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– Walt Whitman

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Tim Johnson

Surfers flock to Squibnocket to chase some October waves.

SSA Considers Rate Hike To Offset Rising Fuel Costs

By ETHAN GENTER

The Steamship Authority is eyeing fare hikes next year as the cost of fuel skyrockets and ridership is flat.

At the advisory port council meeting Tuesday, Steamship treasurer and comptroller Mark Rozum said without a price increase the boat line is projected to take in about $573,000 in net income in 2027, a far cry from the usual $10 million or so it has seen in the last few years.

One of the largest single line item increases in 2027 is fuel, which is estimated to go up by $4.9 million – a 43 per cent jump over this year.

"The big item on the budget is impact of fuel prices," Mr. Rozum said.

To offset the income gap, Steamship staff is considering higher prices for vehicle and passenger fares, as well as parking next year. In the high season, the cost of a non-Islander car could go up by $17 one way and excursion fares by $8.50 roundtrip, according to the preliminary presentation Tuesday.

Mr. Rozum said the Steamship would need the extra money to invest in the company.

"We look at it as not spending money, it's investing the money," Mr. Rozum said. "A lot of these items, the more we can do on the preventative side, the better off we are operationally and our riders get the benefit of that."

The Steamship Authority locks in a price on fuel with its supplier, a practice known as hedging, which helped the ferry line save this year as prices jumped exponentially. But that will rise when the new hedge is established for 2027.

"Not only is the strike price significantly more, but the last hedge that we just purchased was almost double what we paid last year because of the price uncertainty and volatility," Mr. Rozum said.

Some ferry lines and other transportation services have turned to surcharges when the price of oil spikes, according to Mr. Rozum. The Steamship's preliminary rate hikes would be on the lower end of what others are doing, he added.

"You're seeing this impact in transportation across the board," he said. "I looked up other ferry operators. Currently, as of today, their fuel surcharges are between 5.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent on their ticket prices."

For members of the port council, which gives financial and other recommendations to the Steamship board, that wasn't a route that seemed feasible for the Steamship Authority.

"I'm going to speak for the public right now. We have to figure out how to fill the boats. We have to get the bleacher seats full."

"Surcharges are bad," said Gordon Carr, the New Bedford member and chair of the port council. "They are unanticipated, they're sort of dramatic, all that kind of stuff, versus the way you manage both how we buy our fuel, but also these adjustments."

Other rising costs included staffing, which is projected to rise aproximately $4.7 million (an 8.2 per cent increase) largely born from union negotiated contracts, according to Steamship officials.

Mr. Rozum emphasized that the numbers relayed to the port council were preliminary, and subject to change. The Steamship is fine-tuning the budget and is planning to have public meetings to

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Community Services Picks New CEO

By EMMA KILBRIDE

Martha's Vineyard Community Services needed to look no further than its own campus for its new chief executive officer, two-time interim CEO Scott Turton.

Community Services announced the new role Tuesday for Mr. Turton, a trained social worker and psychotherapist and former chief administrative officer at the organization. His two turns as interim CEO took place after Beth Folcarelli retired in 2024 and after Dean Teague resigned in March.

Mr. Turton told the Gazette this week he was feeling "awestruck" to find himself permanently in the top position at the organization, which counts behavioral health care, addiction services and childcare among its offerings.

"It's just such an integral organization for this Island, and I'm feeling rather honored to be put in charge of it," Mr. Turton said.

In a statement Tuesday, Amy Gavin, MVCS board president, spoke to Mr. Turton's readiness to take on the role at a critical time for the organization, which is finishing up a years-long $17.5 million overhaul of its campus. Since 2024, Community Services has built a new childcare center and a new main

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Derby Heads Into the Final Weekend

By EMMA KILBRIDE

The 81st Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby, which concludes on Saturday at 11:59 a.m., has been notable for some sluggish days at the weigh-in station but also some record catches.

"The fishing has been, I'll say, spotty," committee member John Piekos said this week. "There's been big fish, which is sort of remarkable for this year.... My hunch is the volume of fish caught is down, but the size is up."

"If you haven't caught a fish, the fishing hasn't been great, but if you have, it's been the best derby ever," added weighmaster Mike Cassidy.

On Sunday, the final awards ceremony will be held at Farm Neck Golf Club, with the junior trophies handed out at 11 a.m., and the overall awards event beginning at 1 p.m.

The six grand leaders across the six boat and shore categories will vie for the grand prize: a 2026 Jeep Gladiator Mojave X from Vineyard Vines, custom wrapped with a camo print paying homage to the derby and the Island. Each of the six leaders will get a key, one of which will unlock a box containing the keys to the Jeep.

This week, a new boat bluefish leader emerged when David M. Gerhardt weighed in a 21.01-pound fish. In the shore bluefish category, Bruce Dew III is dominating with a 19.91-pound catch.

The top boat bonito belongs to David Kadison, at 10.98 pounds, and the biggest shore bonito catch is Cameron J. Maciel's at 9.13 pounds.

Leading the way in the boat albie category is Sherry L. Countryman, who pulled in a state record-setting 19.91-pound albie on Sept. 17. Angela C. Fisher rounds out the leader board with her 13.7-pound shore albie.

Several anglers and derby committee members told the Gazette that after a northeaster hit the Island in late September, the albies disappeared.

"The false albacore have almost vanished..." Mr. Piekos said. "I caught zero this year, and my chance has passed."

Meanwhile, bonito, once seen as a "unicorn" fish, have flourished.

Because albies and bonitos tend to

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Ray Ewing

Looking for luck in the waning days of the derby.



Ray Ewing

Seastreak operates out of New Bedford harbor.

Steamship GM Supports More New Bedford Service

By ETHAN GENTER

The long-debated idea of expanding ferry service in New Bedford got new support this week after the Steamship Authority's general manager proclaimed his strong interest in turning the Whaling City into a full-fledged ferry port.

Alex Kryska, who took over leadership of the Steamship in January, said Tuesday that he wanted to see New Bedford become a regular ferry destination like Hyannis, and was ready to dig into the potential of the idea.

"As long as I'm here, and [unless] somebody knocks me off my perch, that's my goal: is to have service — full service — coming out of New Bedford," Mr. Kryska said at the Steamship's port council meeting. "Not just freight, but cars, passengers, the whole works, just like we have coming out of Hyannis."

Mr. Kryska didn't get into details on what an expansion of service could look like, but he was interested in studying the port, which now only has the Seastreak running fast ferries to the Vineyard and Nantucket, along with intermittent freight service.

Mr. Kryska's comments Tuesday came as the port council was discussing traffic in Woods Hole and the much-discussed 5:30 a.m. ferry from the Falmouth village to Martha's Vineyard. The early morning ferry has been a thorn in the side of some Woods Hole residents, who regularly file petitions with the Steamship Authority to reconsider the schedule in order to halt loud trucks rumbling through the neighborhood at 5 a.m.

New Bedford has often been held up by Woods Hole residents as a potential remedy to their traffic woes, and the Steamship Authority held a hearing on the early morning ferry in July on the latest petition.

Vineyard leaders have contended that the ferry, which is largely full of tractor trailers bringing supplies to the Island, is essential to keep businesses and life here running. The early call time also gets truck drivers on and off the Vineyard before the roads become clogged with traffic.

Oak Bluffs port council member Joe Sollitto also noted that Woods Hole Road is a major road on Cape Cod, not

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Aquinnah Hires New Police Chief

By CHARLES LEITNER

The Aquinnah select board chose a former patrol officer to succeed police Chief Randhi Belain in leading the Island's smallest police department.

The board voted unanimously Tuesday to appoint Ryan Ruley, a police sergeant in Edgartown, as chief starting Nov. 6, when Chief Belain retires.

"In Sergeant Ryan Ruley, we believe we have found a leader with the experience, judgment and temperament to serve all of Aquinnah's residents and visitors as well, and we look forward to welcoming him as our next chief of police, and to the continued cooperation between the town and the tribe that his leadership will help strengthen," said Tom Murphy, the select board chair.

Mr. Ruley was one of five applicants reviewed for the position. Mr. Ruley was interviewed last week by the town's interview committee, along with fellow finalist Daniel Jones.

Mr. Ruley's experience working in Aquinnah was attractive to the select board. Prior to working in Edgartown, Mr. Ruley served as an officer from 2005 to 2007 and a detective from 2009 to 2012 in the up-Island town.

Mr. Ruley, who is also a former Oak Bluffs select board member, said he wants to continue the legacy of community policing set up by his predecessors.

"It truly is community policing," said Mr. Ruley. "We do a lot more than law enforcement. We do a ton of community involvement."

Chief Belain has been with the department since 1996, and will stay on to serve as a special officer. Mr. Ruley said he planned to follow Chief Belain's lead.

"He laid down a foundation over 30 years of good communication and being a steward of public safety, not so much law enforcement," Mr. Ruley said. "And I think we'll continue that tradition and work well with the tribe and we'll work to modernize policies and procedures that bring us to this next level of policing and be very heavy on community policing."



Ray Ewing

Ryan Ruley stands alongside Chief Randhi Belain.

The Aquinnah police force has been understaffed in recent years and the department had to ask for support from the Dukes County Sheriff's Office to continue services.

Mr. Ruley's arrival is one of several personnel changes to bolster the department. Recently, the town appointed Krystle Welch as its newest police officer, and Jeffrey Trudel as its newest sergeant.

"I'm lucky that I've got Jeff Trudel up here as a sergeant who's got a ton of experience, and Randhi's not going far," said Mr. Ruley. "He's going to stay on as a special officer and help us out, which is huge."

Mr. Murphy said that policing in the town of Aquinnah, which has the sovereign Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) within its borders, can be different from the other towns on the Vineyard.

"Policing here calls for more than professional skills; it calls for respect for tribal sovereignty, sensitivity to the tribe's history and concerns, and a commitment to working in partnership with tribal leadership and the tribe's own public safety officials," said Mr. Murphy.

Car-B-Q Puts Classic Rides Center Stage

By EMMA KILBRIDE

On Sunday afternoon, the Winnetu Oceanside Resort became a haven for car enthusiasts, who gathered for the Vineyard Gazette's Car-B-Q classic auto show.

The owners of classic, vintage and antique rides, from Volkswagen buses to sleek Thunderbirds, lined up their automobiles on the Winnetu lawn so that fans of all ages could look under the hood or even get in the driver's seat.

Guests enjoyed burgers, popcorn and cotton candy while voting on their favorite cars, joined by the Winnetu's two antique cars and the Vineyard Gazette's 1955 Chevy pickup. Winners received prizes from sponsors including the Gazette, the Winnetu, Automates Car Detailing and Town MV.

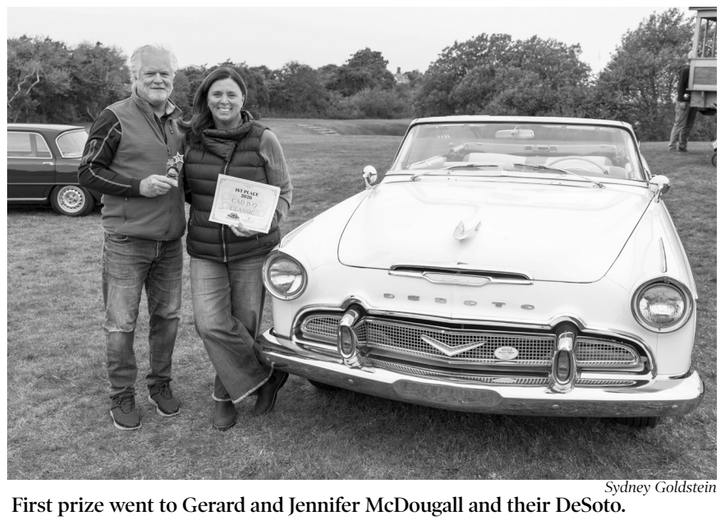
Among the hopeful motorists was 17-year-old Seabella Vargas of Vineyard Haven, who was showing off a 1998 BMW Z3 she restored herself. The self-taught mechanic has been working on the car since she bought it at the beginning of the summer, and there are still a few modifications she's hoping to make, including adding a turbo engine.

"After the turbo, it's going to have 600 horsepower, which is crazy for this car since it's so light and so small," she said.

Ms. Vargas, who used to work at the Winnetu, enjoyed seeing familiar faces from the hotel and the classic car community at the Car-B-Q.

"The company is great," she said.

Nearby was Raleigh Russell with her 1995 Toyota Hilux Surf, a model made exclusively in Japan until 2009. She purchased it in July off the Vineyard's Facebook page, MV Stuff for Sale.



Sydney Goldstein

First prize went to Gerard and Jennifer McDougall and their DeSoto.

Growing up on the Island, Ms. Russell loved to look through her dad's Car and Driver magazines and listen to Car Talk on NPR. In adulthood, she's enjoyed having the chance to get more involved with the car community.

"I've just always been so interested in cars, and as I've gotten older, I've been able to be more involved with my hobby," she said.

On the Vineyard, car fans are hardly in short supply, said Chris Priore, a co-founder of Martha's Classic Car Club alongside Guy Cammorata. He said the club has 220 members, most of whom have rides of their own.

"There's a lot more people on this Island with a lot of cars," he said.

Mr. Priore brought his bright yellow 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle Super Sport convertible, which he found abandoned in the woods in West Tisbury, covered in mud. He rescued it and restored it from tip to tail.

"In the time I built this, I got married, had two children and went from a single-car garage to a three-car garage, and finally it's done," he said. "It takes a while if you have other things happening in your life."

For him, the magic of classic cars comes down to speed, sound and the portal they create to days gone by.

"It's the nostalgia," he said.

Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day

By LILY ECHEVERRIA

On Monday, Sassafras Earth Education, an Indigenous Wampanoag nonprofit based in Aquinnah, hosted its fifth annual Indigenous Peoples Day event at Felix Neck Wildlife Center.

The afternoon opened with a drumming performance by the Black Brook Singers, followed by remarks from David Two Arrows Vanderhoop, founder of Sassafras Earth Education.

Mr. Vanderhoop began by expressing gratitude for the day and the opportunity to gather in community.

"I want to say that I'm very grateful for this sun today," he said. "I'm also grateful for waking up this morning, for having the courage to come and face every day doing the best that I can."

Mr. Vanderhoop then introduced Taj Madison, a member of the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah (Gay Head), who offered a land acknowledgment and shared an original poem honoring Indigenous land.

"I want to acknowledge all the Indigenous here on this Island, on this continent and across the world," Mr. Madison said. "I want to acknowledge that here on this Island, we carry on our traditions. We continue to drum. We continue to sing. We continue to dance."

Mr. Madison emphasized that Indigenous people remain present on Martha's Vineyard. He said remembering and recognizing their continued presence is essential.

"Sometimes it's as simple as waking up and in your mind giving remembrance and thanks to the land that you're on," he said. "There are a lot of ways to support. Think about how you all can be here, not just for us, but for all Indigenous people."

Wampanoag Tribe of Chappaquiddick tribal council member Alexis Moreis echoed Mr. Madison's message, reflecting on Indigenous history and the continued presence of tribal communities, alongside the role language can play in decolonization.

"We make a choice when we're recognizing a tribal community. To just say someone is a descendant of Wampanoag [people], that's actually harmful. That's erasure. You're not acknowledging that these communities live here," she said. "Our families continue to live here on the land."

Throughout the afternoon, speeches from tribal members alternated with musical interludes featuring drumming and flute-playing.

The Black Brook Singers also performed a song composed by Thomas Fantasia, a member of the Aquinnah tribe. Mr. Fantasia said he composed the song in honor of his late mother and all the women in the Wampanoag community.

"My mother was a woman who wasn't of herself. She was somebody who lived in service of her family and her community, as many of our mothers and grandmothers do throughout the generations," he said.

The program concluded much like it began: with drumming. Mr. Vanderhoop invited attendees to join hands in a swaying circle around the Black Brook Singers.

"Remember who we are, standing hand in hand, dancing and singing, loving this way of life," they sang.

Scientists Study Erosion in Aquinnah

By LOUISA HUFSTADER

A collaboration between the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and Tufts University to study erosion at the Gay Head cliffs was funded by NASA in 2024, only to have its grant withdrawn the following year after the change in federal administration.

The news was made public Tuesday by Tufts professor of engineering Farshid Vahedifard, speaking at the Martha's Vineyard Film Center in Vineyard Haven.

"They said that it's no longer in line with federal priorities," Mr. Vahedifard told a sold-out audience at the annual Islands Coastal Conference, which takes place on the Vineyard every other year.

The long-term goal of the study is to support the tribe's stewardship of the cliffs over generations to come, he said.

"The project is led by the tribe." Mr. Vahedifard said.

Undeterred by NASA's withdrawal, the tribe applied for and won a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management to continue the study in partnership with Tufts.

To track the changing cliffs and to model future changes, Mr. Vahedifard said an interdisciplinary team of scientists is using satellite imaging, historic maps and existing geological and archeological studies, including the deeply-researched report prepared for the Gay Head lighthouse move in 2015.

But science is only part of the study, he said. Wampanoag tribal members are making key contributions by sharing not only their observations of the changing cliffs, but their personal memories and cultural traditions as well.

"We are always so impressed by how much the tribe is willing to put in this project," Mr. Vahedifard said. "It's so amazing to listen to them."

He also displayed a diagram of terms that tribal members used most frequently in conversations about the cliffs at the 2026 powwow, with "sacred" and "home" at the forefront followed by "heritage," "nature" and "clay."

The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the state coastal zone management office and the Martha's Vineyard Commission were the lead co-sponsors of this year's coastal conference, which is presented by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution's Sea Grant research foundation.

The all-day event moved briskly through a series of speakers, each of whom outlined a different aspect of environmental research, planning or policy.

Global sea level rise is accelerating, WHOI oceanographer Chris Piecuch said, bringing high-tide flooding and evermore-damaging storms.

"Everywhere, we're going to see an increase in frequency of these extreme weather events," he said.

Specific water level data is scanty for Cape Cod and the Islands, he said, but a project is getting underway to add sensors across the area.

As with the Gay Head Cliffs study, scientists are also looking to laypeople with long experience, such as recreational fishers, to help understand the changing coastline.

"There's a lot of room for co-produced knowledge," Mr. Piecuch said.

Mark Borelli, a coastal geologist with the University of Massachusetts, Boston, noted that some stormy weather is essential to life on Earth.

"It's a climate regulator. It pulls heat out of the tropics and makes it livable for us," he said.

"Humans could not live on this planet without hurricanes," said Mr. Borelli, who spoke with disdain of the media term "freak storm."

"That drives me crazy,' he said. "The most natural thing in the world is storms."

Mr. Borelli scorned another weather cliché after noting that Boston saw record-setting winter storms in both 1978 and 2018.

"That's two 'hundred-year' storms in 40 years. We should think about renaming those," he said.

An even larger storm came through the area in January of 2015, Mr. Borelli said, but failed to register as a major hit because it arrived at low tide, sparing coastal communities the devastating effects of surging water.

"Sea level rise runs the show," he said.

Islanders also got a sneak preview of the state's upcoming report on fishing port data from Story Reed, assistant director of the Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries.

The Vineyard has about 150 active harvesters of fish and shellfish, Mr. Reed said, down from more than 200 a decade ago.

Shellfish are the most-landed crop, he said, accounting in 2024 for $2.3 million in ex-vessel sales, defined as the first transaction after harvest.

Invertebrates such as lobster and whelk brought in $9.7 million in 2024, according to the fisheries data, and finfish totaled $5.9 million.

The full report will be released later this month, Mr. Story said.

Island biologists and planners also spoke at the coastal conference, which was founded in 2013 and takes place on Nantucket every other year.

Emma Green-Beach, executive director of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, highlighted the non-profit's successful transformation of the former lobster hatchery on Lagoon Pond into a nursery for eelgrass shoots that have been uprooted by storms, allowing the plants to be preserved and returned to the pond bottom as habitat for shellfish.

Martha's Vineyard Commission planners Sheri Caseau spoke about the health of Island ponds, which are under mounting environmental pressure from excess nitrogen.

The commission's climate resilience planner, Sakiko Isomichi, spoke on how to build a stronger supply chain for Islanders' most essential necessities and also introduced the MVC's new Marsh Stewards program aimed at assessing and restoring Island wetlands.

Speakers also discussed the science of salt marshes and the plight of the Wampanoag herring fishery, which biologist Maria Abate said is losing much of its herring to commercial boats that scoop them up as bycatch while harvesting other species.

Dukes County manager Martina Thornton, who doubles as the county's emergency manager, presented a draft strategic plan for emergency management across the Island.

The six towns face common threats, Ms. Thornton said.

"The severe weather, the coastal storms, they do not know the town boundaries. The public emergencies, [such as] COVID, they affect us all," she said.

At the same time, Ms. Thornton said, each community has limited resources, with emergency managers who have other full-time jobs.

"They are not specifically just thinking every day about emergency management. So that puts a strain on, when there is a big operation, who is actually going to be doing all that emergency management work," she said.

