dr., animal complaint, notification made.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

9:25 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 3:52 p.m. John Wise Ave., animal complaint, notification made. 6:08 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 8:47 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

12:32 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 1:22 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:40 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:15 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:51 a.m. Eastern Ave., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. 8:23 a.m. Belcher St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 3:48 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, other. 5:38 p.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

9:42 a.m. John Wise Ave, citizen assist, report to follow. 10:47 a.m. Pickering St., community policing, other. 2:38 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 8:00 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., suspicious activity, spoken to.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

1:31 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 1:49 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:13 p.m. Route 128NB, directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:30 p.m. Grove St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:15 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:18 p.m. Choate St., male fall, secured/checked. 5:14 p.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 9:23 p.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.

Essex Senior Living | May 3

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.

Monday Groove (Video), Mondays, 9:30 a.m.:

Get your dancing shoes on and join this fun, energetic dance class! Video, no instructor. \$5 donation suggested.

Creative Connections:

Mondays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon: Bring your art projects or start a new one at our Open Art time! We have some sup-

plies and would love to see you!

Arts Group: Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m.: Are you artsy? Do you love to paint, knit, crochet, or sew? Do you like creating different projects? Join us with your own project or help with making items for the Friends Boutique.

Balance in Motion, Tuesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.: \$5 Donation requested.

Fitness With Gil: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: Start your day then with Gil and focus on strength, stamina, and stretching... energize your-

self and leave feeling good! \$5 Donation suggested.

Technology Assistance, Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.: Do you have questions about your computer, tablet, phone, or other technological challenges? Drop in and see Curt or Bill for help.

Games with Gil at the Senior Center: Wednesdays 1 - 3 p.m.: ALL AGES WELCOME, come play BOARD games or Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, join us or bring a friend and come play ANYTIME!

Walking Club: Want to get some exercise but con-

cerned about winter road conditions? Enjoy the Gordon College Bennett Center indoor walking track for FREE! Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30- 11:30 a.m. Please register by calling Hamilton-Wenham Recreation 978-468-2178. Transportation is available from CATA.

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.



Third singles Sienna Crocker returns a shot from her Amesbury opponent during Friday's match against the Red Hawks. The Hornets took the W 5-0. ME stands at 6-1 at this point of the season. (Photo: Paul Clark)

Essex Locals

115 Years Ago - 1909

Monday was a cold raw day with high wind in great contrast to that of the preceding Monday which was the warmest April 19th for several years.

90 Years Ago - 1934

The seniors of the High School reported a glorious time on their spring visit to New York city being chaperoned by their teacher Mrs. Durnion. They were especially in-

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Shop Thoughts: Event on May 5 Asks: Can New England Make Things Again?



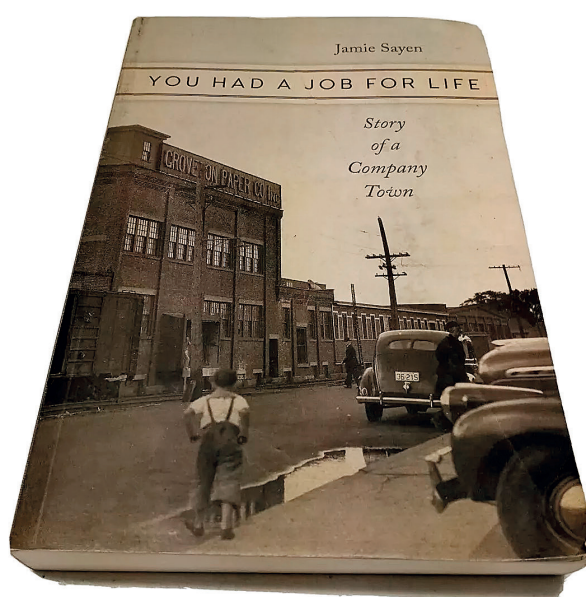
Authors Jamie Sayen and Rachel Slade are the featured speakers next week in the Book Shop of Beverly Farms' salon exploring the dynamics behind the loss of America's manufacturing base. (Courtesy images)

By Sam Pfeifle

Looking around at all of the old mill buildings and tanneries that have been turned into fashionable shopping areas and apartment buildings, it's easy to think of New England's manufacturing history as a thing of the distant past, like Paul Revere and women wearing corsets.

