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BRIEFLY

Manchester Parks & Rec Dept. Calling for Floats in the 4th July Parade

Another Manchester 4th of July notice from the Parks & Recreation Department. First, Parks & Rec are currently accepting applications for floats and antique cars! The parade is always so much better when there is community involvement, and floats are what makes the parade special and unique. Next up, organizers say that this year there WILL be a raffle, but no physical tickets. Please send in donations directly and you will be automatically entered to win a prize from our amazing local business! All 2024 donors will be entered into the raffle. Names will be drawn after the parade at Brook St Field. Questions? Call Manchester Parks & Rec: (978) 526-2019.

RWB Pancake Breakfast: Volunteers Needed!

The Manchester Essex Rotary Club is starting early this year with its call for volunteers for the Red, White & Blue Pancake Breakfast the Saturday, June 29 at Tuck's Point. This is a cherished annual tradition that goes back 34 years! The community breakfast, with pancakes (with blueberries, strawberries and whipped cream, delivering the "R/W/B" in the name), bacon and eggs at Manchester's idyllic public park. All proceeds go to charity. Contact planeman2003@msn.com to sign up.

Last Call! Art in the Barn in Essex This weekend

The annual Art in the Barn art sale and exhibit at the Cox Reservation in Essex is here. The event kicks off Friday, June 14, with food, music, and artwork by 130 local artists. It also runs the following day, on Saturday, June 15. Now in its third decade, this popular event has long been recognized as one of the North Shore's premier art exhibitions and sales, featuring a juried selection of works by 130 regional artists.

MBTS Welcome Committee Crawl

If you are the head of a club, commission, association, or any type of organization and would like to participate in the first-ever Manchester-by-the-Sea Community Crawl event on Saturday, July 13, please contact Leslie Beatty (txbooks@sbcglobal.net); she can send you an invitation with more details. The Welcome Committee is eager to have everyone represented.

Bittersweet Goodbye to Bev Low

Last week we said goodbye to retiring Manchester Memorial School nurse Joanne Seaman. This week, it's Bev Low's turn.



The Planning Board's site visit for a proposed two-phase, 220-square foot of corporate office and laboratory facility Monday in Manchester. Here, planning representatives with the Cell Signaling team, which includes engineers, the lead architect, attorneys and CST executives.

Photo: Erika Brown

CST Project May Result in Town's First Streetlights

By Jeff Pope

Drivers on School Street and the Route 128 ramps may see delays of a minute or two from traffic backups if the Cell Signaling Technology laboratory on Atwater Avenue is approved.

That was the conclusion of a traffic study presented by Sam Gregorio, senior design engineer of TEC of Lawrence, as part of the public hearing before the Planning Board on Monday. The traffic study was conducted for CST.

CST is seeking a comprehensive permit to allow it to build in two phases a laboratory and research headquarters at the end of Atwater Avenue, next to the Manchester Athletic Club. About 500 scientists, administrators and staff will work at the new complex, which will include a two-story garage as well.

Gregorio said that a study of the current volume of traffic was conducted on January 12, 2023, but was adjusted for periods of the year when there was likely more traffic.

He said 6,130 vehicles a day currently use School Street. He said during Phase 1, when half of the laboratory complex will be constructed, about 740 vehicles a day will enter and leave the complex. An additional 660 vehicles a day would enter and leave once Phase 2 is completed.

"For a number of reasons, the total number of vehicles will probably be less than this," said Gregorio. He said that people working from home, people using ride-share programs and people bicycling would all reduce the number of vehicles.

Phase 1 is not expected to be completed until 2027. Phase 2 would be several years after that.

Gregorio explained that the majority of the workers arriving would travel northbound on Route 128, turn off at the School Street exit, turn left on School Street, then right onto Atwater Avenue.

Leaving the complex, the majority of drivers would turn left at the end of Atwater Avenue, then turn left at the ramp to Route 128 southbound.

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Gregorio said that after Phase 2, about 94 additional cars an hour would be using the ramp and turning left onto School Street during the morning rush hour. That number drops to 91 cars an hour turning left off School Street to the southbound ramp to Route 128 in the afternoon.

By contrast, about 45 cars an hour would be traveling southbound on Route 128, using the ramp at the School Street exit and heading to the complex in the morning. A similar number would use the ramp toward Gloucester in the afternoon.

Gregorio said that it was possible that a set of lights would be required at the intersection of School Street and the ramp from Route 128 northbound. Those lights would also include Mill Street. It was here that Gregorio said travelers may experience a one- to two-minute delay, particularly at morning rush hour.

Planning Board Chairman Sarah Creighton noted that if it was approved, it would be the town's first streetlight.

Asked about when the peak rush hours for workers arriving and leaving the complex, Matt Connors of Hancock Associates said it varied. Some of the staff will work a 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. shift, but scientists were more likely to arrive between 8 and 9 a.m. and work until 5 p.m.

Daron Kurkijan, an engineer for Weston Sampson, which conducted the peer review of the traffic study, said that TEC used all the standard tools in conducting its traffic study.

The only concerns raised by the peer review were the

space for a bike lane and sidewalk on School Street north of Route 128, the amount of traffic on Atwater Avenue, and a sidewalk from the road looping around the complex to Atwater Avenue.

A sidewalk is included in the plans around the loop road but not in the short connector to Atwater Avenue. CST agreed to add that sidewalk.

Members of the Planning Board raised questions about the traffic on Atwater Avenue, whether it was possible to widen it, or add bicycle lanes and what could be done to slow traffic down.

The wetlands, mainly Sawmill Brook, would make it difficult to widen the road, but bicycle markings, similar to the ones on lower School Street, could be used to make drivers to be aware of bicyclists. Gregorio added that widening the road would have the unplanned effect of cars driving faster.

Kurkijan also briefly talked about a review of the fiscal impact of the project on the town.

"Overall, it's going to be a net positive for the town," said Kurkijan.

The public hearing was continued until the Planning Board meeting on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. when civil engineering, stormwater and landscaping will be discussed.

MBTA Zoning proposal to be reviewed by state

By Jeff Pope

The Planning Board voted 6-1 Monday to advance its draft of the proposed Community Housing Overlay District for the MBTA Zoning Bylaw to the Select Board.

The Planning Board's recommendation was for the Select Board to then advance the draft to the state's Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities,

who will rule if the town's draft complies with Section 3A of the state's Zoning Act.

"The question (the state) will answer is if it is compliant with the law and regulations," said Planning Board Chairman Sarah Creighton. "The vote is not to endorse (the motion) to the voters one way or the other."

Planning Board member Mary Foley voted against advancing the draft.

If the EOHL rules it does

comply, then the Planning Board will finalize the proposal, send it on to the Select Board for approval before the Town Meeting will vote on the act sometime in the Fall.

During a final review of the draft, Town Planner Marc Resnick went over several changes the board had suggested at its last meeting.

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 15 June		70°	59°
Sunday 16 June		71°	53°
Monday 17 June		78°	58°
Tuesday 18 June		83°	66°
Wednesday 19 June		88°	69°
Thursday 20 June		76°	67°
Friday 21 June		71°	67°

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.

MERSD
Spring Athletics Awards Night, Monday, June 17 Starts at 6 p.m.

Essex Planning Board
Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m.

Essex FinCom
Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m.

ME Lax Tourney Runs End in Elite Eight

By Jason Brisbois

It was a mirrored ending for both of Manchester Essex High School's lacrosse teams.

On June 5, both boys and girls' teams faced an opponent from the same team on the same field in the Sweet 16. The Hornet boys started the afternoon at MERHS with a 10-4 win over the Nipmuc boys' team, and the Hornet girls finished a very good day for both programs with a 16-4 win over the Nipmuc girls' team.

The win sent both teams into the Elite Eight of the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament, and unfortunately both teams shared the same fate



Mehci O'Neil racing to the goal during a Sweet 16 match against Nipmuc. The Hornets win by 16-4 sent them to the Elite 8 against the Cohasset Skippers. Photo Mark DiPasquale

once again, with the boys falling to Nantucket, 15-3, and the girls losing to Cohasset

by a 19-7 score. While the pair of losses ended the 2024 season for each squad, it was

still a season to remember for both programs, especially the boys team. "This was the first year the Manchester Essex boys' lacrosse program had made it to the state quarterfinals in program history," explains Manchester Essex boys lacrosse coach Jon Sidewicz. "As it was a really big milestone to hit for us, the way the season ended was bittersweet and left the team incredibly unsatisfied. We finished the season 16-5."

The boys team finished 16-5 overall between the regular and postseasons and earned second place in the Cape Ann League Baker Division thanks to a 9-2 overall record.

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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).

John F. "Johnny" Bachman



John F. "Johnny" Bachman of Hull, formerly a longtime resident of S. Boston, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2024. He was 63.

He was born in Manchester to Eileen (Curran) and John Bachman. Johnny was raised in Manchester and attended high school there. After high school he attended Bentley University and then enlisted in the US Army. He served 10 years in active duty and then 20 years in the reserves and was proud of his service to his nation. Johnny worked as a letter carrier for the USPS for 25 years in the Hingham and Hull area. He made many friends during his time at the post office and made work feel like fun with jokes, pranks and dinner at the Snug after a long day.

He met his wife, Kathleen, when his mother befriended a girl that grew up in the same village in Ireland that she did. Kathleen and Johnny hit it off and were inseparable the 24 years that they were married. In his spare time, Johnny like to tend to his yard, spend time by his pool, eat out at local restaurants and of course spend time with his wife Kathleen and their dog, Brandy.

Johnny was a kind, caring and generous soul. He had a heart for serving others, whether it was in service to his country through the Army, his day job at the post office or his family at home. Sundays were his only day off and he spent them caring for his parents before they passed. He never complained and never had a bad word to say. He was loved by everyone and will be truly missed by all who were lucky to have known him.

Beloved husband of 24 years to Kathleen Barry of Hull. Loving brother to Elizabeth Decker and her husband Mark of Manchester, Susan Bachman of Manchester and Michael Bachman of Manchester. Adoring godfather to Jonathan Decker. Cherished uncle to Kailey Bachman, Tyler Bachman, Gareth Barry, Joseph Barry, Andrew Curran, and Michael

Curran. Brother-in-law to Michael Barry, Gerard Barry and his wife Jill and Maura Curran and her husband Anthony. Also survived by his best friend, Brandy the dog.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to visiting hours last Sunday, June 9th, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), HINGHAM. Funeral service were celebrated immediately following the visitation on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, Hingham. Cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Johnny's name to the Hull Veterans' Services, 253 Atlantic Avenue, Hull, MA, 02045. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Roberta Lee Marshall



Roberta Lee Marshall, aged 72, passed away on July 22, 2023, after a brief battle with cancer. Born and raised in Manchester, MA, Roberta's passion for caring for others was evident from a young age. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire School of Nursing in 1984 and later earned her Master's degree from Simmons College in 1995. Roberta's career was marked by her roles as a staff nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, an assistant professor of nursing at Colby-Sawyer College, and a nurse practitioner at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. Her dedication and compassion fostered close relationships with everyone she met, and fittingly, she passed away in the care of the hospital where she once strove for excellence in the care of her patients.

