



Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2: Enjoy the holiday!

Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work. (Aristotle)

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It's Back to School!



Wednesday marked the official end of summer, at least for kiddos and their parents who headed back to the official first day of the 2024-2025 academic school year at (from left) Manchester Memorial Elementary, Essex Elementary School, and ME Regional Middle High School. (Photos Paul Clark, Erika Brown)

BRIEFLY

400 MBTS Excise Tax Notices Wrong

Manchester Town Hall this week reported that due to an error with an outside printer, a mailing of incorrect excise tax bill notices went out to local residents. Town officials learned of the error on Monday, but not before 400 residents received delinquent excise tax notices (called "Warrant Notices") that were issued on Aug. 22. Apparently, the printer used an outdated file to generate the bills. The town has issued an apology to the recipients, saying if the residents have paid, they may disregard the notice. Residents who received a Warrant Notice but not an apology may assume they are, indeed, late in paying their excise tax bill. Any questions may be directed to the Manchester Tax Collector's Office at (978) 526-2030.

MBTS Cribbage

Another signal that fall is here. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 10 the next eight-week season of "Crib Addicts" will start its regular play at the American Legion Hall in Manchester. This group of delightful but ruthless competitors meets weekly, 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. In all truth, all are welcome, of all skill levels and they're a lovely bunch. Come on down.

A Few Good Volunteers

SeniorCare, the Gloucester-based community organization, has sent out word that it needs volunteers to deliver meals one day per week between 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. It's not a big lift, and delivering meals to seniors may just be one of the few human interactions many elderly residents receive each week. At SeniorCare's Manchester Meal Site, volunteers are needed on Mondays (one volunteer to deliver in Essex and one volunteer to deliver to West Gloucester); Tuesdays (one volunteer to deliver in Magnolia); and on Fridays (one volunteer to deliver in West Gloucester). Interested? Contact Ruth Lindsay or Theresa Dickson to schedule an in-person interview to learn more by calling (978) 281-1750 or email rsvp@seniorcareinc.org.

Essex Townwide Yard Sale

On Sept. 14 and 15 a group of families in Essex has scheduled the town's first ever (as far as we know) Townwide Yard Sale. Get your comfy sneakers, do a few stretches and head out on an exciting day of fun. Details on the event (for both sellers and buyers) will be on Essex's Facebook Notices page.

Public Works Project Updates

By Gregory T. Federspiel

As we get ready to turn the calendar to September, Town construction activity is ramping up. The Department of Public Works is very busy with road, water and sewer work. These voter-approved projects will continue through the fall as progress is made upgrading Town infrastructure.

The water main on Pleasant Street is being cleaned and relined. Over the decades that the pipe has been in place, deposits have accumulated on the inside of the pipe gradually reducing the functional size and thus lowering the volume of water the pipe can carry. The Pleasant Street line serves as the main trunk line feeding the Town thus having it back to full capacity is critical to the proper functioning of the entire water network.

First, temporary bypass pipes on both sides of the street must be installed to ensure continued water

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service to each household. This work is underway now and will be followed by digging out access pits where the cleaning equipment and then relining equipment will gain access to the 16" pipe that will remain in place. The work will continue through the fall.

Also, the stretch of old undersized pipe on Old Essex Road is slated for replacement under a similar timeframe. Again, bypass piping will be installed followed by digging up and replacing the existing pipe.

The same construction firm, Granese and Sons, will also be mobilizing a crew to replace the undersized water pipe along Forest Street approximately from Harold

Street to Mill Street. The 8" pipe will be replaced with a new 12" pipe after the temporary bypass piping is installed. This work will also take place during the fall. Impacted homeowners will be notified by the DPW as the start-up time approaches. Also, the pipe along School Street from the Essex County Club to Mill Street will be replaced. This will provide a new loop that will improve water service to the eastern section of Town while also providing new water service to the Limited Commercial District via an existing conduit under Route 128.

Forest and Mill Streets will also see a new force main sewer line installation

approximately from Ledge-wood Drive to the Route 128 conduit crossing on Mill Street. This work will be done in the winter after the water line work is finished. A connection point will be installed at each driveway if homeowners along this route ever wish to connect to the force main (will require the owner to install a grinder pump to feed into the pressurized system.) Both the new sewer line and the water pipe along Forest and Mill are being paid for through a grant from the state under the MassWorks program.

Repaving will also take place this fall. Following the water pipe work along Walker Street last year, the road will get a new topcoat of asphalt. This work should take place in early to mid-September. And the intersection at Harbor and Bridge Street will be reconstructed as a safer "T" intersection with new crosswalks and pedestrian activated stop signs. This reconfiguration

is being paid for with state funds and was one of the top concerns for pedestrian safety identified by the Complete Streets study.

Pilot testing of new filtration systems that can remove PFAS is underway at the Graveley Pond Water Treatment Plant and at the Lincoln Street Well. This testing is necessary before finalizing the design of the new filtration medium that will best treat our water. At the Lincoln Street Well, the new filtration system will also remove unwanted iron and magnesium from the water.

And lastly, preliminary site analysis will be getting underway at the old compost site off Upper School Street to determine how the site can become the home to a new DPW garage and headquarters as a replacement to the old facility on Pleasant Street. More on this once we have the results of the analysis to show what is feasible and meets the future needs of the Department.



Prince and the Ocean

Michael Prince loves the ocean. The photographer has garnered deserved attention for nearly two decades for chronicling the wild and twisty jumps off the Magnolia Pier by locals of all ages is to see that love in action. In "real

life," Prince has enjoyed an enormously successful career as a commercial photographer. He's shot ten covers for Forbes magazine, including powerful portraits of Malala Yousafzai, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, the Rock, and Jeff Bezos,

among many others. And his photographs can be found in the permanent collections of the Brooklyn Museum, SF Moma and the Library of Congress. The Cricket's features editor, Kris McGinn, met Prince and learned some of what makes Prince tick, Page 8.

Weekly Weather Chart

Table with 3 columns: Date, High Temperature, Low Temperature. Rows for Saturday 31 Aug to Friday 6 Sept.

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

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

Town Halls Closed Monday, September 2

MBTS State Primary Memorial Elementary School, Tuesday, Sept 3 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

MERSD SC Meeting Tuesday, Sept 3, 6 - 8 p.m.

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Obituaries

Following a long-standing tradition, The Cricket publishes obituaries as a 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).

Catherine Curtis Allard



Catherine Curtis Allard, known to most as Kay, passed away peacefully at the age of 99 on August 23, 2024, with family by her side at her home in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA.

Born in Boston on January 30th, 1925, Kay was the middle daughter of Louis Curtis, a resident partner at Brown Brothers and Harriman and Mary Sloan Colt Curtis of Boston. She was predeceased by her four sisters, Mary "Polly" Burrus, Fanny Luke, Laura Cutler and Louisa Gustafson.

Kay was a graduate of Westover School in Connecticut, and as a young independent woman, Kay lived and worked in New York, Florida and Newport, Rhode Island. She eventually lived in Cambridge and worked many years for Dr. Carter Rowe, a prominent orthopedic surgeon in Boston. Kay was well loved by Dr. Rowe's patients and well respected as a flawless typist and self-reliant woman.

Kay met Herbert K. Allard, and they were married in 1965. They spent their married life in Manchester-by-the-Sea, where they were well known in town for their beautiful flower and abundant vegetable gardens, and for their treasured pointer dogs, often eyed by neighbors running free through town or on Singing Beach. Together they created a nature loving, balanced marriage, each pursuing their own interests and delighting together in family gatherings, social events and travel. Herb passed away in 2012.

Throughout her healthy, long life, Kay thoroughly enjoyed playing tennis and golf, creating lifelong friends of all ages along the way. She was a member of The Essex County Club and the Manchester Athletic Club.

Kay was an avid gardener and will always be remembered for her extraordinary dahlia garden. Her dahlias were in full bloom on the day she left us, honoring her natural beauty and peaceful nature. She was an active member of the North Shore Garden Club and the Abacus Investment Club, local bridge and book clubs. She was a regular volunteer at the Manchester Public Library. Kay took special joy in her season tickets to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Fridays at Symphony have never been the same since she, Laura and Ailsa graced their seats. She knew how to enjoy each and every day to its fullest.

Growing up in Boston, the Curtis family attended Sunday services at Trinity Church. At age nine, Kay's family began spending their summers in Manchester and Kay attended services at Emmanuel Church. Throughout the years, parishioners could eye Kay's signature blond hair every Sunday up front in her favorite pew. She adored the hymns at church and the simplicity of spending time just thinking about being a good person.

Kay's greatest joy came from spending time with her closest friends and family. She loved to travel, especially to Europe. She enjoyed many fun trips to Italy, France, Holland, Scotland and Switzerland. She especially rejoiced in her adventures with the Cutler, Steinert, Putnam and Metcalf families. She enjoyed multiple trips with her sister Laura's family to the Cayman Island and Turks and Caicos, happily leaving the cold snowy New England winters behind.

Kay was fiercely loving and supportive of her sisters and their families. Affectionately known as "Auntie Kay" by all, she will forever be remembered for her steadfast acceptance of every person in her life, and her unique

ability to have an individual relationship with each and every family member. Auntie Kay had the gift of listening and was always genuinely interested in what others had to say; in their lives, successes and failures. She always had a smile on her face and a positive outlook on life that was contagious to all. She will be immensely missed by each and every person who had the privilege of even the smallest of conversations with Kay Allard. She made each and every person feel special, and she possessed a true love of life. Her light lives on in all of us who knew her.

Kay leaves behind her nieces Lori Archuleta of Essex, MA., Erika Curtis of Essex, MA., Karen Geoghegan of Kilcolgan, Ireland, Mimi Snyder of Bryan Mar, PA., Suzanne Gere of Cardiff, CA., and Louisa Woodville of The Plains, VA., and her nephews Tarrant Cutler of Orleans, MA, Edward Cutler of Easton, N.H., and Richard Woodville of Wayne, PA. She also leaves 17 grand nieces and nephews and 17 great grand nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to her amazing, dedicated and loving caregivers Sandy and Alanna Stewart-Bell-Jacques, Toby McCormack, Joanne Gagnon and Tomi Lou Muniz. We would also like to thank the compassionate and professional team at Care Dimensions.

