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Former fire chief sentenced to probation over secret filming case

John Rose admits
to sufficient facts at the
Edgartown Courthouse.

BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA

John Robert F. Rose, the former fire chief in Oak Bluffs and a former West Tisbury firefighter, was placed on 14 months of probation on Monday for charges relating to an alleged attempt to videotape nude individuals, one of whom was a minor.

On Monday at the Edgartown Courthouse, Rose, 54, faced two counts of attempting to commit a crime. According to court documents, one count was for placing a hidden camera to photograph, video, or conduct electronic surveillance of a nude or partially nude person, and the other count was for placing a hidden camera in an attempt to pose or exhibit a child in a state of nudity or sexual conduct.

According to court documents, Rose changed his plea from not guilty to a tender plea of "admission to sufficient facts" at the courthouse on Monday. According to local attorneys, that means Rose is admitting the prosecution has the evidence to prove his guilt, but is not technically pleading guilty.

Court documents state that Rose's defense attorney, Elliot M. Weinstein, entered the tender plea on Monday, requesting that Rose serve a one-year probationary period with conditions for attempting to commit a crime. Prosecutors instead proposed an 18-month probation period with conditions. Edgartown District Court Judge Benjamin C. Barnes ultimately decided to continue the case without a finding for 14 months, through May 22, 2027, with Rose sentenced to supervised probation with all conditions imposed, including that Rose continues attending therapy sessions, and that he stays away from and has no contact with the alleged victims.

Rose had previously *Continued on A9*



Gov. Maura Healey uses a bow and arrow.

JOSEPH CAPECE/MV HUNT CLUB

Healey takes aim at expanding hunting

Reducing the deer population and making alpha-gal a reportable condition. **BY HAYLEY DUFFY**

Gov. Maura Healey announced in the middle of an East Falmouth wildlife management area on Thursday that she plans to file legislation that would modernize hunting laws that currently limit access to the sport across the state.

The measure is also a part of an effort to curb the spread of tick-borne illnesses and allergies that increasingly pose a risk to public health.

"It's about more than freedom," Healey said at the press conference on the chang-

es. "In this case, to hunt, it's about more than that. It's about smart public health policy ... and doing what we need to do to take care of people in this state."

Healey felt strong-
ly enough about her *Continued on A8*

Edgartown project modified to meet municipal workers

Some environmental groups are not convinced changes will protect nearby ponds. **BY SARAH SHAW DAWSON**

Asprawling development planned for Edgartown was adjusted to meet the town's need for middle-income housing for municipal workers, but some environmental advocates remain unswayed about their disapproval of the project.

The project still needs regional approval, and so at a Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) meeting on Thursday, the developers and attorney for Katama Meadows — a 54-acre, 52-lot housing development off Meshaket Way and Division Road in Edgartown — decreased restrictions to serve middle-income Islanders, often referred to as the "missing middle." According to housing officials, those in this category make too much to qualify for affordable homes, but can't afford the average costs on the market.

But to some, that's not enough. The other side of that coin is there are many low-income earners who also can't find affordable housing on the Vineyard. As

Commissioner Doug Sederholm of West Tisbury put it at Thursday's meeting, "There is a crying need for housing at all levels, and if the missing middle can't pay for it, what do you think the people who are poorer than that can do?"

The most notable change to the plan is that 12 lots geared toward the "missing middle" Islanders had their cost lowered. Two of the 12 will be donated to Habitat for Humanity and be restricted at 80 percent area median income (AMI), or \$72,950 for an individual. And the remaining 10, referred to as "attainable lots," will be restricted to two times the AMI, or a yearly income of \$210,200 for an individual. Robert Moriarty, the attorney for Katama Meadows, said the cost of the lots decreased from \$295,000 to \$265,000.

"The reason there's a missing middle, [and] the reason there's no missing middle housing, is because there's no funding to address the problem," Moriarty said on Thurs-

day. "People at that level are desperate for housing because they can't pay the market."

The previous subdivided plan for Katama Meadows included 14 lots donated to the town of Edgartown for future affordable housing projects, 12 lots for middle-income earners (capped at 2.5 times the 2025 area median income of \$105,100, which equals \$262,750 for an individual), and 26 market-rate lots.

For the market-rate lots, which remain unchanged in this updated iteration, homes will be capped at five bedrooms each, but are not restricted to year-round residents. Some opponents of the project have pointed out that the lack of restrictions could increase the seasonal housing stock on an Island already seeing a high percentage of vacant homes.

Moriarty said the changes were a direct response to concerns raised before *Continued on A9*



Edgartown Town Hall.

NICHOLAS VUKOTA



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A springtime Blizzard of joy

A chocolate cone was the first order of the season.

BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA

Every year on the day that Dairy Queen opens, backpacks bounce, sneakers pound the pavement, and shouts of excitement echo down Upper Main Street in Edgartown. This year, as per usual, at 2:45 pm sharp, the dismissal bell rang at Edgartown School, unleashing a joyous stampede of students, racing in a breathless sprint for the first sweet taste of spring, when the doors swung open at 3 pm on March 19.

To an outsider, a Dairy Queen on Martha's Vineyard might seem out of place, and celebrating the opening of a fast-food chain, tucked within Edgartown's historic charm, may seem strange. But for local families, the magic that is conjured when those doors open for the season and wide-eyed students race down the street, grinning from ear to ear with their favorite soft-serve in mind, has cemented the store's position within the Island's community as an unofficial springtime herald.

For the owners of Dairy Queen, Paul Beeson and Kirsten Anderson, the choice to stick with the 3 pm opening on the first day is deliberate and non-negotiable. Corporate guidelines urge them to unlock at noon, their regular opening hours, but Paul and

Kirsten said they wouldn't trade the excitement in the kids' faces for anything.

"It's awesome," said Paul as they closed up on Thursday.

"It's as fun as it is every year when you have these kids who are so excited," added Kirsten. "It kind of is the beginning of summer. We will never open on the first day before 3, because the kids line up and buses come."

This year, a dedicated group of friends from the Edgartown School continued their five-year tradition of claiming the first spot in line. Jake Stanton, 13, Emmet Sylva, 13, Ben Brown, 10, and Tegan Brown, 12, welcomed newcomers Maverick Sylva, 9, and C.J. Greebe, 13, from Falmouth Academy to the front of the line this year. The crew unanimously selected Maverick, the youngest in the group — eyes wide with thrill — to place the ceremonial first order of the season, entrusting him to carry on the tradition as the older members eventually head to the high school.

Maverick selected a classic chocolate soft-serve in a cone. He said it's one of his favorite flavors.

"[I feel] happy and thankful," said Maverick as he ate his ice cream on March 19.



PHOTOS: NICHOLAS VUKOTA

Top, children rush inside Dairy Queen as the doors officially open. Above, kids enjoy their first Blizzards and cones of the season.

When asked what he would rate the cone on a scale of one to 10, 10 being the best cone he's ever had, he said a nine.

Brian Stanton, Jake's father and the group's steadfast chaperone, said for him, it's about making memories for the kids: "For me, it's all about the tradition with the kids. Honestly, I love seeing them happy."

Stanton's oldest son, Cam, couldn't make it this year — he's a freshman at the high school now — but the kids grabbed a small Mint Oreo Blizzard for him. "He's too busy with school, and I think we have one more year, then we're gonna let the other kids take the reins," said Stanton.

"If you have [almost] a dynasty, I think six years is enough," he added.

Not every visitor joined the race for ice cream on Thursday; one Oak Bluffs family, led by mother Elizangela Marcal, walked in to order ice cream cake for a special occasion. "We have a birthday tomorrow. My sister is going to be 47," she said.

According to Dairy Queen's website, it is currently open four days a week, Thursday to Sunday, from 12 to 8 pm. The store usually closes for the season in mid- to late December. **MVT**

news in brief

More than 100 right whales spotted south of Island

Scientists in the New England Aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life, who conduct aerial surveys to collect data on the presence of marine animals, photographed more than 100 unique North Atlantic right whales over six weeks in waters south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The aquarium team and another survey team from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) flew six surveys between Feb. 5 and March 18, and photographed more than 115 right whales in that time, about a quarter of the current population of 380. Seventy individuals were

sighted on March 2 alone, which the aquarium said is the highest daily number of individual right whales it's ever documented; the surveys began in 2011.

Many of the right whales, identified by unique marks on their heads called callosities, were deep below the surface, which scientists noted could indicate that food is abundant south of the islands, especially in the Nantucket Shoals area.

"Seeing this many right whales in one area has been incredibly exciting for our team, and marks one of the busiest seasons we've ever had," Katherine McKenna, an associate scientist on the aerial survey team, said in a press release. "Our recent surveys highlight the Nantucket Shoals as an important habitat for