Roberta's love for the medical profession also led her to her husband, Dr. Kenneth Ness. Together, they moved from New Hampshire to Florida, where they opened a healthcare practice before retiring to Colorado. Roberta was known for her outgoing personality, her ability to form lifelong friendships,

and her infectious sense of humor. She had a knack for making people laugh, often by hanging spoons from her nose, and her good nature was truly contagious.

Her passions extended beyond her profession. Roberta had a deep love for animals, enjoyed gardening, golf, cross-country skiing, and traveling with a camper in tow to explore the great outdoors. She was also incredibly crafty, often making candles, soaps, herbal salves, cards, and quilts. Her curiosity took her around the world, where she marveled at the heights of Mount Everest, the expanse of the Great Wall of China, and the beauty and history of Europe and South America, always with her beloved husband, Ken, by her side.

Roberta forged cherished friendships from western Colorado to the South of France, but family was always her priority. She was predeceased by her parents, John "Jack" and Elizabeth "Betty" Marshall, and her brother John "Jack" Marshall. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Ness, her son Sean and his wife Sera Gray, and her son Brian Gray. Her brother Michael "Mitch" Marshall, her cherished grandchildren Charlotte and Duncan, and her nieces Melissa, Megan, Ashley, and nephews Michael and John Marshall. Aunts Pete Marshall and Marilyn Forward.

Roberta lived life to its fullest, touching many lives along the way. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A gravesite gathering will be held on June 29th, 2024 at 11 a.m. in the Rosedale Cemetery, Manchester, MA followed by a celebration of life at the Marshall residence in Gloucester, MA.

Sandra Lee (Corbin) Gillis



Sandra Lee (Corbin) Gillis of Gloucester, formerly of Manchester-by-the-Sea, passed away at Seacoast Nursing Home on June 8, 2024. Born in 1932 and raised in Lynn, Sandy was the daughter of the late Charles and Agatha (Kelly) Corbin. She was predeceased in 1994 by her beloved husband of 35 years, Raymond Gillis.

After graduating from Lynn English High School

in 1950, Sandy attended the Sargent School of Boston University, receiving her bachelor's degree in 1954. She then taught physical education at Emmanuel College for five years. During summers while working at Emmanuel, Sandy taught swimming at the Manchester Yacht Club, where she met Ray, who was teaching sailing. Following their marriage, they settled in Manchester and had two daughters. After her children started school, Sandy taught physical education in Manchester schools as a substitute and an instructor in an evening program for adults. Starting in 1964, Sandy ran a summer swimming program at a pool behind her home on Pine Street for 18 years. Hundreds of local children learned to swim there. Sandy was an active communicant at Sacred Heart Church and served in several volunteer positions in the parish. She and Ray enjoyed sailing and they had an active social life with friends and relatives. All who knew Sandy appreciated her quick wit.

For the past few years, Sandy has resided at Putnam Farm in Danvers and Seacoast Nursing Home in Gloucester. She and her family have been grateful to the staff of both facilities for their kindness and loving care.

Sandy is survived by two daughters, Cathleen Gillis of Peabody and Kelly Ann Medina of Manchester-by-the-Sea; one grandson, John Medina Jr. of Salem; and several cousins. Sandy also leaves her longtime friend Anne Halloran Mahoney. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her sister Cynthia and her aunt Esther McDonald.

A graveside service will be held at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, 128 Pine Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944, on Tuesday, June 18th at 11a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Visitation Parish, 64 School Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944, or Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. Arrangements by the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly. Information, directions, condolences at www.campbell-funeral.com.

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DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
14 Fri	5:52	8.6	6:28	8.5			12:17	1.6	5:02	8:24
15 Sat	6:46	8.3	7:16	8.6	12:39	1.9	1:04	1.7	5:03	8:24
16 Sun	7:41	8.1	8:04	8.8	1:33	1.9	1:52	1.9	5:03	8:24
17 Mon	8:37	8.0	8:52	9.0	2:28	1.7	2:41	1.9	5:03	8:25
18 Tue	9:31	8.0	9:38	9.3	3:22	1.5	3:30	1.9	5:03	8:25
19 Wed	10:22	8.0	10:23	9.5	4:15	1.2	4:20	1.9	5:03	8:25
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Masco Redesign, MBTA Zoning, and Wayfinding



By Gregory T. Federspiel

The Select Board's meeting on June 17th features three important presentations. Each concerns aspects of the Town that potentially impact the look, feel, and function of the community. All three are a work in progress and will require additional public input and discussion beyond what takes place on Monday, but the evening represents an important milestone in each of the efforts.

First up will be a presentation on the efforts to redesign Masconomo Park allowing the Park to adapt to sea level rise. Last month residents participated in a three-day charrette with our consultants from Fuss and O'Neill reviewing the evolution of the park over the decades, current uses and prospects for this filled tidal land area. At the end of the three days the elements of a future design emerged that can be implemented over time as sea levels rise.

At Monday's meeting, the consultants will present the finished design that emerged from the concepts and wishes expressed by residents during the charrette. The effort is a follow-up to the Village Vulnerability Action Plan and has been funded by a subsequent grant from the state. Once there is a consensus on the redesign of the park, future grants will be pursued to implement various elements of the new layout.

Up next will be a presentation by members of the Plan-

ning Board on the efforts to develop new zoning overlay districts that could bring the Town into compliance with the state's mandated MBTA zoning requirements - MGL Chapter 40A, Section 3(a). The MBTA Task Force has been working hard for many months on how best to comply with the mandate while making sure the character of the community is protected. Numerous public forums and workshops have been held since last Fall. The full Planning Board has been meeting jointly with the Task Force recently as both groups got down to the specifics of the actual wording of the proposed amendments that voters ultimately will need to approve at a Special Town Meeting in the Fall.

The Planning Board voted to advance the latest version of the proposed zoning to the Select Board with the request that the Select Board approve sending the draft to the state for its review. The state has 90 days to review our draft zoning language and to provide possible suggestions for clarifying the language and ensuring that it meets the requirements of the new law. Any fine-tuning of the draft will be undertaken after receiving the state's comments and a final version will be ready in September. Additional public forums and other outreach efforts will be conducted in the fall leading up to the vote at the Special Fall Town Meeting, most likely in mid-November. The proposed zoning calls for four overlay districts with two of the districts di-

vided into sub-districts. All of the districts are in areas of Town with existing development which has the likely effect of lowering the potential net increase in new housing in each district. Details of the proposal can be found on the MBTA Task Force's page of the Town's website.

The third presentation of the evening focuses on possible new wayfinding - directional signs - in and around town. This state grant funded work was a result of earlier grant work aimed at fostering a vibrant business community in the village as we recovered from the COVID pandemic. A Wayfinding Task Force was formed, comprising residents and staff, who have been working with a state-provided marketing consultant to develop a uniform look to all directional signs as well as identifying the locations for needed signs.

Two different designs for directional signs, both based on the iconic Tuck's Point rotunda, have advanced as finalists one of which the Select board will be selecting. A series of strategic locations for signs are being proposed as well as recommendations for removing old signs that no longer serve a strong purpose. The goal of the Wayfinding project is to create a more uniform and appealing look to directional signs while helping people find their way about town.

These three presentations will take up the majority of the meeting time on Monday. Public comments are welcome.

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Many were minor, moving items to different parts of the draft and correcting typos.

But Foley suggested that a clause excluding Accessory Dwelling Units, or in-law apartments, be added to the definition of multi-family housing. She said the town of Arlington in its version of the draft had excluded ADUs as part of the definition of multi-family housing.

Allowing ADUs, even if they required a special permit, could possibly change a multi-family house of three

units into six units.

Consultant Emily Innes said it was an open question whether ADUs would be permitted as part of the MBTA Zoning Bylaw. The board decided to leave the question of ADUs untouched for now, but would look at the question again after the state had ruled if the draft was compliant.

Innes said that it was possible that the state would clear up the question of ADUs by the end of the summer.

Other questions, such as a

clause that could reduce the number of parking spaces required per unit and whether or not it allows people to work from home were also put on the back burner for now.

The state is allowed to review the draft for 90 days before determining if it complies with the state mandates.

The 17-page draft, along with maps of the four proposed multi-family zones can be found on the town's website under the MBTA Zoning



BOARD UPDATES

Select Board Meeting: The Select Board will meet on Monday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Town Hall Closed for Juneteenth: Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observation of Juneteenth.

Water Treatment Plant Event: Join the Sustainability Committee for a special tour of the Water Treatment Plant on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. followed by an optional hike around Gravelly Pond at 12 noon. Learn about the drinking water in Manchester-by-the-Sea.

Voter Registration Notice: Voters who did not respond to the Annual Town Census (distributed each January) by

June 3, become marked inactive according to State law. Voters will have to sign an "affidavit of resident" at the time of voting. Once inactive for two biennial State elections, the voter may be deleted. Letters to the 817 inactive Manchester voters have been sent from the Town Clerk's office. If you receive this letter, please ensure you respond ASAP to reactivate your voter status.

Fireworks Fund: The July Fourth fireworks display will take place on July 3, 2024 on Singing Beach. We are still short of the fundraising goal for this year's show. Please consider donating today at bit.ly/MBTSjuly4.

Parade Participation: Calling all groups, teams, and floats! Come march in the Fourth of July Parade and be

a part of this special Manchester tradition. Registration form can be found on the Town website.

Singing Beach Hours: The beach will be open on weekdays starting June 17. All visitors to Singing Beach aged 12 to 65 need a beach tag or daily pass to enter and both are sold at the beach.

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

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WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

Sunday was one of those cold dark days that even the most ardent baseball fans who turned up for the game between Riverside Basketball club of Gloucester and the Manchester Town Team had to break down and admit it was a little cool for baseball, yet the game as it was played by both teams made the fans forget their discomfort.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Selectman Tuesday evening a hearing was given the New England Tel. and Tel. Company on a petition for a pole location on Beach Street. There was no opposition, and the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

held at Legion Hall.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Eighty girl scouts and their leaders participated in the second annual encampment of the Manchester troops on Friday and Saturday at Tuck's Point. Member of Troop 23, of which Mrs. Robert Wolfe is leader, received the award for best all-round campers.

The Board of Selectman unanimously voted to comply with the request received from the Brown family that the town close off the parking area at the new supermarket on Sundays. The area will be closed off in the same manner that the Means parking area is barricaded.

Sr. High School at impressive ceremonies held last Friday evening.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

The Freshman Class of Manchester Jr. Sr. High School will hold a fundraiser on Thursday, June 16, at the High School field. The fund raiser is entitled "The Clash of the Titans," a softball game between the students and the teachers.

This year's Steak-Out sponsored by the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Ipswich, is slated for Saturday evening, June 11th. The Steak-Out will again be held at the Hellenic Community Center.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

Although a dreary drizzle drove the graduation ceremony from its planned location at Coach Ed Fields Field to the MERHS gymnasium, the spirits of the 95 members of the graduating class and their family and friends in attendance could not be dampened.