Catherine Allard will be buried privately at Mount Auburn Cemetery, being laid to rest with her parents, grandparents, sisters Polly and Louisa. There will be a memorial service at Emmanuel Church in Manchester, MA on October 5th at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at the Singing Beach Club.

Cordelia "Dee" Christensen



Cordelia "Dee" A. (Auberg) Christensen, 82, formerly of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Hamilton, North Hampton, NH and Melrose, died peacefully from dementia complications on Friday, August 23, at Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading. Born in Santa Monica, CA, she was the daughter of the late Donald and Marion (Baldridge) Auberg and the wife of the late Richard R. Christensen.

Dee grew up outside of Chicago, graduating from Downers Grove High School in 1960, attending North Central College for several years, and living and working in Chicago during her 20s. Richard lived only blocks away in Chicago, but they met at a sailing school in the Bahamas.

Sailing was a constant in Dee's life. Her beloved Aunt Mary taught Dee to sail on Lake Geneva, WI inspiring a lifelong passion. She sailed the "Cordelia" with Richard on Lake Michigan and a Sunfish on Tower Lakes, IL, Higgins Lake, MI and off North Captiva, FL. Her final boat was "Wildflower," a Rhodes 19 that she sailed out of Manchester-by-the-Sea. Dee loved taking friends and family for day sails out to Marblehead or around Misyere Islands, as well as teaching others—for years, she led the ladies' sailing program at the Manchester Yacht Club. She equally enjoyed a chatty debrief of the day's sail with a gin and tonic on the dock.

Dee also had a passion for tennis. While she enjoyed competing (and winning), like sailing, tennis was primarily a means to stay active and enjoy her friends and meet new ones. At nearly every phase and activity of her life, Dee made lifelong friends.

She cherished her friends and family and jumped at the chance to bring people together. Like her mother and aunts, she was the glue

of her family—hosting parties and gatherings, organizing events, and regularly keeping up with those both near and far. Sending handwritten letters was an annual Christmas tradition—Dee always wanted to stay connected. She was a founding member of the "Mothers of Sons," a group of North Shore friends that gathered faithfully for decades to celebrate birthdays and the joys of raising boys.

Dee was a true green thumb. Tending to her plants and flowers provided much peace and joy. She also took great comfort walking the beach and could spend hours combing the shores of North Captiva (her Shangri-La) looking for the perfect seashell or sand dollar. Until the dementia advanced, Dee was devoted to her grandchildren and would spend as much time with them as their parents would allow (often spoiling them in the process). Grandma Dee was always up for a new adventure, a game of hide and seek, or a trip to the Beach Plum for ice cream. At her core, Dee was a woman of deep faith, quietly following God throughout her life. She was an active and devoted church member who regularly studied the Bible with other women. Her faith shined brightest caring and sacrificing for her family. For years, Dee cared for Richard after he had a stroke and suffered through ALS. In many ways, she embodied the fruits of the Spirit.

Her family will miss her deeply, especially her joyful and warm spirit.

Dee is survived by three sons, David Christensen and his wife, Kelly, of Melrose, Peter Christensen and his wife, Lindsay Barber, of Wisconsin, and James Christensen of Thailand; one daughter, Deborah Christensen and her husband, Anthony Hale, of Georgia; two brothers, Robert Auberg (wife Gail) of Virginia, and John Scott Auberg (wife Teri) of Illinois; one sister, Sandra Strein (husband Bill) of New York; and seven grandchildren, William and Peter Shay of Georgia; Samantha and Margaret Christensen of Wisconsin; and Tatum, Evangeline, and Charlotte Christensen of Melrose.

In addition to her parents and husband, Dee is predeceased by her son, Douglas Christensen, and sister, Annette Auberg.

Her funeral service will be at the First Congregational Church, 624 Bay Road, South Hamilton on Saturday, August 31 at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery. Contributions may be made in Dee's memory to the Sawtelle Family Hospice House or the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly. Information, directions, condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com.

David L. Crane



David L. Crane, 87, went to be with the Lord on July 29th, 2024. David was born May 22nd, 1937 in Manchester-by-the-Sea MA to William and Winifred Crane. After attending high school, David joined the air force and was stationed at Westover Air Force Base from 1956 to 1960. Upon his discharge from the Air Force, David worked in the loss prevention departments of many insurance companies, ending up at Primex in Concord, NH where he worked for over 20 years.

David was passionate about sports and was an umpire in NH calling many college and high school games. He was also a hockey coach for the Concord youth programs and a goal judge for the Eastern Olympics Hockey team.

Another of his passions was community service. David was a member of the Daniel Webster Council for the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years; as well as the first Cub Scout Wood Badger from NH. He was a Mason

for more than 60 years and a 32-degree member of the Manchester Lodge. David was a faithful member of the Main Street United Methodist Church. He served on the board of Trustees and was very active with the church food pantry and yard sale. David was predeceased by his wife Velna E Crane and is survived by three sons, Richard Arell and wife Natalie of Chichester, NH; Mark Crane and his wife Sarah of Nashua, and Scott Crane of Nashua. A sister Phyllis McEachern and four half brothers, William, Todd, Chris, and Brett of Manchester MA. David is also survived by five grandchildren, Matthew and his wife Kara Kobernick, of Lunenburg Vt, Jacquelyn Arell of Stuart Florida, Richard Arell of Chichester NH; Christina and David Crane of New Ipswich NH.

A memorial service for David was held at the Main Street Methodist Church in Nashua NH on Saturday August 3. Committal prayers and military honors will follow at a later date at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen NH. Donations may be made in memory of David to the Main Street United Methodist Church (Heart of Nashua Capital Campaign), P.O. Box 1517 Nashua NH 03061.

W. Merritt Miller



W. Merritt Miller, beloved raconteur of Manchester-by-the-Sea, died peacefully August 19, surrounded by family after a lengthy illness and a life very well lived. He was 87. Merritt was a tireless, cheerful supporter of the seaside town where he was born and lived almost his entire life. He was president of the Manchester Historical Society and led both the Powder House Hill restoration project (for which he was awarded Volunteer of the Year) and the Seaside 1 restoration. He was an active member of the Manchester Yacht Club; the Essex County Club, where he served as treasurer and president; and the Marsh Rats Shooting Club, where he was skeet champion in 2011 at the age of 74.

The only significant periods Merritt spent away from Manchester-by-the-Sea were for school (Fenn School, Kent School, and the University of Virginia) and his military service. During an Army tour of duty in Germany, Merritt met an American civilian studying piano in Munich. Her name was Linda Dunlap, and she was the love of his life. They married in 1963, moved into Merritt's childhood home, and raised two children. They loved good food, from fine dining—he and Linda famously took a cross-country road trip to make a coveted reservation at the French Laundry, in Napa Valley—to the lobsters Merritt pulled from the sea and the vegetables they grew together in their enormous garden. They were often seen, in their matching straw hats, walking their daily route, and there was a "Miller table" set aside for them at several local restaurants.

Merritt had an extensive knowledge of wine and jazz, a rascally sense of humor, and a legendary ability to tell a good story, all of which he was happy to share with friends and strangers alike. His true joy, though, was always Linda and the family they created together.

Merritt was predeceased by Linda in 2015 and he is survived by his daughter, Alice (and her husband, Sandy McGrath) of Rockport, MA; his son, Ted (and his wife, Bernadette Carr) of Manchester-by-the-Sea; grandsons Teddy and Azzie Economos; step-grandchildren Sarah and Cooper McGrath and granddaughters Bridget and Jessie Miller.

Burial will be private and there will be a Celebration of Life in the fall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust.

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A Very (Very) Good Rerun



Manchester Parks & Recreation Director Cheryl Marshall being interviewed at Singing Beach by WCVB TV's Erika Tarantal.



Tyler Kneisel talks about the benefits of Manchester's harbor docking on WCVB TV's popular regional television show, Chronicle.

This week the popular television show Chronicle on Boston WCVB's Channel 5 reprised a profile segment on Manchester-by-the-Sea for viewers that it featured several years ago, but it was refreshed to update the piece. In it, Manchester Parks & Recreation Director Cheryl Marshall was interviewed about the his-

tory and popularity of Singing Beach and Tyler Kneisel spoke to Chronicle's Erika Tarantal about the value of Manchester's pay-by-docking system to downtown businesses. The program updated two featured items. First, that Seaside Cycle on Elm Street is now Riverside Cycle and that the Manchester Historical Museum (now

Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum) has a new director in Matthew Swindell. Beth Welin, then the museum's director, shared the history of Manchester-by-the-Sea and the Trask House and she is now on the archive team at the burgeoning Hammond Castle Museum in Gloucester.

Erika Brown



Last weekend's Lobster on the Harbor event hosted by the Manchester Masons and the American Legion's Post 113 was a huge success, drawing more than double the attendees over last year and considerably more than organizers had planned. Even so, the team put on an incredible feed for attendees, who sat on the deck of the Legion listening to music and enjoying proverbial surf 'n turf.

Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can do what others can't.

~ Jerry Rice ~

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
30 Fri	9:37	8.3	9:52	9.6	3:43	0.8	3:36	1.7	6:05	7:21
31 Sat	10:30	8.5	10:44	9.7	4:41	0.7	4:32	1.5	6:06	7:20
1 Sun	11:17	8.7	11:30	9.8	5:27	0.6	5:20	1.3	6:07	7:18
2 Mon	11:58	9.0			6:05	0.6	6:03	1.1	6:08	7:16
3 Tue	12:11	9.8	12:35	9.1	6:38	0.6	6:42	0.9	6:09	7:14
4 Wed	12:48	9.8	1:08	9.2	7:10	0.7	7:20	0.8	6:10	7:13
5 Thu	1:23	9.6	1:39	9.3	7:44	0.8	7:59	0.8	6:11	7:11



BOARD UPDATES

Town Hall Closed: Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. All trash, recycling, and compost collection will be delayed by one day.