But the factory that is at the core of Jamie Sayen's new "You Had a Job for Life" just closed in 2007; and Rachel Slade's new "Making It in America" notes that roughly 100,000 manufacturing plants have been lost nationwide since the passage of NAFTA in 1994, many of them throughout New England.

This Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at Hastings House in Beverly Farms, Sayen and Slade will join me in discussion as the Book Shop's Sunday Salon Series returns to tackle the topic of what happened to American manufacturing, the people who



worked those jobs, the towns that sprang up around those factories, and where we are now. It's inspiring to think that manufacturing began in New England with utopian ideals, as with Francis Cabot Lowell, who argued that his workers "would be housed

and fed by the company and remain employed only a few years rather than form a permanently downtrodden underclass."

But, as Sayen shows, having a community and town too dependent on its largest employer can lead to exploi-



tation and, eventually, betrayal and abandonment. His profile of Groveton, NH, is incredibly detailed in its depiction of avaricious owners and the working people who suffered from their indifference to the public good. Slade, however, seeks to provide hope with her profile of the Waxmans, whose effort to re-

turn manufacturing to Maine is both a labor of love and, potentially, a way forward.

As their books demonstrate, the loss of manufacturing isn't just about the loss of 9-to-5 jobs that paid enough to cover the mortgage and the car payment, but also about a general security and the ability for communities

to control their own destiny, rather than find themselves at the whim of far-off and uncaring billionaires. Remember the supply-chain crisis that COVID caused? How lessened would the impact have been with our 1980s manufacturing base?

We'll explore these questions and so much more at the Hastings House on Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m. Please come and join us and offer your thoughts.

What Happened to US Manufacturing

(A Book Shop of Beverly Farms Salon Talk)
Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.
Hastings House | 14 Oak St, Beverly Farms
bookshopofbeverlyfarms.com/events

Sam Pfeifle is the co-owner of the Book Shop of Beverly Farms. When he's not busy managing the website and newsletter, he writes and plays music with the World Famous Grassholes from his homebase in Maine.

Unforgettable Afternoon Planned in Cape Ann Symphony Presents The Three B's Concert



Violinist Lucia Lin of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.



Yoichi Udagawa, the Cape Ann Symphony's Music Director and Conductor.

Courtesy Images

As the Cape Ann Symphony's 72nd Concert Season draws to a close, anticipation builds for the grand finale: "The Three B's Concert featuring Beethoven, Bizet, and Brahms."

The production will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 12 at Manchester-Essex High School auditorium.

The Three B's Concert

takes its name from a carefully curated selection designed to work together and open the audience's eyes to something new. It will open with Beethoven's stirring Egmont Overture, setting the tone for an evening of musical mastery. Following this, the production will ease into Bizet's Symphony in C, a youthful and spirited composition that showcases the composer's re-

markable talent. The "pièce de resistance" of the afternoon will be Brahms' majestic Violin Concerto, featuring the virtuosic talents of Lucia Lin, esteemed violinist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Yoichi Udagawa, the Cape Ann Symphony's Music Director and Conductor said the last concert of the 72nd season will feature "three special Bs—the mu-

sic of Beethoven, Bizet, and Brahms. The Beethoven Egmont is powerful and exciting. The Bizet is a youthful work full of high spirits, sparkle, and tremendous charm. He wrote the work when he was still 17, and his incredible genius is on full display. The Brahms monumental Violin Concerto will feature violinist Lucia Lin. She's an incredible artist, virtuoso, and musi-

cian, and we all love working with her."

Lin is indeed renowned for her extraordinary talent, and brings a wealth of experience to the stage. With a career spanning international performances and collaborations with prestigious orchestras, including the Boston Pops Orchestra and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Lin's performance with the Cape Ann Symphony promises to be a highlight of the season, building on her past successes with the orchestra.

Born in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, Lin's musical journey has taken her across continents and through a variety of prestigious positions. From her early debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra to her tenure as Concertmaster with the London Symphony Orchestra, her dedication to her craft is

evident. Lin is also a professor of music at Boston University's College of Fine Arts.

Tickets for The Three B's Concert are \$45 for adults to \$5 for youth aged 12 and under.