The Manchester Council on Aging is pleased to offer a sailing trip on-board the FAME of Salem, a replica of the successful privateer from the war of 1812. The full-scale replica of the famous schooner was launched in 2003 and is based at Salem's Pickering Wharf Marina.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

Although creating numerous laughs, the donkey baseball game did not prove to be as side-splitting as the basketball game which was held a short while ago in Legion Hall. There were numerous spills and many incidents that will not soon be forgotten, but the larger playing area and the nature of the game limited the action.

Twenty-six more Manchester young men and women will receive their diplomas from Story High on Wednesday, June 18 at graduation exercises which will be

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

Mr. Paul Coyle and Miss Janet Brown took their third-grade classes on a field trip from past to present last week. The day began at Bunker Hill Monument. After a brief climb and lecture, they then went to the Bunker Hill Pavilion where they saw a multi-media reenactment of the battle.

Superintendent of Schools, Foster H. Ball and Chairman of the School Committee Brian Flately presented 97 diplomas to members of the 1979 graduating class of Manchester Jr.

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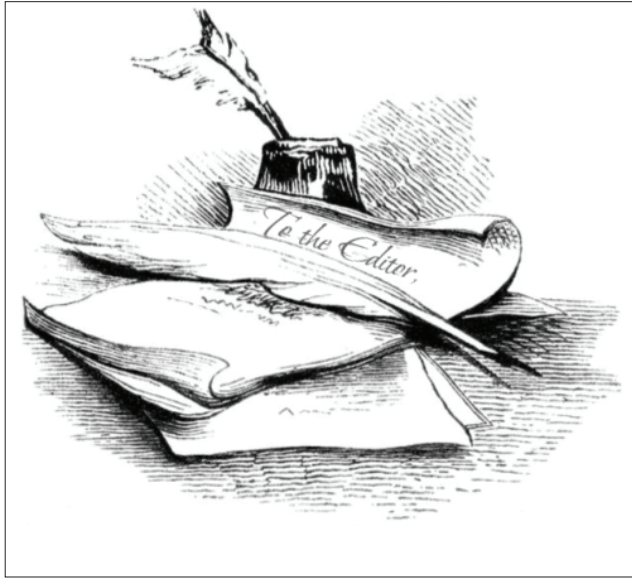
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

For the 34th consecutive year, the Gerondelis Foundation Inc. will grant college scholarships to first year college students of Greek ancestry in the amount of up to \$7,500.00 each, depending on the number of qualified applicants who meet the following eligibility requirements.

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- ✓ Rank in the upper twenty percent of his or her class (This change is applicable for the 2024 application season); or have achieved a combined Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score and Math score of at least 1200 on the SAT test; or a composite score of 27 on the ACT;
- ✓ Officially be admitted to a four year college or university; and
- ✓ Be of at least one-half Greek lineage.

The deadline is July 1, 2024. To apply for the scholarship, please visit www.gerondelisfoundation.com



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Strong Women and the Manchester Community Center

To the Editor,

Last week, the Manchester Council on Aging-sponsored Strong Women exercise program was abruptly locked out of the Manchester Community Center after its relationship with Harbor's Point Condominium Association ended.

This comes as a real blow to programming for Seniors.

For 13 years you have kept participants on a regime of exercise that is recommended by most health plans.

Strong Woman members have had such little information on the machinations of the two sides. We only knew that the MCC was able to offer Strong Women an exercise program at a reasonable

cost of \$3 per each of the two sessions on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30 am to 9:30 a.m., with all the money going to pay our instructor, Lynne Umstead, or in her absence, Gil Frieden from Essex.

It all worked.

As a community, we should strategize a response to this sudden change to our circumstances. We had great support from the Town at the Annual Town Meeting, when funding for a new Manchester Senior Center was approved. But this center will not be a reality for several years. For Strong Women, we need a reliable home for our important program now!

Thank you.

Margaret "Peggy" Coleman
Manchester

What do parents do now?

I ask you what do you do when the school and more importantly the administration fails your kids?

I am a parent of a child who learns differently. I have been a partner and an advocate for the special education department since learning our child had dyslexia in the 3rd grade. She is now 17!

Two days ago, one of the special education liaisons informed our children her role was being terminated due to budget cuts. For those who do not have a child that learns differently the role of a liaison is best compared to a life line. Academically the liaison helps students digest information and understand which tools they need to be effective. in the classroom. It allows them to stay at the same level as their peers. Without them they will drown. Additionally, this person helps support our children through some of the social and emotional challenges associated with learning difficulties including anxiety, depression and ADD.

The reason I am sharing this is to make our community aware that our administration chose to keep this information from the students and the parents since December. They knew this position was being terminated and they asked the teacher not to share. We had IEP meetings where plans were being designed and developed around the support of this teacher. They know this demographic and the debilitating impact news like this can have if not given time to process and plan. Yet they chose not to share. As parents we so appreciate the anxiety and depression you created for our kids as they go into sum-

mer, as if there is not enough of that throughout the school year. You chose the path of least resistance. You hoped we would just slip into summer quietly knowing you had just destroyed our children's lives by taking away their life line. With more time we could have done more, we could have shared the impact this teacher has had, we could have created a plan for helping to connect our students with a new teacher.

Throughout my time as a special ed parent I have written notes to the superintendent and head of the department letting them know how invaluable these teachers are. I have advocated, often times even sitting down with parents to reassure them our special education department and school system has their best interests at heart. Was I fooled? or did right sizing a school just take the place of doing the right thing?

So, I ask you how does this happen? Has trying to right size a school taken over having good judgement? Has right sizing a school become a priority that forces our administration to forget about the students and just focus on the numbers? Has right sizing the school become more about protecting teachers who don't want to be there and less about fighting for the ones who do and who seem to have a bigger impact?

The school has made a mistake. They have let down a population of students who already feel forgotten and they have made a difficult situation even worse by not being open and honest. This is not the first time and it will not be the last unless we demand more from our administration.

My hope is that school administrators will focus on humans first instead of bureaucracy first and students

second.

Manchester /Essex Do Better!

Emily McCavanagh
Manchester

Why We Need Mrs Pallo in Manchester

I have been in the Special Ed department at Manchester since I was in third grade. Every year has been a blessing.

Each teacher has had a huge impact on me and been a big part of my story. Mrs. Pallo entered my life at a time where I was really struggling. My sophomore year I tried to take my own life. Not only did Mrs. Pallo save me; she kept me going to school and has been a part of my recovery every step of the way. She taught me that being at school is not a scary place, but it can actually be a place to enjoy.

Not having Mrs.Pallo for my senior year after relying on her for the past two years has been a hard pill to swallow.

I was only told about her not returning to her position on Monday June 10th. School then ended the following day, on Wednesday June 11th.

Kids with Dyslexia have a hard time with change and processing information that impacts them in a negative way. In my IEP ("Individual Educational Plan") meeting about a week ago, my parents and I were led to believe that Mrs. Pallo would be there for me for my last year in high school. I felt secure, and ready to take on the challenge of senior year and excited to share more of my journey with Mrs. Pallo.

Mrs. Pallo has encouraged me to take on challenges that I never would have done before. I came to her with the idea that I would like to speak at graduation on behalf of the

Special Education Department. She not only backed me 100% but she advocated for me to do it in my IEP meeting. She gave me ideas of what I should talk about and gave me hope that it will happen.

As an ME Regional School District student who lives not only with Dyslexia but also with mental health challenges that I face and overcome every day, this has been hard for me to process.

I truly want my words to be heard and respected and for the school district and for Allison Collins (Dr. Allison Collins, ME Regional High School Director of Student Services): what they are doing is hurting the wellbeing of their students.

Thank you.

Sylvie McCavanagh
Rising Senior
ME Regional High School
Manchester

MERSD: Please Keep Ms. Pallo in Special Education Program

My name is Sammy Bothwell. I have been in the Manchester Essex Regional School District's Special Education program since I was in 3rd grade.

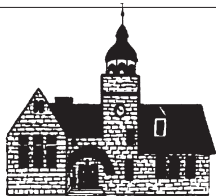
I am reaching out to ask for readers to help us keep Ms. Pallo's job.

She is a great teacher who has helped me so much the last two years. She has made learning fun and I can't imagine coming to school next year and not having Ms. Pallo there.

Thanks.

Sammy Bothwell
Rising ME Regional High School Senior
Manchester

LIBRARY NEWS



Mini golf, Playstation, Xbox oh my! Thank you to One Up Games for bringing the party to us this month.

ages welcome. Snacks provided. Registration is requested but not required.

Haunted Experiences: Canobie Lake Screeemfest (Virtual)

Thursday, June 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For six weekends, Canobie Lake Park Screeemfest in Salem, NH, delivers family fun by day and a healthy dose of fear by night. You get TONS of rides, haunted houses, kid-friendly fun, live shows, roving monsters and much more.

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. June's pick is "In Cod We Trust: From Sea to Shore, the Celebrated Cuisine of Coastal Massachusetts" by Heather Atwood. Please register so we know how much cutlery to have on hand.

Diversity Matters Book Group

Wednesday, June 26 from 6-7 p.m. June's Diversity Matters book group's pick is "My Government Means to Kill Me" by Rasheed Newson. "My Government Means to Kill Me" is an exhilarating, fast-paced, coming-of-age story that lends itself to a larger dis-

cussion about what it means for a young, gay, Black man in the mid-1980s to come to terms with his role in the midst of a political and social reckoning.

Hearthside Book Group

Tuesday, July 2 from 4-5 p.m. We will discuss "Small Mercies A Novel" by Dennis Lehane.

Author Lucy Gilmore

Wednesday, June 26 from 7-8 p.m. We are so excited to welcome author Lucy Gilmore as she discusses her book "The Library of Borrowed Hearts, the follow-up to her wonderful "The Lonely Hearts Book Club".

Travelogue: South Africa and Botswana

Thursday, June 27 from 7-8 p.m. Essex locals, Mike and Sarah Dyer will be presenting their April 2023 trip to Africa, through gorgeous photography including Capetown, South Africa and safaris. Registration is required.

Tai Chi: The Longevity Tree

Starting Wednesdays in June from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at Masconomo Park. Susan Halpern will be teaching Tai Chi in the park on Wednesdays, throughout the summer. Longevity Tree is part of the internal arts known in China as Qi gong. Qi gong means to cultivate energy with discipline. The Longevity Tree is a form that addresses the balance of mind, body and spirit, by combining movement, deep breathing, and alertness. Please complete

the Safety Release Registration Form and familiarize yourself with the form if you will be joining.

Digital Advice Appointments on Monday and Drop In on Friday

Register for a dedicated session Mondays at 12 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

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, June 15 from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

MBTS Library Renovation: Ask the Director

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

Shut Up and Write (Virtual)

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

MPL Children's Events:

MBTS Summer Reading

It's summer reading time at the library, so game on with our Bookopoly activity boards. All ages can stop in to pick up a Bookopoly board and complete activities for a chance to win amazing prizes. All kids, age 0-12 who return a completed board will win a Topsfield Fair prize pack. Teens will be entered into a raffle to win Canobie Lake Park passes and adults have a chance to win The Castle: Gaming Café and Restaurant gift certificates.