State Primary: The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 3 from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. at Memorial School. Final early voting day will be on August 30 from 9-11 a.m. at Town Hall. Check the Town website for sample ballots.

Pleasant Street Roadwork: Water main work is underway. Work will be conducted Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. and is expected to be completed late fall 2024.

Walker Road Paving: Walker Road paving will begin on September 3. Traffic will flow on alternate sides but allow extra travel time. Work will take approximately four weeks to complete.

MBTA Zoning Forum: Join a public forum to discuss MBTA Zoning on Saturday, September 21 at 10 a.m. on Town Common. Come hear a short presentation on the MBTA Zoning Law followed by a Q & A.

Blasting Notification Request: Residents can request blasting notifications from Cell Signaling Technologies by visiting manchester.ma.us/FormCenter and submitting the blasting form. All other inquiries can be directed to Fire Chief McNeilly at firechief@manchester.ma.us.

Special Town Meeting: The Fall Special Town Meeting date has been set and will be held on Monday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Manchester Essex Regional High School. Residents will be asked to vote on MBTA Zoning along with other potential Town matters.

Trash, recycling, and compost collection: Delayed 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
After having had an enjoyable week at their camp on the shore of Ayers Pond in Barrington, NH, the local troop of Boy Scouts returned to Manchester last Sunday. All during the week the schedule of events ran off smoothly.
The inclement weather and cold water have kept many from Singing Beach this week. One day this week the water was the coldest it has been all summer when the thermometer hit 52.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949
A fitting climax annually to the playground season is the picnic which was held at Singing Beach, Thursday of last week. One Hundred and twenty five children were in attendance and although the water races were cancelled due to rough water, an excellent program of land races were conducted by the playground directors.

A new piece of equipment arrived this week at the playground and has been erected by J. Joseph Flately. It is a Jungle Gym. The Jungle Gym is a series of bars which enable the children to climb

and hang, it is a permanent fixture and has been erected near the bubbler.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964
Chairman of the Board of Selectman E. Ray Kelley is one of 20 mayors and selectman in the country invited to be guests of the City of New York and the Brazilian Embassy in New York this Saturday.
The Manchester Fire Department responded to a Box 132 alarm Tuesday evening for a fire in a car on Route 128, in a northbound lane. The firemen disconnected the battery and removed the car off the roadway. The car was owned by Joseph Randazza of Gloucester.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979
A super performance by all involved was evidenced by the sell-out crowds at this year's Summershow production of Godspell.
In an economy and conservation move, the School Committee, on August 13th, voted to eliminate 226 Junior-Senior High School students from the ranks of "bus pupils" by changing the pickup schedule from 1.1 miles to 1.5 miles from school.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994
Work continues to progress on the construction of the Boosters Club permanent canteen. We have had site work completed, a new grill installed, and the interior painted.
Our Mariners have their backs to the wall as they must win Saturday's contest or the balls and bats will be put away for another season. Topsfield, with two wins and one loss are in the drivers' seat after winning at their field Friday evening by a 7 to 2 count.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009
On Tuesday, August 18th, the Manchester Community Center sponsored the concert in Masconomo Park featuring Grupo Fantasia. While listening to the Latin mix of upbeat songs, the crowd enjoyed free hamburgers and hotdogs. This is just another example of how the MCC brings together the people of our town.

The Manchester Council on Aging is pleased to offer a trip to Ryan & Wood Distilleries in historic Gloucester. We will be introduced to the world of "distilling world class spirits".



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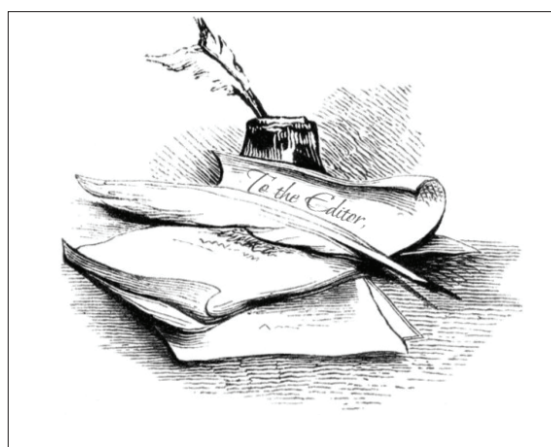


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A Vote From You Can Support Friends of MBTS COA

To the Editor,

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A VOTE for the Friends of The Manchester Council on Aging is a vote for Manchester and, looking ahead, maybe a vote for your future too!

\$5,000 will be awarded to the Cape Ann organization receiving the most votes.

We are honored that Bank Gloucester has selected the Friends of the Manchester Council on Aging (COA) as one of 19 worthy and eligible community organizations, both large and small to possibly receive funds.

Yes, your vote counts! ... as do many votes from your neighbors, friends, aunts, brothers, and out-of-town Facebook friends. Vote online, or at a Bank Gloucester branch. Please spread the word as

we need your votes. We are up against some mighty (and very worthy) "social-media"-savvy organizations.

Please help us. To vote for us, GO TO: WWW.BANKGLOUCESTER.COM from September 1 to 30, 2024.

With gratitude to the Manchester Cricket,

Sheila Roy
Member
Friends of The Manchester Council on Aging

LIBRARY NEWS



"Special guest Spider Gwen read to kids at the end of summer reading party. We leveled up our reading and our boardgame skills during this year's summer reading challenge. Thanks to everyone who participated!" (Courtesy Photo)

This week the Manchester-by-the-Sea library is continuing its Museum Passes posting its annual Art Exhibit and Sale, and promoting a Community Game Night. and more.

Library Closed On Monday, September 2
We will be open Tuesday, September 3 at 10 a.m. The virtual library is open 24/7 from anywhere at our website, manchesterpl.org.

Check Out a Museum Pass
The Manchester-by-The-Sea Public Library provides free or discounted admission to several Boston and North Shore museums and attractions. You may reserve passes online, over the phone, or in person with your library card. Passes include: Cape Ann Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Mass State Parks, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Northshore Children's Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, USS Constitution Museum and Zoo New England.

This program is made available by the generosity of The Friends of the Manchester Public Library. Visit manchesterpl.org or call 978-526-7711 to reserve and for additional pass information.

Calling All Local Artists
For the Friends of the Library's 2nd Annual Falling For Art Exhibit and Sale, October 18-20, 2024. Artists are invited to submit 3-5 digital jpeg images by September 30 to fallingforartmbts@gmail.com. Photos must be labeled: Last Name_First Name_Title of the Piece Price. 50% of the proceeds benefit The Friends of the Manchester Library.

For Kids and Families:
Fall and Winter Storytime Wednesdays at 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join Miss Audrey for Storytime every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.! This program is for ages 0-3.

Read to Winston
Thursday, September 12 at 3:30, 3:45, 4 and 4:15 p.m. Susan Durkin and Winston,

a Certified Therapy Dog, are looking forward to hearing stories read by YOU! Reading with a certified reading dog helps to build confidence with a safe, nonjudgmental partner. Sign up for a 15-minute appointment and make sure to bring a favorite book or allow time to pick out your just right book at the library. Perfect for kids in grades K-5. This program is especially for those starting to read and that want to little extra practice with our special friend, Winston! Registration is required.

The Wild Robot Party
Friday, September 13 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. Excited for The Wild Robot movie? Love the books? Celebrate them both with games, crafts, and fun at the library! This program is for ages 6-11. Please register online or call 978-526-7711.

For Teens:
Community Game Night Thursday, September 5 at 4-6 p.m.

Come on by with your game face on! Drop In. All ages welcome! Snacks provided. Play one of our games or bring a game of your own to share. Registration is requested but not required.

Pop Up Art School: Card-board Coral Reef
Tuesday, September 24 at 4-5:30 p.m. Dive into creativity! As part of the library's Climate Week activities, Pop Up Art leads a craft that transforms recycled materials into a vibrant coral reef. With splashes of colorful paint and crafty bits, kids will bring an underwater scene to life. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Please register online or call 978-526-7711.

For Adults:
Hearthside Book Group: "Architects Of An American Landscape" Tuesday, September 3 at 4-5 p.m. Join us in person at the library or on Zoom to discuss "Architects of An American

Landscape: Henry Hobson Richardson, Frederick law Olmsted, and the Reimagining of America's Public and Private Spaces" by Hugh Howard.

"A dual portrait of America's first great architect, Henry Hobson Richardson, and her finest landscape designer, Frederick Law Olmsted and their immense impact on America" -Publisher Grove Atlantic. Contact Lori Dumont at ldumont@manchesterpl.org or at 978-526-7711 for further information. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk, curbside pickup, by home delivery and Hoopla.

Author Discusses "The Bookshop A History of the American Bookstore" (Virtual)
Monday, September 9 at 7-8 p.m. This program will be recorded. All registrants will receive the recording. Who among us hasn't spent time in a bookstore just meandering around and finding hidden treasures? As we love all things books, we can't wait to chat with author Evan Friss about "The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore" - an affectionate and engaging history of the American bookstore and its central place in American cultural life, from department stores to indies, from highbrow dealers trading in first editions to sidewalk vendors, and from chains to special-interest community destinations. This program is made possible through a collaboration with the Ashland, Chelmsford, Groton, and Tewksbury Libraries. Please register online or call 978-526-7711.

Cookbook Club: "Dorie's Cookies"
Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Cookbook Club meets once a month to share recipes from a cookbook off our library shelves. August's pick is Dorie's Cookies by Dorie Greenspan. Register for any recipe from the cookbook. We will email you a recipe and/or put a cookbook on hold for you. Please register so we know how much cutlery to have on hand. Email mwillwerth@manchesterpl.org with any questions.

Harry Crosby: The Brief Transit of the Lost Son of the Lost Generation
From Boston and Manchester to Paris and The Sun Thursday, September 19 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Location: TBA

Poet and Author Jim Dunn will introduce Harry Crosby in all his guises -- Boston Brahmin, WWI Ambulance Driver, Banker, Poet, Publisher of Black Sun Press. Harry Crosby was a champion of many writers of the Lost Generation in Paris, Ezra Pound, DH Lawrence, Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce, Hart Crane, Djuna Barnes and his own particular and peculiar poetry. His passions and his excesses fueled his literary ambitions and his obsession with death and his vision of dying with his wife and partner, Ceresse. We will talk about his intense disdain for Boston and its social pecking order while maintaining a sincere affection for his memories of a childhood spent in Manchester at his family summer home, Apple Trees Estate, and at Singing Beach. Jim will discuss Harry's unique poetry in context to his life and his lifelong desire to lead a Rimbaldian life of deliberate derangement of the senses; which led to the final tragedy of his life.