Ms. Thornton said she is now in the process of asking each select board to approve the strategic plan and contribute to hiring a full-time emergency manager for the Island as a whole.

"Ninety-five per cent of emergency management is in planning. It happens before emergencies arrive," she said.

Man Charged With Rape at Police Barracks

By ETHAN GENTER

A Boston man pleaded not guilty to one count of rape connected to an alleged incident at the state police barracks in Oak Bluffs this summer.

Edward Joseph Brown, 27, entered the not guilty plea during a virtual hearing in the Edgartown District Court on Tuesday. Prosecutors claim that Mr. Brown raped a woman he had met while at a bar in Oak Bluffs and brought back to the barracks.

Mr. Brown was visiting the Island and staying with a trooper who was living in the barracks, according to the Cape and Islands district attorney's office.

Oak Bluffs police began investigating the alleged rape after two 911 calls came to the county dispatch shortly before 1 a.m. on August 15, assistant district attorney Courtney Scalise told the court during the arraignment. The callers described a woman naked in the street outside the barracks on Temahigan Road.

One of the people who found the woman brought her to Martha's Vineyard Hospital down the road, and when Oak Bluffs police officers talked to the woman, they said she had bruising on her legs and a large red mark on her neck, Ms. Scalise said.

The woman, who is from Ireland, was out at the Ritz with friends and told investigators that she recalled a man grabbing her buttocks and trying to buy her a drink, Ms. Scalise said.

The assistant district attorney told the court that the woman couldn't initially recall what happened after the bar, and remembered waking up with the man naked and on top of her in an unfamiliar location.

The woman was examined by a nurse and later said that a man held her down by the neck and forced himself upon her, Ms. Scalise said.

Oak Bluffs police talked to friends of the victim and sought out surveillance footage in the area. They found some footage that showed a man wearing a white hat approach the victim and then the two got into an Uber together, according to the prosecutor.

A bouncer from the Ritz later came forward and said he may have a photo of the suspect from an earlier night in the summer. Though the bouncer didn't know the man's name, he knew the man was friends with state troopers.

That photo showed the man with a woman who used to date Ryan Costello, a trooper stationed at the barracks, Ms. Scalise said.

Oak Bluffs police reached out to Mr. Costello, who said that the suspect was Mr. Brown, a friend from Boston who was visiting the weekend of the alleged rape.

Another man who was out with Mr. Costello and Mr. Brown on the night of the incident confirmed that Mr. Brown was talking to a woman at the Ritz.

Oak Bluffs police executed a search warrant for the state police barracks, as well as the rideshare accounts for Mr. Brown. Police could not find the woman's clothes or phone, but did learn that Mr. Brown took an Uber at 12:27 a.m. on August 15 from downtown Oak Bluffs to the barracks.

Officers talked to the Uber drive who said a man who matched Mr. Brown's description was with a woman who seemed highly intoxicated, but did not seem intoxicated himself, Ms. Scalise said.

Oak Bluffs police applied for a search and arrest warrant for Mr. Brown on Oct. 8 and after it was granted Boston police arrested him the next day at Boston Latin Academy, where Mr. Brown works. Police found what they suspected was cocaine in Mr. Brown's wallet, according to Ms. Scalise.

Mr. Brown had several other restraining orders from women against him, and the district attorney's office asked that bail be set at $50,000. Mr. Brown's attorney Anthony Ellison pushed back on the amount, and also argued that Mr. Brown did not need to wear the GPS monitor that Ms. Scalise requested.

Mr. Ellison highlighted Mr. Brown's deep family roots in Boston, and said he has had no prior charges against him. Mr. Ellison also noted that the alleged victim in the case told officers that she wasn't interested in pursuing criminal charges and was back in Ireland.

Judge Barnes ordered Mr. Brown to stay away and have no contact with the victim or the witnesses of the case. He set bail at $10,000 and declined to require a GPS monitor. Mr. Brown does have to check in with probation once a week, and must turn over any firearms if he has any.

The court set a Dec. 3 pretrial hearing

Land Bank Revenues

The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank reported revenues of $579,068.70 for the business week ending on Friday, Oct. 9, 2026. The land bank receives its funds from a two per cent fee charged on many Vineyard real estate transactions.

Much of the land bank revenue last week came from the town of Edgartown, where ten transactions resulted in $271,592.70. Three transactions in Oak Bluffs earned $154,080, three transactions in West Tisbury resulted in $62,340, one transaction in chilmark earned 91,000. No eligible transactions were recorded in Aquinnah or Tisbury.

The land bank uses its revenues to purchase and manage land for purposes of conservation, preservation and passive recreation. To date the agency has participated in the purchase of more than 4,242 acres of Vineyard land.

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Airport Fitness Celebrates 30 Years

By LILY ECHEVERRIA

When Connie McHugh opened Airport Fitness in 1996, it was known as the Vineyard Tennis Center. Today, the facility spans three floors and boasts a fitness club, cardio rooms, personal trainers, classes and steam and sauna rooms.

Through all its changes, Ms. McHugh has come to see adaptability as essential to the success of Airport Fitness.

"I think in business, if you don't grow and change, you're dead," she said.

Ms. McHugh didn't always know she would become a businesswoman. But her love of tennis has been with her since childhood.

"I remember driving through a public park with my mom when I was probably eight years old," she said. "I grew up in Wisconsin, and it was early December. There had been a light snow the night before, and there were a bunch of people sweeping off the tennis court. I'll never forget, I turned to my mom and said, 'They must really like that game.'"

Her curiosity about the sport continued, but opportunities to play were limited when she reached high school. At the time, girls had few organized athletic opportunities at her school.

"This was pre-Title IX, and some of the girls started to protest the fact that we had nothing," she said. "When I was a sophomore, they offered three or four different sports...I thought, 'I'm going to do everything.'"

Tennis was the sport that stuck. From then on, Ms. McHugh devoted all her free time to the game.

Her passion became the basis of her career. In the 1980s, she began working in Philadelphia as director of junior tennis programs for the United States Tennis Association.



Ray Ewing

Connie McHugh opened Airport Fitenss in 1996.

When she married Islander Leo McHugh, she made a permanent move to the Vineyard. She brought her passion for tennis with her, and began her club with the goal of uniting tennis players across the Island.

"There were all these pockets of tennis [on the Island], but they never knew each other," she said. "This was the first melting pot for Island residents who were tennis players to actually meet each other."

She then decided to add a fitness club to the building in 1998 to support the health of the players.

"We thought it would be great if the tennis members had a place to get stronger and had a place to warm up," she said. "But then a whole different demographic came in."

Ms. McHugh and her team worked on renovating the original two tennis courts, which comply with tournament regulations, to accommodate pickleball, soccer and basketball depending on community needs.

"Our Brazilian neighbors play a five-on-five game called futsal here three or four days a week," Ms. McHugh said. "We really do a lot in this space. It's become very conducive to lots of things."

Airport Fitness has also been offering pickleball for over 10 years. Ms. McHugh said when she attended a conference about the sport 12 years ago, she knew it was going to be a big deal.

"We were the first club to offer pickleball on the Island," she said. "We have two permanent pickleball courts and an option for four."

The option comes from the use of removable tape to mark additional pickleball courts on the tennis courts.

She shared that the priority of Airport Fitness has always been the Vineyard's year-round residents, and what they express interest in.

"The parking lot is busier in January than July," she said. "We built this for the Island residents."

Ms. McHugh and her team of 15 employees are looking forward to the chance to celebrate Airport Fitness' long tenure on the Island.

"We're going to celebrate the fact that we're still alive, and we're still here," she said.

Film Center Celebrates Annual Women in Film Festival

By CHARLES LEITNER

The Women in Film Festival returns to Martha's Vineyard Film Center this weekend, and will screen six feature films and four short films all directed by women.

Entering its eighth consecutive year, the festival takes place Oct. 16 to 18.

"The festival is an opportunity to give a voice to women creators and give them an opportunity to share their film and their work," said Richard Paradise, the film center's founder and executive director. "Every film in the festival was directed by a woman and in most cases, that director either wrote or co-wrote the script...It just gives us another opportunity, another chance to celebrate women creators."

According to Mr. Paradise, women make up less than 10 per cent of filmmakers.

"We felt eight years ago in creating the festival that it would be great to be able to showcase women more prominently, since women are underrepresented in mainstream cinema," he said.

Stop Counting, a short documentary film directed by Claudia Rosel, was filmed on Martha's Vineyard and tells the story of Chris O'Sullivan, a dancer with terminal cancer who is in the midst of preparing for a show in New York City.

"Stop Counting is this portrait of a community of older dancers who found connection, purpose and freedom through movement," said Mr. Paradise.

Directors Karen Day (Aria: Opera on the Edge), Melody C. Roscher (Bird in Hand), Jacqueline Christy (Magic Hour), Monique Sorgen (One Day Sedona), Abigail Jean Lucas (Late Fall) and Christie Lynn Smith (Everyone Has Issues) will conduct Q&As after showings of their respective films.

"In the eight years that we've been doing the festival, we've had an amazing group of women who have joined us, come to the Vineyard and engage with our audiences," said Mr. Paradise.

Other showings include Twiggy, a documentary film about the legendary English model, directed by Sadie Frost, and Cookie Queens, about a group of girls aiming to become the top Girl Scout cookie seller, directed by Alysa Nahmias.

For further details regarding the festival please visit https://mvfilmsociety.com/women-in-film-festival/

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Keeping Conservation at Forefront for Adventures

By LILY ECHEVERRIA

The Vineyard Conservation Society's Island Adventure Book hit local bookstores recently, offering children and families a guide to exploring and caring for Martha's Vineyard.

The conservation society, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the Island's environment, created the book to be equal parts nature guide, journal and conservation curriculum.

"This book was inspired by the [question] of how you get to know and love something so intimately, and it really is about spending time in it, writing down what you see," said Zada Clarke, the organization's director of advocacy and community organizing.

Ms. Clarke also served as project manager for the book.

The book includes six chapters detailing the Island's different habitats, along with a map highlighting natural landmarks, notes on local plants and animals alongside space for readers to jot down field observations.

The project initially began in 2016 when Samantha Look, executive director of Vineyard Conservation Society, put together its first edition. In 2024, the society decided to revamp it.

"Two years ago we started working on this new edition," Ms. Clarke said. "We really wanted to bring the Island's habitats to life through really specific drawings and lovely illustrations."

The first edition was mostly text. The new edition is more visual, thanks to art director and book designer Emma Nicholas Young.

A born-and-raised Islander, Ms. Young has designed a range of books and is currently the art director for Martha's Vineyard Magazine. She brought in Fiona MacLean and Ariel Ferrel, two friends from high school who now work as illustrators, to collaborate on the project.

"They're both friends I made at high school here at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School back in the early 2000s," Ms. Young said. "What's really special about that is they both have connections to Martha's Vineyard and really know the Island, so they could make these drawings with that knowledge."

Ms. MacLean illustrated the front and back covers as well as the drawings that introduce each chapter. Ms. Ferrel drew species and ecosystem illustrations throughout the book, creating more than 150 drawings. Ms. Young then mapped out and designed each page.

"A lot of times with this design work, I feel like a puzzle-master," Ms. Young said. "This book is unlike any other book I've ever done, and honestly, it's unlike any other book I've ever seen."

She carefully considered each piece of the project, from line spacing to paper weight, with the goal of ensuring the information was engaging and accessible to kids.

Ms. Young researched more than a dozen similar books from the West Tisbury Library for inspiration. She studied what worked and what didn't, deciding she wanted this book to be more interactive than its predecessors.



Illustrations by Fiona MacLean

New book celebrates nature's gifts.

"My goal was always to help create a book that could really be thrown in every kid's backpack and used out in nature on the Island," Ms. Young said. "In the same way that the content of the book was very thoughtful, I wanted the design to be very thoughtful."

The book sells for $20 at Edgartown Books, Bunch of Grapes, Alley's, Cronig's and the Martha's Vineyard Museum gift shop, but Ms. Clarke says she doesn't want the price to be a hindrance.

"If anyone is interested, they can always email us and get a copy," she said.

The book is also included in the adventure backpack as part of the "Library of Things," a program at the West Tisbury Library where kids can check out backpacks packed with tools and supplies to explore various habitats across the Island.

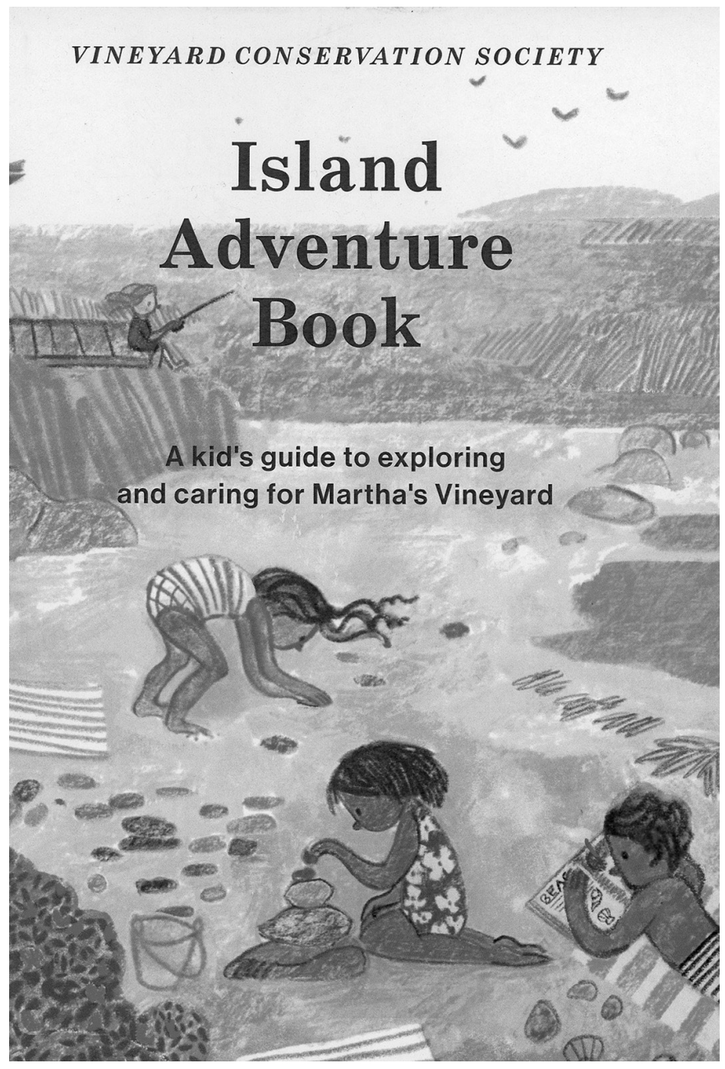
"There's one specifically for ponds filled with a net and binoculars for birding, too," Ms. Clarke said. "Kids can check out this backpack and go explore with the tools they need."

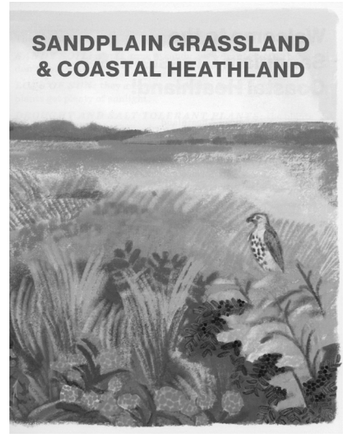
Ms. Clarke hopes access to the book will continue to expand throughout the year, as she hopes to integrate it with other libraries and the Island's schools.

"This book complements the incredible environmental programming for kids that already exists across the Island," Ms. Clarke said. "We're excited to partner with organizations and schools to offer this as an educational tool."

Ultimately, she hopes the book helps children see themselves as participants in the Island's environment, not just observers.

"If we can teach our kids that they have a place in all of this and are not just a bystander, that's so important," she said.





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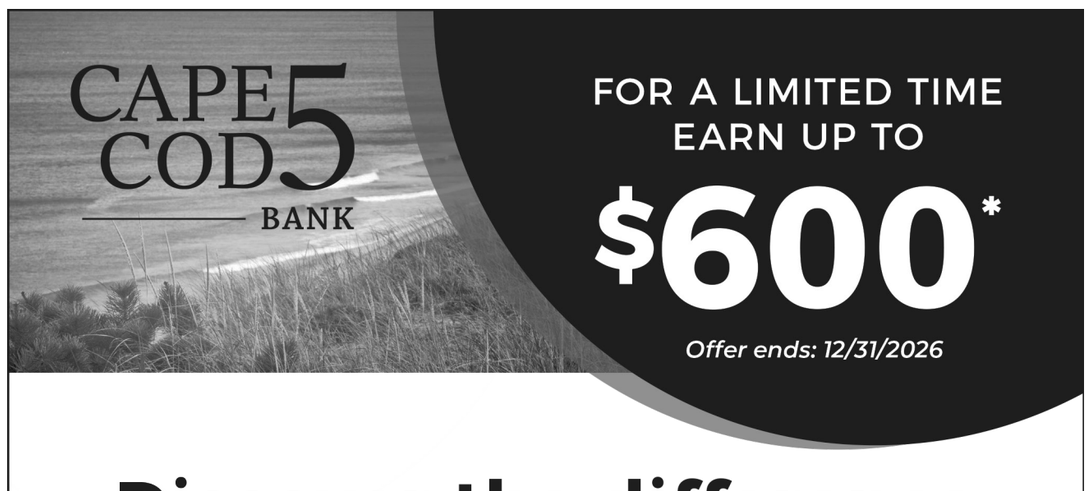


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Nancy Bastien

Nancy Bastien Loved Her Vineyard Summers

Nancy L Bastien died on July 19, 2025 after a long illness. She was 73.

Nancy was in hospice care at Aaron Manor in Chester, Conn., the town where she also made her home.

She began visiting the Island in the 1970s and spent more than 20 summers in Vineyard Haven. It is where she was the happiest.

She was a 1974 graduate of Massachusetts College of Art, and was also a fellow at FAWC Provincetown where her work is in the permanent collection.

She leaves behind her many animals and her husband. She is greatly missed.

Denise Delphin Was A Caring Nurse

Denise Delphin, of Vineyard Haven, died on Wednesday, Sept. 2. She was 65.

Denise was born in Plymouth to Bernard and Alice Waitt. She will be remembered for her quiet strength, gentle sarcastic humor, her love for God and for people as well as love for her Australian sheepdogs, Sydney and Junie, and her bevy of doves.

She was a very industrious person, always busy working on her many projects. She also had a habit of taking in strays, animals and people alike causing many to view her as a sister, a mother and close friend.

Denise was a nurse at Martha's Vineyard Hospital for the past 10 years. She was known for her kindness in caring for her patients in the emergency department, in acute care and lastly in the dialysis department.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Francois and her beloved children, Michaela, Micah and Joshua, as well as her mother, Alice Waitt, and her siblings Diane, Bernadette, Bud, Lynne, Debra, Nicole, Naomi and Harry, and her many nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 48 State Road, West Tisbury on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m.

Rufus Reid Little Jr.

Rufus Reid Little, Jr., of Vineyard Haven, died on Sunday, Oct. 11 at Martha's Vineyard Hospital. He was 82.

Rufus was the husband of Caroline Little.

No service is planned at this time and a complete obituary will follow in another edition of this paper.

Julie Ann Robinson

Julie Ann Robinson, of West Tisbury, owner of Julie Robinson Interiors, died at home on Oct. 7, with her loving family by her side. She was 78.

A full obituary will follow.

From the Town Columnists

CHAPPY

PETER WELLS

The newest ferry Captain, Abe Whittaker comes to us from Maine. He was Captain Joel's boss on the passenger ferries that service the small islands in the Casco Bay area. As some Chappaquiddickers may know, the On Time 2 is less well behaved than its sister ferry boat. Therefore, that is the boat that he is learning on. After mastering the feisty On Time 2, switching over to driving the On Time 3 then becomes a great relief.

As of this Sunday, Oct. 18, there will be only one Chappy Ferry boat in service. The On Time 2, which is the shorter of the two ferry boats, will head to Vineyard Haven for out-of-the-water maintenance and Coast Guard inspection. But before that happens, the On Time 3 will be getting its vehicle deck re-coated with nonskid paint and the yellow guide lines. That will take a couple of days to allow the paint to dry. Then it will return to service and the other ferry boat will disappear to return once all work on it is completed. Luckily, the ferry boat that will be staying in Edgartown is the longer of the two vessels. The wait time for vehicle traffic will be longer than usual. Just to be on the safe side getting to appointments, give yourself twice as much time for the ferry.

A household hazardous materials collection will take place this Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Edgartown transfer station near the MV Airport.

For folks who aren't on the Island these days, the fall colors are putting on a grand showing this year. The beetlebungs, maples and blueberries are dressed up in vibrant yellows and reds. The oaks are still lush green so there are no leaves to rake yet. If you are wondering where the poison ivy is growing around the perimeter of your yard, it couldn't be more obvious than it is at the moment. Its leaves are practically glowing.

Bonnie Scott Was Known For Her Charisma

Bonnie Scott, of Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, died on July 26, 2002. She was 49.