BenAnna Band Summer Reading Kickoff Concert

Wednesday, June 26 from 2-3 p.m. Join us as we kickoff summer the right way, with a super fun concert. Come and rock out to the BenAnna Band, this concert is appropriate for children of all ages and their families.

Summer Storytime

Wednesday's from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 0-3, this program runs through September.

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Little League is alive and well in ME. Here the Cubs face off against the Phillies in a hotly contested match at Sweeney Park. The pitching duel features Henry and Henry! Fans took all of the parking at the park.
Photo Paul Clark

Bittersweet Goodbye to Beverly Low, Retiring Head of MERSD Guidance



Beverly Low, head of Manchester Essex Regional High School's Guidance Dept., retires this month.

Photo: Erika Brown

By Erika Brown

When Beverly "Bev" Low arrived at the Manchester Essex Regional High School's Guidance Dept. ten years ago, college guidance departments were transitioning from a clubby affair to a complex journey that could easily overwhelm and intimidate students and their parents.

Bev Low was up for the challenge, and she had the experience to do it.

Today, as she retires this month, Bev can say she has successfully shaped the district's guidance department into one that's good and ready for the next 20 years.

"Honestly, it's bittersweet," said Pam Beaudoin, Manchester Essex Regional School District Superintendent. "Bev has done a tremendous job rebuilding the department. It's amazing. I know she's ready to take on the next thing but it's a blow

for us. She's been an asset to our district and her community."

It's true: guidance at MERSD has radically changed. But that's been true across the US, largely due to technological advancements, and societal changes that required guidance counselors to address a spectrum of student needs that were unthinkable just a decade ago.

"The first year was not easy," Low laughs. Having spent more than 25 years in student affairs at college administration, there was a learning curve. High School days were fast paced, and whipped by. She had to adapt to the new pace. She also had to figure out how things worked, and how decisions were made.

"I did love it, but I felt like I'd gone from the balcony into the crowd!"

But MERSD needed someone who wasn't afraid of change. Soon, Low got into

the groove with her students, fellow guidance counselors in her department, and the rest of the MERSD staff.

"At that time, the focus was on positioning our students to the college admissions community," said Low. And while that's still the case, how that's done has radically changed. Over time, tech tools entered the guidance process, which offered expanded access for students. That's a good thing, said Low. Platforms like Naviance are now essential, because they put college and career readiness into the hands of more students and match them to colleges and programs that are right for them.

Unfortunately, college admissions is often a bragging game, especially in a district like MERSD where families are wealthy and highly educated.

Low said her goal was to turn that upside down, to expand guidance support to

students who may not have college planning on their radar and need help navigating the complexities of college applications, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities. "Bev came to the district when our Guidance Dept. was in disarray," said Annie Cameron who serves with Low on the board of the Manchester Essex Education Fund. "She, with (former ME Regional High School Principal) Patricia Puglisi, put it back together, building a strong team, establishing a department structure and expectations that were aligned with community values. She knows those kids, her staff is focused and respects her, and those kids know she has their back."

Originally from Cape Ann, the Low family is an old one that goes back tens of generations in the town of Essex, and Bev herself grew up in the Riverdale neighborhood of Gloucester, graduating

from Gloucester High School in 1980. This is a key thing to know about Bev, because she'll tell you she truly and deeply loves family and the ocean.

Oh yes, and golf, which she's enjoyed for years, especially with her father.

Low's first taste of what became a career in student life came when she filled in for a teacher at Gloucester High who was out on maternity leave. That led to a position at Salem State College (now University) in student activities and programming. Maybe it was the position. Maybe it was that there she connected with a critical boss and mentor. Maybe it was just the right time for inspiration. But that job set Bev on a path that ended now, at MERSD.

Her mentor said she "had a knack" for the work, which included everything from organizing concerts to lecture series.

After Salem State, Low knew her focus would be in student affairs. She pursued a master's degree at the University of South Carolina to focus on administration, specifically on supporting students at the very start of college. The University of Maine Orono came knocking, and she joined the school's student affairs department to support the "first year experience," shaping everything from orientation, support services, and programming.

The idea of supporting that transition to college was critical, she said, because it set the tone for a student's whole college experience. Low also loved that her job worked with admissions to academics to student life to enrollment management.

That trajectory continued, and expanded. After seven years in Maine, it was off to upstate New York and the world of prestige colleges. First, at Hamilton College, where for eight years Bev got the opportunity oversee great change as Student

Activities Director during a heady period as the private college was expanding after going co-ed and was figuring out what that meant for its future. Fraternity clubs were shutting down, and student life was changing. Hamilton had a culture that rewarded change, and embraced new ideas. It was great, said Low.

"It gave me opportunities I never would have gotten anywhere else," she said. But that meant she got noticed. And soon, Colgate College came knocking, and Low accepted a promotion that, interestingly, brought her back to her experience in Maine. She was named Dean of First Year Students at Colgate, a position she held for 13 years until she determined it was time to head back to what she loved: Cape Ann, and the beach.

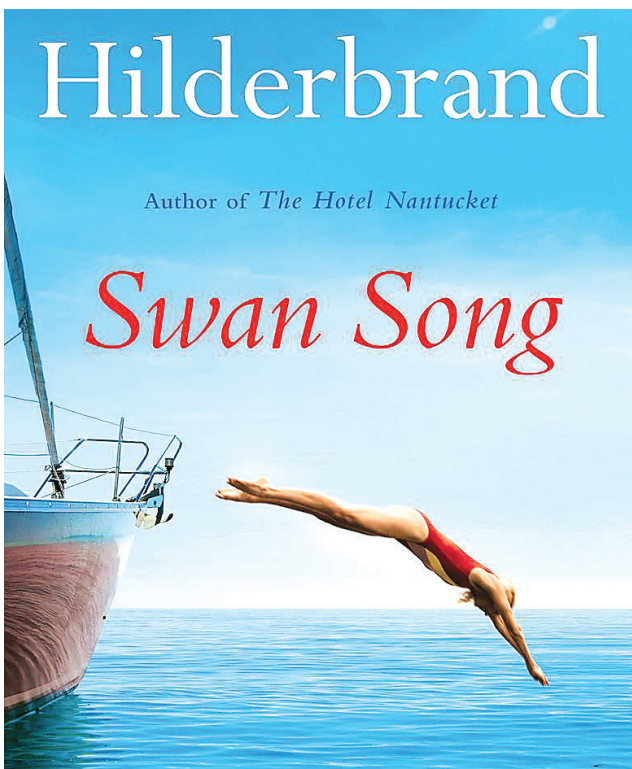
Yes, of course, Low is proud of the achievements of the MERSD Guidance Dept. and being there for its period of rapid change. There are great colleges that have snapped up many of MERSD's high achieving graduates. There are students who view those in guidance as mentors. But Low is proudest of students who may struggle with academics at MERSD and attended summer school but who, in the end, successfully went onto college where they are now a campus leader.

"Those are the moments that really matter," said Low.

But for now, this is Bev Low's time to shine. And she's keeping her eyes on the next key steps. First, it's continuing the goodbyes and the yearbook signings. Then it's clearing her corner office on the second floor. Then, it's her birthday on July 9. Then, there's September, and that makes Low smile.

"In 37 years, I've never taken a September off," laughs Low. "I'll be busy getting beach time, golf time, and just chill. But then, I'll probably get bored!"

Shop Thoughts: Elin Hilderbrand for President



By Hannah Harlow

As I write this, I'm about halfway through *Swan Song*, the newest book by Elin Hilderbrand published June 11. It's called *Swan Song* for reasons pertinent to the events in the book, but also because it's Elin's last book. At least her last book set on Nantucket. For now. (She's currently cowriting two books with her daughter about boarding school and

she has other projects in the works.) Elin Hilderbrand's name has become synonymous with summer reading and I'm delighted with *Swan Song* so far, especially as a way to ease into this year's beach season.

My bookstore hosted Elin Hilderbrand for an event last fall and since then I've become a superfan. That wasn't always the case. For years I worked at a publisher of literary fiction. We pub-

lished Philip Roth, Umberto Eco, Jhumpa Lahiri, and Nobel winners Jose Saramago, Wislawa Szymborska, and Gunter Grass. T.S. Eliot, George Orwell, and Virginia Woolf were the mainstays of our backlist.

I recall one day my boss, and great friend, joked to me after a particularly harrowing meeting with our new President about our commercial prospects, "What does she want us to do, publish Elin Hilderbrand?"

From that moment on, Elin Hilderbrand became shorthand for the kind of mass market publishing we thought we were above. Oh, how misguided we were. Neither of us had ever read a book by Elin Hilderbrand. If we had, we never would have taken her name in vain.

For starters, Elin Hilderbrand is an excellent, accomplished, hardworking writer. She studied writing at Johns Hopkins as an undergrad and then went to the Iowa Writers Workshop. Her charac-

ter development happens at lightning speed on the page. The collective "we" voice of Nantucket she has developed is a genius move. She's like a contemporary Edith Wharton but without all the tragic endings.

At the event we hosted, Elin said reviewers often called her books "breezy." "Do you know how much work 'breezy' is?" she said, as she told us her process, and the hours, days, months, she spends writing and revising each book.

Now, from the distance of a few years and having become a business owner responsible for my own bottom line, I'm not sure why we frown upon healthy sales. What's wrong, exactly, with selling millions of books? Isn't that—dare I say it—part of the point? Not just the revenue, but connecting with thousands and thousands of people. People who come up to Elin and tell her they changed her life, that her books mean so much to them. There are tears. I

saw it happen, and that was just one average event on one average night in the life of Elin Hilderbrand.

"I'm never going to win a National Book Award. I'm never going to win a Pulitzer."

That's something else Elin said during the event. It struck me because the National Book Award ceremony occurred only two nights later (Justin Torres won for fiction for his book *Blackouts*, which is a work of genius so I can't exactly argue with the decision, I'm just pointing it out for contrast).