This program is made possible through a partnership with the Manchester Cultural Council. The Manchester Cultural Council is a community initiative in partnership with the Mass Cultural Council working to elevate our rich cultural life in Manchester-By-The-Sea. Connect with them on Facebook. Please register online or call 978-526-7711.

CREW WEEK: Intro to Saving Seeds
Thursday, September 26 at 6-7 p.m. Saving seeds from the plants around us connects us to our roots as ecosystem stewards and challenges us to plan for the next generation. Being a seed steward can be both simple and immensely complex so let's start digging into the details. We will discuss basic plant and seed physiology of several familiar garden plants, explore which plants might be the best to start with, best storage practices and germination testing. We will have some hands-on demonstration of winning techniques and seeds to share. Please register online or call 978-526-7711.

This event is a part of Communities Responding to Extreme Weather or CREW's Climate Prep Week. The week is from September 24-30. This year's theme is "Reimagining our relationship with the land." To see more info and events occurring all across the country for Climate Prep Week visit: climatecrew.org/climate_prep_week.

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Cub Scout Pack 30 School Year Program Kicks Off on Sept 19



Cub Scouts are given a tour and demonstration at the MBTS Fire Station. (Courtesy Photo)

Cub Pack 30 had an exciting and adventurous past school year filled with memorable experiences for both the Scouts and their families. Cub Scouts is a fun and enriching program for girls and boys ages 6 to 10, filled with experiential learning, outdoor activities, and opportunities to build lasting

friendships and contribute to the community. Boys and girls from Manchester, Essex, and Hamilton are registered in Pack 30. Character development, citizenship training and physical and mental fitness are still aims of Cub Scouting -- since its start in 1910. Throughout the year, Pack 30 was busy earning

badge requirements and learning about things like conservation, community service, the United States flag, knot tying, and the fun of the outdoors. Scouts enjoyed hikes close to home, allowing them to connect with nature and develop outdoor skills.

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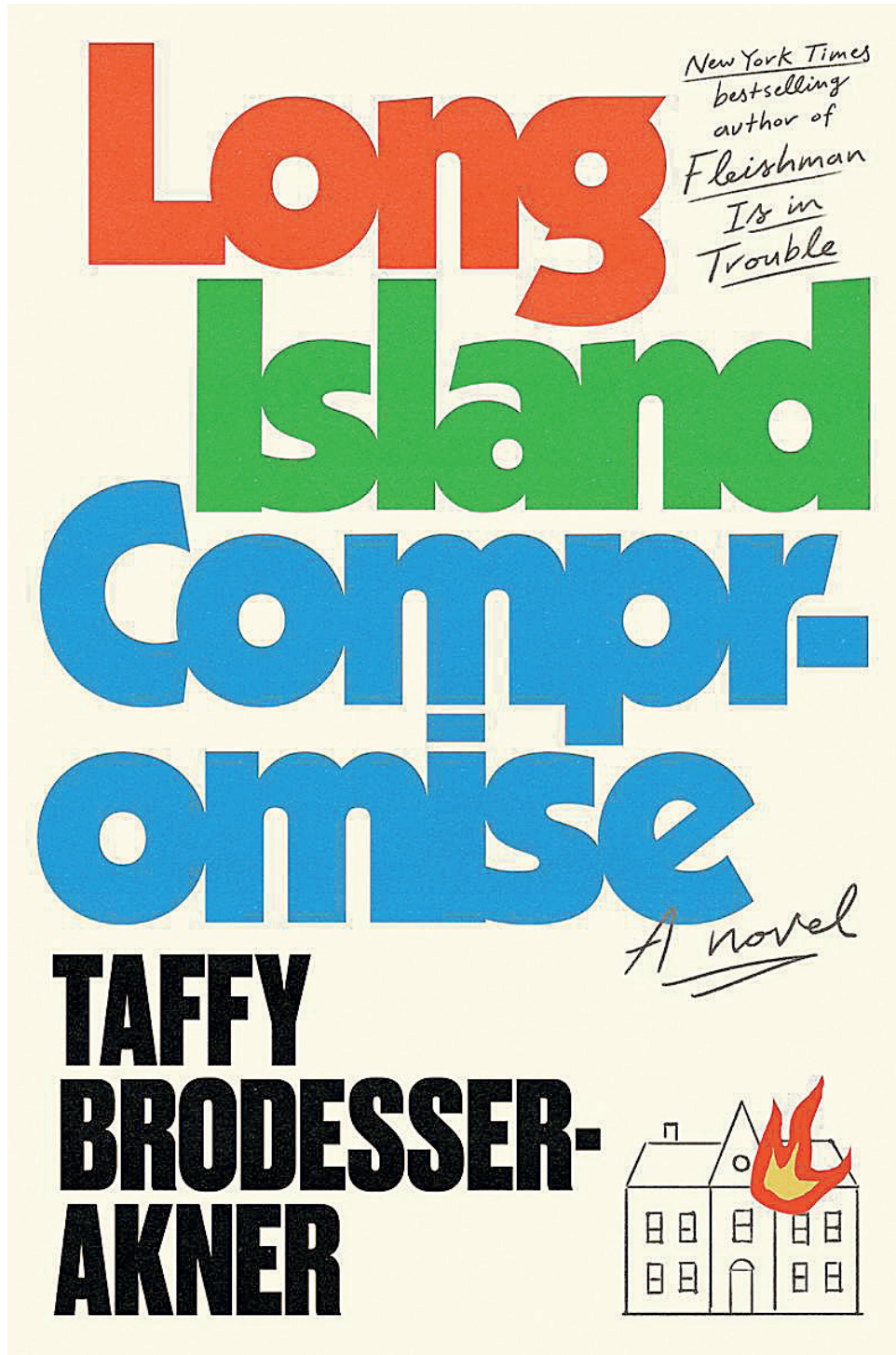
By Hannah Harlow

I know there are readers out there who stick to the classics, or to books that are at least 20 years old and have stood the test of time.

And I get it. If you only have so much time on this Earth to read, you want to be sure what you're reading is worth your time. Sticking to the classics sort of ensures this. But if part of the point of literature is to explore and try to understand the human condition, brand new books have something to offer us on what exactly it's like to live right now in this exact time and space. A few books recently have done this spectacularly well and are not to be missed.

Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner is not always an easy read, but it becomes increasingly immersive and engrossing as it goes along. It's the story of the Fletchers, a family on Long Island that owns a dying styrofoam factory and whose patriarch was once kidnapped and returned home after the ransom was paid. Decades later, we meet each of his children in turn, and all the myriad ways the kidnapping and the family wealth has messed them up. How does the trauma of the parents affect the children? How does growing up wealthy affect a person's identity and how they figure out their purpose in life? What is the family's responsibility to the community and the people who worked for them? Brodesser-Akner goes deep into the lives of the three children, with compassion and humor, to attempt to answer some of these questions.

Margo, the main character of **Margo's Got Money Troubles** by Ruffi Thorpe, begins the novel as a naive young woman accidentally knocked up after having an affair with her English professor at the community college she attends. How does a young person today raise a child on her own? How does she make money, support herself and her child, when there are no resources available to her? Margo might seem to make questionable choices, but what I loved about this book is that it humanizes types of



people we might be prone to looking down upon, particularly the poor, single, white mother. Margo is also clever, resourceful, funny, warm, and a great mom. Her path to figuring out her life – with the help of her estranged father, a terrific character who was once a WWE wrestler – is an enjoyable ride that gave me insight into a younger generation's relationship with technology, relationships, and careers.

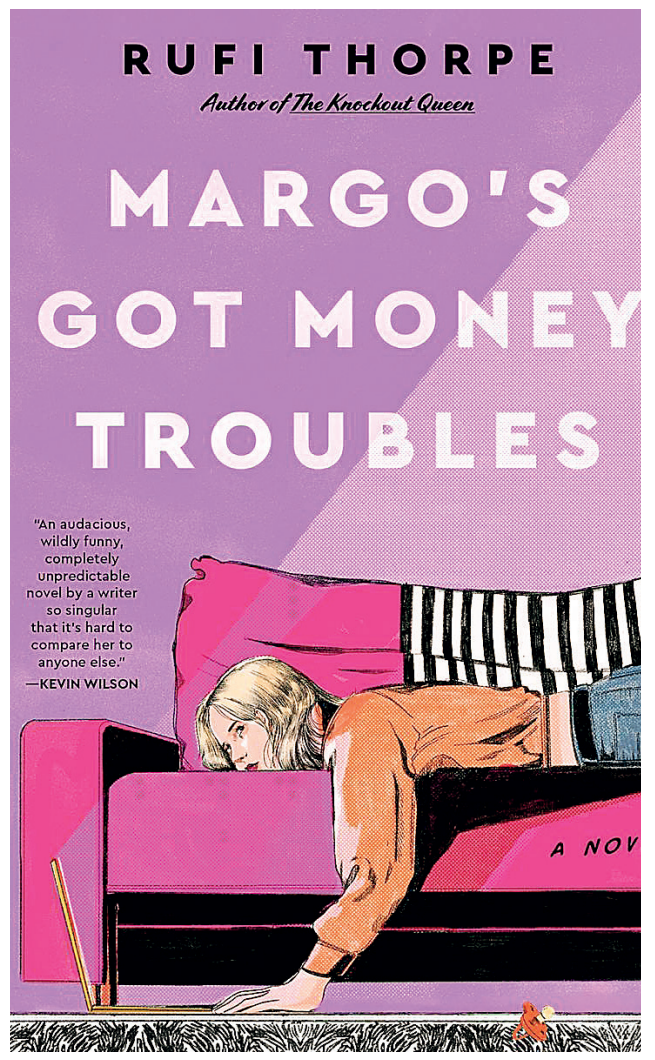
In **Halle Butler's Banal Nightmare**, a young woman abruptly ends a long-term relationship and returns to her hometown and all of her

old friends. Or "friends." No one actually likes each other anymore. There is a vicious honesty to this book that will both delight and astound. The main character's anxieties get in her way at every turn. She overthinks everything, can't talk to people and then is mean to people at parties and becomes full of regret. And she's not the only one. Everyone is a bit delusional; everyone is a bit mean-spirited; no one has their act together – and it's hilarious. What is it like for this millennial generation that feels like the world is too much? How do they

make connections with one another and forge relationships?