An obituary notice at the time of her death was incomplete.

A lifelong Vineyarder, Bonnie was known for her sharp intelligence, quick humor and the unmistakable charisma that made her unforgettable to everyone who knew her. She carried herself with a natural confidence and independence that shaped her life and the relationships she built across the Island.

Born and raised in Oak Bluffs, Bonnie graduated from Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in 1971, where she was remembered for her lively spirit, her friendships and her ability to bring energy into any room she entered. After spending several years off-Island, she returned home to the Vineyard, where she remained deeply connected to the community she loved.

She had a gift for forming lasting bonds. Friends recall her fierce loyalty, her honesty and her ability to make people feel seen and understood. She moved through life with a rare combination of wit, warmth, and clarity — qualities that made her presence both grounding and electric.

She is remembered with deep affection by her extended family, her friends throughout the Island and all who were touched by her life.

A private remembrance was held at the time of her death.

Brian Murdoch Service

There will be a 10th anniversay celebration of life on Saturday, Oct. 17 for Rev. Brian Murdoch who died in 2016.

Reverend Murdock served Grace Episcopal Church in Vineyard Haven from 2014 to 2016.

The service takes place at the church, beginning at 11 a.m.

Hello Sienna

Jennyfer Nascimento and Lucas Nascimento, of Edgartown, announce the birth of a daughter, Sienna Belo Nascimento, born on Oct. 9 at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. Sienna weighed 7 pounds, 1.6 ounces at birth.

CHILMARK

KATIE CARROLL

The celebrations began back in July, when Sally Solmssen organized a wonderful, laughter-filled "guess who's nearly 90" party for Hans. It was a beautiful gathering centered around their immediate family, including their seven cherished grandchildren. Hans's actual birthday is Oct. 14 so, in splendid Solmssen fashion, Sally's devotion hasn't stopped at just one party. She has two more parties planned for to keep the birthday momentum going. Watching her coordinate these celebrations, Hans is filled with a profound sense of gratitude and reflection, frequently wondering aloud how he got so incredibly lucky to have her.

Hans and Sally have shared a beautiful life together for almost 62 years. Their six decades of partnership represent a lifetime of shared dreams, navigating life's twists and turns, raising a family and watching their grandchildren grow. To have a partner who still loves, surprises and celebrates you after more than 60 years is a rare and beautiful gift. Turning 90 is a remarkable achievement, but the true triumph of Hans's life is the enduring love story he continues to live alongside Sally.

After spending a wonderful weekend visiting her folks in upstate New York, Ellen Biskis made her way back home just in tome to join Tauras on Squid Row. The couple marked 23 years of marriage by slowing down to enjoy the simple things: sitting a spell, taking in the beautiful flat calm view and soaking up some late day warmth. They topped off the celebration with a relaxed meander down to the fish market for a bite to eat before heading home. Here's to many more beautiful years ahead.

It all started back during their college days at the University of Colorado Boulder, where Hannah Mackinnon and Parker Sommerkamp first met. After making Edgewood, Ky. home, they returned to the beautiful Colorado mountains to officially start their next chapter together. The couple said their vows on Oct. 2, surrounded by family, friends and incredible views during a western sunset ceremony at Gorrono Ranch in Telluride. Sharing in their joy are Hannah's parents, Scott and Susanne, and Parker's parents, Greg and Abby of Edgewood, Ky. Cheers to Hannah and Parker.

Speaking of Colorado, I heard from Aaron Zeender that his son, Jasper, is adventuring cross country. One of his pitstops was in the Mile High City of Denver where he bunked with one of my most favorite 20-somethings, Fynn Monahan.

Clark Goff, Jr. recently traveled home to visit his parents, Pam and Clark, aligning his trip perfectly with the 81st annual MV Derby. He was able to wet a line and enjoy the autumn tradition. What a wonderful opportunity to connect over fishing talk.

Michael Dullea's mom, Catherine, made her way to town to spend a little time strolling the dock, snuggling pups and spending some quality time with him and his bride, Jessica. I managed to squeeze in a little chat with the group myself. She brought some lovely weather and a whole lot of joy for all to revel in.

With an armload of baked sweets and hearts full of cheer, Ludmilla and Igor Ivanovic stopped by for a visit just after the doors of Iggy's Bakery closed for the season. Time slowed down just enough for them to catch the fading warmth of the day, sharing summertime stories with Kathie as sun began to set.

The rumors are true: Dean Muzzio has passed his exams and is now a certified coxswain on the USCG 47' motor lifeboat. To command one of the Coast Guard's premier search and rescue vessels through heavy surf, high winds and treacherous waters takes an immense amount of grit, skill and unwavering dedication. Dean's hard work has officially paid off, so let's congratulate him on his accomplishment.

A surprise visit from Miranda Edison sparked a wave of nostalgia, recalling the bygone days of her father, Bill, and his indelible impact on Flanders Field softball. For years, Bill was a fixture of the local sports community, stopping by Sunday afternoons with his signature yellow-lined, legal-size sheet of paper to share the ins and outs of the game for me to pass along in my column. Along with his meticulous notes, I fondly remember the distinct aroma of his pipe and the rattles that went along with his old Volvo. Memories like these act as a quiet sanctuary of time travel—safekeeping the chapters of our history, the wisdom of our lessons and every beautiful moment exactly as we first lived it.

EDGARTOWN

KATHIE CASE

Layers are the answer for apparel these past few days. It starts out quite cool in the morning and by noon you are down to your long sleeves. Flip flops are optional if you are brave but again by noon you are okay. Listening to the next few days of weather reports, it is definitely time to bring in the houseplants if you have them still outside.

Happy Birthday to all who celebrated their day this past week. Big balloons go out to those school children who celebrated their day. The school list will be available next week so hopefully I will catch up soon.

I went into the Stop & Shop and walked by the big candy section and found candy canes! Halloween hasn't even happened yet but here we are looking at candy canes. It's only 10 weeks until Santa arrives, but those of you with children the Elf on the Shelf will be arriving soon.

Lisa Dawley took a break from the animal shelter and along with her cousins, Linda and Greg Johnson, traveled to Eastern Europe for 10 days. They enjoyed the pigeons in Krakow, the Charles Bridge in Prague and the Bathes in Budapest. I even saw a picture of Lisa on horseback. They had a wonderful trip with many great memories.

The nursery ladies and former coworker Paula DelloRusso went to dinner at Rockfish last Friday night. We had enough people to make a reservation, which was definitely a good thing as it was a very busy night. We all wished, though, that we could have made parking reservations. I left early enough but town was full. The sidewalks were busy, there was a bride and groom having a photo op at the Wharf, the docks were full of people enjoying ice cream and people going to wedding rehearsals and parties. I drove around town three times, but at least I got to see things I had not seen all summer which was a good thing.

We all found parking spaces as we laughed passing each other in our cars knowing we were all going to be late, but Patty had arrived on time to keep our reservation. Once again Rockfish did not disappoint. We all enjoyed our dinner and had fun with Paula before she left for her next training session — she is working for the TSA at the airport. We miss her and we are always happy to get together.

Have a great week and keep the home candles burning.

OAK BLUFFS

RICHARD LEWIS TAYLOR

For decades many summer enthusiasts have enjoyed the social and cultural advantages of Oak Bluffs and Sag Harbor. Friends with cottages in each community often spend time in both locations. Last week the marriage of Lance Wilson and Michelle Stent merged not only two much beloved people, but also their respective summer communities.

The Stent family has been on Tuckernuck avenue for many decades and the Wilson family has spent decades in the New York community of Sag Harbor. As the couple moved from engagement to marriage, Lance would spend some August days on the Vineyard where he was greeted not only by Michelle's family and friends but by many others who belong to several of his social clubs.

The rain and wind did not stop over 300 from descending on the New Rochelle country club, which was the perfect venue for the celebration. Lance, a real estate finance executive, and Michelle, who spent many years managing the administrative affairs for the late Cong. Charlie Rangel of Harlem, were full of smiles as they mingled among the guests who were enjoying an elaborate and unending menu of food, beverages, desserts and fellowship.

Michelle was surrounded by her family and long time Oak Bluffs friends, such as the Haylings, Allens, Slaughters and James.

Lance was surrounded by his Sag Harbor friends including the Graingers, Chenaults, Odens and Prothros, just to name a few.

Here is wishing Mr. and Mrs. Lance Wilson many years of marital bliss and continued relationships among their friends in Oak Bluffs and Sag Harbor.

Leading up to this festive Sunday afternoon wedding many attended the historic Abyssinian Baptist church in Harlem as they prepared for their 74th annual Men's Week from October 5 to 11. The program included the kickoff event featuring Adam Clayton Powell III, honoring his family legacy and the history of the young congregation fleeing segregated services in lower Manhattan in 1923 to build a new church.

This was followed by an evening of Christian education led by David Banks. The revival was led by Rev. Steven Eugene Carter, senior pastor of Mount Ararat Church of Brooklyn.

The Saturday morning men's breakfast was headlined by the popular Manhattan district attorney Alvin Bragg. Congratulations to the men of Abbyssinian.

On Saturday afternoon several took in the must-see, one-man show by acclaimed actor Roger Guenveur Smith honoring his friend in A Portrait of Jean-Michel Basquiat at the New York Theater Workshop, located in the East Village.

What a great weekend for our Oak Bluffs family in NYC!

The annual Indigenous Day Cook Off this past Saturday at Inkwell Beach was led by Stephen Anglin, Peter Horne, Michael Solomon, Rhonda Persip, Kym Washington, Carleen Cordwell, Herb Santos, Cheryl Grimes among others. This is always a fun, food-filled day.

The usual hamburgers and hot dogs were served with mac and cheese, ribs, fried chicken, along with a welcomed newcomer to the table: fried chicken livers. The sweets table looked like Thanksgiving, filled with brownies, cookies and cakes. But the palate excitement was truly generated by the pineapple upside down cake. Many missed the iconic "beverage truck" that had been the visible sign from blocks away that the celebration was in progress. Farewell to this symbol of good times and the legacy leaders who have completed the transition of this event to the next generation.



Ray Ewing

Paradise on earth is living the Vineyard experience. Enjoy it as life is fleeting.

Rest in Peace Randall Edward Taylor.

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WEST TISBURY

EILEEN MALEY

Does anyone actually celebrate Halloween? That is, commemorate the ancient Celtic pagan festivities by having a few friends over? Cooking a favorite family recipe, passed down through the generations?

I wonder how many people are buying the Halloween quilts being offered online by a respectable Asian bedding manufacturer? The padded cotton quilts are checkerboards printed in black and white, each square framing a little jack-o-lantern to warm up the sleepers under the covers. How long will this comforter be welcome on someone's bed? More than a week? Then move on to the turkey and pumpkin pie quilt for another week? Then the Christmas quilt — good for a couple of weeks. No wonder so many of us need to rent a storage shed.

Around here, genuine pumpkins cover farm fields and garden center displays, and will soon be relocated to residential porches, doorstops and kitchens. A series of pumpkins on the ground notate each mailbox along part of State Road in North Tisbury. Grocery stores greet us with shiny orange and black packages of candy, piled up by the door so you can't miss them.

In my hazy memory, a small group of neighbor kids, all about the same size and usually all girls, would dress up in costumes, cover them entirely with winter coats, hats, scarves and mittens (this was in Canada). We would cover our faces with masks, and though it was hard to see, we then circled the block.

We stopped at every house that had a light on and collected candy. None of the neighbors was righteous enough to give us apples, or mean enough to stick pins in us. Only one neighbor, a genuine little old lady whose name we never knew, made home-made fudge. After we finished collecting our due, and sat in a circle, and counted our spoils, we tried to plot a way to disguise ourselves anew, retrace our steps to the elderly lady's house, and line up for more fudge, but we never figured out how.

In West Tisbury, where houses are so far apart, the town's park and recreation committee offers a much more practical way for kids to party on Halloween. The event is held at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. Decorate those kids as wildly and wonderfully as you can, and bring or deliver them for kid-specific fun, including spooky hay rides in the early darkness. Pizza, fun, games and treats will be served.

For grown-ups, there are the terrifying midterm elections Nov. 3. If you haven't registered to vote, the last day to do so is Oct. 24. Early voting begins Monday, Oct. 19 through Oct. 30. Weekday hours are 8 a.m. until noon, and Saturdays hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the fire station. And cross your fingers.

We are sorry to hear the Julie Robinson, who ran a fine upholstery and curtain-making business in North Tisbury, has died. Condolences to her family.

A memorial celebration for the remarkable Marie-Louise Rouff, who died in the summer, will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, at Featherstone. The gathering will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the program at 2 p.m.

Happy birthday on Friday, Oct. 16, to Martha Abbott and Cam Napior. Jim Pringle and Cam's brother, Leo Napior, will celebrate their big day on Sunday, Oct. 18. And JJ Sauer turns 11 on Tuesday, Oct. 20.



Tim Johnson

VINEYARD GAZETTE WEEKLY SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD – October 16, 2026

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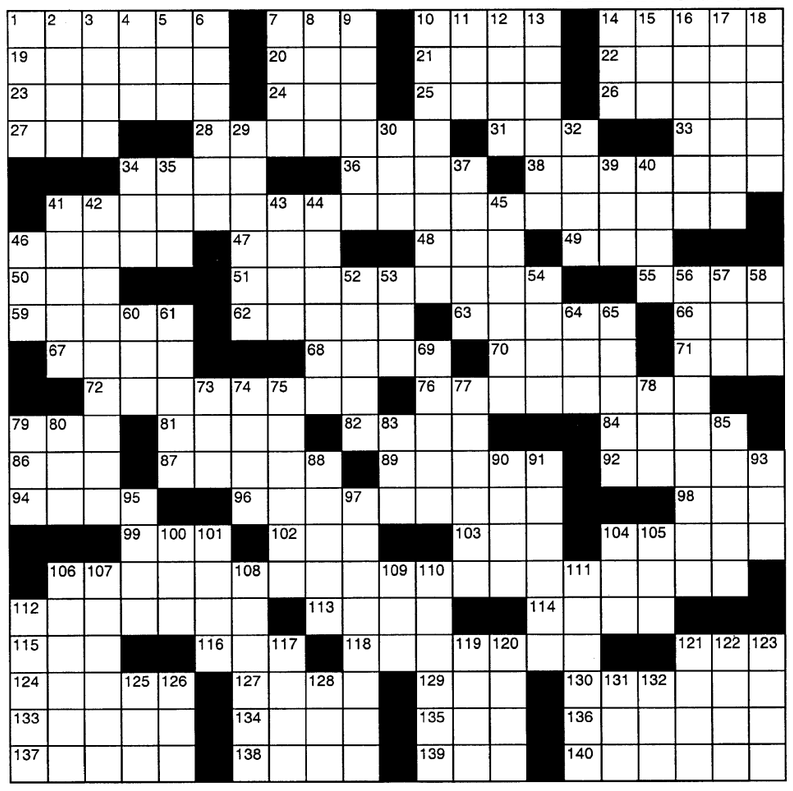
Difficulty this week: A FUN CHALLENGE!

Answers to the puzzles can be found on page Twelve of this week's Gazette.

ACROSS
1 Yacht spot
7 Label
10 Country singer Hank
14 Hopeless case
19 Mistreated
20 — Simbel
21 "I could — horse!"
22 Madrid museum
23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
24 Makes one's mark
25 Fragment
26 High points
27 Ben, to Hoss
28 Sparkle
31 Tend a tot
33 Actress Meyers
34 — gras
36 One of the Waughs
38 Prickly plant
41 Part 2 of remark
46 Managed
47 Burton or Curry
48 Doe in "Bambi"
49 Comic Charlotte
50 "Alley —"
51 Rash
55 Unrestrained
59 Handbag part
62 "— Be Me" ('60 hit)
63 Designer Simpson
66 Baseball's Berg
67 "— Is for Heroes" ('62 film)
68 Crude cartel
70 Gray or Moran
71 Comics' noise
72 Wedding gift, perhaps
76 Electrician's device
79 "You bet!"
81 Conductor Karl
82 Puerto —
84 Piccadilly figure
86 Mellow
87 Athenian arcades
89 French impressionist
92 Inclines
94 Playwright Hart
96 Fusilli's predecessor
98 "— favor"
99 Curious
102 Quisenberry or Quayle
103 "I've — it!"
104 Texas athlete
106 Part 3 of remark
112 Rudy Vallee, for one
113 Showstopper
114 Tibetan monk
115 Word on a pump
116 Cotton clump
118 Bit
121 Davis' dom.
124 See 5 Down
127 Prepare to be shot
129 "— whiz!"
130 End of remark
133 Martini garnish
134 Depraved
135 April initials
136 Paganini's instrument
137 Olympic award
138 Medieval menial
139 Squirrel's snack
140 Graceland, e.g.

DOWN
1 A sweeping success?
2 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
3 Wished undone
4 "It — far, far better . . ."
5 With 124 Across, "Air Music" composer
6 Leisurely, to Liszt
7 Judd Hirsch sitcom
8 Help a hood
9 Holst or Mahler
10 Hid
11 Slangy negative
12 Publisher Chandler
13 Elk
14 Scholastic abbr.
15 Mythical monster
16 Jet of yore
17 Swimmer Gertrude
18 Riveting woman?
29 Soup type
30 Yalie
32 Heavenly hammerer
34 Adversary
35 Approved
37 Cretan port
39 One — million
40 Prepare prunes
41 Diner feature
42 Acts the tyrant
43 Lifesaver flavor
44 Caveat —
45 One following another
46 — Cob, CT
52 More mature
53 Multipurpose vehicle
54 Semester
56 Musical composition
57 Card game
58 Morning moisture
60 PC key
61 Commoners
64 Speak with a forked tongue
65 Record
69 Winter warmer-upper
73 Bon —
74 "Hold your horses!"
75 Blake or Plummer
77 Neighbor of Hokkaido
78 Distinctive period
79 Tasty tuber
80 Self-esteem
83 Mischief-maker
85 Hurling or curling
88 Corset parts
90 List ender
91 Learn to walk
93 Theater sign
95 London district
97 Per se
100 Bear's lair
101 Comic Carey
104 Bk. convenience
105 Health club
106 Baltimore bird
107 Steamy
108 Long curtains
109 Fire
110 Starting point
111 Homegrown
112 Pool shot
117 Mourning —
119 Callao's country
120 Nuisance
121 Fountain order
122 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
123 Melodious Murray
125 "Die Meistersinger" heroine
126 Gibson or Blanc
128 Tynemouth title
131 "Whether — nobler in the mind . . ."
132 Decimal point

UPLIFTING STORY



CALENDAR

Upcoming Vineyard Events
For the Week Ahead –
calendar.vineyardgazette.com

Friday, October 16

Women in Film Festival, Oct. 16 to 18, Film Center, 79 Beach Road, Vineyard Haven**.**

Call for Art: November Harvest Art Show, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, 24 Church street, Vineyard Haven, Friday through Tuesday.

Acrylic Painting with John Holladay, intermediate/advanced, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 30 Featherstone Lane, Oak Bluffs, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., $50,

Alpaca Walk and Talk, Island Alpaca 1 Head of the Pond Road, Oak Bluffs, 10:30 to 11 a.m. amd 2:30 to 3 p.m., $20 to $30, islandalpaca.com, 508-693-5554.

Drop-in Play-Doh Group, Edgartown Public Library, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Friday Kids Crafting, for ages 3 and up, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kid's Music Class, for ages 0 to 5, West Tisbury Public Library, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Toddler Time, stories and songs, Chilmark Free Public Library, 11 to 11:30.

Elon Musk, Alex Gibney examines Elon Musk's ambition, power, influence and controversies, The Strand Theatre 11 Oak Bluffs avenue, Oak Bluffs, Friday and Saturday, 12 to 4 p.m., $13, strandtheatremv.com, 312-576-4890.

Featherstone Board and Instructor Show, Featherstone Center for the Arts, daily, 12 to 4 p.m.

Meet the Author: Nina Pick, The Red House Peer Recovery Support Center, 111 Edgartown Road, Vineyard Haven, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Adult Beginner Needle Felting Class, all skill levels, West Tisbury Public Library, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Self Care Club, for kids ages 8 and up, West Tisbury Public Library, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

DIY Planner Project, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Varsity Football Home Game, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, 6 to 8 p.m., free, 508-221-2131.

Comedy with TBD Improv, The Barn, Bowl & Bistro, 13 Uncas avenue, Oak Bluffs, 6:30 to 8 p.m., $17, tbdimprov.com.

Saturday, October 17

Real Estate Salesperson License Prep Course, Haven, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., $595, secure.qgiv.com.

West Tisbury Farmer's Market, Agricultural Hall, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Children's Saturday Crafting: Halloween with Helen Hall, ages 6 and up, Featherstone, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., $40.

Drawing for Beginners with M Colleen Harrigan, Featherstone, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., $60.