In 2003, the National Book Foundation presented Stephen King with its annual medal for distinguished contribution to American letters. As the *New York Times* noted at the time, "Mr. King's selection is the first time that the organization, the National Book Foundation, has awarded its medal to an author best known for writing in popular

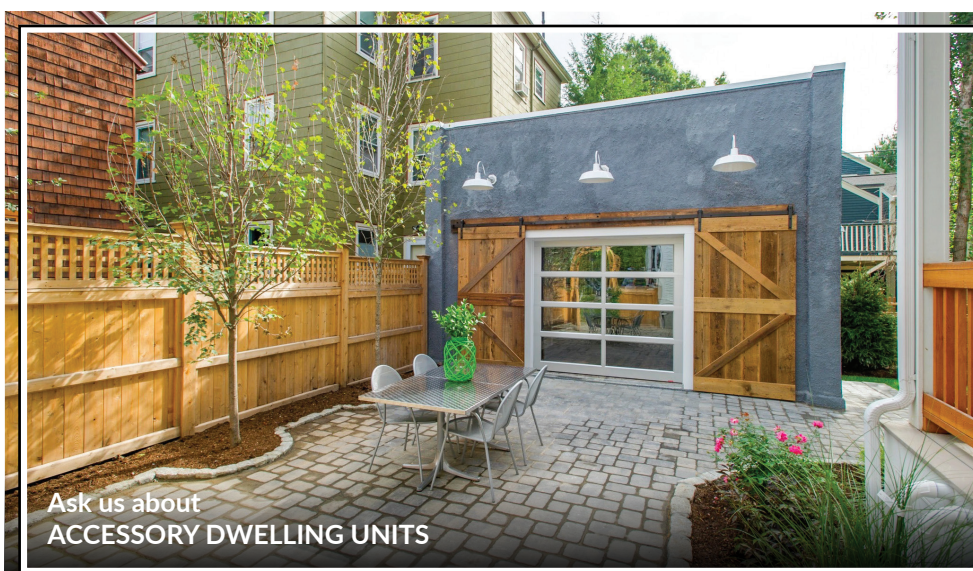
genres like horror stories, science fiction or thrillers. Very little of Mr. King's work would qualify as literary fiction."

Where's Elin Hilderbrand's medal?

I think it's high time we recognized her value.

I'm not exactly a Hilderbrand connoisseur; I'm still freshly on the bandwagon. But *Swan Song* is an engrossing delight and one I would highly recommend to pack in your beach bag.

I'll be discussing the merits of summer reading further in the last of the Book Shop of Beverly Farm's literary salon series on Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m. at Hastings House. I'll be moderating a panel that will include four authors, all with fresh paperback fiction hitting shelves: Betty Cayouette, author of *One Last Shot*; Hanna Halperin, author of *I Could Live Here Forever*; Namrata Patel, author of *The Curious Secrets of Yesterday*;



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ME Boys Tennis Ready for Final Four



ME first singles player, Jack Cummins faces off against his Mystic Valley adversary during their MIAA Elite 8 Div. 4 Tournament. The Hornets moved on to the Final 4 after defeating the Eagles 4-1. Photo Paul Clark



Finn Berkland and Jack Lawler pose after closing out Mystic Valley in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1. Photo Paul Clark

By Jason Brisbois

Whether it's familiar opponents like fellow Cape Ann League member Ipswich or a relative unknown like Mystic Valley Regional Charter, the Manchester Essex boys' tennis team seems prepared for pretty much anything. The Hornets finished the regular season with an impressive 14-4 record and the third overall seed in the MIAA Div. 4 tournament, have torn through teams

like Springfield International Charter and the aforementioned Tigers and Eagles to make it to the Final Four on June 11. There, they will take on a team that has yet to lose a match this season with a sixth-grade tennis prodigy at first singles in Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School. It is very likely that this team will be up to the challenge because they have been pretty much all season long, and the key reason the Hornets will face an unknown

team of this caliber with little fear is due to one of the most challenging schedules in high school tennis. "The thing we really try and do is set up as many intense, non-league matches that we know are really good as we can," explains ME boys tennis coach Rob Bilsbury. "In the Cape Ann League, we are lucky to face three of the top four teams in the state as part of our league. We also set up non-league matches to get ready for feisty competition like this. We try to

focus on ourselves, stay aggressive and stay within our strengths." This matchup could be the feistiest of all for the Hornets: The game was slated to be played in Springfield, a short ride from where the Dragons are based in Northampton, making this a de-facto home game for the second seed in Div. 4. Manchester Essex was set to endure a long bus ride to the match and then be ready to face a dangerous team with the season on the line.

"We know that their one and two are really good, including a sixth-grader at first singles who is insanely good," says Bilsbury. "We know that their doubles teams are two separate sets of twins, second doubles are eighth-graders, first doubles are 10th-graders, and both are undefeated." While the talent level seems obvious, the Dragons have not played any common opponents with the Hornets, leaving an air of mystery hovering above the matchup. "It's tough to get an idea of their level of play because we don't have much crossover play there," explains Bilsbury. "We really want to focus on ourselves. We played good, non-league matches to get us ready, and that kind of hard-hitting competition has made us better. We lost four matches, but to really good teams." If the Hornets perform against Pioneer Valley as they did against Ipswich earlier in the tournament, they should move on to the state final.

Manchester Essex beat the Tigers, 5-0, with Jack Cummins winning at first singles (6-1, 6-1), Charlie Virden winning at second singles (6-0), and Jan Vytopenil taking third singles (6-1, 6-1). At first doubles, Finn Berkland and Jack Lawler won 6-1, 6-1 and Sander Breuker and Charlie Langendorf won, 6-3, 6-1 at second doubles. In the Elite Eight, ME beat Mystic Valley, 4-1, to move on to the final four. Cummins played competitively against one of the top singles players in the state in Jay Raj, but lost 6-1, 6-2. "Jack really fought through this one," says Bilsbury. "You can take a match against a kid like Jay Raj and use that to make you a better player." Virden won 6-0, 6-1 and Vytopenil won 6-0, 6-3, while Lawler/Berkland won 6-1, 6-1, and Breuker/Langendorf won 6-3, 6-1. "Virden was amazing," says Bilsbury. "Charlie was steady, took his time and used his weapons. He really scrapped to get balls back."

Final (Four) Countdown for ME Girls Tennis



Players pose with their coach, Barrett Alston, and their trophy for going on to the MIAA Tourney Div. 4 Final 4 at Forest Park in Springfield. Photo Paul Clark




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By Jason Brisbois

Another win, another step closer to the promised land for the Manchester Essex girls' tennis team.

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Hornet seniors pose with their moms after defeating Nipmuc 10-4. Photo Mark DiPasquale

Siderewicz also recognized some individual player accomplishments from this spring, including Quinn Brady scoring his 100th career goal early on in the year and goaltender Connor Dickson finishing the season with 208 saves. "2024 was another season building on a program that has been reestablished since 2020," says Siderewicz. The girls' team, meanwhile, nearly rose to the heights of their predecessors despite turning over much of the roster from a team that made it to the Final Four in 2023. The Hornets finished with a 12-4 regular season record, earned a first-round bye and won two playoff games to get to the final eight. Out of that pair of wins, the Hornet girls' 16-4 victory over Nipmuc was certainly the more notable one. "Nipmuc was a GREAT

game for us," says Manchester Essex girls lacrosse coach Nan Gorton. "Best game of the year. A real team effort." Lucy O'Flynn was the Hornets' top scorer, putting in four goals, while Mechi O'Neil, Charlotte Crocker and Harper Brooks also received nods for their play from their coach. "Mechi played great, great emotional maturity and composure," explains Gorton. "Charlotte Crocker was terrific and Harper Brooks had key causes turnovers for us." Playing Cohasset in the Elite Eight, however, seemed to be an experience at the other end of the spectrum. "After a long, very hot -- no AC in the mini-bus - three-hour bus ride and 25-minute warm up we did not show up," says Gorton. "It was a tough day. Nothing really went right. We won the draw a lot, but then could not con-

vert in attack. Cohasset did a great job staying aggressive and really just outplayed us." Sticking with the theme of both teams sharing mirrored experiences, the Hornet boys fared similarly in their final two games of 2024. The Nipmuc victory was a banner one for the boys and brought them further than they have ever been in the tournament, the following game in the elite eight was the exact opposite of the Nipmuc win. "We knew they had a strong offense, and we matched up well against them with our defense," explains Siderewicz. "Everyone played a solid game for us in that one, offense to defense to goalie everyone came to play. We possessed the ball well, won the ground ball battle and played team ball both sides. It was a complete team win." And after that, the Elite Eight experi-

doubles teams of Grace Scarbrough/Sarah Cort (first doubles) won 6-2, 6-2, and Emily Parkins/Mackay Brooks (second doubles) won 6-3, 6-2. Grayson Crocker won at first singles (6-4, 7-6), Nina Zalosh lost a competitive match at second singles (6-4, 4-6, 2-6) and Sienna Crocker won at third singles (6-2, 6-2). "The two doubles teams won first, fairly straightforward matches to put us up two," says Alston. "Great to get off to a lead. The singles matches were all competitive: Sienna won at third singles to clinch the win after a game with a lot of deuces, awesome moment! Grayson then won a second-set tiebreaker to win at first singles and Nina ultimately lost a three-setter to finish up." "Awesome team effort," adds Alston. "Probably the best match I've ever seen Grayson play, a great attacking mindset by Nina, another lockdown performance under pressure from Sienna, and doubles continuing to do what they've done all year

ence sounds like a difficult one that included a long trip to Nantucket, followed by some very unlucky breaks despite strong efforts from Henry and Charlie Thurlow on offense (three goals total between them) and goalie Connor Dickson (11 saves). "It could not have been a worse day for our guys," says Siderewicz. "Our leading scorer went down with an ankle injury first play of the game and did not return. Our freshman LSM was rushed to the ER after blocking a heavy shot from the outside, and another starting senior midfielder got ejected from a very clean but heavy hit on a Nantucket midfielder. Anything that could go wrong for us, did. Lots of penalties for both teams, poor officiating, and very heated moments. It wasn't our day." Graduation forces a natural type of attrition upon every high school sports roster, and the ME lacrosse teams are no exception. "We lose four seniors this year but I anticipate, like every year, that those remaining will step up and fill the bigger shoes," says Gorton, who then adds, "It was a fun, albeit shorter year!" The boys, meanwhile graduate five seniors from this squad. "We lose our starting midfield line, plus two starting D-mids," says Siderewicz. "Some big shoes to fill next year."

ESSEX ECHO.

Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 10, 2024. Report covers from May 18, 2024 to June 7, 2024

Migration to Drupal 10 Website Editor Platform

Like many municipalities, Essex uses CivicPlus as our Town website host. Our site is presently edited in a platform known as Drupal 7, which will reach "end of life" in 2025. As such, CivicPlus is working to migrate all of its Drupal-based customers to the Drupal 10 platform later this year. I have begun to inform all departments about this migration and have provided users with access to a variety of resources that help explain what will be required. On June 11, CivicPlus will actually be hosting a webinar that explains the process in a more comprehensive fashion and that webinar will be recorded for those who are not available at the specified time. CivicPlus will eventually dedicate a team to work specifically with Essex as we approach our time of migration.

Addition of IP Phone to Senior Center

Now that the Council on Aging has a third employee (Volunteer and Activities Coordinator), it was necessary to install an additional desk telephone in her workspace. I ordered the phone, which was provisioned by our vendor, and will install the phone in the near future. I will also be working with the Senior Center staff to update the phone system greeting to accommodate recent staff changes.

Bid for Public Water Supply Well Improvements

Filed sub-bids for trades associated with the subject project were due on May 20, 2024 and a total of four sub-bids were received across a total of three trades (one in electrical, three in masonry, and none in HVAC. General bids for the project were due on May 28, 2024 and just one general bid was received. As the Board may recall, the project had been put out to bid earlier this year and all bids came in above the available funding. This second bid attempt featured a reduced project scope and the single bid received was also not within the available funding (funding source is the Town's American Rescue



Plan Act - ARPA allocation). The scope of the project may need to be pared down even further and the deadline for contractually obligating the Town's ARPA funding is December 31, 2024.