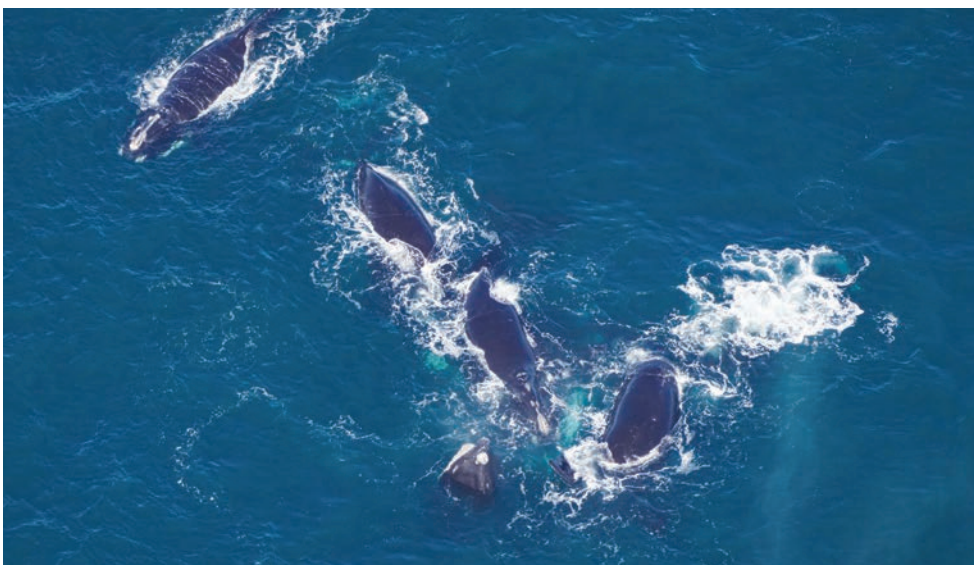
a significant portion of the population."

Most of the right whales photographed and documented by the center's scientists were adults, which the aquarium said is typical for this time of year. Among the 31 adult females documented, 17 are known to be calving females. Calvin, a 34-year-old female who was orphaned as an 8-month-old calf, was spotted. She's been entangled in fishing gear eight times, and has birthed four calves.

"We have seen right whales in Southern New England waters year after year, and they are extremely vulnerable to fishing gear entanglements and vessel strikes," Orla O'Brien, research scientist for the aquarium, said in the release. "This area has seasonal fishing restrictions in place, yet right whales still face risks from vessel strikes without mandatory speed restrictions to protect them."

The aggregation of whales documented in the surveys triggered a dynamic management area, which is a voluntary slow zone that asks boaters to travel at 10 knots or slower to prevent collisions. The current slow zone is in effect until March 27.

The NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service announced in early March a request for information to modernize the 2008 vessel speed rule as the federal government considers a reversal of the slow zones. This 18-year-old rule activates permanent seasonal management areas, where the speed limit is enforced mostly around large East Coast ports, as well as dynamic management areas that are both temporary and voluntary, and based on data from visual and acoustic sensors.



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

Whales documented in Southern New England waters between Feb. 5 and March 13.

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New app connects Islanders to events

Peter Dyer developed MV Compass as a passion project.

BY SARA CREATO

A new app was recently released to connect Vineyarders and visitors to the various events that occur across the Island. Aldwynne “Pete” Dyer, a software engineer and summer visitor to the Island, launched a Vineyard event calendar app called MV Compass last weekend.

MV Compass is a mobile app that allows Island residents and visitors to upload and share public and private events with one another. Users can bookmark events to their personal itineraries, and see what programming their friends are attending.

Dyer, who lives in Upper Marlboro, Md., said that his friends’ challenges with finding events on the Island inspired him to create MV Compass.

“They stay on top of things by staying in five or six different [community] groups,” he said. “It’s a pretty intense thing that they do to keep up with everything on the Island.”

Dyer began developing MV Compass in December after hearing many people mention the idea of an app. Although he seeded the app with large events, such as the Edgar-

town Fourth of July Parade, Dyer emphasized that MV Compass is mostly user-driven to platform smaller gatherings as well.

“The whole onus is community-driven. Anybody can create an event,” he said. “The best part is that the app is better the more people use it, see events, and start coming. It just grows with the community interest.”

Although this is his first major foray into mobile app development, Dyer said that this project wasn’t that different from his past work.

“Software development is basically problem-solving,” he said. “The problem was getting information out and letting folks collaborate. I just approached [event promotion] as a problem that I needed to solve. The biggest onus was making sure that it was not just something I could use, but something an individual community member could use.”

After its launch, Dyer has promoted MV Compass on several Island Facebook groups and appreciates the reception he has gotten.

“It’s been amazing feedback and response



Fourth of July Parade in 2025.

NICHOLAS VUKOTA

from folks,” he said. “People have been saying they like it and they can’t wait to use it.”

The app doesn’t display advertisements, and is free to download on the Apple App Store and Google Play. Dyer, who calls MV Compass a “passion project,” said he isn’t profiting from the app, and estimates that he has spent \$2,000 of his personal savings on its development. “I want people to have something they can use. It’s built at my own cost, and it’s free to everybody else,” he said. “I wanted to see if I could contrib-

ute a little bit to solving the problem and helping the enjoyment of the Island.”