Saturday Storytime, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Community Dance Class, West Tisbury Public Library, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Christopher Birch Book Talk — The Four Seasons of Boat of Boat Maintenance, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Restoring Bamford: The Power of Native Grasses, with VCS and The Nature Conservancy, Bamford Preserve, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Storytime, for ages 3 to 6, Chilmark Free Public Library, 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Sound Bath with Trish Ginter, Edgartown Public Library, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MVLA Halloween Costume Swap, swap your gently used Halloween costume for one that's new to you, West Tisbury Public Library, 12 to 1:30 p.m.

SparkMVxTradesUp, family-friendly fun trying the trades, Agricultural Hall, 12 to 4 p.m., free, sparkmv.com.

Youth Printmaking with Allison Doherty, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., $55.

No Kings: Vote Early Rally, Five Corners, 1 to 2 p.m., indivisible.org, 508-269-9140.

Piece by Piece: Library Puzzle Showdown, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 1 to 3 p.m.

All Ages Chess Club, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Children's Ceramic Exploration, for ages 7 and up, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 2 to 4 p.m., $40.

Enameling on Copper Workshop, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 2 to 5 p.m., $75.

Climate Forum: Community Lessons from the 2026 Blizzards, West Tisbury Public Library, 3 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 18

Beach Clean Up, Island Spirit Kayak, 9 to 10:30 a.m., 774-563-1805.

Mixed Media Handmade Journal Workshop with Bricque Garber, Featherstone, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., $110.

Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby Awards Ceremony, Farm Neck Golf Club, junior awards begin at 11 a.m., all around awards are at 1 p.m.

Seed Bead Basics Family Class, ages 8 and up, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 1 to 3 p.m., $45.

Soil Testing 101, Agricultural Hall, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Martha's Vineyard CROP Hunger Walk, St. Augustine's Church, 56 Franklin street, Vineyard Haven, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., events.crophungerwalk.org, 508-958-7058.

Leaf Imprinted Mug Workshop with Sabrina Kuchta, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 2 to 4 p.m., $50.

Death Cafe, West Tisbury Public Library, 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Monday, October 19

Beyond the Surface, photography by Andrew Rice, opens Oct. 19 and runs through Nov. 8. Opening reception on Oct. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Moving Stories Dance Class, West Tisbury Public Library, 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Sgraffito Workshop with Frank Creney, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., $80.

Afterschool Switch Club, kids 8 and 9 need caregiver in building, West Tisbury Public Library, 3 to 5 p.m.

Blue Monday — The Back Porch Trio, The Inkwell Beach Club, 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20

Assisted Knitting Open Studio, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., $10.

Mahjong for Beginners Course, Edgartown Public Library, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Basics of Metalsmithing with Liam McGorman, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 3 to 6 p.m., $95.

Lil Lab Tick Workshop, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Teen and Tween Drop In Arts and Crafts Class, for kids ages 10 to 18 years, West Tisbury Public Library, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Adult Henna, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

In Harm's Way: Martha's Vineyard and the War at Sea, Martha's Vineyard Museum, 5 to 6 p.m.,

Table Tennis, Tisbury Senior Center, 34 Pine Tree Road, Vineyard Haven, Tuesday and Thursday, 5 p.m.

Musica Do Circulo/Music of the Circle, led by song leader Roberta Kirn, Peaked Hill Studio, 11 Peaked Hill Pasture, Chilmark, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., free, bewellsing.com, 774-563-0318.

Community Pizza Nights, Chilmark Community Church, 6 to 7 p.m.

Meditation, group meditation in person and online, Bodhi Path Buddhist Center, 6 to 7 p.m., free, bodhipath.org.

Monthly Craft Meet Up Group, West Tisbury Public Library, 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21

Old-Time Appalachian Jam, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 8:15 to 10 a.m.

Historic Cemetery Tour with Tom Dresser, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 9 to 10 a.m.

Play Reading, Tisbury Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., tisburycoa.com.

Coffee and Conversations — Postcards from Edgartown: A History with Leo Convery, The Carnegie, 10 to 11:30 a.m., free, eventbrite.com, 774-549-9107.

Wednesday Storytime, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Children's Storytime, recommended for ages 0 to 5 but all are welcome, West Tisbury Public Library, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Mahjong for Beginners Course, registration is required, Edgartown Public Library, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Tummy Time For Babies, circle group for babies led by Dr. Katy Smith, West Tisbury Public Library, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mahjong Group, registration required, observers are not permitted, Edgartown Public Library, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Lego and Magna-tile Club, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Fit Camp with Bonnie Kingsbury, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver, Edgartown Public Library, 3 to 4 p.m.

Rug Hooking Open Studio with Island Hookers, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 3 to 6 p.m., $10.

CROP Walk



Jonathan Fleischmann

Taking Steps to Stop Hunger

Sunday marks the 36th annual Martha's Vineyard CROP Hunger Walk, a three-mile walk to raise money to fight hunger on the Island and around the world.

At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, walkers backed by local sponsors will make the journey along Beach Road from St. Augustine's Church in Vineyard Haven to the drawbridge, and a large portion of proceeds from their efforts will go to Island Grown Initiative.

CROP Hunger Walks have been taking place nationally for 57 years and are associated with the Church World Service, a religious group working to alleviate poverty, hunger and disasters around the world. The Island walk will be one of about 500 separate CROP walks taking place nationwide.

The Island's fundraising goal is $40,000, 25 per cent of which will go to Island Grown Initiative and its food equity programs, including the Island Food Pantry. The other 75 per cent will be distributed worldwide.

Organizer Woody Bowman told the Gazette that Island CROP Walks have raised over $738,000 since they started, with more than $184,000 of that supporting food security on the Island.

"The impact is pretty significant over the years," he said.

Mr. Bowman participated in his first CROP Hunger Walk in 1979 and has been heading up the organizing committee on the Island for 12 years. He said several Island organizations will have teams participating in this year's walk, including churches, the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association and Island Grown Initiative.

Food equity work is a big part of Mr. Bowman's life. He enjoys being able to make a difference close to home.

"This is something I can do on the Island that has a direct impact on the Island and also around the world," Mr. Bowman said.

Participants can sign up for the Martha's Vineyard CROP Hunger walk as an individual or part of a team and make donations at: events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/marthasvineyard

-Emma Kilbride

CSL Test Prep, in person construction supervisor's license prep course, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, 5 to 8:30 p.m., 725, contractorsuccess.com, 978-939-3435.

Memoir Book Club, West Tisbury Public Library, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Restorative Reset with Jelisa Difo, appropriate for all levels, Edgartown Public Library, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Women's Circle with Emily Galligan, Stillpoint, 5:30 to 7 p.m., $10 to $30 sliding scale; email if cost is a barrier.

Quilting Circle, West Tisbury Public Library, 6 to 7 p.m.

Brews Brothers Music Bingo, hear the song, mark your card, sing along, win prizes, Indigo Martha's, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., free, instagram.com, 917-710-1066.

Thursday, October 22

Little Naturalists, for young children and caregivers, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary of Mass Audubon, 100 Felix Neck Drive, Edgartown, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., massaudubon.org, 508-627-4850.

Painting Still Life with Liz Taft, Featherstone Center for the Arts, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., $60.

Al Ufoq (The Horizon): Grassroots Women's Empowerment in the West Bank, Palestine, West Tisbury Public Library, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Chair Caning Workshop with Fred Thornbrugh, To register or for more information, email gwilbur@clamsnet.org, West Tisbury Public Library, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Ukulele Jam, public jam session meeting every other Thursday, West Tisbury Public Library, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

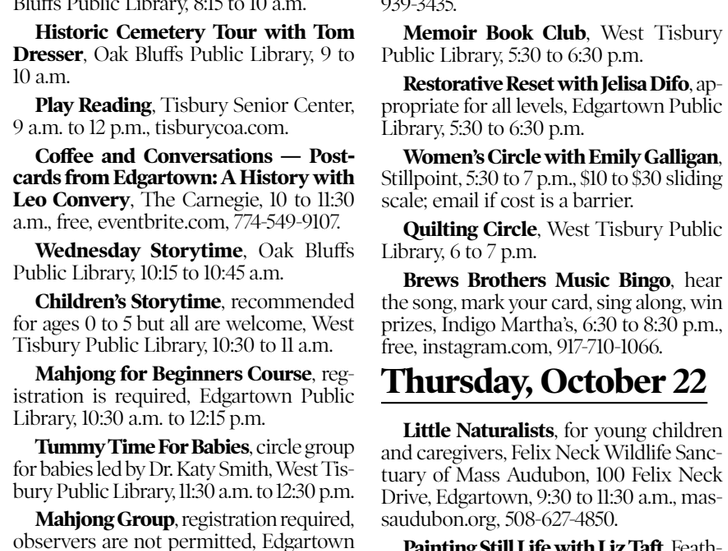
Artist Reception — Mary Ellen Heitl, Oak Bluffs Public Library, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Sip 'n Stitch, share needlepoint tips and tricks, Erica Wilson, 6 to 7:30 p.m., free, 774-549-9488.

Jeremy Berlin Plays Jazz Piano, The Sweet Life, 63 Circuit avenue, Oak Bluffs, 6:30 to 9 p.m., sweetlifemv.com, 508-696-0200 .

Jimmy and the Janitors and The Back Porch Trio, with a New Orleans feel, Pawnee House Restaurant, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Haunted Historic Edgartown Walking Tour with Seamus Rattigan, The Carnegie, 7 to 8:30 p.m., $30, eventbrite.com, 774-549-9107.



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	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri., Oct. 16	6:54	5:59
Sat., Oct. 17	6:55	5:57
Sun., Oct. 18	6:56	5:56
Mon., Oct. 19	6:57	5:54
Tues., Oct. 20	6:59	5:53
Wed., Oct. 21	7:00	5:51
Thurs., Oct. 22	7:01	5:50
Fri., Oct. 23	7:02	5:48

Orionid Meteor Shower

We've got a meteor shower coming in the next week. In the early hours of Wednesday, Oct. 21 take a look for meteors coming out and or radiating away from the well-known constellation Orion.

The Orionid meteor shower is a sizeable shower. Astronomers predict you may see upwards of 25 meteors in an hour of watching. For the Vineyard, we are more cautious with our numbers. Just seeing one or a bunch of meteors shooting across the sky is pretty exciting.

A bright gibbous moon will interfere with the show early in the evening. But viewing gets better once the moon has set.

The shower owes its origins to Halley's Comet. The comet is far outside of our solar system, however its trail, its orbit, filled with debris is still here. Find an excuse to be outside any night ahead and you might see either an early or a late Orionid meteor. M.A.L.

First Quarter Oct. 18 · **Last Quarter Nov. 1** · **Full Moon Oct. 26** · **New Moon Nov. 9**

Temperature:

Day	Max. Fº	Min. Fº	Precip. Inches.
Oct. 9	71	58	0.00
Oct. 10	69	60	0.00
Oct. 11	65	56	0.00
Oct. 12	63	55	1.07
Oct. 13	63	48	0.00
Oct. 14	68	39	T

Water temperature in Edgartown harbor: 61º

Recent Island Real Estate Transactions

Chilmark

NP Two LLC purchased 205 South Road in Chilmark from Tony Shalhoub TRS and Brooke Adams TRS for $4,550,000 on Oct. 6.

Edgartown

Cronig Family 21 North Water LLC purchased 21 North Water Street in Edgartown from Murdicks Fudge Company of Massachusetts for $4,400,000 on Oct. 5.

Michael L. Jackson and Valeryia Jackson purchase 73, 75 and 77 Fourth Street North in Edgartown from William D. MaComber for $100,000 on Oct. 5.

Anneliese Mitnick purchased 19 Katama Point Road in Edgartown from Edmund D. Fitch and Donna L. Fitch for $2,950,000 on Oct. 5.

Andrew K. Sullivan 2018 Trust purchased 2 Farmers Road in Edgartown from David F. Joubert Jr. for $1,750,000 on Oct. 7.

Atwood LLC purchased 8 Atwood Circle in Edgartown from Deluna LLC for $2,850,000 on Oct. 7.

John Bradford TRS and Claudia Bradford TRS purchased 20 and 21 Fourteenth Street South in Edgartown for $29,000 on Oct. 8.

Sara C. Tyler, Rudolf John Minar and Kara McGuire Minar purchased 25 Harbor View Avenue in Edgartown from Katherine W. Tyler for $1,495,000 on Oct. 8.

Oak Bluffs

Cronig Family 5 Circuit LLC purchased 5 Circuit Avenue in Oak Bluffs from Murdicks Fudge Company of Massachusetts Inc. for $1,200,000 on Oct. 5.

D2SM Global LLC purchased 385 Barnes Road in Oak Bluffs from 385 Barnes Road LLC for $5,208,000 on Oct. 5.

Diane Rodriguez purchased 66 Hudson Avenue in Oak Bluffs from Michael D. Tauer TRS for $1,296,000 on Oct. 8.

West Tisbury

25 VMF LLC purchased 25 Vineyard Meadow Farms Road in West Tisbury from Paul W. Lowry for $742,000 on Oct. 6.

Jennifer Wilk and Edgar Pedroza purchased 52 Oak Knoll Road in West Tisbury from Patricia S. Wittig for $1,075,000 on Oct. 8.

Katya DeFreitas TRS and 20 Brook Hollow Realty Trust purchased 20 Brook Hollow Road in West Tisbury from Lawrence E. Benson for $1,300,000 on Oct. 9.



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FRIDAY 10/16
- Women in Film Festival (WIFF) runs (NR) Oct. 16 to 18.
- WIFF: Twiggy (NR) 4 p.m.
- WIFF: Aria: Opera on Edge (NR) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 10/17
- Metropolitan Opera Live: MacBeth (NR) 1 p.m.
- WIFF: Cookie Queens (NR) 5 p.m.
- WIFF: Bird in Hand (NR) 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 10/18
- WIFF: Short Film Program (NR) 1 p.m.
- WIFF: Magic Hour (NR) 4 p.m.
- WIFF: One Day in Sedona (NR) 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY 10/19
- Closed

TUESDAY 10/20
- Closed

WEDNESDAY 10/21
- You Had to Be There 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 10/22
- You Had to Be There 4 p.m.
- Fallen Anges (live theatre on Broadway) (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY 10/16
- Whalefall (PG-13) 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
- Street Fighter (PG-13) 4 p.m., 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 10/17
- Forgotten Island (PG) 1:15 p.m.
- Whalefall (PG-13) 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
- The Social Reckoning (R) 1:15 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Street Fighter (PG-13) 7 p.m.

SUNDAY 10/18
- Street Fighter (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
- Forgotten Island (PG) 4 p.m.
- The Social Reckoning (R) 1:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
- Other Mommy (R) 4:15 p.m.

MONDAY 10/19
- Whalefall (PG-13) 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

Street Fighter (PG-13) 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

TUESDAY 10/20
- Other Mommy (R) 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m.
- The Social Reckoning (R) 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 10/21
- Whalefall (PG-13) 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
- Street Fighter (PG-13) 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY 10/22

Other Mommy (R) 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m.
- The Social Reckoning (R) 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

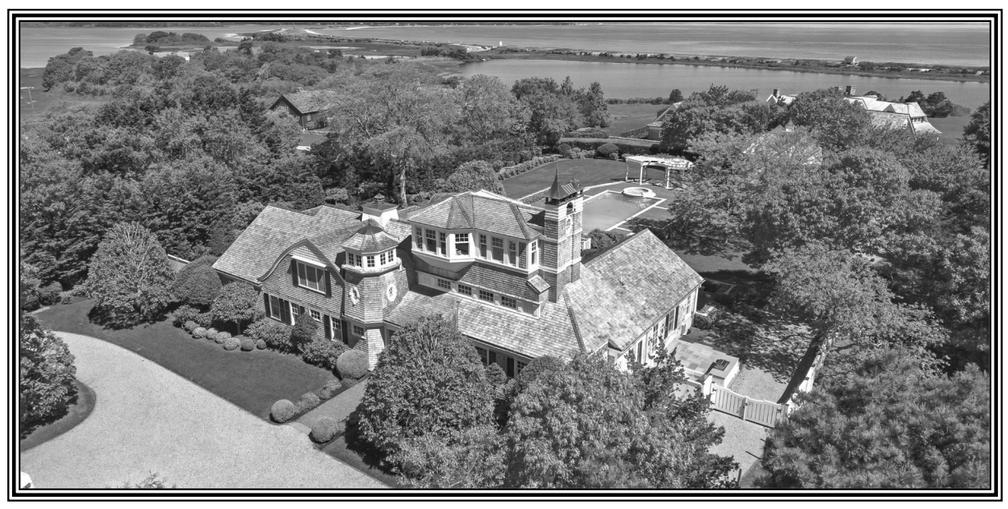
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FRIDAY 10/16
- Musk (NR) 12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 10/17
- Musk (NR) 12.00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Documentary film is 4 hours long with at 10 minute intermission.

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One New Activity Each Week Provides a View of Island Life

By MAGGIE MULQUEEN

After 45 years of visiting the Vineyard, my husband and I finally made our dream come true and bought a home here with the intention of relocating full-time. The thought of starting over was both exhilarating and terrifying. We had been embedded in our off-Island community for over 30 years, where we had deep friendships. Raising a family of three sons there and volunteering had brought us into the social and political life of our town.

Through our summer vacations on the Vineyard, we were familiar with all the highlights, such as the cliffs at Gay Head, the Flying Horses and Long Point. We had a well-worn path that we followed for our two weeks on Island to make sure we saw all the things we loved. We were out every night at a concert, a film or a sunset. But we found that living here full-time presents a different rhythm requiring us to expand our footprint.

So, we decided to commit to trying at least one new thing every week, and for the past 100 weeks we have lived up to that commitment. The threshold for something to count as new was that neither of us had done it before and we would experience it together. It could be as simple as stopping into a store we had never been in or trying a new restaurant. By our rule, going to the museum to hear a lecture counted, but only once; subsequent lectures were wonderful, but the activity itself was no longer new. If one of us discovered a new pond to kayak or path to walk, it didn't count until we did it together. Thus, my participation in the Washashores women's writing group and my husband's rowing on Menemsha Pond were new for each of us, but neither counted as the new thing for the week.

People have asked if we've kept a record of all our new ventures and sadly, no we have not. Some events, like attending the Circuit Arts Gala, enabled us to support an organization that brings tremendous meaning to our lives, and we plan to make this an annual tradition. Kayaking to Black Point Pond for the first time left us wishing we had discovered this gem years earlier on our visits to the Vineyard. Gratefully there have been few disappointments where we felt like once was enough. Our attitude has been one of "nothing ventured, nothing gained." We have learned so much through our first visits to the Aquinnah Cultural Center and the Carnegie Heritage Center, and similarly we have been moved by the beauty of Cedar Tree Neck and Polly Hill Arboretum. Best of all, we have forged new friendships along the way with others who share our interests.

We wondered how long we could keep this going before we ran out of options. Two years later I am stunned to say we do not feel the end is in sight. Except for the times we are off Island for longer than a week, the hunt continues to push ourselves to say yes to opportunities and to dig deeper into life on the Vineyard. What was once just a feeling is now grounded in our experience that the Vineyard is indeed a special place.

When friends come to visit we proudly take them to all the iconic spots, but we also try to convey how much more there is to this Island than first meets the eye. I hope we will never reach the end of opportunities for newness nor abandon our quest to be explorers in our own community even as we expand our connections and commitment to the Island.

Maggie Mulqueen lives in West Tisbury.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please Vote

Editors, Vineyard Gazette;

I am a 92-year-old seasonal resident of Martha's Vineyard, who has been coming to the Island for 48 years. I was here when the Soviet Union was collapsing and when 9/11 occurred.

I have also voted in every election for 70 years. But now the current administration is trying to end my voting career this November. I am concerned that potential challenges to mail-in voting will impact many of us seniors who can't get to the polls to vote in person.

We cannot allow our right to vote to be taken away. There are more than 60 million senior citizens and more than 70 per cent of us vote.

We encourage every Islander to exercise your constitutional right to vote on Nov. 3 or before at early voting locations. Or by mail, if that is your preference. We need more access, not less, to participate in our precious democracy.

Susan Rappaport,

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On Tashmoo Pond, Ospreys Soared

By NELSON SIGELMAN

The last osprey I saw on Lake Tashmoo was in mid-September. He soared silently, without making any of the distinctive high-pitched whistles and chirps that are the background summer melody of the pond.

No ospreys remained to call to. I looked up at the lone osprey against the clear blue autumn sky and shouted, "Time to get going."

He needed no reminder from me. Within days, answering a call embedded in him from birth, he had departed.

Female ospreys begin their nonstop journey to their South American wintering grounds in mid-August. Males and juveniles follow the southerly migration route in September.

Ornithologist Richard O. (Rob) Bierregaard Jr., who has been studying ospreys on the Island since 1971, told me this week, "Overall on the Vineyard, we had more than 150 pairs, at least building nests, and a very healthy productivity of young."

I work for the Tisbury harbor department, and during the boating season I patrol Tashmoo in a classic Island-built Tashmoo-18 skiff. Like many folk who spend time on these waters, I enjoy watching ospreys wheel and dive, and plunge into the water with outstretched talons to grab a fish.