Essex River Dredging Project Update

At the last meeting, the Board asked if the Army Corps of Engineers might be willing to reconsider phasing the Essex River dredging project over two separate mobilizations. The Corps had been looking at this possibility after the first bid attempt in the summer of 2023 turned up a single, very high bid. However, the Corps has since calculated that a second mobilization would add around \$1.5M to the project.

It appeared after that first bid attempt that the contractor's bid was unusually high because extra resources would be necessary to finish the scope of work in the permitted time window (even without performing any work for the private marinas that would like to pay the Federal contractor to piggyback off of the mobilized Federal project). Since the Corps has reduced the scope of the project to leave 1-3 inches of sediment in place in some areas of the Federal channel, the Corps now feels that a second bid attempt will result in a much better contract price, with a chance that the Federal contractor will be able to complete the private marina work. The Corps has now also secured an additional \$1M in funding for the project as a single-mobilization project.

Subsequent to the announcement concerning the Corps' new plan, we have been working to determine just how likely it will be that the Federal contractor will have sufficient time to complete the Federal channel work AND contract separately with the three private

marinas to complete dredging in those private areas. Presently, the engineering consultant for the private marinas is putting together an estimate on how long the marina work itself is expected to take. If it appears that the private work may need a permitting window extension, it may be possible to obtain that. Congressman Moulton's office and State Senator Tarr's office have both indicated that they will assist in any way possible once we have more information. A follow-up coordination concerning the dredging project will be held on July 8 in the Town Hall.

Process for Negotiation of Successor Cable Franchise Agreement

At the last meeting, the Board agreed that the process for the negotiation of a new cable television franchise agreement with Comcast, which begins with a formal ascertainment phase, will be best accomplished via a regional Cable Advisory Committee (CAC). The towns of Manchester and Rockport had already agreed with this arrangement and, subsequently, the Mayor of Gloucester indicated to me that Gloucester was also in favor. The Town Administrator (TA) reached out to the Town's present representative on the 1623 Studios board (Lisa O'Donnell) and she is not in a position to help on the CAC. The Town's past representative on the CAC, Barry O'Brien, is also not available this time around. We are presently working to determine if another individual will be willing to serve on the CAC so that the Selectmen can consider a candidate or candidates for appointment.

Downtown Landscaping Maintenance Contract

The Board had reviewed a draft scope of services for the

maintenance of downtown public spaces at its meeting of May 6, 2024 and asked the TA to inquire with the Board of Public Works as to whether a portion of the scope will be covered by the DPW. After learning on May 21, 2024 that the DPW will mow Paglia Park all season and will use its own contractor to mow the green space at 24 Martin Street all season, we revised the scope to remove those areas. Subsequent to the Board's meeting, The TA learned that a team of volunteers was willing to complete much of the seasonal startup work. As such, the scope of services is being pared down in concert with the Chair of the Economic Development Committee and we will solicit quotes based on that narrower scope.

Centennial Grove Camera System Update

After reviewing the prospect of trenching for camera cabling at the Grove with a contractor, it does not appear that underground wiring will work due to ledge and buried boulders. As such, it is necessary to rethink the desired camera system design by focusing on mounting cameras on the buildings where the fiber optic cables already extend to, using those buildings and a nearby pole to capture images of other buildings and features. The TA is presently awaiting a revised quotation for the new camera configuration and we are confirming that we can move to a new Network Video Recorder (NVR) in the police station independently of the system that controls electronic door access in that building.

Town Hall Air Conditioning System Repair Update

As the Board may recall, the refrigerant in the Town Hall/Library mini-split heating and cooling system had leaked out, causing the system to shut down. Our HVAC contractor installed valves on each of the 24, individual refrigerant lines going to the various offices and spaces in the building and then tested each run with high-pressure nitrogen gas. A total of three leaks were detected (two minor and one major). The major leak was in the actual heating/cooling unit on the wall of one of the Town Hall offices and the unit itself will likely need to be replaced (as

LIBRARY NEWS

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Public Library



Former Library Director Deb French and current Library Director Carla Christensen share a smile at the recent Friends of the Library Plant Swap.

Library Closed

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Summer Reading Challenge

Starting June 13, kids and teens register for the Summer Reading Program and earn prizes all summer long.

Tape Resist Art

Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m. for teens entering grades 6-12. Please register.

Summer Book Groups

Starting June 13, Grades 2-12 register and enjoy lively discussion, themed activities and special snacks.

Library of Things

Stop by to borrow lawn games, a power washer, hot spots, DVD/CD player and more.

Animals of the World

Wednesday, June 26 at 10 a.m. Ages 5 and older. Registration required.

Travel the World Storytime & Craft

Tuesday, June 18 at 3 p.m. Ages 5 and older. Registration required.

Community Book Group

Monday, June 24 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Summer Stage" by Meg Moore.

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.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

MONDAY, JUNE 3

10:37 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
12:34 p.m. Story St., fire alarm, fire false. 4:34 p.m. Western Ave., male fall, no EMS. 9:05 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

6:38 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 3:27 p.m. Andrews St., erratic operator, gone on arrival. 5:59 p.m. Southern Ave., erratic operator, verbal warning. 8:11 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

1:26 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:00 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:37 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 6:25 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, parking enforcement.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

No report.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

No report.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

11:48 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to.
1:34 p.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 5:12 p.m. Main St., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 8:57 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, report to follow.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

12:58 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
1:25 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:35 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:49 p.m. John Wise Ave., agency assist, notification made.

Sailing Team: End of Season Report

By Tony Leggett

When we start practice in mid-March, the harbor is empty except for a few lonely lobster boats, the skies and water are dark grey, and the water is so cold that some ice remains, and your hands quickly freeze without the proper protection. However, it comes to life when Tom Baker sets out the MSA dock at the mouth of the harbor, and we begin our afternoon commute from Masconomo Park out to where we keep our sailboats.

Along with our returning sailors, who know the drill, we gained seven new recruits this year who had no racing experience at all. They were unfamiliar with the dry suits that they had to wear every day during practice and knew nothing about how to handle a 420. They were justifiably anxious about what might happen if their boat flipped, and they were neck deep in the water. But after a few weeks you could see their confidence building, and by the end of the season, they too would be talking in loud voices using arcane terms, about the triumphs and defeats out on the water, as we head back to Masconomo after another glorious day on the water.

By the end of the season the Hornet sailors had trained in 150 informal races in Manchester waters. We competed in fourteen one-on-one team races, seven of which were against schools



Tony Leggett at the wheel of the team's seventeen-foot Boston Whaler Montauk, generously provided by Crocker's Boat Yard.

Courtesy photos

in A Division, and had a score of six wins and one loss in B Division, ending with a 50/50 record. We competed in seven fleet races with largely top third finishes. The last meet that we sailed was the MBSA Fleet Racing championship on the Charles River. Ian and Cole won the third race and ended up 6th out of 21 schools in the A Division, while Nicholas and Grey finished in 8th place in the B Division. While we will lose our captain and top skipper, Ian Carlin, we will have two strong sophomores and a promising freshman skipper to bolster our ranks for next year. We were just shy of my target of rising to A Division this year, but I think we can get there next year.

We wound down the last days of the season with a brisk sail around Misery Island one day, and out to the Powers Rock Bell Buoy off Baker's Island the next. Go-

ing out into North Atlantic swells in a 14-foot sailing boat can be a transformative experience, particularly for a seventh grader with no prior experience.

I would like to end with two important "Thank Yous."

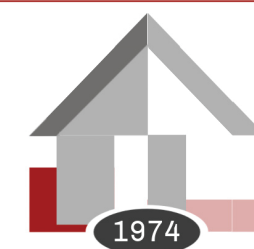
The first is to Jim Starkey, our omniscient neighbor, for posting on Facebook a photo of the docks under stress during one of the strong southerly storms in late March that sent huge waves into the harbor. Thanks to his post we were able to recover the boats after Bion Pike and Tom Baker had initially secured the docks.

The second and most important is to Skip Crocker and Chris Walsh of Crocker's Boat Yard who called the Athletic Director, Cami Molinare, to offer help to the Hornet sailors, in the form of a seventeen-foot Boston Whaler Montauk. It came

with fenders on both sides (very useful when bringing the 420s alongside) and a 75-horsepower motor, for when you need to get there fast!

al High School Varsity Sailing coach and sends highly valued dispatches and photos on the youth sailing program to The Cricket.

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At Home Now: It's Outside Time



By Jen Coles

It's early June and it's one of my favorite times of year.

We're in the middle of this summer's Big Reveal, and it is presenting with a giant "Ta-dah!" All the leaves are unfurled, the trees are full, the mulch edges are crisp, and the window boxes and porch plantings are lush with water and fertilizer. It's like how your kids look on their first day of school, with their clean notebooks, new lunchboxes and fresh outfits from the mall. Really, your neighborhood will never look better than it does right now. So, breath in that smell of freshly cut grass and take a moment to enjoy it.

Things can look a little different in August. By then some of our container plants shrivel while we vacation,

our lawns suffer from the water bans, and our tomatoes can get the blight. And us? We're all a little too punch-drunk from the heat to care like we do right now. But don't take offense, August, I'm not complaining. I love your hazy, lazy long days of summer. Bring it on! But it's all the more reason to mix yourself a drink right now and sit out on that freshly power-washed lawn furniture of yours. Because this perfection won't last forever.

And now that you're out there, how is that outdoor experience for you? It's a natural time to ask that question. Your energy is fresh, you are reacquainting yourself with some furniture that has spent the winter in the shed, and you are figuring out what goes where. You may already have a list going for candle votives and outdoor cush-

ions and the like. But it's also a great time to think about larger projects and what you might want to change down the road. Not in a despairing, oh-my-outdoor-oasis-is-crap sort of way. But more like you are sowing some contemplative seeds. And as you think about those plans over the summer, some ideas may take root and others will not.

What are some typical improvements to consider? Well, re-thinking your grilling area can make entertaining easier. There are of course the full-blown outdoor kitchens complete with running water and an island, but you don't have to go that far. For grilling, you should first think about location. Ideally you want something that is both out of the way, but not isolating. You don't want the smoke blowing into your guests faces, but you do

want to allow room for those friends that hang by the grill offering moral support to the cook. Maybe you find a spot just a little bit around a corner, but hopefully it is close to a kitchen door or window so food can be passed back and forth.

If your grill is gas and you also have a gas stove inside, consider having a gas line installed so that you can skip the propane tanks that inevitably run out at the worst time. (Shouldn't there be a gauge on those things?) Also, consider some outdoor counter space. It's so handy to be able to set down one platter and grab another while in the midst of flipping burgers. This counter space can be as easy as buying some outdoor metal shelving and topping it with a piece of granite. The weight of that stone on top makes the shelving sturdy, and stone remnants are affordable. Or free if you know someone that is renovating.