Whether you come to these books to feel less alone or to try to understand how someone else lives, you won't be disappointed, and you'll walk away with a bit more of that thing that reading delivers best: empathy.

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



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One fun nature exploration activity was done in conjunction with the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust and Cape Ann Vernal Pools. This outing provided the Scouts with hands-on opportunities to learn about local ecosystems, wildlife, and the importance of conservation.

Another highlight of the year was the visit to the New England Base Camp in Milton's Blue Hills Reservation. This adventure introduced the Scouts to a variety of outdoor activities, fostering teamwork and resilience. New England Base Camp is 120-acre camp owned and operated by the local Scout Council. Base Camp is a terrific resource for Scouts and their families – including offering an obstacle and high ropes course, archery, indoor swimming pool, nature center and more.

Last April, Pack 30 presented the thrilling Pinewood Derby race, where Scouts designed and raced their own cars, learning about creativity and sportsmanship. Working with their parents, guardians, and grandparents, Cub Scouts carved their own pine-wood derby racing cars. Cars won prizes based on race finish times, patriotism and cre-

ativity. The race was hosted by the Manchester American Legion Post – the chartering organization of both Pack 30 and Troop 3.

The year concluded with an outstanding overnight campout on Singing Beach, where Scouts and their families enjoyed a night under the stars, sharing stories, songs, and s'mores around the campfire.

Cub Scout Pack 30 is grateful to the many parents, guardians and grandparents who served in volunteer roles to make this a fun and enriching learning experience. Pack 30 offers a flexible year-long program to help accommodate busy family scheduling commitments.

In these days of technology overload, time outdoors is urgently needed. Cub Scouts helps create a foundation for outdoor appreciation, opportunities to build lasting friendships and contribute to the community.

Join us for our registration night on September 19 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Scout House, 74 School Street, Manchester. If you can't make it, please email Pack 30 Cubmaster John Judge at jjudge@nextecology.com to learn more.



Back to School for students throughout the Manchester Essex Regional School District may have been on Wednesday morning, but last week it was their teachers who had their first day back to work after a summer off. And on the first day, some former colleagues in the district met incoming staff with a welcome aimed solely at them, showing off an unmatched level of comradery.

(Photo: Jennifer Brown)

Go Ahead - Join a Walk, Hug a Bench!

Come participate in the Bench Walk Challenge for the final four walks from August 31 to October 9. The Longevity Bench Project members and walk leaders encourage individuals, friends and family members of all ages and abilities to take a walk from bench to bench. See the town neighborhoods at a comfortable stroll. Learn about the history of each unique area and hear the stories about the generous donors of each bench. Check

out the walking loop map on the organization's website (longevitybenchproject.org).

Complete visits to all benches and along each loop and you will be inducted into the Longevity Bench Project HALL OF FAME at the Bench Walk Challenge Celebration Ceremony in Masconomo Park on Saturday, October 19th at 10 a.m. at the gazebo. Download your flyer to log your progress or pick one up at the COA office, Manchester Parks & Recreation office or

the Town Hall front entry.

If you join a scheduled walk, you will be given a map and flyer with a checklist for your visits and a pen!

Scheduled guided walks: all ages and abilities welcome
Sat., Aug. 31, 10am: OLD STORY LOOP, 1.8mi. Meet behind Town Hall parking lot, visit Bench #20 on Beach St, walk Jersey Ln, Forster Rd, Bennett St and Central St, back to Town Hall.
Wed., Sept. 11, 4pm: SMITH'S POINT LOOP, 2mi.

Meet at Masconomo Park gazebo, visit Bench #21 on Proctor St, walk Smith's Point, Masconomo St and Beach St back to Masconomo Park parking. Sat., Sep. 28, 10am: EAGLEHEAD LOOP, 1.7 mi. Meet at Masconomo Park gazebo, walk Beach St, Old Neck Rd, Eaglehead and back. Wed., Oct. 9, 4pm: VILLAGE LOOP, 1.5mi. Meet at MERHS high school front parking lot, walk Lincoln St, School St to Summer St, to Lincoln St. visit five benches.

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Experience Matters for ME Golf Team



Hornets Golf team's 2024 roster includes (from left) Matt Graeter, Jack Lawler, Jake Zschau, and Matt DeOreo.

Photos: Bill Melvin



Hornets Golf team last week at tryouts in Danvers.

By Jason Brisbois

As recently as 2021, the Manchester Essex golf team had to rely on a waiver that allowed middle school golfers to play on the high school team so there were enough players to fill out a roster - a group that included four returnees from the prior season, a seventh grader, and a pair each of eighth graders and freshmen. Just a few years later, things have changed quite a bit for the MERHS golf team. "We actually had to make some cuts this year," explains ME golf coach Bill Melvin. "We've never done that before. Three years ago, we had to have seventh graders playing on the team. Now, we have a bunch of guys back

that have played before and have plenty of experience." Now, the Hornets' experience and depth should be the envy of their peers in the Cape Ann League. The team's two captains, Jack McCavanagh and Gray West, were the two eighth-grade players from that 2021 team. Now they have levied their time and experience at the varsity level to become the team leaders and two top golfers on the squad. "They are our two leaders, and they've got plenty of experience playing golf," says Melvin. "We've got a lot of kids who have played a lot of golf and improved." Near the top of that list is a group that includes returnees Jake Zschau and Jack Lawler, who spent much of their

"The league as a whole has gotten better," explains Bill Melvin. "Golf is so popular, and a lot of kids are playing golf now. Every school is much improved"

summer fine-tuning their golf games. Other talented, experienced players expected to be a key part of the lineup this season are senior Matt Graeter (a varsity golfer for four years) and Connor Dickson. "He's one of those kids who has been working at it for a few years, and now he's

stepping up to play varsity golf," Melvin says of Dickson. Matt DeOreo is back for his third year of varsity golf ("He's a very seasoned veteran who knows how to play the game," says Melvin), while the other end of the spectrum features Graham Lewis, a sophomore playing on the golf team for the first time this year. "He's a terrific athlete, and I think he will help us out a lot," Melvin says of Lewis. Even though this is one of the more seasoned teams in the CAL Baker, that doesn't mean this season will be a cakewalk for Manchester Essex. "The league as a whole has gotten better," explains Bill Melvin. "Golf is so popular, and a lot of kids are play-

Golf This Week

The Hornets kicked off the season with a win Tuesday, August 27 in its opening match, 143-129 over a solid Triton team at the Essex County Club in Manchester. Gray West, Matt DeOreo and Jack Lawler all with 25 points. All eight players scored over 20 points. The team is back to it on Thursday at Haverhill Country Club versus Pentucket!

ing golf now. Every school is much improved. It will be difficult for us, but we have a bunch of guys who have been playing for two, three years, and that should help." He adds: "We've become, for a small school, very competitive in every match. Because of the work we put in, we can play with the big schools and be competitive against them, and we can play competitively against the small schools as well. I think the program has come a long way." The Hornets were sched-

uled to open the season against Triton at Essex County Club on August 27 (3:30 p.m. start), travel to Haverhill Country Club to face Pentucket on August 29, then continue with road contests against North Reading (September 3) and Amesbury (September 10). "We're looking to average no less than 24 points per player, which is par-to-bogey golf, basically," says Melvin. "We have the kids to do that this year. It should be a competitive team; I'm looking forward to it."

Familiar Faces Give Boost to ME Boys Soccer



Sammy Bothwell, left, returns to the Hornets this year to help lead Manchester Essex deep into tournament play.

Photo Paul Clark

By Jason Brisbois

To get a glimpse of what might be in store for the Manchester Essex

boys soccer team in 2024, it might help to turn the clock back to the team's play during the first round of the 2023 MIAA Tournament.

During last year's 4-1 Hornet victory over Triton County, Sammy Bothwell earned a hat trick, scoring three of the team's goals. Finn Birkeland, Owen Oliver-Meehan and Ali Erdogan all assisted on those goals, with Erdogan adding a score of his own in the contest. Hayden Spencer and Erdogan were crucial in controlling possession and setting pace for the Hornets in this game, one that put Manchester Essex in the MIAA Div. 4 Round of 32. "Always a good experience to play in the state tournament," says Manchester Essex coach Rob Bilsbury. "We also played extremely well in that next round in a 2-0 loss to the number three seed Hampshire Regional." The Hornets' tourney run was admittedly short after that - Manchester Essex was knocked out by three-seed Hampshire Regional in a well-

fought, close contest - those aforementioned key players from that game are back in 2024 and hoping to build in what they accomplished last year and get back to the tournament for another crack at contention in Div. 4. Central to those hopes are the team's captains, including center back Birkeland, striker Bothwell and center midfielders Erdogan and Spencer. "Finn Birkeland [has] a high soccer IQ, is an elite one-on-one defender and visionary passer into the attacking third," explains Bilsbury. "Sammy Bothwell, insane control of the ball and finishing, but equally brilliant facilitating others. Ali Erdogan brings calm, possessing energy to the entire team, which is essential to how we play." He adds: "Hayden Spencer is our workhorse. He wins headers and simply never stops pressuring and turn-

cal center middle who has a huge soccer mind and knows what teams are trying to do and also how to tactically take that away. Chase Koeplin is a speedy wing midfielder who is excellent in transition in both directions. Goalkeeper Keegan Brooks is not only an athletic shot-stopper but has the feet of a center middle. Outside backs Charlie Rubens and Charlie Athanas are outstanding one-on-one defenders who can also jump into the attack." Players who are new to the team and will take on large roles include Luke Renzi and Davi Oliveira. "Two new players for us this season are Luke Renzi, who is a speedy and talented striker who brings a high work rate to the position," explains Bilsbury. "Davi Oliveira is a feisty on ball defender." With a high level of familiarity between the returning players, this group should be able to lean on its ability to control possession and maximize scoring opportunities. "Our strength is our ability to play together, possess the ball and create in rhythm attacking chances," says Bilsbury. "We are taking steps to address our lack of physicality on set pieces." The Hornets are scheduled to begin the season at home against Cape Ann League rival Hamilton-Wenham on September 3 at Hyland Field (4 p.m.), followed by an away match against Amesbury on September 5, a home game against Ipswich on September 10 and a road game versus Pentucket on September 12.