This season featured an osprey success story on Tashmoo. Rob counted 15 productive nests during his summer surveys of the pond. The close-knit seasonal and year-round Tashmoo community played a part.

Vineyard Gazette readers may recall the plight of the forlorn osprey called Hank, who maintained a lonesome vigil every day that previous summer atop the remnants of a damaged nest platform on a navigational piling in the middle of Tashmoo Pond.

On a cold, blustery March 21, the father-son team of Alec and Riley Gale, and Reid and Owen Silva of West Tisbury, installed a new platform on the osprey pole. Coincidentally, Hank arrived on Tashmoo that same day. Weeks later, Patsy joined Hank on his new nest platform.

I kept a watchful eye on the nest. In May, when two small chicks, Waylon and Dolly, first poked their heads up to look around, I pumped my fists in the air like a proud, excited uncle.



Nelson Sigelman

Osprey family enjoy the Tashmoo neighborhood.

Except for Chappaquiddick, Tashmoo has the highest concentration of osprey nesting pairs on the Island. The pond's deep water and flats are an ideal habitat for a raptor that feeds exclusively on fish. Tall trees, many with broken tops, along the surrounding shoreline provide superb nesting sites.

The community helped out again in early July when three osprey chicks fell to the ground from their storm-damaged nest at the top of a pitch pine on a point in the southwest corner of Tashmoo. Property owner Amy Anderson called Suzan Bellincampi, director at Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, who called her husband, Jean-Marc Dupon.

It was no job for the faint of heart. The nest was wedged high up in a tangle of tree branches. Jean-Marc called a landscaper with access to a boom truck.

Jean-Marc rebuilt the nest with wire, lumber, and fallen sticks. Then he carried the chicks up in pet cages, under the watchful eyes of their circling, anxious mom.

"It was like all the pieces came together," Ms. Bellincampi told the Gazette at the time. "All the right people on the right group text with all the right skills."

Ospreys do not always exercise good judgment when choosing where to build their nests. They have been known to assemble sticks, weed and flotsam and jetsam on chimneys, boats and most notably, utility poles, sparking power outages. One such pair — neighbors called Arlo and Janis — were evicted from a nearby utility pole, passed on a tree, and built their nest at the end of a small private floating dock on Tashmoo's west side.

Rob and I discovered the nest during a survey in early May. There were immediate concerns. The nest made the dock unusable for the property owners, and it was vulnerable to a land-based predator, such as a raccoon or skunk.

It was late in the game to remove the nest and expect the ospreys to start over at a new site. So we came up with a plan. Build a raft platform, slide the nest onto it, and anchor the raft off the shore near the dock. But who could we call on to make it?

Tisbury shellfish constable Danielle Ewart and deputy constable Aidan Morrison stepped up. Using a spare dock float and lumber they had on hand, they built a sturdy platform and towed it to the site in late May. But before they could act, motherhood intervened. The female laid her first egg.

An osprey nest in its early construction may be removed. However, once an egg is present, a nest may not be relocated without the proper state and federal permits. Rob contacted licensed wildlife rehabilitator Stephanie Ellis, executive director of Wild Care, Inc., in Orleans, who traveled to the Island to guide the effort.

After several anxious weeks, during which two eggs hatched, a team that included Dani, Aidan, Liz Olson and Rich Couse of BiodiversityWorks removed the chicks from the nest on July 26. They used a sheet of plywood like a spatula to slide the nest onto the floating platform.

"The result exceeded everyone's expectations," Ms. Ellis said. "Within just five minutes of the relocation, the adult female osprey landed on the new nest and resumed caring for her chicks."

In the waning days of summer, I regularly paused my skiff near the channel osprey pole to see how Hank and Dolly were progressing. I knew they could leave on their perilous journey any day.

As I contemplated what the future held for them and me, I thought that if there were any possibility of reincarnation, I wouldn't mind returning to Tashmoo as an osprey.

Nelson Sigelman lives in Vineyard Haven, and is the author of Martha's Vineyard Outdoors, Fishing, Hunting and Avoiding Divorce On a Small Island.

Wild Food Challenge



Pictures by Jeanna Shepard

John Thurgood (grand prize winner) and Billy Manson.



Andreas Torres, Rodolfo Reis and Brannick Hodgdon.





Everett Poole.



THE GAZETTE CHRONICLE

Play Ball

From the October 16, 1874 edition of the Vineyard Gazette:

The first game of Base Ball (National) ever played in this village came off last Saturday afternoon, between the "Regulars" and "True Blues," both of this town. Of course there was a deal of wild throwing and more or less "muffing," both nines being comparatively green, but, taking everything into consideration, it was a very credible game. The score could stand reducing a little, and more practice will tend to produce that result. The "Blues" had provided themselves with neat uniform caps and belts, which may account in part for their winning of the game: 40-31.

Last week large schools of whales were seen from Noman's Land, Gay Head and Cuttyhunk. On Wednesday, large numbers were near the shores and the light-boat off Sow and Pigs. The stories told of the number of whales seen appear rather fabulous. One gentleman affirms that he saw three thousand off Noman's Land on Wednesday.

A correspondent of the Boston Daily Advertiser who attended the Fair, says the fancy articles form the largest portion of the entries for premiums, and an inspection of many of them convinces one of the absolute truthfulness concerning the proverbial Vineyard diligence and perseverance. There are rugs, mats and bed-quilts innumerable. Then there are cushions, tidies, etc., in great number, besides brackets curiously made and of antique pattern, needle work and paintings. The drawings, of which there are quite a number, evince considerable talent, and are commendable productions, considering the limited advantages enjoyed by the authors. The show of vegetables is also excellent, though the specimens exhibited manifest a tendency towards unusual growth rather than staple marketable produce. The corn is truly a distinguishing feature of the exhibition. There is also a fine showing of oats, and we confess surprise in the cereals raised on Martha's Vineyard, if these on exhibition may be considered a fair representation. There are some very nice cranberries, one specimen of a vine in particular being much above the average yield. The hall exhibition is without doubt the finest ever made by the society, and would do honor to many richer and more populous districts.

At 2 o'clock began the ploughing match. This took place in a field a short distance from the grounds, the field containing several acres. There were four entries of oxen and one of horses. In walking about the grounds a fine three-year old colt, weighing 1218 pounds, supposed the largest horse of his age ever raised on the Island, is noticeable. In the evening the band concert took place, immediately followed by dancing. The country lads and lassies from a circuit of many miles contributed fully their quota of enjoyment, and entered into the pleasures of the enchanting dance with commendable zeal and earnestness.

The third and last day of the fair was by far the most successful, both in point of attendance and in the variety of entertainments. The various features of the day's programme following one another in quick succession caused the exercises to be unusually interesting, and served to call out the people from all parts of the Island. With the exception of a strong easterly wind which prevailed during the forenoon, interfering somewhat with the racing, nothing was wanting in the state of the weather to add tot he day's pleasure. It was not until after the ball in the evening had got full under way that the threatening clouds emitted their volume of water, greatly to the discomfort of those living at a distance.

The racing began at ten o'clock on a track some distance from the society's grounds. The course is of a nature perfectly consistent with the sandy soil, and besides in some places it is a perfect uphill. Considering these circumstances it is not surprising that the best time made should not have been less than three minutes. Quite a large crowd collected and also many carriages, whose occupants came from every part of the Island. The band played a number of selections previous to and immediately following each heat. Some of the entries in the several races occasioned considerable amusement, which in a manner party compensated for the lack of fast time.

At two o'clock the farmers' meeting was held in the upper hall of the fair building. A large audience was in attendance and the meeting was one of great interest and good feeling. The speakers were Rev. Hebron Vincent, Constant Norton, Esq., and Prof. Henry L. Whiting. The exercise opened with a piano solo by Miss Mayhew of Edgartown.

In the evening occurred the grand ball of the island, the one important event of the year to the farmer. Dancing was continued until daylight, when the merriest party the Vineyard ever held broke up for home, and all departed with pleasant recollections of the good time just enjoyed and pleasant anticipations of the same event another year.

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New MVCS Leader Is a Familiar Face

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building and relocated the Red House peer recovery center to its main campus in Oak Bluffs.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have someone with Scott's experience, knowledge and commitment at the helm of MVCS at this pivotal time in the agency's history," she said. "Scott has been at the heart of MVCS for years, and he understands the client-driven mission and day-to-day workings of the organization. He knows our people, programs, challenges, and, most importantly, the community we serve."

Mr. Turton graduated from Western University in Ontario, Canada in 1987 and received his master of social work from Ontario's Wilfrid Laurier University in 1993. Before joining Community Services in 2021, he worked in Canada as a therapist and for the AIDS Committee of London, then spent 20 years at Gosnold on Cape Cod, a behavioral health and substance abuse treatment center. There, his role was both clinical and administrative, working with patients directly and overseeing outpatient services and electronic record-keeping.

Mr. Turton became familiar with Community Services through Ms. Folcarelli, who worked at Gosnold before moving to the Vineyard to take the top position. She would ultimately be the person to convince him to move to the Island.

"About a year out after she was settled into the position, [Ms. Folcarelli] called me and asked me if I would consider coming over to the Vineyard and working in [Community Services]..." Mr. Turton said. "I thought about it, and I said yes."

As chief administrative officer, Mr. Turton's job was to ensure the quality of clinical care at Community Services. Being interim CEO twice gave him a crash course in running the entire organization, a job he said wouldn't be possible without the staff that keep Community Services running.

"It's more important to focus on them and the work they do every day than the work that I'm going to be doing..." he said. "I couldn't do any of that without them."

Mr. Turton's top priority as CEO is to further embed Community Services into Island life and ensure that its programs are accessible to people who need them. He particularly wants to expand the reach of mental health and substance use services, as well as strengthen the organization's relationships with older and disabled Islanders.



Jeanna Shepard

Scott Turton at this summer's Possible Dreams event.

"Historically, some of Martha's Vineyard has felt that we haven't been open to the community..." he said. "I want to be part of an era for Martha's Vineyard Community Services that says, yes, we are open to this community."

"All of the core [programs] will continue and be strengthened ...," he added.

Mr. Turton takes the helm as Community Services completes the final stage of its campus overhaul, ongoing since 2024. He said staff moved into the new main building last week to start running programs there, marking the end of major construction. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at the new building Friday.

Landscaping is the last piece of the puzzle. Mr. Turton said the demolition of one of the old, now defunct buildings was scheduled for Thursday to make way for greenspace.

Mr. Turton is hopeful that Islanders will find the revamped campus inviting. He sees his own ability to connect with Islanders as a strength — one that can grow stronger, still.

"My philosophy is, none of us can do this work alone, so it's better for us to know each other," he said.

Mr. Turton said the interconnectedness of Island culture resonates with him deeply. He also sees it as dovetailing with the central mission at Community Services.

"We are all about developing community and taking care of each other, and if a crisis arises, we all sort of move quickly to try and fix it," he said.

For him, leading Community Services is an opportunity to build on that culture.

"I want to be able to look back on my life and say, yeah, I really made a difference in people's lives..." he said. "I look at this whole thing as kind of a gift."

Steamship Looks to Balance Books as Expenses Rise

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get feedback from the port towns.

The financial team will then bring a proposed budget to the port council and the Steamship board of governors, the latter of which will have final say.

The potential new fares would change with the season, as do the current rates.

For an excursion car, it would cost an extra $6 roundtrip in the shoulder season. Non-Islander cars would range from $4 one way in the deepest part of winter to $7 in the shoulder season. High summer on weekdays could bring a $9 hike and weekends could go up by $17.

Passenger fares would rise by 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children and seniors. Parking fees would go up $1 per day and permits would rise by $200 for the Woods Hole lot and $50 for Palmer avenue.

The Nantucket route would also have rate hikes, with their high season non-excursion vehicles potentially going up by as much as $29 one way.

If fuel prices do go down in the coming year, that could stave off any changes in fares come 2028.

Under the preliminary fare increases, the Steamship projected it could take in just under $10 million.

"We ended up coming up with about a $9.8 million bottom line," Mr. Rozum said. "[We] really wanted to do over $10 [million] on cash flow purposes, but right now we're at $9.8 [million]. The original budget was $573,000."

The Steamship has raised rates for the past few years, and Nantucket port council member Nathaniel Lowell said the ferry line will need to address a common public complaint: boats leaving port with space on the vehicle deck, despite strong demand.

"I'm going to speak for the public right now. We have to figure out how to fill the boats," he said. "We have to get the bleacher seats full."

Mr. Lowell raised the prospect of demand pricing, where less traveled trips cost less than prized summer slots. He saw that as a potential to more evenly distribute traffic and maximize the Steamship's availability.

The Steamship new reservation system, which has been in the works for several years, could give the ferry line the ability to consider such changes.

"If that's what the port council and board wants, we can look at changes to some of these opportunities," Mr. Rozum said.



Ray Ewing

Aquinnah arrives in Vineyard Haven harbor.

Steamship May Increase New Bedford Presence

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some small side street.

"State roads have traffic 24 hours a day. If it was a country road, I'd exactly agree with all the people in Woods Hole," he said. "It's not. They bought this property on a state road, state roads are busy, and there is traffic and there is noise on a state road."

While talking about the proposed 2027 schedule Tuesday, Steamship staff recommended keeping the 5:30 a.m. ferry from Woods Hole to the Vineyard, but suggested limiting the 5:30 a.m. ferry from the Island to the mainland to smaller vehicles to alleviate some of the noise.

"Those trucks coming off the Island, the concern is they tend to be empty, so they bounce a little bit more going on the road," Mr. Kryska said. "They just make more noise than a full truck coming the other way."

While New Bedford is the least involved port in the Steamship Authority, its inclusion has been the subject of debate for decades and was a central point when the current iteration of the ferry line was created more than 60 years ago.

A precursor to the Steamship Authority formed in 1948, and, at the time, the ferry line was required to offer daily service to the Island from New Bedford. But when the service struggled to stay in the black, a battle broke out that resulted in New Bedford being cut out of ferry service under the 1960 Steamship Authority enabling act.

After that, all ferries to the Vineyard and Nantucket went through Woods Hole, and the Steamship was governed by a three-member board with representatives from the Islands and Falmouth.

About 40 years later, still bitter about being excised, New Bedford led a campaign to return to the Steamship board, and eventually the Whaling City and Barnstable, which had started service to Nantucket through Hyannis, were granted membership.

The Steamship Authority tried out a pilot freight program between the Vineyard and New Bedford in 2000. The ferry line contracted with a private company to provide two trips a day every weekday from May through October.

But after two years, the service was discontinued because it was financially unfeasible and the Steamship Authority was unable to secure an agreement with the city to use the state pier.

Since then, the idea of pushing tractor trailers off the Cape and to New Bedford has been studied, but never gained much traction.

In 2016, a feasibility study conducted by the Steamship found that freight service was possible to do, but it would cost millions to run and involve numerous complicated planning steps and operational changes.

The report concluded that building a freight terminal facility in New Bedford would cost between $10 million and $15 million. That was a cost that Steamship leadership didn't have an interest in paying for at the time.

"The staff does not believe that the Steamship Authority should bear the cost of constructing or maintaining the freight ferry terminal in New Bedford that would be necessary to provide the service, or should otherwise subsidize the cost of the service," the report read. "Nor should the Steamship Authority rate payers be responsible for the additional operation costs that will be necessary to provide freight service from New Bedford, when freight service can continue to be provided from Woods Hole."

Since then, there have been some on-demand private freight carriers running from New Bedford. In 2024, the Steamship board signed off on 41 North Offshore's plan to run a freight barge to the Island, and earlier this year Offshore Tug & Transportation inquired about expanding services to the Vineyard.

Seastreak has provided summer passenger service from New Bedford, and has tried to bring in winter commuter trips.

Mr. Kryska believed that now may be a good time to revisit beefing up ferries from New Bedford and said he has been in discussions with Gordon Carr, the New Bedford port council member and head of the New Bedford port authority.

"I've been talking to Gordon quite a bit about New Bedford and the opportunities that we want to see there," Mr. Kryska said Tuesday.

One step could be increasing the existing Seastreak service in New Bedford so it would be similar to Hy-Line in Hyannis. Seastreak currently offers two roundtrip crossings in the fall to the Vineyard while Hy-Line has seven between Nantucket and Hyannis.

"That is the future," Mr. Kryska said. "Unfortunately... for the next few years, we have to figure out how to be good neighbors in Woods Hole and do the best we can with Woods Hole because it's going to take us a while to build out and build up New Bedford."

Mr. Kryska's comments drew some reaction during the meeting. Eric Dawicki, the Fairhaven port council member, lauded the sentiment.

"Bravo, Bravo, Bravo," he said, while others seemed surprised by the strength of his words.

That New Bedford was being considered by leadership was music to Woods Hole residents' ears, though Nat Trumbull, one of the leaders of the Woods Hole petitions, said he wanted more solid commitments.

"I appreciated what Alex Kryska said about launching New Bedford freight service," Mr. Trumbull told the Gazette. "What is missing are details, including plans for Steamship staff to meet directly with [New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell]. A time frame with expected milestones is also missing."

Mr. Kryksa said the next step would be to undertake a feasibility study to look at how freight, personal vehicles and passengers could come and go from New Bedford.

"We had some initial discussions with people there," he said. "We need to formalize that plan and have a true feasibility study."



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Steamship general manager Alex Kryska.

Huge Fish Are the Talk of the Derby

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swim and feed together, committee members said it's common to see them move in step. But despite the albies hitting the road, the bonitos have been a bigger presence than ever.

"This is going to be the year of the bonito," Mr. Cassidy said.

Another trend many have noticed is that this year's bluefish have been far bigger than in previous years. This trend is exemplified by Mr. Gerhardt's catch, which Mr. Cassidy said is the biggest the derby has seen in roughly two decades.

The fish marked the first derby weigh-in for Mr. Gerhardt, an experienced angler from New Orleans — and his first ever visit to Martha's Vineyard.

"I'm not from here. I've never been here. I've never caught a bluefish," he said. "I've never even fished in the Atlantic."

Mr. Gerhardt was fishing with his friend and business partner Kevin Lord, Mr. Piekos and some other anglers off Wasque Tuesday when one of the group's rods got a bite. Mr. Gerhardt, the derby newbie, was designated as the man to reel it in.

After a fight that lasted more than five minutes, the huge fish emerged.

"It was funny for me, because I'm sitting here watching all these local Islanders looking at the fish in awe," Mr. Gerhardt said.

"It was a special moment," Mr. Piekos said.

Mr. Gerhardt originally planned to leave the Vineyard Wednesday, but changed his flight so he could stay for the awards ceremony on Sunday.

"[Mr. Lord] threatened to disown me and never talk to me again if I didn't stay," he said.



John Piekos

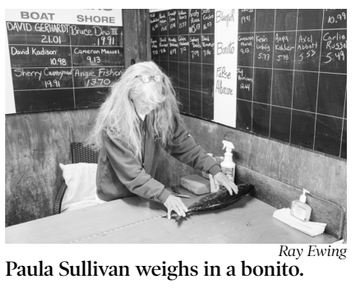
David Gerhardt with his 21.01-pound bluefish.

But just because derby hours are waning doesn't mean they are over yet. Anything could happen, Mr. Cassidy said. One year, he saw 18 lead changes take place at the final weigh-in.

"Everybody's still fishing hard," he said.

Even on slow nights, a stream of puppies and babies visiting the weigh station have kept him company.

"They brought a lot of excitement to the weigh station," he said.



Ray Ewing

Paula Sullivan weighs in a bonito.



Ray Ewing

Leader board tells the tale.

State Forest Cutting Plan Still Stalled a Year Later

By ETHAN GENTER

A controversial plan to cut 52 acres of pine trees in the Manuel F. Correllus state forest has no anticipated start date more than a year after it was approved.

Though the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, which owns the 5,300-acre forest in the middle of the Island, said it is committed to the cutting, the state agency can't find anyone to swing the axe.

DCR put the project out to bid in January, but the plan was stymied when only one bidder came in well over the state's budget. DCR undertook a second request for proposals later in the year, but when the deadline came on Sept. 18, no one had bid on a project, a spokesperson said last week.

DCR is now evaluating options to move the project forward. The agency said in a statement that it remains dedicated to the overarching goal of cutting 175 acres of white pines, a requirement under a previous permit the state granted in 2001.

The plan to chop the trees in the southeastern part of the forest has been met with both approval and resistance on the Island. Local fire chiefs and many ecologists and conservation groups have backed the plan, saying it will increase biodiversity and cut back on the chance of large-scale fires. Others argued the Island should protect its trees and questioned if the project should go through another layer of environmental review.

The white pines were planted in decades past as part of an effort to establish a lumber industry on Martha's Vineyard. But when lumbering didn't pan out, the trees took root in that corner of the forest and have grown so thick that it is hard for other species to survive there.

DCR has planned on restoring the area to a sandplain grassland. That type of habitat, which consists of short grass and shrubs, is increasingly disappearing, and the Vineyard's sandplains are some of the few left in the world, officials have said.