Dyer, who considers the Island his “happy place,” hopes that his app helps people to better navigate and enjoy the Vineyard. “If I can help someone else get around a little easier, discover something, and make their happy place even happier, I’m good with that,” he said. “Something I keep imagining is seeing somebody pull up the app and me anonymously looking and knowing that’s my app and seeing them being happy with it.” **MVT**

news in brief

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No Kings rally this weekend

Indivisible Martha’s Vineyard announced in a press release it will be holding a No Kings rally this weekend.

The rally is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, from 1:30 to 3 pm at Five Corners in Vineyard Haven. Organizers say the rally lines up with a nationwide No Kings rally on the same day. The No Kings rally has been a frequent call across the country against the Trump administration since June; the organizers’ declaration is, “In America we have no kings.”

“No Kings’ is more than a slogan. It is the foundation that our nation was built upon,” Carla Cooper of Indivisible M.V. stated in the press release. “As this administration shreds the Constitution, sends masked agents to terrorize our communities, and takes international action without checks and balances, ‘we the people’ will not be intimidated into silence.”

There have been several No Kings rallies on the Vineyard over the months, with Islanders protesting various actions and policies undertaken by the Trump administration. Indivisible M.V. is partnered with groups across the country who are also holding No Kings rallies on this day, such as the ACLU, the American Federation of Teachers, and the Human Rights Campaign. Local partners include Showing Up for Racial Justice on Martha’s Vineyard (SURJ M.V.) and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha’s Vineyard.

“The threat to our democracy is not a future concern. It is a reality now,” Mona Hennessy from SURJ M.V. said in the release. “Silence is definitely not an option.”

Slough Farm opens grant applications for local organizations

Slough Farm announced on Tuesday afternoon that applications for its support fund, which offers grants to local projects and organizations, are open until April 6.

The support fund is a part of the mission of the Slough Farm Foundation, which was created to support fellow nonprofits and uplift growth and collaboration on the Vineyard. This year, it is awarding up to \$125,000.

Off-Island organizations can also apply for the grants, but only if their project supports Vineyard residents.



A group of kids move cows to a new pasture during the Slough Farm Super Silos 4-H program.

COURTESY SLOUGH FARM

All grants awarded range between \$5,000 and \$25,000. According to a press release from Slough Farm, preference is given to “big-impact, collaborative projects able to be completed within the next year.”

Applications can be completed online through the Slough Farm website, using the Google form provided.

Award requirements:

- The organization must be a Martha’s Vineyard-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with direct impact to the Martha’s Vineyard community.

- Awarded funds must be used before next year’s grant applications open (awards given in 2026 must be used by Feb. 1, 2027).

- Upon completion of the project, the organization must notify Slough Farm that it is finished.

- Grant reports must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2027, to be considered for 2027 funding.

- Organizations must acknowledge Slough Farm in all press and storytelling involving their project.

Slough Farm is located in Katama, and is an educational nonprofit farm, as well as a hub for local events, from Pilates classes to pottery. It registered as a nonprofit in 2018. Since 2020, the Slough Farm Foundation has granted more than \$1.225 million to support Island nonprofits through the fund.

Islanders, meet your candidates

The League of Women Voters of Martha’s Vineyard has announced its schedule for candidate forums, spaces for the community to meet candidates for local offices who will be on the ballot this spring.

The league is a local, nonpartisan political organization that encourages participation in elections by residents of Island towns. It sponsors public candidate forums to further its mission of outreach and education for participation in democracy.

For those who are unable to attend, the forums will be aired on MVT, as well as on the League of Women’s Voters website. For more information on this event, contact kathy.laskowski@gmail.com.

The forums are as follows:

- West Tisbury: Tuesday, March 31, at 6:30 pm in the West Tisbury library
- Oak Bluffs: Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 pm in the Oak Bluffs library
- Aquinnah (if there are contested races): Thursday, April 30, at 6 pm at the Aquinnah Town Hall
- Tisbury (if there are contested races): Thursday, April 30, at 7 pm at the Tisbury Senior Center
- Chilmark: No contested races; therefore, no forum will be held.
- Edgartown: No contested races; therefore, no forum will be held.

SSA to host next set of reservation system open houses

As the Steamship Authority (SSA) continues preparations to launch a new reservation system, the ferry line announced it will be hosting another set of open houses for the public regarding policy changes stemming from the change.

According to a press release from the SSA, the sessions will focus on the “change, cancellation, and no-show policies for customer travel.” The ferry line will also discuss the “subscription functionality” for special programs, discounts and vouchers, and refunds replacing pending or open tickets.