Another outdoor feature to consider is a pergola. They are an affordable way to add some shade plus a good amount of architectural interest. They can be modern or traditional, and made from wood or a man-made product like metal or

PVC. You can easily shop online because many of them come as kits. They can stand alone or butt up next to your home. On their own they do help to break up the intensity of the sun, especially with some climbing plants. But if you want solid shade, you can buy a canvas cover or add other materials to really block it out. I picture pergolas in the backyard. But I saw someone dress up a little cape cod style home with a front deck and a pergola and it looked really cute. Plus, it's a much more affordable option than a traditional front porch.

A favorite backyard enhancement for beach lovers is an outdoor shower. Check in with permitting first and make sure you have the environmental approvals to build one, but if you can they are so worth it. Outdoor showers can be decidedly low-brow and as simple as a cold-water shower head mounted above the faucet for your hose. Or they can be decidedly high-brow with teak decking and multiple hot-water shower heads. Most people land between the two, and if you are after a bargain this is another product that is frequently sold as a kit online. I like the

ones that have two spaces inside -- one for showering and one for dressing with a little bench. But regardless of what you choose, think carefully about your drainage first. Because nothing is worse than showering in a puddle. Except for standing in someone else's sudsy puddle as it oozes out onto your patio.

Firepits are popular, but I'm sort of 50/50 on those. They are great if you have the space to dedicate to just that function. But otherwise, I find they hog up too much square footage considering how much they actually get used. But I know they are a must-have for some of you, so you do you! But consider a freestanding one with a flat cover. That way it also works as a coffee table when the fire isn't going. For me? I'm actually more of a fan of something I would call a "fire feature." I like the propane ones that have a spot for that tank built right in. They can be tall cubes, or low rectangles. They can be round or square. I like them even more if they're on wheels, because I'm not a girl that likes to be locked into one seating configuration.

And my final words on backyard bliss is about lighting; and those words are solar, solar, solar. Where I used to roll my eyes and think of solar lights as dim little add-ons and silly landscaping features, I now take my hat off and celebrate how far they've come. To be sure, these are not lights you would necessarily do needlepoint underneath, and they require sun to charge during the day of course; but for ambient lighting I think they are great. I like them for the cafe-style string lights, and also for these stand-alone.... well, I'm at a loss as to what to call them.

I know if I google "solar lighting orbs" they come up. They are almost like portable, glowing lamps that you can scatter outside or put on tables. Some are even waterproof to float on your pool. Go take a look and see what you think. The no outlet needed thing is just so liberating.

And the best part about all this? We are just sowing seeds here. No reason to jump up and do anything right now. No reason at all. Just keep on enjoying this summer's first day of school.

Jennifer Coles is a local interior designer. coles color and design.com

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The Volker Goetze Quartet Returns to Manship in Gloucester June 15



Volker Goetze Quartet: Volker Goetze, Uthpala Eroshan, and Oran Etkin.

The Volker Goetze Quartet, featuring musicians Volker Goetze, world renowned Sri Lankan drummer Uthpala Eroshan, Oran Etkin, and Alexis Cuadrado, will return to Manship Artists Residency for a performance entitled, Musical Crossroads on June 15.

The new musical compositions were born at the Manship Artists Residency in 2023.

The work transforms ancient Sri Lankan folk tales inspired by Kandyan traditional dances into a contemporary context. They highlight stories of reincarnation, sacrifice, and selfless devotion. Each musician brings his own richly informed cultural intelligence to the group's sound. A gorgeous experiment in cross-cultural collaboration, Musical Crossroads brings together the traditions of Jazz and Kandyan percussion to create a new musical vision.

The Volker Goetze Quartet is a recipient of a 2023



Uthpala Eroshan of the Volker Goetze Quartet.



Composer, producer, bandleader, bassist and educator Alexis Cuadrado.

Courtesy images

grant from Chamber Music America's Artistic Projects program, funded through the generosity of The Howard Gilman Foundation. The performance and residency are supported by The Prometheus Circle of the Manship Artists Residency and Ken Kinna. Volker Goetze is an artist, composer, and trumpeter. In 2023 he united bassist Jonathan Toscano, Sri Lankan drummer Uthpala Eroshan, and clarinetist Oran Etkin to compose the globally focused Musical Crossroads at Manship Artists Residency. Their work consists of arrangements of traditional

melodies and original compositions by Volker Goetze. This June, Volker Goetze, Uthpala Eroshan, and Oran Etkin will return to Manship Artists Residency with composer, producer, bandleader, bassist and educator Alexis Cuadrado to perform their new compositions. www.volkergoetze.com/quartet.

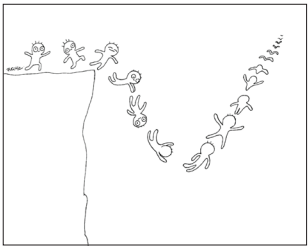
This special performance will take place Saturday, June 15 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Tickets are \$75/person.

It is a fundraiser for ManshipArtists Residency.

To register please go to the Manship Artists Residency website.

Off at School and Doing Great

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



William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. William and Mary is the second oldest institution for higher learning in the United States. Brown is majoring in Computer Science and Math.

At **North Shore Community College**, Essex residents **Julia Bundy, Edward Mulry, and Sarah Perim** were named to the school's Dean's List for academic excellence in the Spring 2024 semester. In Manchester, residents **Andrew Alibali, Briant Bradley, Mary Gough, Niya Monteith, Christian Ochaye, Robert Steach, Scott Sutherland, and Abigail Symes** also made Dean's List, which indicates they earned six or more semester hours of academic credit with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.30 or higher.

Emily Jacobsen of Manchester earned Dean's List honors from **Emerson College** for the Spring 2024 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester. Jacobsen is majoring in Writing, Lit and Publishing and is a member of the Class of 2026. Based in Boston, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

Gianna Huet of Manchester, an advertising and digital marketing major and member of the Class of 2024 at **York College** of Pennsylvania, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. Established in 1787, York College of Pennsylvania is a private, four-year college located in the city of York, a hub of arts and industry between Baltimore and Philadelphia. The school serves more than 3,500 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 70 baccalaureate majors, along with 30+ professional graduate degree and certificate programs.

Secondary private schools also have news on achievements by local students.

At the **Pingree School** in South Hamilton, Manchester's **Mateus Feick** has been placed on the Honor Roll for the second trimester of the 2023-2024 academic year. Honor Roll is calculated at the end of each trimester on the basis of the grades earned during that trimester only. Students in the top 10% of each class earn High Honors; students in the second 10% of each class earn Honors; students in the third 10% of each class are placed on the Head of School's List. Then, **St. John's Preparatory School** in Danvers held its 114th Commencement exercises in May, with Head of School Edward P. Hardiman, Ph.D. conferring diplomas upon 268 seniors during an outdoor ceremony held on the school's campus. Fully 55 percent of Prep graduating seniors were members of the National Honor Society, while 13 were National Merit Scholar-commended students and two—Marblehead's Elliot Adams and Hamilton's Innes Boesch—were NMS Finalists.

Local seniors who successfully graduated include:

ESSEX
William F. Kuhl, Mathematics Medal, Computer Science Medal

MANCHESTER
Brendan Patrick Burke, Chinese Medal; Henry Andrew Coote Jameson Richard Curran; Cooper Blaine Davis; Benjamin Robert Foley; and John Jefferys Morton Jr.

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

Fairfield University Congratulates Spring 2024 Dean's List

Rowan Schanley of Manchester, has successfully graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the College of Charleston. Schanley was among the more than 1,450 students who received degrees. Located in the heart of historic Charleston, South Carolina, the College of Charleston is a nationally recognized public liberal arts and sciences university. Founded in 1770, the college is among the nation's top universities for quality education, student life and affordability. Congratulations Rowan.

Annika C. Smith of Manchester successfully graduated, Summa Cum Laude, from **Bentley University** with a degree in Corporate Finance and Accounting (BS). Smith was also named to the President's List for the Spring, 2024 semester, a distinction she has been awarded in each of her eight semesters at Bentley. The President's List is the highest distinction Bentley confers for academic excellence in a single term. Students must achieve a 3.7 grade point average with no grade below a 3.0. Congratulations Annika.

Manchester resident **Max Elwell**, who majored in Chemical Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at **Worcester Polytechnic Institute's** 155th Commencement WPI's 155th Commencement along with 1,100 undergraduate. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. Congratulations Max.

Manchester resident **Gelsey McCue** has been named to the Dean's List at **James Madison University** for the spring 2024 semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. McCue is majoring in Political Science (BA). Also, at the school's May 2024 commencement exercises, **Madeline Carvalho** of Manchester received a degree in Health Sciences (BS) and **Sydney Ring** of Manchester received a degree in History (MA). (Congratulations Sydney and Madeline.) Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.

Elizabeth Athanas of Manchester was named to Springfield College Dean's List for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester. Athanas has a primary major of Sport Management.

Lila Carpenter of Manchester was named to Lasell University Spring 2024 Dean's List for academic performance in the Spring 2024 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

George "Gus" Brown of Manchester made Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester at **The College of**

Seventeen Awarded Father Jack Scholarships

Masconomo Council 1232 Knights of Columbus, Manchester-by-the-Sea awarded seventeen \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and brings to 120 the total number of scholarships presented by Council 1232 in the past 24 years.

For the past nine years, the Council's scholarship program for graduating seniors has been designated the Father Jack Gentleman Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Father Jack Gentleman the late pastor of Sacred Heart, Manchester-by-the-Sea and St John the Baptist, Essex, now designated The Visitation Parish.

The scholarships are annually funded by local donations and the proceeds of a fundraising raffle. This year's individual awards are significantly larger than in the past due to the incredible generosity of donors, particularly one member of the parish community who wishes to remain anonymous.

That parishioner "paid it forward" with a 100% match of total funds to be awarded by the Knights this year. That act of charity doubled this year's award to recipients. In return the scholarship



Seventeen 2024 Father Jack Gentleman Memorial Scholarship recipients hold their \$1,000 "Mega Checks" at Sacred Heart church, Manchester-by-the-Sea. Standing behind the recipients are left to right: scholarship committee members Tom Finn, Chris Shea, and Rene St Pierre with Father Paul Flammia, pastor of Visitation Parish, Manchester-by-the-Sea and Essex. Photo Darice McIntire

program benefactor asked only that recipients "pay it forward" as they continue on life's journey.

All funds raised go exclusively to The Father Jack Gentleman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship Recipients:
Liv Cahill, Paul Coughlin, Joseph D'Arcangelo, Gabriella D'Andrea, Van Elwell, Troy Flood, Lily Francoeur, Celia Mann, Felim Meade, Matthew McKenna, Kevin McKenna, Luc Moruzzi, Jackson

Schimpf, Jackson Surette, Charles Virden, Jan Vytopil and Caroline Quinn

The awards in the form of \$1,000 "Mega Checks" were presented by Rene St Pierre and Tom Finn, representatives of the Knights of Columbus scholarship committee, at Sacred Heart church on Sunday June 2nd.