DCR's plan was to have a forestry company cut an initial 12 acres to test out the strategy, before moving on to another 40 acres. A second phase of cutting would come after.

DCR is required to remove about 175 acres of trees at the behest of the state Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The latter state agency required the removal of the plantation to make up for past fire lane clearings in the forest.

The previous lone bid for the work was $1.1 million, which the state said far exceeded the budget.

If the work does happen, the cutting is estimated to produce 2,600 tons of wood chips, and there have been proposals to send some of the wood to local sawmills.



Ray Ewing

Proposed project has seen a lack of bidders.



Pictures by Ray Ewing

Fishing the cut at Edgartown Great Pond.

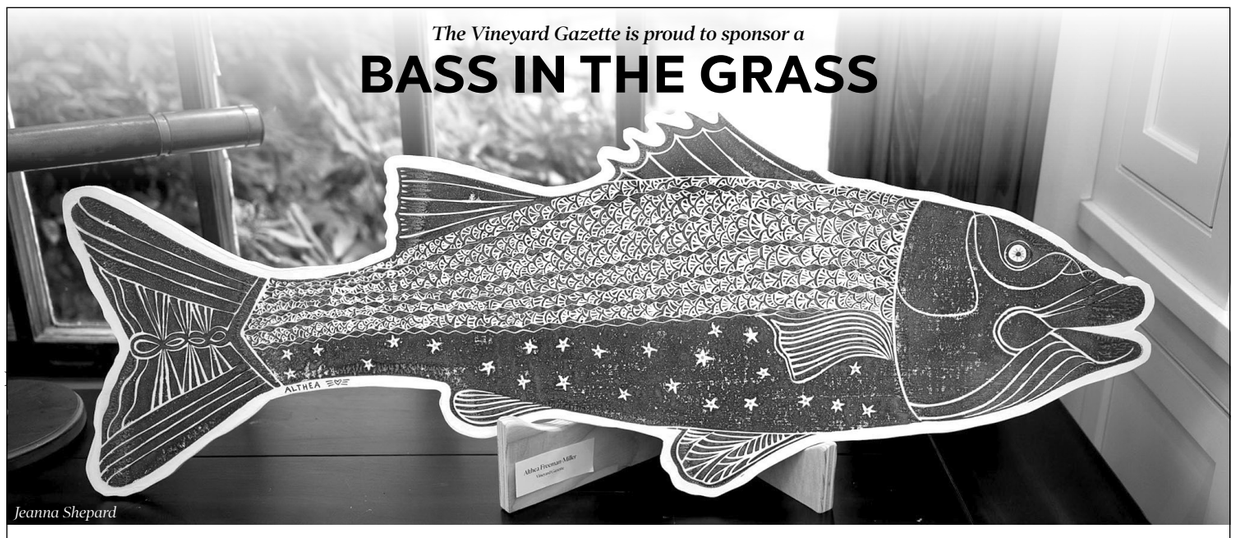
TIDE AND TIME

	Saturday, Oct. 17				Sunday, Oct. 18				Monday, Oct. 19				Tuesday, Oct. 20				Wednesday, Oct. 21				Thursday, Oct. 22				Friday, Oct. 23			
	High Water		Low Water		High Water		Low Water		High Water		Low Water		High Water		Low Water		High Water		Low Water		High Water		Low Water		High Water		Low Water	
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Cape Pogue	5:15	5:21	10:26	11:09	6:10	6:17	11:21	--:--	7:05	7:13	12:04	12:17	7:59	8:09	12:57	1:13	8:50	9:03	1:48	2:07	9:37	9:53	2:37	2:59	10:20	--:--	3:23	3:47
Edgartown	5:26	5:32	10:40	11:23	6:21	6:28	11:35	--:--	7:16	7:24	12:18	12:31	8:10	8:20	1:11	1:27	9:01	9:14	2:02	2:21	9:48	10:04	2:51	3:13	10:31	--:--	3:37	4:01
Oak Bluffs	5:01	5:07	10:14	10:57	5:56	6:03	11:09	11:52	6:51	6:59	--:--	12:05	7:45	7:55	12:45	1:01	8:36	8:49	1:36	1:55	9:23	9:39	2:25	2:47	10:06	--:--	3:11	3:35
East Chop	4:58	5:04	10:10	10:53	5:53	6:00	11:05	11:48	6:48	6:56	--:--	12:01	7:42	7:52	12:41	12:57	8:33	8:46	1:32	1:51	9:20	9:36	2:21	2:43	10:03	--:--	3:07	3:31
Vineyard Haven	4:56	5:02	10:23	11:06	5:51	5:58	11:18	--:--	6:46	6:54	12:01	12:14	7:40	7:50	12:54	1:10	8:31	8:44	1:45	2:04	9:18	9:34	2:34	2:56	10:01	--:--	3:20	3:44
West Chop	4:47	4:53	9:53	10:36	5:42	5:49	10:48	11:31	6:37	6:45	11:44	--:--	7:31	7:41	12:24	12:40	8:22	8:35	1:15	1:34	9:09	9:25	2:04	2:26	9:52	--:--	2:50	3:14
Off Lake Tashmoo	2:01	2:24	7:59	9:08	2:51	3:14	8:59	10:42	3:42	4:04	10:20	11:52	4:35	4:58	11:46	--:--	5:31	5:53	12:36	12:47	6:24	6:44	1:12	1:35	7:11	7:31	1:44	2:18
Cedar Tree Neck	1:03	1:26	7:20	8:29	1:53	2:16	8:20	10:03	2:44	3:06	9:41	11:13	3:37	4:00	11:07	11:57	4:33	4:55	--:--	12:08	5:26	5:46	12:33	12:56	6:13	6:33	1:05	1:39
Menemsha Bight	12:55	1:18	6:25	7:34	1:45	2:08	7:25	9:08	2:36	2:58	8:46	10:18	3:29	3:52	10:12	11:02	4:25	4:47	11:13	11:38	5:18	5:38	--:--	12:01	6:05	6:25	12:10	12:44
Gay Head	12:47	1:10	6:33	7:42	1:37	2:00	7:33	9:16	2:28	2:50	8:54	10:26	3:21	3:44	10:20	11:10	4:17	4:39	11:21	11:46	5:10	5:30	--:--	12:09	5:57	6:17	12:18	12:52
Squibnocket Point	12:08	12:31	5:46	6:55	12:58	1:21	6:46	8:29	1:49	2:11	8:07	9:39	2:42	3:05	9:33	10:23	3:38	4:00	10:34	10:59	4:31	4:51	11:22	11:31	5:18	5:38	--:--	12:05
Off Chilmark Pond	12:37	1:00	5:52	7:01	1:27	1:50	6:52	8:35	2:18	2:40	8:13	9:45	3:11	3:34	9:39	10:29	4:07	4:29	10:40	11:05	5:00	5:20	11:28	11:37	5:47	6:07	--:--	12:11
Off Jobs Neck Pond	12:54	1:17	6:10	7:19	1:44	2:07	7:10	8:53	2:35	2:57	8:31	10:03	3:28	3:51	9:57	10:47	4:24	4:46	10:58	11:23	5:17	5:37	11:46	11:55	6:04	6:24	--:--	12:29
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SLACK WATER	Begin Ebb		Begin Flood		Begin Ebb		Begin Flood		Begin Ebb		Begin Flood		Begin Ebb		Begin Flood		Begin Ebb		Begin Flood		Begin Ebb		Begin Flood		Begin Ebb		Begin Flood	
Wasque Point (2 mi. SW)	3:25	3:34	9:01	9:14	4:20	4:31	9:58	10:10	5:15	5:28	10:56	11:07	6:08	6:23	11:51	--:--	6:58	7:14	12:02	12:42	7:44	8:01	12:53	1:28	8:26	8:45	1:40	2:09
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East Chop (1 mi. N)	4:35	4:44	10:11	10:24	5:30	5:41	11:08	11:20	6:25	6:38	--:--	12:06	7:18	7:33	12:17	1:01	8:08	8:24	1:12	1:52	8:54	9:11	2:03	2:38	9:36	9:55	2:50	3:19
Norton Point (.5 mi. N)	3:50	3:59	9:41	9:54	4:45	4:56	10:38	10:50	5:40	5:53	11:36	11:47	6:33	6:48	--:--	12:31	7:23	7:39	12:42	1:22	8:09	8:26	1:33	2:08	8:51	9:10	2:20	2:49
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Source: National Ocean Survey and Tidal Current Tables

The Vineyard Gazette is proud to sponsor a

BASS IN THE GRASS



Jeanna Shepard

Althea Freeman-Miller is a Martha's Vineyard-born artist, printmaker, and creative wellness facilitator selected by the Vineyard Gazette to create fish art for the Bass in the Grass Auction.
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There's always a story brewing down at the weigh-in station.



Dan Athearn with a bonito.



Wasque has been hot in the waning days of the derby.



Casting at the Oak Bluffs fishing pier.

CURRENT DERBY LEADERS

ALL TACKLE

Name	Date	Weight
BOAT BLUEFISH		
David M. Gerhardt	10/13	21.01lbs.
SHORE BLUEFISH		
Bruce Dew III	10/4	19.91 lbs.
BOAT BONITO		
David Kadison	9/29	10.98 lbs.
SHORE BONITO		
Cameron J. Maciel	10/6	9.13 lbs.
BOAT FALSE ALBACORE		
Sherry L. Countryman	9/17	19.91 lbs.
SHORE FALSE ALBACORE		
Angela Fisher	9/22	13.70 lbs.

FLYROD

Name	Date	Weight
BOAT BONITO		
Zachary C. Horrocks	9/17	8.81 lbs.
SHORE BONITO		
Patrick J. Carson	10/14	6.00 lbs.
BOAT BLUEFISH		
Robert D. Morrison	9/20	13.26 lbs.
BOAT FALSE ALBACORE		
Thomas J. Rapone	9/16	14.40 lbs.
SHORE FALSE ALBACORE		
Todd A. Godfrey	9/20	7.27 lbs.

JUNIOR

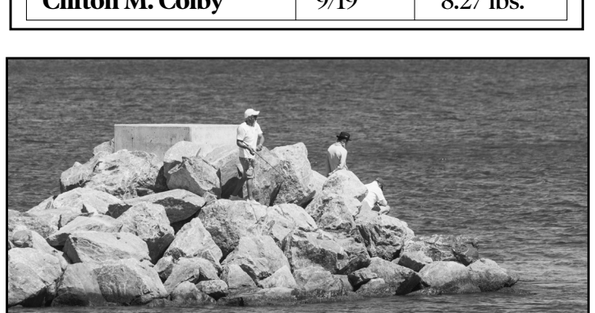
Name	Date	Weight
BOAT BLUEFISH		
Emmett R. Sylva	10/10	17.81 lbs.
SHORE BLUEFISH		
David L. Pothier	10/15	14.70 lbs.
BOAT BONITO		
Brooke Stedman	10/9	8.54 lbs.
SHORE BONITO		
Latham Kurth	9/20	5.82 lbs.
BOAT FALSE ALBACORE		
Scarlett Stedman	9/13	18.73 lbs.
SHORE FALSE ALBACORE		
Sam A. Dublin	9/19	7.00 lbs.

SENIOR

Name	Date	Weight
BOAT BLUEFISH		
David Kadison	10/14	17.75 lbs.
SHORE BLUEFISH		
Donald R. Sicard	10/4	15.64 lbs.
BOAT BONITO		
David Kadison	9/29	10.98 lbs.
SHORE BONITO		
Aaron Kinne	10/4	7.46 lbs.
BOAT FALSE ALBACORE		
David Kadison	9/19	16.62 lbs.
SHORE FALSE ALBACORE		
Clement Green	9/1	8.34 lbs.

MINI JUNIOR

Name	Date	Weight
BOAT BLUEFISH		
Tucker Schaefer	10/14	18.11 lbs.
SHORE BLUEFISH		
Clifton M. Colby	9/19	9.32 lbs.
BOAT BONITO		
Calvin Stedman	10/9	7.12 lbs.
SHORE BONITO		
Axel B. Abbott	10/9	5.53 lbs.
BOAT FALSE ALBACORE		
Calvin Stedman	9/13	15.62 lbs.
SHORE FALSE ALBACORE		
Clifton M. Colby	9/19	8.27 lbs.



Ray Ewing

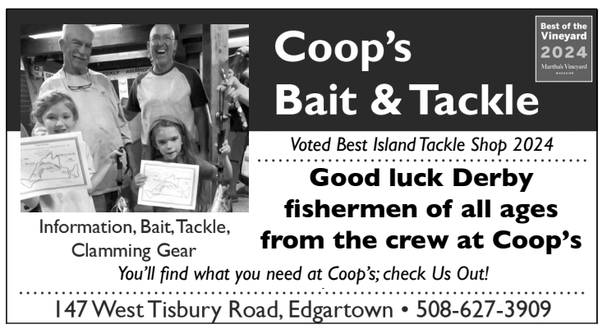
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For Rent, Vineyard Haven

YEAR ROUND RENTAL OVERLOOKING VINEYARD HAVEN HARBOR
Furnished one-bedroom, 700sf, with water views. $3,250 per month, with parking space. In-unit laundry and AC/heat. Utilities not included. Steps to ferry. Call (617)413-8681
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YEAR ROUND HOUSE SHARE
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Beautiful one-bedroom plus office. One person preferred. Very spacious. Washer, dryer, Wi-Fi and patio. Utilities included. Lambert's Cove area. $3,000/per month. Text or call (508)939-1414.

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Help Wanted

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CHAPPY FERRY CAPTAIN
The Chappy Ferry is looking for Ferry Captains. Must hold a 50 ton license and be willing to work outdoors. We have morning and afternoon shifts available. Please contact Brian at: info@chappyferry.com.

TOWN OF CHILMARK
is seeking qualified applicants for **DATA COLLECTOR** in the Assessors Office.
Ten hours per week, $33.78-$40.13/hr. depending on experience and qualifications. Mostly field work. Must provide their own transportation. Email jobs@chilmarkma.gov for application packet and information. Applications due **November 5th 12 PM Noon.**

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Applications and full job description are available at edgartown-ma.us or in the HR Office in Town Hall. Please send completed applications to HR@edgartown-ma.us or P.O. BOX 5130 ATTN: HR, Edgartown, MA 02539. The Town of Edgartown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
BUILDING DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT
($28.38-$40.39 with $5,000 Sign-on Incentive)
The Town of Edgartown is seeking a customer-focused and organized professional to serve as Department Assistant in the Building Department. This 40 hour/week position is full-time/year-round and provides administrative and clerical support for a busy municipal office, assisting residents, contractors, architects, and other stakeholders with permitting, inspections, zoning inquiries, and general department operations.
Responsibilities include processing and tracking a variety of building-related permits, scheduling inspections, maintaining departmental records, collecting and reconciling fees, preparing payroll and bill warrants, assisting with budgeting and reporting, and responding to public inquiries regarding construction, zoning, land use, and related regulations. Position is open until filled, with a priority date of October 30, 2026.
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MARTHA'S VINEYARD MUSEUM HIRING FINANCE ASSISTANT
Martha's Vineyard Museum seeking a detail-oriented Finance Assistant to join our team on a part-time, year-round basis. This role offers a flexible schedule of 15–20 hours per week, making it ideal for someone looking to balance work with other commitments.
Hiring Pay Range $30-$32 per hour. See https://mvmuseum.org/careers/ for more information and how to apply.

MVPCS LEARNING FACILITATOR
The Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School has an anticipated opening for a Learning Facilitator in our student services department to start as soon as possible. We are looking for creative, enthusiastic individuals wishing to support students within our project-based learning curriculum. Competitive salary and full benefits provided. Please email a resume and letter of interest to Chris Nace, Executive Director, at cnace@mvpcs.org and complete an application on our website at www.MVPCS.org.

MVPCS TEACHER'S ASSISTANT
The Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School has an opening for a full-time Elementary Teacher's Assistant to start as soon as possible. We are looking for a creative, enthusiastic individual wishing to explore or advance a career in education within our project-based learning curriculum. Competitive salary and full benefits provided. Please email a resume and letter of interest to Chris Nace, Executive Director, at cnace@mvpcs.org and complete an application on our website at www.MVPCS.org.

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Your prime focus will be managing employee timecard data to ensure our customers are billed accurately and on time. Key responsibilities will be to collect & review daily employee timecards for completeness: enter hours & work data into our billing system, verify accuracy and identify & resolve discrepancies quickly and help the office team with other basic admin tasks as needed.
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Under Employment; new jobs corresponding Schoolspring Job Id: 5949890.
Deadline: Until Position is Filled.
Starting November 9, 2026.
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MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Seeking applicants for a long term substitute 182 Day Food Service Helper in the cafeteria. *ServSafe Certification preferred.*
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Starting as soon as possible.

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Seeks a committed individual to join our team in the position of Assistant Cook to assist in all facets of managing a comprehensive school nutrition program.

Culinary experience preferred
ServSafe certification preferred

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new jobs corresponding Schoolspring Job Id: 5948870

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Primary responsibilities include data entry, record keeping, and tracking for finance & program services. Kinship Heals is a substance-free workplace. All staff must be substance free and abide by the Substance Free Workplace Policy. (As a recipient of federal funds, marijuana is considered an illegal substance). Salary is $82,000.00 upon hire, and $92,000.00 upon completion of probationary period and Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence trainings. For more information about our organization visit www.kinshipheals.org. For a full job description, or to submit resume, email jada@kinshipheals.org.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR / SKILLED LABORER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OAK BLUFFS
Town of Oak Bluffs is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Skilled Laborer or Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) position. Applicants who possess a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) are encouraged to apply; however, candidates may be hired without a CDL and will be given the opportunity to obtain one within the first two years of employment. All costs associated with obtaining the CDL will be covered by the Town of Oak Bluffs. In general, this position performs maintenance of municipal grounds, streets, sidewalks, and storm drains; rubbish collection; snow removal; and related work as required. Duties may also include serving as a landfill attendant. As an HEO, the position performs additional skilled work involving the operation and use of various vehicles, heavy equipment, and mechanized equipment on assigned projects.
Hourly range is $31.29 - $41.80, commensurate with CDL certification and years of experience.
Full-time, Union position with generous benefits including paid leave, retirement and health, dental and eye insurance.
Job description and online application available from oakbluffsma.gov/jobs .
For all inquiries or to request an application form, email Human Resources at wbrough@oakbluffsma.gov.

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS HIRING DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF
The Deputy Fire Chief is part of the leadership command and assists the Fire Chief with the day-to day administrative and management operations, supervising of fire and EMS personnel, emergency management planning and fire prevention officer duties.

Candidates must have extensive knowledge on the principles, practices and techniques of fire suppression, fire prevention and hazardous materials; ability to supervise, train, evaluate, and lead the work of others while maintaining a high level of discipline and morals. Must be able to communicate and work effectively with subordinates, other Town departments, elected officials and members of the public; ability to react quickly and remain calm when directing firefighters in emergency situations. Position is required to respond to emergencies and be available 24/7, 365 days of the year. Residency on the Island of Martha's Vineyard required.

Salary Range $109,620 to $125,280.
For a complete list of certifications, job duties and application process, visit oakbluffsma.gov/jobs or email Human Resources at wbrough@oakbluffsma.gov.
Deadline for applications is 10/20/2026 - 4:00pm. Oak Bluffs is an EOE.

THE POLLY HILL ARBORETUM

GREENHOUSE ASSISTANT
PHA seeks a Greenhouse Assistant to propagate and care for plants, trees and shrubs in our greenhouse and nursery. This is a part-time, seasonal position from March thru November (flexible) and pays $25/hour. Job description and application instructions found at
https://www.pollyhillarboretum.org/get-involved/employmentopportunities/.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Full and part-time, year-round positions available, two to four days per week. Salary commensurate with experience. Willing to train the right applicant. (508)693-9682.

The Charlotte Inn

FULL TIME YEAR ROUND HOUSEKEEPER WANTED
The Charlotte Inn is seeking a reliable, detail-oriented housekeeper to join our team. Duties include cleaning guest rooms, maintaining common areas, and ensuring a high standard of presentation. Experience preferred, but we will train the right candidate. Above competitive pay and a very welcoming work environment. Apply in person at The Charlotte Inn, 27 South Summer Street, Edgartown, or call (508)627-4751.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT VINEYARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY
VCS seeks an entrepreneurial fundraising leader to build a dynamic development program on Martha's Vineyard. Major gifts, annual giving, grants, events and campaigns. Ten plus years experience required. Full description and application: vineyard
conservation.org/career-opportunities

VINEYARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY HIRING PART-TIME ADVOCACY AND PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR
Environmental advocacy, community organizing, and events. 20 hrs/week, $35/hr. See full job description and how to apply: https://vineyardconservation.org/career-opportunities

VINEYARD GAZETTE

ASSOCIATE EDITOR
Martha's Vineyard Magazine is seeking an associate editor to join our team and play a key role across a range of projects. Responsibilities include copy editing and proofreading, writing and story development, social media, and website management. Familiarity with WordPress and Adobe InDesign/Photoshop is preferred. This is an opportunity to work alongside a creative team and help shape the stories and digital content that connect readers with Martha's Vineyard.
For more information, visit vineyardgazette.com/employment.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER
Martha's Vineyard Magazine is seeking an experienced graphic designer/art director to join our team in a temporary role. Responsibilities include page design and layout, photography selection and editing, directing freelance photographers and illustrators, and preparing files for print production. Potential for continued graphic design opportunities within the company following the initial term.
For more information, visit vineyardgazette.com/employment.