The session on the Island will be held on Tuesday, March 31, from 5 to 7 pm at the Martha’s Vineyard Museum. A virtual session will also be held on Tuesday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 15, both at 5 pm, and address both the Woods Hole–Martha’s Vineyard route and the Hyannis–Nantucket route. Those interested can join at the time of the meetings at bit.ly/TrueNorthinfosession, which will be recorded and posted to the SSA YouTube page.

The open houses follow the SSA’s decision last week to adopt several new policies for its upcoming reservation system, including amendments to the vehicle reservation waitlist and modifying how vehicle space is allocated aboard vessels.

For more information about the project, visit steamshipauthority.com/TrueNorth. **MVT**



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The Steamship Authority ferry Martha’s Vineyard docked in Vineyard Haven.

EDITORIAL

Filling the missing middle

Finding affordable housing for Islanders is one of the greatest struggles for the Vineyard. Sky-high rents, exorbitant property costs, and the rising trend toward short-term rentals have all contributed to what feels like an untenable situation over the years. There are significant efforts underway to address the problem, such as pending legislation for a Martha's Vineyard housing bank, and town governments' developing housing production plans, as well as some state financial support that came through for Island housing projects under the seasonal communities designation. But for many, tangible relief seems years away.

Housing projects stewarded by Island towns are restricted by state affordability standards. Often, this limit caps at around 1.5 times the median income, which is an annual income of \$157,100 for an individual and \$225,200 for a family of four on the Island. But due to the uniquely high cost of living on the Vineyard, it's a foggier landscape for those who earn more, yet aren't wealthy enough to readily purchase a home on the Island. Towns have struggled to provide affordable units for those people, who are often referred to as the "missing middle" Islanders.

The "missing middle" refers to a vanishing middle class, and this cohort includes many of our neighbors: from teachers to police officers, to those in the trades, all of whom have dutifully served the public for years. Local officials have noted in recent months a lack

of applications from municipal employees for developments like Meshacket Commons, an affordable housing neighborhood built by Island Housing Trust in Edgartown, because of the income restrictions.

Housing is a crucial element in keeping talented Vineyarders here, and it's time for creative solutions.

Recently, this concern was raised at the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) through the Katama Meadows project. Developers of the project propose selling 52 lots. Ten of these would be for the "missing middle," with year-round restrictions, 13 would be donated to the town of Edgartown, and three would go to Habitat for Humanity. Project reps said the proposal had been modified to better accommodate those who may fall into this category.

In particular, the attorney for the project, Robert Moriarty, said municipal workers could finally qualify for some ownership opportunities. That fact convinced town officials, and Katama Meadows received support from Edgartown officials, the town where the project is proposed.

There are still many aspects of the project that need to be carefully reviewed through the MVC hearing, including whether the number of "missing middle" units justifies the number of market-rate units. The project could add 26 luxury properties that are not restricted to year-round residents to the Island's housing stock — a fact that should not be glossed over. Additionally, critics have raised concerns about the potential spike in nitrogen loads to water bodies like Edgartown Pond from the increased number of houses.

But on an Island where more than half of all

houses sit empty during the winter, the discussions from Katama Meadows may help spark the paths needed for the "missing middle," particularly as Vineyard towns finalize housing production plans, which represent the holistic approach for each town to address housing needs over the next five years.

As it currently stands, Katama Meadows is not a Chapter 40B project, which is a state statute that allows developers to build more densely and bypass local zoning, sometimes bulldozing through community concerns, as long as the proposal includes at least 25 percent affordable units. For the state's more densely developed areas, like the city of Boston, this statute ensures that a portion of large housing projects are deemed affordable when huge projects are built regularly. But on an Island with limited land, it can instead tilt the scales in favor of the developers, who often advocate for approval based on the usefulness of the affordable portion of their project, while 75 percent of it remains market-rate.

Katama Meadows is a unique project. While building 52 homes on 54 acres of land is not the best solution we see for housing the "missing middle" Islanders, one thing is clear: The housing crisis won't be solved by inaction. We urge our elected officials, housing advocates, and community members to get granular about what they need, and the housing projects they want to see on the Vineyard. Avoiding development may not be an option anymore.

It's time Island residents push forward with a new understanding of ideal affordable projects, whether that's Katama Meadows, or something else entirely.

ESSAY

Affordable housing in Tisbury: Your thoughts and decisions to make

BY VICTOR CAPOCCIA

The need for affordable housing in Tisbury, while not different from other down-Island towns, is acute.

Tisbury has the highest density, the least geography, the lowest income, and the highest property taxes among Island communities. The need in Tisbury for affordable housing is well-documented in both the MVC Housing Need Assessment 2024 and the MVC Housing Production Plan 2025. Both reports are full of data on the population's socioeconomic characteristics; housing unit number, type, ownership, and use; and recommended policies and solutions.