With a legacy spanning over seven decades, the Cape Ann Symphony continues to enrich the cultural landscape of the region. Under the leadership of Music Director Yoichi Udagawa, the orchestra remains committed to providing unparalleled musical experiences for audiences of all ages.

Cape Ann Symphony's The Three B's: Beethoven, Bizet, and Brahms
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Jane Deering Gallery Features Renata Fryshara

Cape Ann artist Renata Fryshara will be featured in an exhibit, “life | capsules” at Jane Deering Gallery in Gloucester through May 26.

An opening reception is planned from 3 to 6 p.m. this Saturday May 4.

Fryshara’s exhibition has a lot to say. About the timeline of life, personal experience, the world. At the core of her work is the intersection of collective humanity and human beings in the singular. Her work presents dichotomies—capsules of time past and time present; the cosmic and the minute; the exterior and the interior; the quiet and the fierce; kindness and cruelty. Fryshara’s drawings give equal thought to the vast—the ocean, the moon, mountains, the mass of granite, the girth of trees, unbounded dreams—as they do to the contained—the tininess of life-generating seeds, the labyrinth, a thread.

Look closely at her work. There is a range of emotion—curiosity, contentment, uncertainty, sadness, independence, loneliness, joy, loss. The universal psyche and the private perception.

And in a charming series of early drawings, the artist offers a look at memorable items from her home—a table, a sewing machine, an embroidered cloth, a grandmother’s hand, a lamp, a colored pencil, the dog, a rug, the bed, the potted plant, a child’s portrait—the mundane and the precious. A collection we would all recognize; they touch us



Standing My Ground, 2024 by Renata Fryshara. (Courtesy image)

all. These are universal objects treasured across time and geography. Fryshara brings them to our attention through quiet impressions.

Renata Fryshara was born in Moravia in the Czech Re-

public. Educated at the University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic; further studies at the Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design, Prague; and the Maastricht Academy of Fine

Arts, Maastricht, Netherlands. Her teaching experience includes positions at the Academy of Fine Arts, Maastricht, Netherlands; and Montserrat College of Art, Beverly MA. Further work as

journalist and photojournalist in Prague. The artist maintains a studio and gallery in Rockport MA.

This is her first solo exhibition with Jane Deering Gallery.

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ME Softball Team Working on Its Finishing Touch



Hornet Celia Mann hauls in a pop fly from a Georgetown hitter on Monday. ME dropped the game 3-7 against the Royals. The Hornets are 4-5 as of press time. (Photo Paul Clark)

By Jason Brisbois

The term “finishing skills” is traditionally applied to sports like basketball or soccer, but Manchester Essex (ME) softball coach Frank Sarro is hoping his team can find a way to apply it to their game as well.

The Hornets are 4-4 to this point and have shown some promise in the first eight games of the season: Close wins against Hamilton-Wenham (a 4-3 victory on April 8) and Ipswich (an 11-10 win on April 15) certainly shows the team’s ability to put the

finishing touches on a game. Sarro states he was hoping to see more of that mindset in a 17-11 win over Rockport on April 26, one in which the mercy rule could have been applied early in the game had ME finished up in a similar manner to the previous games.

We came out in the third inning with a 15-0 lead, and it was 17-0 in the fourth,” says Sarro. “After that, we gave up runs but never came back on offense ourselves. It was a great game in the first four innings, and they really hit well, but even the players

acknowledged after the game that they have to keep pushing forward and not letting up.”

When this team pushes and doesn’t let up, it can be a scary proposition for opponents. This group Anna Gardner, Abby Aiello, and Celia Mann each hit home runs in the Rockport win and are among some of the team’s top batters: Aiello leads the team in hitting, and Gardner has hit at a .348 clip after starting the season going 0-for-9 at the plate. Catcher Cami Friedrich has one of the highest OBPs on the team

and is hitting just under .400. Also of note was the play of Lucy Parmalee.

“They worked a lot in the offseason,” Sarro says of his players. “They’ve improved offensively and given us a lift.”

The offensive lift has helped offset some of the Hornets’ defensive inconsistencies.

“We’re kind of going back to the drawing board a bit with our defense,” explains Sarro. “[On April 28], we had time for players to do some individual defensive drills and then work out on defense as a team. We’re also in the middle of looking at different players in different positions.”