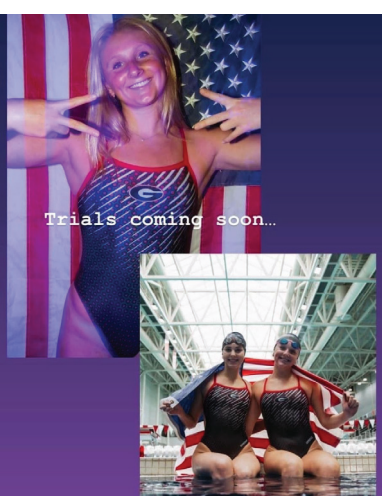
Father Paul Flammia, pastor of The Visitation Parish, blessed the graduates at a Mass preceding the ceremony and wished them well in

their future endeavors.

Father Paul congratulated the scholarship recipients and noted the awards recognized the graduates' achievements and community service. He said the awards also saluted their patience and resilience in difficult pandemic years. He urged them, "to walk life's journey loving one another, caring for each other, and treating others as you would wish to be treated. And do not forget to 'pay it forward'".



A reason for retirement from Memorial School, nurse Joanne Seaman with colleagues, friends and her beautiful grandchildren that she wants to enjoy during her retirement. A celebration was held on Thursday at Tuck's point for the beloved school nurse. (Photos Paul Clark)



MERSD alumna, Shea Furse will be competing at the 2024 US Olympic Swimming Trials at Lucas Oil Stadium this June 15 and 16. She will be competing in the 200- and 400-meter freestyle events. The Cricket wishes her all the best. Courtesy Photo

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- 14. Pro vote
- 15. Italian bowling
- 16. Proclaimed as true without proof
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- 18. Savory taste sensation
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- 21. *It featured the song "What Was I Made For?"
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- 24. Milton Bradley's "The Game of _____"
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- 28. A woodwind
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- 35. Icy precipitation
- 37. Concert units
- 39. Charles Dickens' Heep
- 40. Scandinavian capital
- 41. Rebroadcasted
- 43. Khrushchev's domain, acr.
- 44. *What the gang did in 1988's "A Fish Called Wanda"
- 46. Exploding star
- 47. Clarified butter
- 48. Airport surface
- 50. Highway hauler
- 52. Breed
- 53. Miss Muffet's repast
- 55. Not flow
- 57. *Tim Burton's 1989 and 1992 title character
- 60. *It featured the song "Summer Lovin'"
- 63. Popular fashion magazine
- 64. Road in Rome
- 66. Comment to the audience
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- 70. Canine skin infection

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 - 4. One M in MMR vaccine
 - 5. Slowly and gracefully, in music
 - 6. Mass number
 - 7. Snake-like reef dweller

- 8. Teacher of Torah
- 9. *"Oppenheimer" subject
- 10. Popular smoothie berry
- 11. Pinnacle
- 12. Hula dancer's necklace
- 15. B in FBI
- 20. Open up
- 22. Half of NFL
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- 31. Chemical cure
- 32. Revered Hindu
- 33. Drawing support
- 34. *2001 blockbuster ogre
- 36. Type of rich soil
- 38. "Keep this information" button
- 42. Name-chooser
- 45. Wyatt Earp and such
- 49. Cuban dance syllable

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- 54. End of a poem
- 56. Primary
- 57. Like certain china
- 58. Malaria symptom
- 59. Ankara native
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- 61. Cosine's buddy
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- 65. It would
- 67. Comic book cry of horror

Religious Notes

Cornerstone Church

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Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as www.mecatholic.org
Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

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

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

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church
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topher Kolentas, are held each Sunday.

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Trustees Meeting-6:30 p.m.

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 fice.fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link

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Heirlooms or clutter?



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

Mom's house is packed... Where will it all go?

For those of us who have been through it, we attest that this is a far cry from just "cleaning out a house." In truth, it's a life review. Everything we touch inside our loved ones' homes has a story, a memory, and a feeling attached to it.

This emotional journey can be draining, so it's important to prioritize self-care. Take breaks when you need to, seek support from friends or professionals, and allow yourself to grieve. It's not just about the physical objects but the emotional weight they carry.

These items might be from their wedding 60 years ago, Mom's vast book collection that never stopped growing, or various family pieces passed down through the generations. From fragile china to everyday dishes, wedding gowns to a housecoat, and favorite holiday costume jewelry to wedding rings...each item evokes a unique memory and has a symbolic attachment.

So often, after the loss of a loved one, our deep attachment to them has no home and lands on tangible property. Take their eyeglasses, wristwatch, and wallet, for example. These otherwise ordinary items were a part of their daily lives. How do we even begin to let them go?

I'm no expert, that's for sure. My Mother's Driver's License, wallet, and keychain have been in my office desk drawer for years. Why? Because I can't part with them. I'm holding on... to her and these "things." It might not make sense to you (or even to me), but there they are. I share this not to offer a solution but to let you



know you're not alone in this struggle. I've been there, and I understand.

Have the conversation.

Mom might have been extremely open, proactive, pragmatic, and organized. She might have labeled many objects to identify to whom they would go. She may have discussed her ideas with the family and taken requests about "what means what... to whom." Perhaps she gave away some precious objects well before she died.

Each family dynamic is unique, and what works for one may not work for another. Some are "proactive," and others are "reactive." Some wouldn't think of having these discussions while their older loved ones were alive and would consider such discussions disrespectful. Some families agree on how this process should happen, and others are deeply divided.

There's no one-size-fits-all approach.

What matters most is that these conversations happen in a way that respects everyone involved and ensures

that each person's wishes are understood and honored. Knowing what Mom wants rather than guessing or assuming reduces the "Mom told me..." problem. It's okay if these conversations feel awkward or uncomfortable; what's important is that they take place, allowing for important decisions to be made with clarity and mutual understanding.

Start with questions. "Mom, have you ever thought about some of the old family pieces in the house? The piano, your grandmother's rocking chair, and the grandfather clock that Dad got when he retired?" She may well have thought about it. You won't know until you ask. If she says no, you can ask if she has ideas where these items might go and to whom when she is not using them anymore.

We accumulate a great deal in a lifetime.

Many members of "the greatest" generation grew up with little and, hence, never threw anything away. Old items, in working order or not, were "saved for a rainy day." Naturally born out of necessity,

this frugality and resourcefulness often shaped their attitudes toward possessions.

At some point, lots will be repurposed, discarded, and distributed. What can be decided upon beforehand makes the process ever so much easier when it happens, for whatever reason. Mom or Dad may have ideas; after all, they have been in this position in their own lives, with their parents and other family members. It would be great to get their input, and they may well give the items that you may be inheriting even more meaning if they get to tell you face to face, "I always wanted you to have that."

Joanne MacInnis, RN, is the founder and president of Aberdeen Home Care, Inc., of Danvers, a concierge private duty home care agency in business since 2001. With 35 years of nursing practice, management and administration experience focused on home care and hospice, Joanne and her team specialize in advising and supporting families addressing the elders in their lives retain dignity and quality of life.

our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You

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PET OF THE WEEK



BABA YAGA

Meet Baba the senior cat. At 12 years young, she is a treasure trove of love and wisdom. With each purr and gentle nudge, Baba shares a lifetime of experiences and endless affection. Despite the years, Baba's heart remains full of love, ready to brighten each day with warmth and comfort. She's considered a special needs adoption because she's FIV+ but has never let that get her down! This beauty still has so much love to give. If you're interested in coming to meet with Baba, fill out an application and we can get a time scheduled for you.

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PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. for three applications submitted by Foth Infrastructure & Environment.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. The Planning Board will meet in Room 5, Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Room 5.

New Applications

Application of Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC, for a Special Permit to replace the existing timber pier at Tuck's Point Public Dock Facility, as part of the second phase of the Town's plan to restore safe public access to Manchester Harbor. As well as addressing climate change and sea level rise concerns of the long-term and expected 50-year lifespan of the new pier at 17 Tuck's Point Road, Assessor's Map 22, Lot No. 0/16 in Zoning District E, filed with Town Clerk on May 30, 2024.

Application of Foth Infrastructure & Environment,

LLC for a Special Permit to authorize a floating dock system at Reed Park, a municipal waterfront facility with tide lands lying below Mean High Water (MHW) and requiring a State License under Section 28 of MA General Laws Chapter 91 at 0 Reed Park, Assessor's Map 16, Lot No. 36 in Zoning District G, filed with Town Clerk on May 30, 2024.

Application of Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC for a Special Permit to authorize a floating dock system and minor repairs at Morss Town Pier Fishermen's Facility a municipal pier facility with tidelands lying below Mean High Water (MHW) and requiring a State License under Section 18 of MA General Laws Chapter 91 at 0 Beach Street, Assessor's Map 16, Lot No. 34 in Zoning District G, filed with Town Clerk on May 30, 2024.

Zoom information will be available on the Town website prior to the meeting.

Gail Hunter, Admin Planning Board

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

June 7, 2024 MC
June 14, 2024 MC

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Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. ZBA Board will meet in Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Room 5 or on zoom.

New Applications
Application of Adam and Cynthia Zaiger, 21 Union Street for a Special Permit and Variances under Sections 5.0, 6.1, 6.3, 7.2, 12.3.3 and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law to add a dormer amendment to the existing Special Permit and Variances for location of parking and identity of occupant at 21 Union Street, Assessor's Map 45, Lot 12, in District G filed with Town Clerk on April 23, 2024.

Application of Gary Gilbert, 11 Magnolia Avenue for a Special Permit and Variance under Sections

5.3, 5.6, and 12.3.3 of the Zoning By-Law to replace an existing shed and provide for the construction of a new shed projecting into the side setback at 11 Magnolia Avenue, Assessor's Map 5, Lot 38, in District C filed with Town Clerk on May 13, 2024.

Application of Luc Verbist, 16 Loading Place Road for a Special Permit under Sections 5.3, 6.3, 7.2, and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law to add 1,087 sq. ft. to existing floor area by first floor addition and second floor dormers, raise the roof ridge and height of the entire structure to approximately 33 ft. 22.5 inches, and add two second floor dormers on the portion of the structure that lies within the 20' side setback at 16 Loading Place Road, Assessor's Map 37, Lot 49, in District A filed with Town Clerk on May 13, 2024.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE



MANCHESTER DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS
Town Hall
10 Central Street
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944

The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA invites Bidders to submit sealed Bids for the 2024 Water Main Improvements Project which includes, but is not limited to, services to clean & line and remove and replace sections of water mains and all related appurtenances on Pleasant Street in the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. Documents are available on or after June 5, 2024 at 11:00 am. Bid documents are available electronically by email request to brendan@gobobrek.com. Bids for the General Contract will be received until 1:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at Owner's offices 10 Central Street, Department of Public Works Office, Room 6, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944. Attention: Mr. Charles Dam, P.E. The Project being bid is subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M. A pre-Bid conference will not be held.

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Wednesday Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Coming up in June. Breakfast Buddies Animal Stories, Mon. June 24-28, 8:30-10 a.m. Enjoy breakfast with an important animal from the Bible, then play, sing, move and make art. This program is especially for young children, ages 1.5-4 and a grown up. All families welcome.

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. and 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. 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.



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