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ing over the ball from opponents." The captains aren't the only key returnees. "In addition to the four captains, Owen Oliver Meehan is an impactful center back who can also play up top," says Bilsbury. "Imir Mustafa is a dynamic winger who can unbalance defenses. Charlie Langendorf is a physi-

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Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
of August 26, 2024
Report covers from August 10,
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Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Summary

The Town Administrator (TA) attended the Essex Affordable Housing Trust meeting of August 22, 2024 along with Chairman Perea (who also chairs the Trust). The Trust discussed a proposal from the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) for the development of a Housing Production Plan (HPP) for the Town. After discussion, the Trust was in agreement that the proposal, which includes some direct involvement by the Town Planner, was suitable to meet its current goals and voted to move ahead, using funds that the Trust has on hand. The HPP project will commence this fall and will run well into calendar year 2025.

Additional Discussion with Respect to Secondary Sewer Treatment Costs

At the last meeting, the Board asked that I begin to pull together some preliminary figures associated with how the Town may structure revenue sources for the repayment of the Town's portion of the City of Gloucester secondary wastewater treatment project. The TA asked Town Counsel to verify whether the use of a betterment to recover costs is a viable avenue in this situation in addition to increases in the sewer rate or taxation. Apparently, case law DOES allow for the assessment of an additional sewer betterment (beyond the betterment property owners paid for the construction of the system) for an improvement in the treatment process even though there is no particular physical improvement at the actual properties in Essex.

The total number of properties in the Sewer Service Area is 847 and, presently, a total of 634 properties are actually connected to the sewer system (those with functioning septic systems are allowed to keep using those systems until failure, and a small number of properties are still vacant). The Board had asked that the TA put together some preliminary figures with respect to two options (which are in addition to the assessment of a betterment): the use of the sewer rate and the use of taxation.

Based on Gloucester's preliminary statement that the total annual debt service for the project over a 20-year borrowing term will be around \$9M, and based on Essex's requirement to pay for 3.125% of the project per the Intermunicipal Agreement with the City, the TA



has developed preliminary figures for four scenarios:

1. repayment using the sewer rate for 72% of the cost and taxation for the remaining 28%;
2. repayment using general taxation for the entire cost;
3. repayment using the cost split in scenario 1 but reducing the annual repayment by \$100,000 using the sewer interest surplus fund; and
4. repayment using 100% taxation as in scenario 2 but reducing the annual repayment by \$100,000 using the sewer interest surplus fund.

Scenario 3 reduces the rate increase attributable to rate-based repayment by about 30% and the tax increase attributable to tax-based repayment by about 36% over scenario 1. Scenario 4 reduces the tax increase attributable to tax-based repayment by about 36% over scenario 2. The model uses a simple ratio to calculate rate-based figures and will need to be improved in the future.

If a betterment is explored at the 72% betterment and 28% taxation ratio used when the sewer system was constructed, annual costs for those in the Sewer Service Area are slightly higher initially, primarily due to interest costs charged in conjunction with betterments. However, payments will decrease over time as the principal decreases. A finer analysis of the betterment scenario can be conducted using the total number of betterments used when the system was constructed (since some properties paid more than one betterment) to understand the impact on a single-family property.

Possible Reservation of Senior Center Parking on Pickering Street

The Council on Aging is exploring the possibility of getting several parking spaces on Pickering Street directly across from the Senior Center reserved for Senior Center purposes only, M-F from 9-3. Council on Aging staff approached me about the matter and the TA referred them to the Superintendent

of Public Works since the Board of Public Works serve as the Road Commissioners in Essex. The Superintendent will take the matter up with the Board at a future meeting and will coordinate directly with the Council.

Routing for Centennial Grove Cameras

The new security cameras for the Centennial Grove will be installed during the week of August 26, 2024. As a final preparation, the TA worked with our IT consultant to prepare the proper routing from the Grove to the police station over the Town's fiber optic network. The installation of the replacement Network Video Recorder (NVR) at the police station will occur sometime after the new cameras are installed. Upon replacement, the new NVR will accept all of the feeds from the existing cameras at the public safety facility along with the new feeds from the Grove.

Consideration of Candidates for Chief of Police

At the last meeting, the Board agreed that both internal and external candidates for the expected Chief of Police vacancy should be prompted for applications simultaneously. The TA has confirmed that all Board members can receive copies of all applications for individual review as they arrive. The Board should develop a schedule with respect to advertising an application deadline and when the Preliminary Screening Committee (PSC) should begin meeting. Board members may wish to continue general questions that could be asked of candidates when the PSC begins meeting and conducting interviews. Further, the Board should determine if any changes will be made to the position description in advance of advertising.

Essex River Dredging Bid Summary and Project Update

The deadline for bids for the Army Corps of Engineer's Essex River Dredging Project was August 20, 2024. A total of two bids were submitted to the Corps and the appar-

ent low bidder announced during the bid opening session was Coastline Consulting and Development (CCD) of Connecticut with a bid of \$2,742,036. The Independent Government Estimate for the project was \$3,772,228 and the second bid was \$4,442,300. Subsequently, the Corps informed us that a third bid was actually presented via an alternative bidding route that is even lower than the CCD bid. The TA does not have the bid amount for that third bid as of the time of printing of this report. Presently, it appears that we have a bid that is within the Corps' project budget, and that the project will move forward. As the Board is aware, the Essex Harbormaster has arranged for a marine contractor to remove 27 mooring blocks that will be in the way of dredging operations and, pending confirmation from the Corps that the project is moving forward, that removal work will begin in late September. Mooring blocks will be returned to their former positions in the spring, after the dredging work has been completed and mooring holders will be assessed an additional fee for this work. The dredging project will likely begin in early October, after the Corps makes a contract award, which will likely occur in September. Presently, it is unclear whether the apparent low bidder plans to also make agreements with the three private marinas to conduct private marina dredging work while the bidder is mobilized for the Federal Channel work.

Broken Basement Window in Town Hall

The TA's attention was called to a broken pane of glass in a Town Hall basement window. It is possible that a rock was kicked up during maintenance of the property by the DPW. The TA has temporarily patched the hole and we are working to have the repair quoted by a local glass company. Mr. Zubricki will investigate the possible addition of a plexiglass shield in front of the repaired window to possible avoid another problem (this particular area has rocks in it for drainage).

LIBRARY NEWS

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Public Library



100 children participated in the Library's Summer's Reading Challenge which concluded with a World Fair at the Library. Children traveled to various stations to receive a stamp in their passport as they tried foods, crafts, instruments and more from around the globe. (Courtesy Photo)

Library Closed

Monday, September 2 the library will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Library open Saturdays

Beginning September 7, the library will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Community Book Group

Monday, September 30 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Imperium" by Robert Harris.

The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore (Virtual)

Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. Join author Evan Friss as he discusses his book and the "engaging history of the American bookstore and its central place in American cultural life".

Library of Things

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

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.

Kids Crafternoon

Monday, September 23 at 4 p.m. for grades K-5. Stop by to make a Monster Bookmark.

Story Hour

Weekly Story Hour begins September 25, at 9 a.m. for children ages 0-2
Weekly Story Hour begins September 25, at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

1:07 a.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 5:55 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:31 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:28 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:15 a.m. John Wise Ave., transport, transported. 11:17 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., animal complaint, secured/checked. 2:43 p.m. Lufkin Point Rd., disturbance, report to follow. 8:26 p.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle crash, transported to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:50 a.m. Eastern Ave., male with unknown medical problem, no action taken. 5:07 p.m. Willow Court, citizen assist, assisted as needed. 5:07 p.m. Grove St., selective enforcement, other. 8:08 p.m. Wood Drive, brush fire, fire confirmed.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:53 a.m. Essex Reach Rd., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 9:06 a.m. Robbins Island Rd., male fall, patient refusal. 10:29 a.m. Lufkin Point Rd, male with breathing difficulty, transported to hospital. 2:31 p.m. Story Acres Rd., threat, report to follow.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

10:53 a.m. Western Ave., community policing, assisted as needed. 11:27 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 1:23 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to. 10:45 p.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

7:20 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:46 p.m. Shepard Memorial Park, parking complaint, parking enforcement. 3:08 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 10:02 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, no action taken.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

12:54 a.m. Grove St., male with breathing difficulty, transported to hospital. 1:47 p.m. Spring St., property check, secured/checked. 2:01 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 2:10 p.m. Eastern Ave., parking complaint, parking enforcement.

Essex Senior Living | AUG 30

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

RECURRING EVENTS

Monday Groove (Video), Mondays, 9:30 a.m.: Get your dancing shoes on and join this fun, energetic dance class! Video, no instructor. \$5 donation suggested.

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

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

Fitness Fun with Gil: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: Start your day with Gil and focus on strength, stamina, and stretching... energize yourself and leave feeling good! \$5 Donation suggested.

Technology Assistance, Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.: Do you have questions about your computer, tablet, phone, or other technological challenges? Our Tech genius can help!

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

Walking Club: FREE, Pass Required* Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.: Passes available for the Gordon College Bennett Center indoor walking track! *Contact Hamilton-Wenham Recreation at 978-468-2178 to register. Transportation is available from CATA (978-

283-7916).

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

In addition to our recurring weekly and monthly events, we host numerous exciting events every month, all of which are highlighted in our monthly newsletter and calendar, as well as on the Essex COA Webpage.

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Michael Prince — Object + Ocean + Time



Michael Prince, photographer, at home in Magnolia.