After that, it was back to game time, with Manchester Essex hosting Georgetown on April 29 before heading to Newburyport on May 1 and a road rematch with Hamilton-Wenham on May 3.

“Georgetown is the number one team in their division, they’re playing very well,” says Sarro. “That’s a good test for us. Newburyport on Wednesday is a tough team, and Friday is Hamilton-Wenham, which is always a big game for us in our conference.”

Hopefully spending some time on defense in practice and focusing on their finishing skills will help the Hornets navigate this week’s gauntlet and collect a few more wins.

“I like the fact that we are able to win some close games,” says Sarro. “We beat Hamilton-Wenham by one run, we beat Ipswich by one run. We’ve had some good, timely hitting. I feel like we just need to keep our pedal to the medal to win games.”

Artist Carmela Martin Showing in Gloucester April 30 – June 28

Gloucester-based artist Carmela Martin’s paintings will be featured through June 28 in the Main Street lobby exhibit space of Bank Gloucester.

A reception will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, giving the public an opportunity to view the artwork and at which guests will have a chance to meet the artist and ask questions while enjoying some light refreshments.

Carmela Martin was born in Connecticut and received her B.A. in Psychology from Connecticut College. Her interest in drawing and painting began in childhood, was pursued sporadically while raising a family and serving in many volunteer positions, and finally became a focus of her life in 2006. She has taken courses at Montserrat College of Art and studied with many gifted and renowned artists from the North Shore and beyond. Her paintings are in private and corporate collections in the U.S. and abroad.

Martin is an artist member of the North Shore Arts Association where she served a term on the Board of Directors. She is also an artist member of the National Association of Women Artists, and of its Massachusetts chapter, of the Rockport Art Association & Museum, the Experimental Group at RAA&M, the Newburyport Art Association and Rocky Neck Art Colony.

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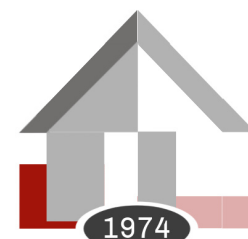


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Manchester Essex Regional High School students Anna O’Leary and JP McDonald gave out information recycling, composting and other sustainability issues to the public in front of the Manchester Post Office Saturday. Courtesy photo

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Religious Notes

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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 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 office.fpchurch@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.

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.

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266 Cabot St, Unit 7, Beverly | 169 Bay Rd, Hamilton | 49 Union St, Manchester
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With peaceful overland views to Kettle Cove, this beautiful Colonial is located in the sought-after neighborhood of Hickory Hill.
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GEORGETOWN
This Colonial gem, conveniently situated near downtown Georgetown, exudes charm and character. Lovely home in a great town.
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IPSWICH
Contemporary townhome invites you to live the North Shore lifestyle you are dreaming of in elegance, comfort and convenience!
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Weddings...Showers... Graduations...OH MY!



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

Creating a new scale is one of our most challenging (aka crushing) aging adjustments.

Various factors impact our ability to "do what we used to." However, accommodations can usually be made for many areas of need. As we fly head-first into graduation and wedding season (how is it already May?), let's talk about the **what, when, where, and how** as a response to social opportunities for our seniors who may have considerations of physical, cognitive, or emotional limitations.

The hard reality might be that our loved ones can only attend some of the events they are invited to, regardless of whether they're considered significant occasions. How do we decide? Will their presence, or lack thereof, at an event significantly impact others?

Apart from triaging the event and finding its place in the order of importance, other considerations include location, ease of access, distance to travel, event length, exposure, energy demand, mental/emotional bandwidth, and social demands. When deciding what events "cut the mustard" in prioritizing attendance for your

loved ones, start by asking the right questions:

- Is there a quiet table in the corner, away from the fray?
- Can we sit near the restrooms?
- Can we hold this event near our elder's home to reduce travel?
- Can we participate in some, but not all, of the event? What part works best?

A grandchild's wedding is likely worth the effort. Creating memories for everyone in the family and having this dearly loved one present will have a lifetime of benefits. However, attending their 8th great-grandson's second birthday with 10 other toddlers might not be as essential.

Sometimes, family and friends not in regular contact with our compromised senior don't get the "full picture" of what's happening.

We hear well-meaning sentiments like "it won't be the same without him being there," which may be absolutely true. It would be wonderful if nothing had to change, even in frail and limited-capacity conditions. Unfortunately, that's not reality. However, it is possible to modify and customize the experience for our

loved ones who fit into this category.