Here's a fact to consider: Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, which subsidizes rents for families earning below area median income (AMI) of 80 percent (\$104,200 for a family of four) or

100 percent (\$150,100 for a family of four), has a current, certified-eligible waitlist of 387 Island residents, of whom 122 (or 32 percent) live in Tisbury (which represents only 23 percent of the Island population), awaiting affordable units.

OK, so we all know there is great need, coupled with equally great range of opinions about "what to do about the need."

The Tisbury affordable housing committee, along with the select board, planning board, finance

advisory committee, and other town and citizen groups, knows there is "no magic bullet," but rather that a series of coordinated, complementary initiatives, like a puzzle forming a picture, will lead to improvements.

The spring Tisbury annual and special town meeting has a number of housing-related proposals, which include modest funding for the Tisbury Municipal Housing Trust, a proposal to accept a Massachusetts General Law that

allows property-tax exemption for properties that are rented year-round as affordable units, defined as certified eligible tenants earning below a designated AMI income, and a proposal to eliminate the (unmonitored and unenforced) 60-night restriction on short-term rentals (STRs).

On March 31, the Tisbury affordable housing committee will hold a community meeting to hear residents' thoughts on affordable housing, and to discuss questions on the committee's position on the tax-exemption incentive for affordable rentals, lifting of the STR cap, as well as a proposal for a pilot, expanded rental-assistance program operated by Dukes County Regional Housing Authority. There will be information available. The meeting is at the Tisbury COA, 34 Pine Tree Road, on Tuesday, March 31, at 4 pm. Plenty of parking!

We look forward to your attendance, ideas, comments, and questions. Please bring a neighbor. If you have questions beforehand, please email TAHC@tisbury.ma.gov.

Victor Capoccia is the chair of the Tisbury affordable housing committee.



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LETTER

Who are we now?

To the Editor:

We live on an Island where we want our neighbors to look out for one another. But so many families who work to maintain our everyday supply and demand are threatened as outsiders.

Who are we now?

Why has our country become the empire of greed, cruelty, and abuse?

Why are we forcing radical deportations to foreign countries?

Why are we building monstrous detention centers separating children

from their parents?

Why are we punishing universities for freedom of speech?

Why are we rewriting history, eliminating the truth?

Why are our leaders ignoring science to the detriment of our health

and the environment?

Why are we perpetrating WAR?

Because we have lost our humanity and our common dignity!

Liza Coogan
Vineyard Haven

obituaries

Linda Phillips David



Linda David passed away peacefully at age 88, with her husband of 65 years, Bob, at her bedside.

She was born on June 14, 1937, in Boston, the only daughter of Martha and Lindsey Phillips. Her family established Taunton, where she grew up, exactly 300 years before her birth, and her New England lineage threads through the seafaring Fannings, Folgers, Coffins, and Coopers of Salem and Nantucket. The portraits of several of her ancestors hang in the National Portrait Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution.

She often returned in the summer to the commonwealth she so deeply loved — to the Cape and, most especially, to Martha's Vineyard, where she spent long hours hunting for sea glass, particularly the coveted blue. On the Island she found everything she treasured: natural beauty, a relaxed pace, the Saturday Farmers Market in West Tisbury, family dinners at the Homeport, and sunsets. She made cherished memories with her children and grandchildren at Mad Martha's Ice Cream, Bunch of Grapes Bookstore, and the Federated Church, and she remained connected to the Vineyard as a year-round subscriber to The Martha's Vineyard Times and the Vineyard Gazette.

She attended Mary C. Wheeler School in Providence, R.I., and Bradford Junior College in Haverhill. She later worked at Harvard University for the freshman dean, where she met her future husband, Bob, whom she married on June 11, 1960.

Their first five years together were nomadic, spent partially in Newport, Charleston, and Cambridge, before starting a family in New York City, and then Greenwich, Conn., where their three children were raised. The family later moved to Dallas in 1980, and then to Birmingham, Ala., in 1990, where Linda lived for the rest of her life.

Linda loved playing tennis. She played at places such as the Longwood Cricket and Tennis Club, the Newport Tennis Center, John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch, the Rockaway Hunt Club, and the Mountain Brook Club. She particularly loved her 35 years in the "59 Forever" tennis group. Her last regular tennis foursome had an average age over 92.

Linda was a lifelong professional volunteer, so loved by those she touched. She also enjoyed watching college and

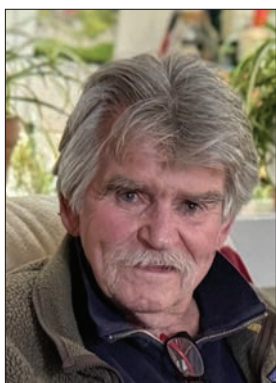
NFL football, uplifting movies, peanut M&Ms, and music by James Taylor and Carly Simon.