(Photos Kris McGinn)



"Sammy from the Ladder," shot by Michael Prince.



A connection to the sea yields many things, like an old, ocean polished bottle.

By Kris McGinn

First, he asked a question: "Are you a jumper or a diver?" Then, he added, "And, just try not to look scared."

"Are you a jumper or a diver? And, just try not to look scared."

These words are coming from the photographer Michael Prince. I innocently phoned Michael weeks earlier to ask if he might allow me to profile him for *The Cricket*. His response was "Yes! And how about you jump off the pier and I photograph you so you can know what it's like?" I love my job and was delighted he had agreed so naturally I said yes. And then immediately drove to the pier to see what I had gotten myself into. Now here I was standing on the rail of the Magnolia Pier preparing to jump.

The first time I saw Michael's images I found myself holding my breath. Stunning photo after stunning photo of kids launching themselves off of the Magnolia Pier into the air captured in all manner of ways, always with a little bit of risky surprise. The images are gorgeous, crisp, and artful. These photographs are part of Michael's "Jump!" series which chronicles kids jumping off the Magnolia Pier for the past 18 years.

Michael swears he was a terrible photographer at first (I am not sure I believe him). His mother let him borrow her camera and while determined, he was definitely not a natural. Growing up in Florida being an artist was not an option in his house and his parents were not at all supportive of his photography. He never imagined he would be successful, but he just loved taking pictures.

And so he did, and of course he got better, much better, and has gone on to have an enormously successful career shooting 10 cov-



JUMP! For more than a decade, Prince (seen here hanging off the base of the railing by just one hand) has chronicled kids of all ages—even those in their 50s—jumping from the Magnolia Pier.

ers for *Forbes* magazine, so far. He has taken portraits of Malala Yousafzai, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, the Rock, and Jeff Bezos. His photographs can be found in the permanent collections of the Brooklyn Museum, SF Moma and the Library of Congress to name a few and, of course, most importantly—the cover of this summer's *Out & About* on Cape Ann supplement of the *Manchester Cricket*, generously donated by Michael.

The day I showed up to

jump, a group of kids, around 16 or 17 years old, had gathered on the pier. Michael was early and ready, and I was not. Some of the kids knew him. One of the boys said, "I was on your Instagram when I was like eight!" They jumped and flipped and dove off the pier, each in turn. They seemed fluent, care-free, with a kind of summertime innocence. One young woman wanted to jump off of something particularly high and perhaps a bit more dan-

gerous; reactions varied. As the mother of a teenage girl I simply said, "You can do it!" My daughter was more pragmatic noting that the most dangerous part was getting up on top, where the young woman currently was, so "... well ... you're already up there ..." But Michael was the most worried of all. He helped her get sorted before she climbed up. He coached her. He fretted and tended. And then, he took the most gorgeous image of her as she did a slow perfect backflip off of her hard-earned perch.

It's the physical aspect of the images—people moving through space—that intrigues Prince. Capturing something moving quickly, combined with the stunning background of the pier, Magnolia Harbor, and all its variations.

Michael explains that the physical aspect of the images, people moving through space, is intriguing to him. Combine this with the stunning background of the pier, Magnolia Harbor, and there are a million variations. He likes the technical aspect of having to capture something moving so quickly. He also shared that he loves the transition. Little kids growing into young adults. No matter how young or old, they still jump and talk. Older kids look out for younger kids. Adults jump too, and everyone is very supportive. Michael notes that it is just a great community - and a blast to do.

I visited Michael in his beautiful Magnolia home, minutes from the pier.

Here, in his space, you can see that not only his work, but his general way of being, suggests someone who is at once meticulous and care-free. An enviable combination. Throughout his home is amazing and varied art that he and his wife have collected, interspersed with some of Michael's photographs. When I ask him which is his favorite he identifies an image I noticed in his kitchen; I thought it was a painting. In fact, it is a drone shot Michael took of a cranberry bog when he was first becoming fluent in drone photography. It is insanely beautiful, vibrant, and modern.

We spoke about the change in photography now that anyone with a smartphone can manipulate an image to solve for all manner of things that previously required technical expertise. Michael noted that the one thing which cannot

be "fixed" or given a photo filter is composition. This image of the bog is a stellar example of this. His eye makes it art.

Michael's connection to the sea and Magnolia goes beyond the pier. A lifelong beachcomber, he walks Magnolia beach daily with his dog Romeo. On these walks he finds and has collected all manner of oddities and treasures which he keeps in carefully curated collections, artful and intriguing, throughout his home. Growing up, beach combing with his little brother, he found a crazy hard hat from Cuba that he still has. At his Magnolia home there are arrangements of gradient sea glass, a torpedo bottle, a vertebra, old golf balls, skulls, and shells. He explains that he absolutely believes that everything looks better once it has spent time in the ocean. He loves the idea of this mathematical equation: object + ocean + time = something new. Something better.

At the end of our time on the pier, Michael decides to jump. He has my daughter hold his camera. When he thinks out loud about what to do, one of the kids, the one Michael photographed when he was eight, says "Do the up and over!" As it turns out this is Michael's signature jump. I am stunned to see that this means doing a handstand on the rail of the pier (just think about this for a moment) that turns into a dive off of the pier. It requires a boatload of strength and even more bravery; Michael does it.

The images Michael has taken and shared over the past 18 years are such an incredible gift to the kids who have grown up jumping off of the pier. To not only see themselves over time, but at a moment in time. A sun filled sky high glimpse of their adolescence perfectly captured in a beautiful singular moment, it takes your breath away. Object + ocean + time = something better. Agreed.

Kris McGinn is the features editor at The Cricket. If you would like to see more of Michael's extraordinary work you can visit his web site at www.michaelprince.com.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
 1:18 a.m. Lincoln St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
 10:36 a.m. Central St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:30 p.m. Route 128B, disabled motor vehicle, secured/checked.
 8:34 p.m. Beaver Dam Rd., alarm, no action taken.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
 9:35 a.m. Hickory Hill Rd., fire alarm, fire false.
 12:06 p.m. The Plains Rd., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 5:09 p.m. Sea St., fraud/scam, assisted as needed. 6:09 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
 8:06 a.m. Woodholm Rd., traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 12:46 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, spoken to. 1:18 p.m. Bridge St., animal complaint, notification made. 2:13 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
 5:28 a.m. Summer St., fire alarm, fire false. 12:03 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 12:29

p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
 4:31 p.m. Pine St., animal complaint, spoken to.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
 10:13 a.m. School St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. 11:17 a.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 4:31 p.m. School St., citizen assist, notification made. 9:58 p.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, arrest.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
 4:49 a.m. Tucks Point Rd., citizen assist, notification made. 10:34 a.m. Pine St., traffic hazard, spoken to. 1:12 p.m. Forest Lane, motor vehicle crash, patient refusal. 4:09 p.m. Windemere Park Rd., parking complaint, no action taken.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
 1:43 a.m. Raymond St., suspicious activity, spoken to. 9:31 a.m. Proctor St., parking complaint, spoken to. 11:57 a.m. Jersey Lane, disabled motor vehicle, notification made. 9:38 p.m. Forest St., animal complaint, notification made.



Early morning on a hot day, cross country runners are debriefed after a practice run by Coach Steve Whittey. First home match is at Ravenswood Park on Wednesday the 18th against Lynnfield. Photo Paul Clark

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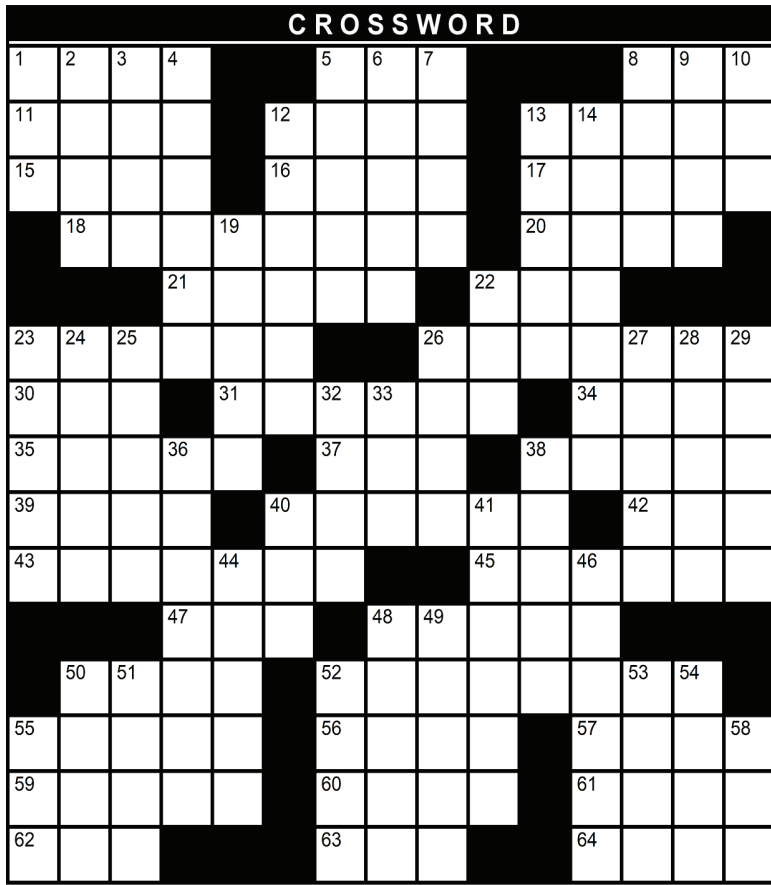
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11. Arabian chieftain
12. Actress Sorvino
13. Excessively fat
15. Chore list
16. Second word in fairytale?
17. Doled out cards
18. *1933 movie monster (2 words)
20. Eyeball
21. Golf aid
22. French vineyard
23. *Larry or Curly or Moe
26. Between delta and zeta
30. ___ B vaccine
31. Ciphering machine
34. Kind
35. Black and white cookies
37. ___ chi
38. Fender bender consequences
39. Light beige
40. *First white chocolate manufacturer
42. Grasp
43. Elbow room, to a ship (2 words)
45. Teenagers' emotions
47. Belly
48. East Indian pepper
50. Buzzing pest
52. *Prairie crisis (2 words)
55. Change, as in U.S. Constitution
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57. Solomon-like
59. Boatload
60. Lab gel
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9. Small island
10. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
12. *Shenyang (China) in 1931
13. O in B.O., pl.
14. *Cole Porter's "Begin the ___"
19. Dashboard windows
22. Accounting title
23. Oxfords and loafers
24. 9 a.m. prayer
25. *George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess"
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Solutions on Page 11

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36. *a.k.a. The Little Rascals (2 words)
38. Brightest star in Cygnus
40. 1990s negation
41. Second of two
44. Beat the Joneses
46. Angry stare
48. Battle of the ___, a.k.a. Ardennes Offensive
49. Test format
50. *Bureau of Investigation agent, to "Machine Gun" Kelly
51. Smart but awkward one
52. *FDR's New ___
53. ___ E. Coyote
54. Law school test acronym
55. Expert
58. Compass point between NE and E

Religious Notes

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Cornerstone Church

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have any special needs or concerns, please let us know! We're here to serve!