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER
The Vineyard Gazette has an immediate opening for a general assignment reporter. We are seeking candidates with excellent writing and editing skills. To apply, please send a resume and not more than three writing samples to Bill Eville at bill@vineyardgazette.com.

OFFICE MANAGER
The Office Manager is responsible for the day-to-day administrative operations of the Vineyard Gazette office, helping ensure that the organization runs efficiently, professionally and smoothly. This position serves as a central point of coordination for office administration, subscribers, employee support, vendors, facilities, supplies, records and internal communications. For more information, visit vineyardgazette.com/employment.

The Vineyard Gazette Media Group is an equal opportunity employer committed to inclusion and diversity in the workplace.

Volunteers

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Help our community here on MV. ARC on MV is looking for volunteers for our Disaster Action Team, Sheltering Team, Homefires Campaign and more. For more information: ilona.metell@redcross.org.

ANGELS HELPING ANIMALS
Seeking volunteers and foster homes. Please call (508)274-2604.

BIODIVERSITYWORKS
BiodiversityWorks is a non-profit that promotes biodiversity conservation across Martha's Vineyard through wildlife research and monitoring and community outreach. Our spring and summer initiatives include monitoring beach-nesting birds, tracking northern long-eared bats, spotted turtle research, and invasive-clearing at our headquarters. More information is at www.biodiversityworksmv.org/work-with-us. We are restarting our volunteer program while still observing COVID precautions, and generally welcome volunteers ages 15 and up. Please contact:
volunteers@biodiversityworksmv.org.

CHICKEN ALLEY THRIFT SHOP
Make new friends. Learn something new. Support your community. Be environmentally friendly. Volunteer at Chicken Alley. Send email to:
chickenalleyvolunteers@gmail.com

EDGARTOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE
The Edgartown Energy Committee is seeking a volunteer to run its Facebook page, providing news and information from the Committee to FaceBook friends. Learn new things about the town's use of energy and how residents can save energy and lower costs. Email or text Alan Strahler, Chair, alan@bu.edu, (617)791-8959, for details.

FELIX NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
Love nature and wildlife? Want to learn more and share your knowledge with others? Come volunteer at Mass Audubon's Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary and help to maintain the property, assist with education programming, monitor wildlife, or be the warm welcome for everyone that comes to the sanctuary.
Learn more at phone: (508)627-4850, Email: felixneck@massaudubon.org.

ISLAND GROWN INITIATIVE
Sign up for a stocking or sorting shift at the food pantry, come out to an island farm to glean produce, join us in the kitchen to prepare and pack meals to share with Islanders in need.
If you enjoy working with food and want to connect with community, visit www.igimv.org to sign up to volunteer.

MEDIA VOICES FOR CHILDREN
Media Voices for Children is an online 501(C)3, tax exempt educational charity that reports on the welfare of children in the U.S. and around the world.
Media Voices needs volunteers who are computer literate, have a compelling interest in children's welfare and are willing to research and work with our team on the keeping the site up to date. We also welcome seasoned grant writers.
For more information, contact: mediavoicesforchildren@gmail.com.

MISTY MEADOWS EQUINE LEARNING CENTER
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Best of the Vineyard 2026 Martha's Vineyard Magazine
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Join the Martha's Vineyard Bank Team!

Martha's Vineyard Bank, a local community bank, has some exciting opportunities available. If you are seeking a career with an organization that has a strong commitment to the communities we serve, then we want to hear from you!

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For more information please call Mary Holmes at (508)939-9440 or email to maryh@mvcenter4living.org.

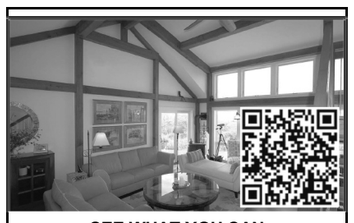
MV HOSPITAL
MV Hospital is looking for volunteers for several positions within our organization. For more information, please visit our website at:
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Non-profit organizations looking for volunteer help can advertise their openings for free in the Vineyard Gazette Classifieds. Any tax-exempt charitable or arts organization wishing to advertise for unpaid help may do so without charge. The ads will run at the discretion of the editor. List at www.vineyardgazette.com/classifieds

Storage

SUN SELF-STORAGE
Monthly rentals. Paved, lighted, fenced. On-site management. State Road, behind Cronig's Market. (508)693-1036 and Old Colony Edgartown.

Contractors and Builders



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HOUSEHOLD
Stately vintage desk, leather top, nice condition, 48x24x30H; $95. MV art/artifacts, MV books, vintage fair posters, $18-95. (860)391-1893.

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1890 WHITE OAK DINING/BEDROOM HUTCH
In mint condition. Appraised at $1,200. Selling for $400.
Contact The Look Inn (707)972-6901.

WANTED ANTIQUES, GOLD JEWELRY, STERLING, APPRAISALS
Highest prices paid for fine antiques, gold jewelry, sterling silver. Call for safe appointment, 28 years serving MV. Ed Tessier. Call (508)939-0556. Americana-auction.com

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For antiques, jewelry, silver, oriental carpets, fine art, Chinese works of art, etc. From one item to entire estates. References available. Island property owner. (617)803-5145.

Antiques and Collectibles

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Paying cash for ship models and old nautical items. (202)812-1144.

Trailer Sales

TRAILER FOR RENT, WEST TISBURY
Available September 25th–December 1st and March 1st through to summer 2027. $800/month for one person or $1,000/month for two people. Contact Lisa (310)213-5472.

Motorcycles Mopeds, and Bicycles



BICYCLE FOR SALE
2024 Boomerang Platinum PEDAGO. In mint condition, low mileage, long range with lock, saddle bags and charger. Original: $3600. Used: $1600. (707)972-6902.

Yard Sales

EDGARTOWN FURNITURE & ANTIQUE SALE
Wonderful antique dressers, dining kitchen table and chairs, quality geds, china, kitchenware and garden tools. Quality items at great prices. Some free or pay what you can.
October 17 & 18, 10 - 4 PM. 171 Upper Main Street.

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VINEYARD HAVEN ESTATE SALE
10/17 & 10/18 | 10 AM - 4 PM
Three-generation Island estate overlooking the Lagoon. Multiple dwellings filled with beautiful furnishings and decorative pieces, many of European origin. Highlights include German antiques and books, an exceptional collection of beer steins, fine art books, Island art, Island books, sterling, outdoor furniture, antique sea chest, a five-stroke outboard inflatable and so many books. Something for everyone.
The address will be posted Saturday morning on Instagram and Facebook (@deadseriousestatesalesmv) and on our recorded line (508)645-6952. Cash, checks and Venmo accepted. Check our socials for preview photos. Email (deadseriousestatesales@gmail.com) with questions. No early birds, please.

Boat Sales and Accessories



TWENTY-FOOT BAYLINER TROPHY WITH TRAILER
- 1999 Model 2002 FP
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- SS handrails added
- Bimini top
- Loran fish finder with Navigation
- Two new batteries
- 82 gal fuel tank
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Contact Bill: (508)733-4830.



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Boat Sales and Accessories

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New Venture boat trailers, in stock and on-Island. Sizes for boats up to 27". Email Chris Scott for pricing: cscott@shmarinas.com.

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Found something of value, and want to do the right thing? Let the Gazette help you.
The Lost & Found category is a free serves. Deadline for publication is 3:00PM Tuesdays. 24 words or less, please. Ads will be published for 4 weeks in print and online.
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Announcements

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Aquinnah Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
The Aquinnah Board of Health, at its upcoming meeting in the Aquinnah Town Hall on **Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 3pm,** will review a draft amendment and annex to its Regulation entitled THE CONTENT AND APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER FOR TURF ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD adopted by a vote of Town Meeting on 5/13/2014, as well as draft amendments to its Sewage Disposal and Septic Systems regulations.
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Chilmark Legal Notices

CHILMARK
Select Board will hold a public hearing on **November 17, 2026 at 6:20 PM** in the Select Board Meeting Room at Town Hall 401 Middle Road on the petitions of EverSource to: 1. construct underground facilities on Middle Road to relocate the primary overhead wires between Poles 10/8 and 10/10 for a viewshed at Pondmark, and 2. Grant a new pole location 120 feet West of existing pole 5/176 on North Road near Turtle Cove & North Slope Lane to provide Verizon with a new small cell site. townadministrator@chilmarkma.gov.
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CHILMARK
Seeking to dispose of surplus equipment: red box trailer located at Tabor House Road park n ride lot & John Deere large lawn tractor with bucket, mower, and auger. Information available by email: jobs@chilmarkma.gov.
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Edgartown Legal Notices

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the Town of Edgartown, Dukes County, Massachusetts, Case No. 26-01-0350P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp , or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877)336-2627.
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EDGARTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 4:15pm** the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a remote public hearing via ZOOM on the request by **Dani Monroe** for a special permit under section 2.1.B.11 of the zoning bylaw to **host an amplified multi-day event with approximately 275 attendees, ending by 7:30pm**. The property is a conforming 13.3-acre lot at **20 Old Farms Trail** (Assr. Pcl. 27-13.3) in the RA-120 Residential District. Written comments should be received no later than noon on November 3, 2026. For information on how to use Zoom or to view the plans please contact: zba@edgartown-ma.us or check the town's website.

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TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
MASSACHUESETTS
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS: Gravestone Restoration & Monument Repair
REF: CEM-27-01

The Town of Edgartown is seeking bids from qualified and experienced contractors for the restoration of gravestones and the repair of monuments at the Old West Side Cemetery, Robinson Road, Edgartown contract for the Town of Edgartown.

Bid documents are available electronically at https://www.edgartown-ma.us/departments/procurement-office or in hard copy. Questions regarding access to the bid documents may be directed to the Procurement Office at (774)310-5106
or hmclaughlin@edgartown-ma.us.

Bids must be submitted to the Edgartown Procurement Office at Town Hall, 70 Main St., Edgartown, MA 02539 in a sealed package plainly marked "BID FOR Gravestone Restoration & Monument Repair, Ref. CEM-27-01" on or before **10:00 AM, Wednesday, November 4, 2026**. No bids submitted after that time will be accepted.

Bids must include all the required materials and information; the award will be made within fifteen (15) days after the due date. The Town of Edgartown reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in its best interest. The Town of Edgartown adheres to all applicable Massachusetts General Laws, including Chapter 30, Section 39M, and Chapter 30B, Section 5, regarding procurement regulations. The Town fully complies with federal, state, and local laws and directives governing equal opportunity, affirmative action, and non-discrimination in all municipal activities. Additionally, the Town actively solicits bids from Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) to ensure fair and inclusive participation in procurement opportunities.
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EDGARTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a remote public hearing via ZOOM on the request by **Edgartown Cove Housing LLC** for a comprehensive permit under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B, Section 21 to **construct forty (40) home-ownership units on approximately 2 acres of land. 10 of the 40 units will be affordable to households earning up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) in accordance with state requirements for low to moderate-income housing**. The property is located on a 2-acre lot at **501 West Tisbury Rd** (Assr. Pcl. 22-2.1) in the R-60 Residential District. Written comments should be received no later than noon on October 27, 2026. For information on how to use Zoom or to view the plans please contact Brae Eddleston, Administrator: zba@edgartown-ma.us or check the town's website.

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Edgartown Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
On **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 4:50 p.m.** the Edgartown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the second floor of Edgartown Town Hall (70 Main St, Edgartown) on a Request for an amended **Order of Conditions** filed by the Town of Edgartown under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is **seeking permission to amend the existing Order of Conditions to include the DEP mandated removal of four (4) existing 3,000 gallon underground storage tanks and associated appurtenances.**

The property is located at 1 Morse St. (Assessor's Map 20 Lot 286).

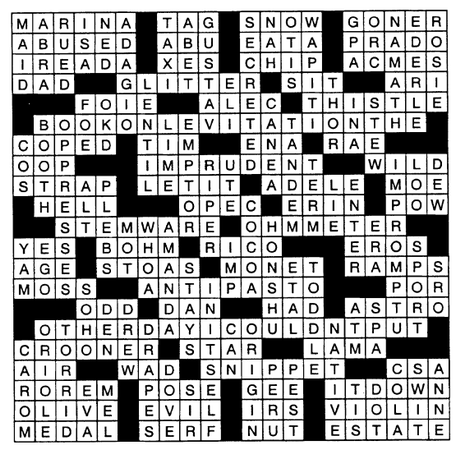
For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please
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EDGARTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 4:00pm** the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a remote public hearing via ZOOM on the request by **Michael Raider** for a special permit under section 10.1.G of the zoning bylaw to **construct a 34x20' pool and open air cabana with enclosed soundproof pool equipment, all structures conforming to setbacks.** The property is a nonconforming .21-acre lot at **8 High St** (Assr. Pcl. 29B-21) in the R-5 Residential District. Written comments should be received no later than noon on November 3, 2026. For information on how to use Zoom or to view the plans please contact: zba@edgartown-ma.us or check the town's website.

Weekly Sudoku and Crossword Answers – October 16, 2026

4	9	8	7	6	3	1	2	5
5	7	6	2	1	4	9	3	8
2	1	3	9	8	5	7	6	4
8	3	7	5	2	6	4	1	9
6	4	2	1	9	8	3	5	7
1	5	9	4	3	7	2	8	6
9	6	1	8	7	2	5	4	3
3	2	4	6	5	9	8	7	1
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EDGARTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 4:45pm** the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a remote public hearing via ZOOM on the request by **Richard Murray** for an appeal under Massachusetts General Law Chap. 40A, Section 8 to **appeal the decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer.** The properties in relation to the appeal are located from the **Dyke Bridge North to Cape Pogue and Cape Pogue Wildlife Refuge at 10, 20, 23, 30, 35, 36, 43 Lighthouse Rd** (Assr. Pcl. 32-2, 17-1, 3-14, 3-13.2, 3-13.17/18, 16-1, 3-12) in the R-120 Residential District. Written comments should be received no later than noon on November 3, 2026. For information on how to use Zoom or to view the plans please contact: zba@edgartown-ma.us or check the town's website.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
On Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 4:40 p.m. the Edgartown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the second floor of Edgartown Town Hall (70 Main St, Edgartown) on a **Notice of Intent** filed by Schofield Barbini & Hoehn, Inc on behalf of **Audmer, LLC** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is **seeking permission for re-establishment and maintenance of previously approved view channels in land subject to coastal storm flowage.**

The property is located at 118 Meetinghouse Way (Assessor's Map 37 Lot 117)

For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please
contact: conservation@edgartown-ma.us.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
On **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 4:45 p.m.** the Edgartown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the second floor of Edgartown Town Hall (70 Main St, Edgartown) on a **Notice of Intent** filed by **Carolyn and Mark Mason** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is **seeking permission for the replacement of an existing single family dwelling and associated site work including a new denitrification septic system, parking area, underground utilities, and landscaping partially within the Buffer zone of BVW and partially within Land subject to coastal storm flowage.**

The property is located at 19 Earle Avenue (Assessor's Map 12A Lot 40)

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contact: conservation@edgartown-ma.us
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EDGARTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 4:30pm** the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a remote public hearing via ZOOM on the request by **Laura D. Cecere** for a special permit under section 10.1.G of the zoning bylaw to **construct a 16x19' in-ground swimming pool and to convert the existing shed into a soundproof pool equipment shed**. The property is a pre-existing nonconforming .18-acre lot at **26 Morse St** (Assr. Pcl. 20D-247) in the R-5 Residential District. Written comments should be received no later than noon on November 3, 2026. For information on how to use Zoom or to view the plans please contact: zba@edgartown-ma.us or check the town's website.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
On **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 4:35 p.m.** the Edgartown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing will hold a public hearing on the second floor of Edgartown Town Hall (70 Main St, Edgartown)for a **Notice of Intent** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering on behalf of the **Frontier Crosswinds LLC** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is seeking permission for **trimming, pruning, and removal of vegetation to maintain an existing view channel with portions of work located in the flood zone and BVW**.

The property is located at 9 Jacobs Neck (Assessor's Map 43 Lot 1.22)

For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please
contact: conservation@edgartown-ma.us.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EDGARTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
On **Wednesday, 21 October 2026 at 4:30 p.m.** the Edgartown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the second floor of Edgartown Town Hall (70 Main St, Edgartown) on a **Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying and Engineering on behalf of **Naji Boustany** under the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is **proposing replacement of an existing gravel field system to an enhanced treated system for 3 bedrooms in the buffer to the flood zone.**

The property is located at 260 The Boulevard (Assessor's Map 6 Lot 68).

For a copy of the application or for questions related to observing the meeting via Zoom, please
contact: conservation@edgartown-ma.us.
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Tisbury Legal Notices

LOOK STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
Tisbury Water Works has contracted Fenner Construction to replace the water main along Look Street, from Spring Street to State Road, **beginning Wednesday, October 7, 2026**. Work is expected to continue through **November 24, 2026, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
Due to the nature of the work, Look Street will be temporarily closed to vehicle traffic during these hours. Local traffic will be permitted; however, residents should anticipate potential delays and use alternate routes when possible.
Residents will be notified at least 48 hours in advance of any scheduled water-service interruptions.
Construction updates will be available online at www.tisburyma.gov/298/Water-Works and on the Tisbury Water Works Facebook page. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tisbury Water Works at (508) 693-3100. Thank you for your cooperation.
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General Legal Notices

DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
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Dukes County Regional Housing Authority seeks sealed electronic bids for building and site improvements in Oak Bluffs, MA. Work includes siding, insulation, windows, kitchens, baths, flooring, a new hot water heater, fixing a structural crack, and site upgrades. Estimated cost: $598,500. Bidders must be DCAMM certified. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. View documents and submit bids via biddocs.com by 11/5/2026,3:00PM EST. No hard copies
accepted.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GOSNOLD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
The Gosnold Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Monday, October 26, 2026 at 10:30 AM** at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom to act on a request for a Special Permit filed by Rob & Michelle Burns. The applicants seek to construct an addition that does not meet the required setbacks. The project is proposed for the property located at: 10 Broadway, Cuttyhunk, MA Assessors' Map 1 Lot 67-9. For project details and remote access contact: lwright@townofgosnold.org.
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General Legal Notices

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
0 Tower Lane, Chilmark, MA 02535
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by TOWER LANE COLLABORATIVE LLC, Jefrey B. DuBard to LAURENCE S. CLANCY and KATHLEEN M. TILTON said mortgage being dated January 14, 2026 and recorded with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds on January 14, 2026 at Book 1727, Page 996, of which mortgage the undersigned, LAURENCE S. CLANCY and KATHLEEN M. TILTON are the holders, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 O'clock noon on November 10, 2026**, on the premises known as 0 Tower Lane, Chilmark, MA 02535, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:
The land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated at 0 Tower Lane, Chilmark, Dukes County, Massachusetts, and being more particularly described as follows: "Conservation Lot B" on a plan entitled "A Plan of Land in Chilmark, Mass. prepared for Araldo A. Cossutta Scale: 1" = 100' September 7, 1988" by Smith & Dowling, which plan is recorded with the Registry as Chilmark Case File No. 237, together with all rights and easements appurtenant thereto (the "Premises" or "said premises"). For mortgagor's title see Book 1646, Page 814.
The premises shall be sold subject to and together with all rights, easements, restrictions, and reservations of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable. The above premises will be sold subject as above and subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, association dues, liens, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record created superior to the aforesaid mortgage. The premises are to be sold subject to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances, if any.
Terms of Sale: Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) will be required to be paid by certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money, a further deposit to bring the deposit to ten percent of the amount bid will be due one week from the auction date and the final balance is to be paid by certified check or wire transfer actually received on or before December 10, 2026 by 10:00 A.M., at the office of Jeffery Johnson, Esquire, time being of the essence of this sale. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale in a form to be prepared by the Mortgage Holder containing the above terms and any others announced at the sale, said memorandum to be executed at the Auction sale. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.
LAURENCE S. CLANCY and KATHLEEN M. TILTON, Holders of Said Mortgage By their Attorney, Jeffery Johnson, Esquire, 67 School Street, Hyannis, MA 02601
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
DOCKET NO. DU26P0122EA
ESTATE OF: DONNA SOUZA
DATE OF DEATH: 09/09/2026

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by
Michael R Ducatt-Luce of Fairhaven MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Michael R Ducatt-Luce of Fairhaven, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/27/2026.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of

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administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Susan L Jacobs, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 08, 2026
Daphne DeVries, Register of Probate
Dukes Probate and Family Court
PO Box 237
81 Main Street
Edgartown, MA 02539
(508)627-4703
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
ORDER OF NOTICE
DOCKET NO. 26 SM 003212

TO: Heirs, Devisees And Legal Representatives Of The Estate Of Seshagiri Rao Mallampati; Rama Rao Moturu A/K/A Rama R. Moturu, Individually And As Personal Representative, Butchi Rao Mallampati, Kusuma Kumari Chekuru, Bharathi Devi Davuluri, Babu Rao Yalavarthi, Ramadevi Yalavarthy, Lakshmi P. Yalavarthy, Rama Devi Moturu, Rama Kotaiah Yalavarthi, Surendranathbabu Yalavarthy And Vanaja Katragadda.