She was known for her wickedly pointed and effortless sense of humor, her love of all creatures great and small, her thoughtful, personal gift-giving, including perfectly chosen, hilarious greeting cards, and her love of pranks (especially on April Fools' Day). She chimed in on social media with apt comments, and always picked the best emojis on texts. As a member of several book clubs, she loved reading both the latest novels as well as magazines and newspapers, both for the news and the celebrity gossip, often sending clippings in the mail to friends and family. Above all, Linda had a generous spirit and a lively sense of humor that made friends and family feel welcomed, cared for, remembered, and appreciated.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, Robert T. David; their son, Eric David (wife Jana and their son Chandler); their daughter, Kate David Verville (husband Joshua and their daughter Lucy); their daughter, Ann David; and their dog, Munch. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lindsey I. Phillips and Martha Cooper Phillips; her grandson, Dylan, beloved son of Eric and Jana; and her many beloved pets — Brewster, Alice, Noodle, Harley, Cotton, Edgar, Sugar, Boo, Daisy, Mimi, Fish and Minnow, Sophie, Bert, Gilbert, Hudson, Calhoun, and Winnie the Pooh.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to South Highland Presbyterian Church, online at southhighland.org/give, or to the ASPCA, at aspc.org/ways-to-give, or your local rescue shelter.

Timothy Joseph Mullin



Timothy Joseph Mullin of Edgartown passed away peacefully on March 11, 2026, one week after his 75th birthday, following a brave battle with cancer.

Tim was born and raised in East Dennis on the Cape, the second of six brothers. His childhood was spent at the beach, marina, and Camp Mullin on Coles Pond, with family and friends. He was a natural athlete, and excelled in gymnastics, surfing, and skiing, and was a gifted artist. After graduating from Dennis-Yarmouth High School in 1969, he attended art school in Boston.

Tim served in the U.S. Army, from which he was honorably discharged. Following his

service, he and his first wife, Janet, and their daughter Casey, settled in Burlington, Vt. Later he returned home to the Cape, where he met his future wife, Leigh; he soon moved to the Vineyard, where they made a home together in Edgartown. He continued his employment at Atlantic Subaru of Bourne, where he loved helping Islanders with their cars. He delivered many new vehicles to their new owners, and was happy to help them with transportation back and forth for service.

His lifelong passion was cars; he sold, collected, rebuilt, and raced them — from rally racing in Vermont and Canada to time spent on the track at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut. For many years he and Leigh visited the races in Sebring, Fla.

Tim is survived by his wife of 11 years, Leigh Reynolds, and her son Phillip Reynolds; daughter, Casey Mullin and her daughters, Kailani and Nai'a; brothers, William and his wife Linda, Paul and his partner Ann, Thomas and his wife Ann Mary, and Peter; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Dorothy Mullin; and his brother, Joseph.

The family is planning memorial services in Dennis and Edgartown at a date to be announced.

Capt. Lance Burgo



Beloved husband, uncle, and friend, Capt. Lance Burgo passed away at the age of 84 on March 7, 2026, after a swift but courageous battle with lung cancer.

Lance was born in Boston on Nov. 11, 1941, the only child of Dorothy Azulay and Louis A. Burgo, a WWI veteran. In 1968, Dorothy remarried, and Lance became stepson to Thomas Tyler, a musician and U.S. Post supervisor.

From a young age, Lance loved the sea. Encouraged by his parents, Lance took every opportunity to increase his seafaring knowledge, including mastering navigation, map-reading, tides, and currents. In 1975, Lance earned a senior 50-ton offshore license from the Coast Guard. He also became a licensed master scuba diver and a seaplane pilot.

Lance and Lisa Daniel married in May 2005 in Oak Bluffs. The retired snowbirds lived in both Massachusetts and coastal North Carolina.

Throughout his career, Lance owned and captained several boats, including the Sandavore, a sailboat that

made its movie debut in the 1981 American romantic comedy-drama "The Four Seasons," starring Alan Alda and Carol Burnett.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Lisa Daniel-Burgo. Lance also leaves behind many family members on both the Azulay and Burgo sides, as well as many friends who will sadly miss him.

The family will hold a private memorial service. It is the family's request that anyone wishing to express their sympathy please do so by making a donation to a charity of their choosing.

Daniel Charles Feeney



Daniel Charles Feeney, 75, of West Tisbury, passed away peacefully at home on March 10, 2026.