Most of the time, it's not "either / or," but rather, "both / and." We can know what limitations exist and the burning desire of the senior in question. While exploring the opportunities to make modifications and accommodations to the event and trying to get most of the family on the same page, it's far more likely that we can continue to keep Gram, Gramp, or whoever engaged with those they love. Here are some prompts to get you started:

- We can't stay for the weekend, but we'd love to come up for the afternoon.
- Gram can't tolerate an event with so much going on. Could you visit her at home and show her the video and pictures?
- Large groups confuse and sometimes agitate Grandpa. If we could find a quiet spot where he is a bit sheltered from "the crowd," he would be much more comfortable.
- I know it's not the same as having her there, but could we Zoom so she can participate that way?

What if "Brother Bossy Pants" flies in from Hong Kong, decides he knows best and tries to throw a monkey wrench into the plans?

Yikes. No quick answer to that. More often than you would imagine, the most geographically and emotionally distant person has the loudest voice and opinion. In addition, this well-meaning relative may be outside the loop regarding what's *really* going on with their senior family member. When you don't see the decline and changes regularly, it's easier to deny they are happening. Also, don't forget the "show off" nature of elders in this position. The peacock feathers come out and can even fool the most vigilant observers.

In summary, be willing to think outside the box. Getting Gram to her great-granddaughter's wedding might indeed be possible. Break down the outing's components into manageable chunks. Ask others in similar situations how they've done it. Work as a team. Ask for help.

Managing the situation will allow your loved one to have a meaningful experience. If they lugged you around as a child, complete with all you needed, remember, that wasn't a piece of cake. Think of it as returning the favor. Set a good example to the younger generations of how to intentionally and tenderly take good care of our elders with special consideration. One day ... this will be us.

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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PET OF THE WEEK



A Real Lady

Meet Chloe, a 12-year-old female who is soft-spoken, sophisticated, and ready to start anew. She spent her life in a home with another cat and would likely tolerate another but wouldn't mind getting all the love and attention. Chloe prefers to stay clear of the hustle and bustle, and because of this, would enjoy a quieter, low-traffic home to live out

her retirement years. She is still relatively playful and often seeks attention from staff here at Cape Ann Animal Aid. As part of CAAA's extended stay program, Chloe's adoption fee has been waived! Visit www.capeannanimalaid.org for more information about Chloe and all the other animals waiting for homes here at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.

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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

LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944-1399

under Sections 5.4 and 12.5 and a Variance, under Sections 5.4 of the Zoning By-Law to convert an existing single-family dwelling into a two-family dwelling by constructing an addition of a second residential unit that will be connected to the existing structure via a single-story corridor at 90 School Street, Assessor's Map 41, Lot 87, in Districts D2 and B filed with Town Clerk on April 18, 2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. ZBA Board will meet in Room 5, Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Room 5 or on Zoom. New Applications Application of James Gaddis, 35 School Street for a Special Permit, under Sections 5.4 and 12.5 for setbacks and Variances under the Zoning By-Law to demolish an existing 1 1/2 story, single family residence with detached garage/shed and to construct a 2-story, 2-family structure on a lot with less than the required lot area at 35 School Street, Assessor's Map 51, Lot 5, in District D-1 filed with Town Clerk on March 18, 2024. Application of Seaside Legal Solutions, P.C. for a Special Permit,

Application of Jill M. Rynkowski Doyle and Timothy P. Doyle for a Special Permit under Sections 5.4 and 12.5 for setbacks and Variances under Sections 5.4 and 12.3.3 for setbacks and coverage under the Zoning By-Law for demolition of a two-family structure and construction of a one-family structure located at 9 Bennett Street, Assessor's Map 28, Lot 10, in District A filed with Town Clerk on April 22, 2024.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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

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Through the first 11 months of the eligibility re-determination campaign, the publicly funded health insurance system's caseload has dropped by nearly 358,000. Officials forecast at the outset of the effort that it would cumulatively decrease the MassHealth rolls by 300,000 to 400,000 people, while freeing up \$1.9 billion to spend elsewhere in fiscal year 2024.