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as www.mecatholic.org

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.

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Preparing For End of Life Decisions



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

The hardest part of loving a pet is having to say goodbye. For so many of us, pets are more than animals who live in our homes—they're family. Deciding how to handle a beloved cat or dog's final life stage—their last hours, days, weeks, or months—can be extremely challenging.

As animal lovers and medical professionals, veterinary teams want to support you when it's time to make end-of-life decisions. That's why The American Animal Hospital Association collaborated with the International Association of Animal Hospice and Palliative Care to create the AAHA/IAAHPC End-of-Life Care Guidelines.

Top 12 things you need to know about these guidelines

1. You still have some control of the situation. While you might feel powerless when your pet is diagnosed with a terminal disease, you can still be proactive about their care. Your veterinarian will tell you about the expected trajectory of the disease so, together, you can create a treatment plan for each step of the way.
2. There are clear reasons a pet can be a candidate for palliative or hospice care. In the final life stage, dogs and cats generally have a terminal or ultimately fatal disease, a chronic or progressive disease, like end-stage kidney or heart failure, debilitating arthritis, a chronic disability like the inability to walk, or any combination of these. Since the medical issue itself is incurable, the goal of medications and treatment will be making every day as good as it can be.
3. Just like in human hospice, animal hospice care focuses on relieving the patient's suffering and supporting their caregivers. Hospice care should be provided—under veterinary guidance—from the time of a terminal diagnosis

4. Hospice-supported natural death is an alternative to euthanasia. Under the care of a veterinarian, death can occur naturally or with the assistance of medications administered by your veterinarian. This alternative is ideal for those who struggle with the decision to purposefully end their pet's life, even if done humanely and for ethical reasons.
5. Humane euthanasia is a peaceful process. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has approved specific methods to minimize your pet's pain, discomfort, and anxiety. Pet owners are often comforted by how quickly, quietly, and peacefully an animal passes away during euthanasia.
6. Euthanasia can be a final act of love. While veterinary caregivers sympathize with how difficult making the decision to euthanize a beloved animal is, animal hospice doesn't permit a pet to die without euthanasia unless effective measures are in place to alleviate discomfort under the care of a licensed veterinarian. Neglecting or ignoring a pet's suffering is considered unethical and inhumane.
7. Your veterinary team will carefully evaluate your pet's end-of-life transition. Addressing your pet's physical, social, and emotional needs are critical to maximizing your pet's comfort and minimizing suffering. Your team may refer to the Animal Hospice Care Pyramid to guide their recommendations to you.
8. Your veterinary team will customize a plan for your pet's specific needs. This includes

9. Provide palliative and end-of-life care at home if at all possible. Ask your veterinarian how to maximize your pet's quality of life. Simple modifications to your home can make a real difference in your pet's comfort, such as altering slippery floor surfaces, improving accessibility to food and water, ensuring that bedding is comfortable, optimizing litter box location and design, finding an ideal home temperature, and maintaining sanitation and hygiene.
10. Euthanasia can be performed in the veterinary hospital or at home. There are even veterinarians who exclusively practice in-home euthanasia or will meet you at a park or beach if local laws allow. Your veterinarian will be sensitive to your wishes in such a tender time.
11. Your veterinarian will continue to help after your pet's death. Whether you chose burial, cremation, or a necropsy (autopsy), your veterinary team can make arrangements, and also offer suggestions for ways to cope with your loss. Many pet owners like to memorialize a pet by writing a letter to the pet, creating a photo album or journal about the animal, making jewelry or a charm from a pet's ashes, or planting a memorial tree. If you like, your veterinarian can help you make a memorial item like a clay paw or nose print or collect fur.

12. Grief is a natural response to loss. It's a dynamic process that changes over time. We often experience the same five stages of grief for pets that we do for human loved ones: denial, bargaining, anger, depression, and finally, acceptance. Please consider using resources available to grieving pet owners. You're not alone.

What to ask your veterinarian about end-of-life care

- Is my pet suffering? How do you know? What is the best way to alleviate that?
- What modifications can I make to my home to increase my pet's comfort?
- Are there indications that my pet is a candidate for hospice care?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of humane euthanasia versus hospice-supported natural death?
- What are the pros and cons of euthanasia at home or in the veterinary hospital?
- How should I involve other family members, children, or pets in this process?
- Can you recommend resources for people grieving the death of a beloved pet?

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



Solution to puzzles on page 10

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First Parish Church

First Parish Church Manchester-by-the-Sea - a lovely place to start your week, join us for a moving message, beautiful music and community in the center of town -

Summer Sunday worship continues this week at 9 a.m. with worship leader, Rev. Katherine Schofield, music led by Dr. Herman Weiss and Rebecca Shrimpton.

The Church office is closed Monday for the holiday but open 9 a.m. - 12 noon the rest of the week.

NO Monday Friends of the COA Senior Drop in 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

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

Sunday, September 8 Rally Sunday, kick off the school year, during the 10 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 22 Youth Fellowship begins!

Sunday, September 29 Jazz Sunday during the 10 a.m. worship

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 quietly, awaiting the experience of God's presence.

People in our community hail from the traditional tribal lands of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts now called Manchester, Gloucester, Beverly, Ipswich, Rockport, Salem, Lynn and Marblehead. Whether you have worshiped in other Quaker (Friends) Meetings or not, we welcome you to join us. If you are new to Quakers, someone will be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. Send an email to: northshorequaker@gmail.com. First Day School, our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Town Hall
10 Central Street
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944

SELECT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall meeting room #5 and by zoom. Zoom information will be available on the Town website, prior to the meeting.

- Request for a Change of Manager on the all alcohol, on-premises club license at 15 Tucks Point Road, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA held by Manchester Yacht Club.

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

August 23, 2024 MC
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PUBLIC NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-Sea
Office of the
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,
Manchester-by-Sea, MA 01944-1399

Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 8/30/24

Juliet Chamberlain requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability for repaving an existing driveway within the 200-ft Riverfront Area of Wolf Trap Brook at 27 Magnolia Avenue.

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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

August 30, 2023 MC

PET OF THE WEEK: GENTLE TIMMY

Timmy, 5 months old, is part of Cape Ann Animal Aid's extended stay club, so his adoption fee has been reduced to help him find a home more quickly. Timmy is a gentle-mannered and loving Labrador retriever mix with a heart as big as his growing paws. Timmy has a special love for people, always eager to make new friends, and is smart and eager to learn. Timmy is ready to embark on new adventures with a family of his own. Are you ready to welcome this sweet puppy into your life? Timmy can't wait to meet you. Visit www.capeannanimalaid.org for more information about Timmy, and all the other



animals waiting for homes at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.

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\$15,675,000 | Fabyan & Filias Team
Sweeping outer harbor views from OakLedge. Timeless Shingle-style 2009 masterpiece at the ocean's edge with unique historic details, waterfront living, private beach, seaside pool, and sports court.



MANCHESTER

\$8,200,000 | Gretchen Berg
Gracious shingle-style 4 bed home with views of harbor and islands, easy flowing floorplan and attention to detail. Enjoy entertaining inside and out. Lower level, 3-car garage. Featured in Northshore Magazine.



GLOUCESTER

\$4,350,000 | Ann Olivo & Rick Marshall
Miles of ocean views, direct Plum Cove Beach access, mooring, huge paver patio top long list of highlights in custom 4-bedroom, 4.5-bath, 2016 stunner. Heated garage, generator, geothermal heat.



HAMILTON

\$2,100,000 | Ann Olivo & Rick Marshall
Impressive 4-bedroom, 4.5-bath custom Colonial on 1.9 acres across from Patton Park. Grand fireplaced family room, eat-in chef's kitchen, private stairs to main suite. Central air, 3-car garage.



ESSEX

\$1,700,000 | Ida Doane
Charm, character, marsh views and frontage! 1830 Federal-style B&B in Village has 7 en suite bedrooms, 6 fireplaces, 3rd level penthouse, 2 breakfast porches. 2 studio units in carriage house.



MANCHESTER

\$1,590,000 | Fabyan & Filias Team
Simplified living at its finest. Captivating 10-room, 5-bedroom, 3.5-bath Colonial offers gourmet kitchen, open floor plan, naturally landscaped outdoor living. Meticulously maintained. Enjoy all MBTS offers.



DANVERS

\$1,550,000 | Steven Graczyk
New construction home with high-end details and a chef's kitchen, gas fireplaced family room, primary suite with closets and bath, plus 3 additional bedrooms. Close to area schools and more!



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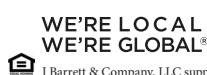
\$850,000 | Margo Maloney
Located right downtown, this 19th century property has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, beautiful yard to enjoy the outdoor space and off-street parking. Make it your own or an income producing rental property.



BEVERLY

\$649,900 | Kathleen Essler
Outstanding harbor views. 2-bedroom, 2-bath updated chic Tuck Point townhouse. Dramatic open living space, beautifully remodeled kitchen, 2nd floor master, in-unit laundry. Semi-private garage.

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