And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c 50 §3901(et seq)

Rockland Trust Company successor by merger to The Edgartown National Bank

Claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Edgartown, numbered 11 Norton Street, given by Seshagiri Rao Mallampati to The Edgartown National Bank, dated April 30, 2002, and recorded in Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 881, Page 400, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston MA 02108 on or before **November 16, 2026** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 5, 2026.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Laurence M. Moloney to LEDLE, Inc., dated September 27, 2005, and recorded with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 1057, Page 225, and also filed with the Dukes County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 63654, and noted on Certificate of Title Number 11250; as affected by Assignment of Mortgage from LEDLE, Inc., to David Walch as Trustee for the Athens Street Capital Realty Trust 21 u/d/t April 6, 2023, dated May 29, 2026 and recorded at the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 1741, Page 234, and also filed with the Dukes County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 97428, and noted on Certificate of Title Number 15043, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction, at 3:00 P.M. on the 30th day of October 2026, at 51 Gull Landing, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Oak Bluffs, County of Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, consisting of a parcel of Registered Land and a parcel of Unregistered Land, which .for the purposes of a Protective Covenant Agreement hereinafter referred, shall be considered as one parcel:

REGISTERED LAND

On the Northeast by land now or formerly of Carolyn M. Stevens, ninety and no/100 (90.00) feet;

On the Southeast by Lot No. 8 on plan hereinafter referred, ninety-four and 67/100 (94.67) feet;

On the Southwest by the Northeast sideline of Gull Landing, ninety and no/100 (9000) feet;

On the Northwest by Lot No. 10 on a plan hereinafter referred, ninety-four and 67/100 (94.67) feet.

Being Lot No. 9 on Sub-Division Plan No. 22340C, filed with Certificate of Title No. 3278.

There is appurtenant to the above described premises the right, in common with the grantor and others now or hereafter entitled thereto. To use Gull Landing as shown on the aforesaid plan for all purposes, including utilities, for which ways are used in the Town of Oak Bluffs.

Being the same premises as described in Certificate of Title No. 7755,

UNREGISTERED LAND

Being Lot No. 9A as delineated on a "Plan of Land in Oak Bluffs, Mass. Being A Subdivision of Lot 2, L.C. Plan 22340B, Lot C, L. C. Plan 7471B, Lot 48, L. C. Plan 7471B and an Unregistered Parcel of Land Scale of 60 feet to an inch, John P. Doyle, R.L.S. March 21, 1970", filed with Dukes County Deeds in Oak Bluffs Case File No. 37.

Subject to all rights, easements, covenants and conditions of record, if any. For a more accurate legal description, see Quitclaim Deed recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 901, Page 170, and filed with said Registry District of the Land Court at Document No. 50777.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale followed by an additional deposit of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) due within 7 days from the date of auction as stated herein. The balance is to be paid by wire transfer to Ligris + Associates, PC, 1188 Centre Street, 2nd Floor, Newton, MA 02459 on or before thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

David Walch, as Trustee for the Athens Street Capital Realty Trust 21 u/d/t
April 6, 2023,
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Ligris + Associates, PC
1188 Centre Street
Newton Center, MA 02459
(617) 274-1500
oct9,16,23

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Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School (MVPCS) oferece refeições gratuitas para os alunos

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3. email: program.intake@usda.gov
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PUBLIC MEDIA RELEASE

Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School (MVPCS) Offers Meals at No Cost for Students.

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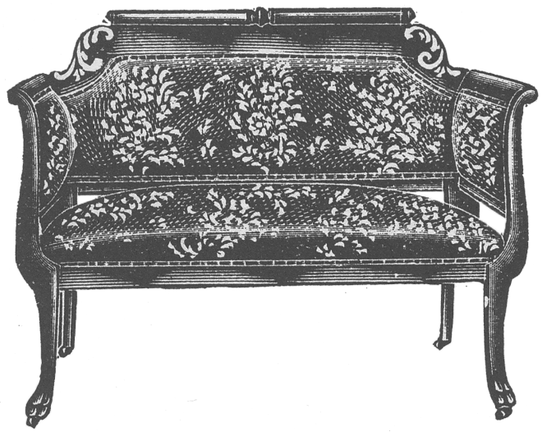
DOCKET NO. DU25P0126EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Dukes Division
Probate and Family Court
Estate of: Grace Catherine Sullivan
Date of Death: September 3, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Susan L. Grinblatas of Georgetown, MA.

A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Susan L. Grinblatas of Georgetown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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Gumption Galore

By SUZAN BELLINCAMPI

Vida Poole of Chilmark found herself with quite a sticky situation.

While trimming a trail, she noticed what she called a "gelatinous display" on a wild cherry tree. A blob of amber gum was sitting atop a bulging branch. Her identification app of choice told her it was a jelly fungus, Tremella mesenterica, commonly called witches butter or yellow brain, and asked if I thought the same.

That identification didn't gel with me since the photos lacked the brain-like folds. Like a good gumshoe, I took up the challenge to solve the gooey mystery. Vida also thought maybe cherry canker was the culprit, which is a bacterial-caused wound in a tree. Now she was getting closer.

The gummy substance that she observed was the sap of the cherry tree that had oozed out as a result of some sort of tree trauma. Called gummosis, the exuding of sap is the tree's response to stress, injury or disease.

Gummosis occurs often on fruit trees, both wild and cultivated. It can be caused by a myriad of factors, including environmental conditions, tree health and predators, especially insects. Anything that weakens the tree can cause gummosis.

Too much water, too little water, damp conditions, sunscald and mechanical injury such as natural breakage or poor pruning are causative. Bacterial, fungus and viral factors are also to blame. And insects can also be contributory.

When insects are to blame, they leave behind clues. Look closely for insect holes in the bark, frass (insect droppings) in the gum, or peel away the bark to see if you can find the dastardly doers in person. The plant's extrusion of sap is its way to try to push out the insect, and if it succeeds, you might see the insect in the gum, permanently encased and no longer a danger to the tree.

The sap or gum on the outside can have a variety of appearances. It can be liquidy and run down the tree or branch. It can be gelatinous and sticky and can even set up like hard candy. Which of course got me to thinking about eating it. Would it taste like sweet syrup, chewing gum, jolly rancher or butter brickle?

I was ready to rush to Vida's place to try it out. But leave it to the internet to gum up my plans. One source called the question of cherry sap and gum edibility "fascinating and cautionary," suggesting that the substance, while sweet, was potentially toxic or could cause an allergic response. Toxicity, it continued, was due to the fact that parts of black cherry contain cyanogenic glycosides, which can release cyanide when metabolized.

Other sources disagreed, and videos of folks taking fingerfuls of the gum and eating it abounded on YouTube. Mentions of Indigenous uses, medicinal opportunities, and employment as flavorings rounded out the research. Like George Washington, I cannot tell a lie: I did not chomp the cherry tree. Prudent foragers, like myself, will just stick with the cherries and leave the gums for the more adventurous (and non-risk-averse) wild eaters.

Gardeners, on the other hand, who wish the goo to be gone do have some options. Attempt to identify the cause and consider taking action if you are concerned. Improve environmental conditions, prune out cankers, protect wounds, apply the 'cides, and provide extra care to mitigate or manage the ailing tree.

One or all of those solution would work if you have the gumption to stick to it.

Suzan Bellincampi is director of the Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary in Edgartown, and author of Martha's Vineyard: A Field Guide to Island Nature and The Nature of Martha's Vineyard.



Suzan Bellincampi

Where the sap flows.

Bird News

Going South

By ROBERT CULBERT

Warblers abound this week, with 17 species seen — a low number only when compared to last week's 26 species.

Yellow-rumped warblers were spotted 20 times, and blackpoll warblers and pine warblers were found six times each. Both yellow-rumped and blackpoll warblers are indicative of the ending of southbound warbler migration; some yellow-rumped and pine warblers will stay through the winter.

The following is a list of the 20 yellow-rumped warbler sightings: Ruth Richards (Dogfish Bar, seven, Oct. 4); Nancy Weaver, Janet Woodcock, Shea Fee and Luanne Johnson (pumping station, two, Oct. 4); Bob Shriber (Aquinnah, three, Oct. 4); Charles Morano (Wasque Reservation, six, Oct. 4); Nancy Weaver (Dogfish Bar, two, Oct. 5); Adam Balick (North Neck, two, Oct. 5); Bob Shriber (Aquinnah, three, Oct. 6); and (Aquinnah, eight, Oct. 7); Nancy Weaver (Long Point, one, Oct. 7); Nancy Weaver (Felix Neck, two, Oct. 8); Cynthia Bloomquist and Thaw Malin (Sheriff's Meadow Sanctuary, one, Oct. 8); Bob Shriber (Gay Head Cliffs, one, Oct. 9); Nancy Weaver (Gay Head Cliffs, one, Oct. 9); Bernice McIntyre and Lisa Maxfield (John Biutler's Mudhole, one, Oct. 9); me (pumping station, two, Oct. 9); Bob Shriber (Aquinnah, 35, Oct. 10); Nancy Weaver (Hoft Farm, eight, Oct. 10); Tracy Winn (Quansoo Road, 14, Oct. 10); Olsen Houghton (Mink Meadows, one, Oct. 10); and Cynthia Bloomquist (Quansoo, two, Oct 10).

Blackpoll warblers were spotted six times: Nancy Weaver (Pancake Hollow, one, Oct. 5); Bob Shriber (Aquinnah, one, Oct. 6); Charles Morano (near Aquinnah town hall, two, Oct. 6); Bob Shriber (Aquinnah, three, Oct. 7); Shea Fee (Trustees of Reservations office, one, Oct. 7); and Bob Shriber (Aquinnah, four, Oct. 10).

The remaining warbler sightings this week are: Ruth Richards spotted one common yellowthroat, one Cape May warbler, one blackburnian warbler and one chestnut-sided warbler at Dogfish Bar on Oct. 4.

Nancy Weaver, Janet Woodcock, Shea Fee and Luanne Johnson found one American redstart, one magnolia warbler and one pine warbler at the pumping station on Oct. 4.

Jacob Llodra observed three palm warblers at Katama Farm on Oct. 4.

Bob Shriber located one northern waterthrush, two black-and-white warblers, two American redstarts, one magnolia warbler, one pine warbler and one black-throated green warbler in Aquinnah on Oct. 4.

Charles Morano watched one Nashville warbler at Wasque Reservation on Oct. 4.

Nancy Weaver identified an American redstart art at Pancake Hollow on Oct. 5.

Adam Balick watched one palm warbler at North Neck on Oct. 5.



Lanny McDowell

Piping plover in flight.

Bob Shriber spotted one black-and-white warbler and one magnolia warbler in Aquinnah on Oct. 6.

Charles Morano located one northern parula near the Aquinnah Town Hall on Oct. 6.

Bob Shriber saw one American redstart, one northern yellow warbler and two pine warblers in Aquinnah on Oct. 7.

Nancy Weaver observed one pine warbler at Town Cove on Oct. 7.

Bob Shriber watched two black-and-white warblers, one Cape May warbler, one northern parula and one black-throated green warbler on Old South Road on Oct. 9.

Steve Eick spotted one pine warbler at his Makonikey feeders on Oct. 9, and Bob Shriber had one orange-crowned warbler, two common yellowthroats and one pine warbler in Aquinnah on Oct. 10.

There were five sightings of both red-eyed vireos and blue-headed vireos this week, all in Aquinnah. Red-eyed vireos: Bob Shriber found two on Oct. 4, two on Oct. 6 and 7, and three on Oct. 10. Charles Morano saw four near the Town Hall on Oct. 6.

Blue-headed vireos: Bob Shriber spotted one on Oct. 4, one along Old South Road on Oct. 9 and two on Oct. 10. The quartet of Luanne Johnson, Shea Fee, Janet Woodcock and Nancy Weaver located one on Oct. 5, and Marilyn Barone watched one along on Oct. 8.

Three species will be departing soon — will these be their last sightings until next year?

On Oct. 7, Tracy Winn spotted five piping plovers 0.7 miles east of Lucy Vincent Beach. Later that day Chris Schmandt saw four of them there.

Ray Ewing observed one green heron at Felix Neck on Oct. 3.

The quartet of Janet Woodcock, Shea Fee, Nancy Weaver and Luanne Johnson found another at the pumping station on Oct. 4.

Nectar is becoming scarce for ruby-throated hummingbirds. Harry Beach (remember the rufous hummingbird last winter?) reminds us that keeping feeders out later into the year may lead to stray western hummers showing up, only to become dependent on your feeder, staying until cold winter temperatures do them in.

Anyway, Thaw Malin and Cynthia Bloomquist hosted a ruby-throated hummingbird at their home on Oct. 5, and Rick Karney had one very plump ruby-throated at his home on Oct. 8.

Winter resident seaducks are starting to become more abundant, although still well below their winter numbers. Two of the recent sightings are especially indicative. Helena Firlings spotted 50 common eiders and all three scoter species (three surf, 20 white-winged, and 15 black-winged) from Norton Point on Oct. 4.

Nancy Weaver saw five common eiders, five white-winged scoters and a flock of 500 scoters that were too far offshore from Squibnocket Beach to identify to species on Oct. 9.

Other species are only now arriving. Bob Shriber spotted one rusty blackbird in Aquinnah on Oct. 7, and the same day Jennifer Slossberg observed one indigo bunting at Sheriff's Meadow Sanctuary.

Thaw Malin and Cynthia Bloomqiest watched one dark-eyed junco at their West Tisbury feeders on Oct. 6, and Bob Shriber found two dark-eyed juncos at the Gay Head Cliffs on Oct. 9.

Two sightings of the first white-crowned sparrows of the season were reported. Bob Shriber had one in Aquinnah on Oct. 7, and Cynthia Bloomquist and Thaw Malin saw one at Quansoo on Oct. 10.

There were three reports of golden-crowned kinglets this week. Charles Morano spotted one near the Aquinnah Town Hall on Oct. 6. On Oct. 10, Bob Shriber watched two in Aquinnah, and Olsen Houghton watched one from Franklin street.

Dennis Goldin observed a bald eagle at Wasque on Oct. 7.

On Oct. 8, John Nelson saw an immature American kestrel at Katama Farm on Oct. 8. He also reports that black-capped chickadees and tufted titmice are finally present at his Harthaven suet feeders, after their long absence since April.

Please email your sightings to birds@vineyardgazette.com.

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The Vineyard Gardener



Wind's Up

By LYNNE IRONS

Last week's rain and wind brought down tons of leaves from my sugar maple. I hated to see them go as they were so beautiful. Many were in my perennial beds so I raked up those in the driveway and added them to the gardens. The red-orange provides a lovely understory for the still-looking-good hostas and begonias.

Plus, it's a cozy blanket for the winter, not to mention they cover up the weeds I neglected to pull.

I'm fond of the fall color on the viburnums. What a versatile shrub. My son Jeremiah says you can burn 'em and still they thrive.

Ornamental grasses are looking their best right now. The large plumes catch the low-in-the-sky sun in a pleasing fashion. I like to cut them to the quick before the dead of winter. Otherwise, they break and blow all over the lawns and are a nuisance.

I noticed some St John's wort blooming at the up-Island Cronig's parking lot. There are several cultivars of hypericums. I like the one with large flowers.

I went on the Google to find out more information but could only find the medicinal uses. I got bored and quit searching.

Down-Island Cronig's has an impressive stand of Montauk Daisies. They make quite a statement this time of year. They are very pretty but the smell is off-putting.

The tree garden mum is just beginning to bloom. Clara Curtis, Sheffield Pink or Penelope Place are some nice varieties. They can be hard to find in the nurseries as the "bomb" types seem to dominate — I'm not a fan. The aforementioned are beautiful, come back reliably and spread like crazy.

Last week's misprint should have read "horse chestnuts" not "house chestnuts."

The tree redeems itself in late spring with impressive white flowers. There is a pink one in Menemsha after the right turn coming down the hill.

I ran into Terre Young delivering eggs at Ghost Island. She told me that if you start carving a jack-o-lantern and put it in the chicken yard, the chickens will finish the job. How fun is that?

A few weeks ago, I bragged about planting lettuce and spinach in fish totes. The plants all germinated and were growing right along happily. That is until some critters got in and dug them up. Sigh! It's difficult to maintain a cheerful outlook.

At the beginning of August I planted a package of green beans. In a little more than 60 days later we are now eating some raw in the garden.

One of my many character flaws is my inability to reasonably consider a person's ability to do something. For example, first thing in the morning I make a mental list of "to do's." Then, I get out of bed and hobble downstairs. The acceptance of this aging body completely escapes me and leads to daily disappointment.

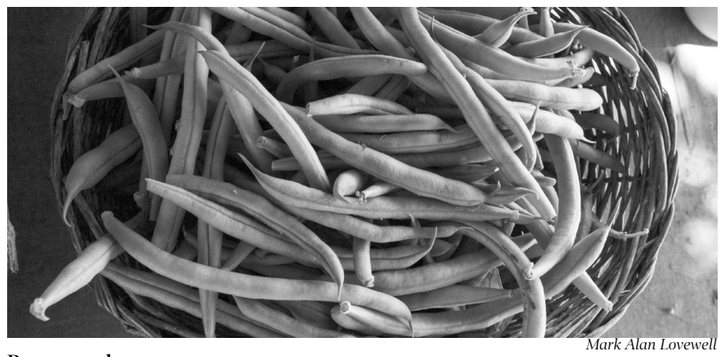
My real problem is transferring this expectation to others. I always think the crew can complete a task more quickly than humanly possible. A good example is I mentioned buying some garlic bulbs to plant. They still sit in a bag and the unprepared garden bed still taunts me.

Then, there is the exhausting national and world news.

I've always been somewhat of an alarmist ever since hiding under my elementary school desk to be safe during the Cold War. Amazingly, folks believed that would keep them safe.

Now, with the threat of AI we've entered a whole new era. I, like many, watched in horror as HAL 9000 took over in the 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey.

Now I wonder if I should get a robot to plant that garlic!!!



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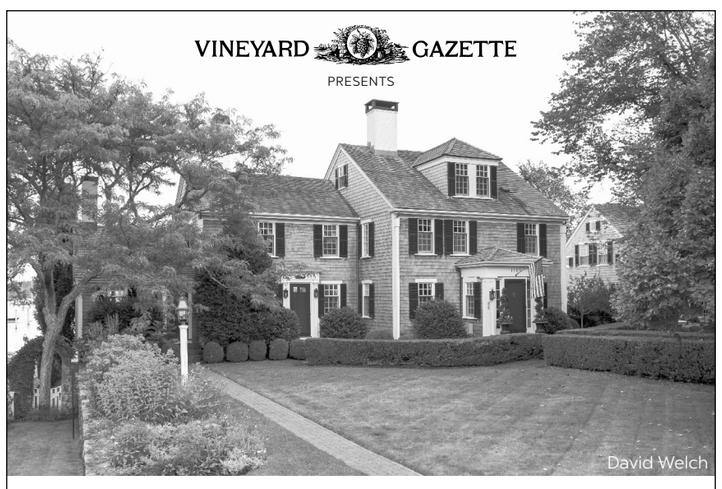


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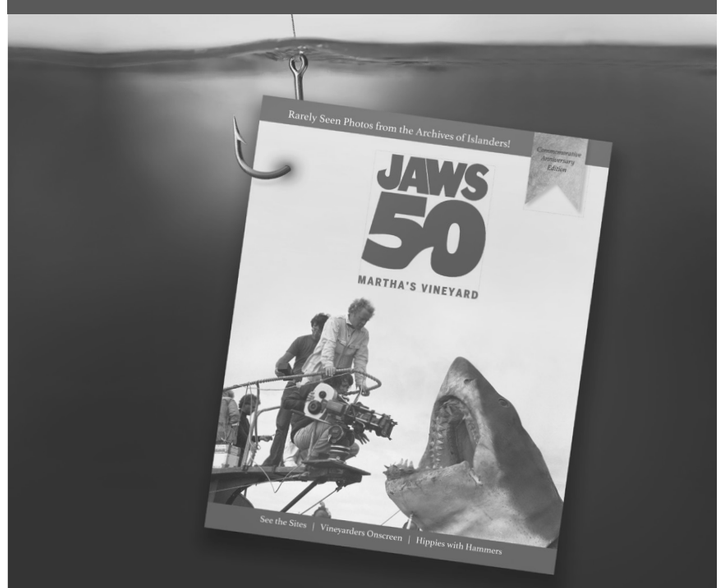


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