Most of the roughly 810,000 people who have left MassHealth since April 1, 2023 lost coverage for procedural reasons, according to state data. About 541,500 were disenrolled because they did not provide enough

information for MassHealth to confirm whether they are eligible, and another 15,200 could not be reached by state officials. The remaining 259,400 Bay Staters were confirmed ineligible after a review.

A similar trend is underway nationally. According to health policy nonprofit KFF, 69 percent of Americans disenrolled from state Medicaid systems lost coverage for procedural reasons.

The overall MassHealth caseload still remains significantly higher than it was before the COVID-19 pandemic—the system had about 1.76 million members in February 2020—and officials have

said they expect enrollment levels to remain elevated.

Federal policy blocked states from removing residents from Medicaid during the pandemic. After the state of emergency ended, all 50 states had to embark on similar efforts to determine eligibility for their full rolls.

MassHealth conducted its reassessment in a staggered manner, adding more people to the review process each month. A spokesperson said Monday that the redetermination process has now started for every single member but stressed that final wrap-up data for the year-long campaign will not be available until June because Bay

Staters get a month or longer to submit materials needed to determine their eligibility.

State law requires residents to carry health insurance or face a tax penalty. Over the same 11-month redetermination span, about 122,000 people who were declared ineligible for MassHealth newly enrolled in a plan available through the Massachusetts Health Connector marketplace, officials say. Others likely registered for private plans available through employers, but data is not available on the insurance status of all of the disenrolled.

- State House News Service

Senior Highlights

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

COA to the Malls

On Friday, May 3rd, the Manchester COA van will be going to the Peabody and Danvers Malls. Seniors can pick between the North Shore Mall or Liberty Tree Mall. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m.

COA to Outback Steakhouse & Trader Joe's

On Friday, May 10th, the Manchester COA van will

be going to Outback Steakhouse for lunch followed by a trip to Trader Joe's, Burlington Coat Factory, & T.J. Maxx shopping area. The van will start picking up seniors around 11 a.m.

COA to Walmart

On Friday, May 17th, the Manchester COA van will be going to Walmart in Danvers. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m.

Gloucester Boulevard

On Friday, May 24th, the Manchester COA is offering a trip to enjoy the Boulevard in Gloucester. Enjoy walking along the Boulevard, get your steps in or just find a bench and enjoy the view.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Continued Public Hearing Notice

The Manchester Board of Health will hold a continued public hearing on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to review the following proposed regulations:

- Regulations for Private Wells, revised

The continued public hearing will be held in room #5 of the Manchester Town Hall, located at 10 Central Street in Manchester-by-the-Sea as well as on the Zoom meeting platform. Copies of the draft regulations are available on

the Town website and from the Board of Health office. The Zoom link for the meeting will be made available on the Board of Health website www.manchester.ma.us.

Questions may be directed to the Board of Health.

Peter Colarusso, Chairperson
Manchester Board of Health

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\$15,675,000 | Fabyan & Filias Team

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\$1,725,000 | Deb Evans

Restored to maintain its original design this Victorian style home has 4 beds, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen and iconic turret. Enjoy the gorgeous yard and porches. Located in coveted in-town location.



\$1,175,000 | Hackett & Glessner

Charming antique with 4 bedrooms and large open kitchen with fireplace. Complete with 2-garage with workshop and bonus room, lush yard and patio and close to downtown amenities.



\$930,000 | Cricket Sperry

Antique New England farmhouse with 5 bedrooms, spacious rooms, mostly fenced yard and 2-story barn with room for 2 cars or other possibilities. Surrounded by pastoral & woodland trails.



\$775,000 | Susan Collins

New England style home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors throughout and updated kitchen. Complete with fireplaced dining/living room, level yard and 2-car garage with bonus room.

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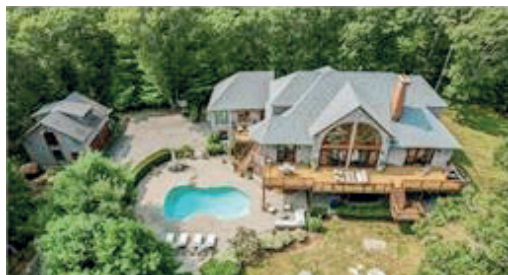
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Beautiful sunny three bedroom one level home with high ceiling sunroom and primary suite that open to the deck and lovely back yard.

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