Born on May 8, 1950, in Boston, Dan was the son of Charles and Jeanne Feeney, and was raised in Sharon. After high school, he came to the Island with his parents and four siblings to help build the Martha's Vineyard Family Campground in Vineyard Haven. When the campground opened in 1972, he ventured north to Alaska to study wild-life biology at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

In Alaska, Dan worked on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. He was among the last to acquire land through the Homestead Act, earning 160 acres of federal land. He built a home, cultivated the land, and lived on it to meet the requirements. Later, he returned to Fairbanks, where he worked as a real estate mortgage broker. Alaska — especially the Brooks Range — remained one of his favorite places. He returned often for hunting trips with friends.

In 1988, Dan returned to the Vineyard to help his family manage the campground so his parents could retire. He went on to oversee the campground for more than 30 years. He helped carry the family business into a new generation while preserving the simple Island experience that made it special. When he retired in 2018, the campground operations went to the third generation of the family. It now enters its 54th season as a long-standing Vineyard tradition.

Dan was also deeply committed to his community. He served the town of Tisbury with dedication for 24 years as a firefighter, rising through the ranks to become both lieutenant and captain with the Tisbury Fire Department.

Those who knew Dan knew a man of great stature and personality. He was a loyal friend, and passionate about everything he loved. Dan was knowledgeable about almost every subject. He could fix just about anything. He loved the outdoors and the water. Whether fishing, hunting, or heading out on his boat, he spent as much time as he could doing what he loved most. The Vineyard waters were his happy place. Many of his best days were spent casting a line with friends.

But Dan's greatest catch of all was his wife, Dona Herrmann. The two had been old friends before reconnecting later in life. From then on, they were rarely apart. If you knew Dan in his retirement years, you knew Dona, often in the passenger seat of his truck, ready for whatever adventure he had planned next. Their friendship grew into a deep and steadfast love. Dan left this world with the comfort of knowing she was by his side.

Dan is survived by his wife, Dona Herrmann, as well as his four siblings and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In his final days, one of Dan's wishes was to visit Tashmoo one last time. The harbor had long been a sentimental place, tied to many memories on the water. Although he was unable to make the trip himself, Dona lovingly arranged a final drive-by. This gave him a quiet farewell to a place he cherished for so many years.

Dan will be remembered for his integrity, loyalty, laughter, and stories, and for the many friendships he made along the way. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tisbury Firefighters Association or the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby Scholarship Fund, honoring Dan's lifelong love of fishing and of the Island community.

A celebration of Dan's life will be held in the spring, with details to be announced.

Jay Grossman



We are sad to announce that after a difficult battle with cancer, Jay Grossman passed on March 17, 2026, at the age of 60.

Jay was a devoted husband and an extraordinary father who gave his family every opportunity and never asked anything in return. Caring for and providing for those he loved was at the heart of who he was. He instilled in us a spirit of adventure, curiosity, positivity, and humor that we

will always carry and cherish, even though he is no longer with us.

Beyond his family, Jay was fiercely loyal in all aspects of his life: as a friend, teammate, and in his work as a sports agent. His determination to advocate for the people he cared about and trusted was unwavering. We can attest to the long hours he spent fighting for his clients on the phone, even if it meant climbing up the highest rock on Lucy Vincent Beach so he could get cell service. He maintained lifelong friendships with people he spoke with daily, and never took himself too seriously, always making sure those around him were having a good time.

After moving from New York to Martha's Vineyard full-time, he found a close-knit community on the tennis courts, and worked hard to keep it connected, always welcoming to all, whether they played tennis or not; it was a group he hoped would stay together for years to come.

Sports were central to Jay's life. From playing hockey in his youth and coaching as a young adult to teaching his children to hit a baseball, ski, and skate, to playing Chilmark softball every Sunday, sports connected him to so many. When we would ski together in Vermont, Jay would lead the way down the least-trodden trails, always going first to see if any danger lay ahead. He was a true trailblazer, but an unselfish one — wanting to clear the path ahead to create memorable experiences for those he loved.

Since his diagnosis, our family has been deeply moved by the outpouring of support from friends and community near and far. Jay was touched by every visit, meal, and call just to say hi, and the love surrounding him reflects how much he and his wife Nancy mean to so many.

More than anything else, Jay loved to have fun, and that spirit was infectious and was always central to what he wanted to share with those around him. As we remember him and grieve his loss far too soon, we honor him by doing what he would want — embracing adventure, staying curious, and above all, having fun.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his son, Justin, and his fiancée, Natty; his daughter, Avery, and her husband, Beau; his sister, Leah; and his nieces, Gabby, Dana, and Melanie, and nephew, Eli.

A graveside service was held on March 20 at Abel's Hill Cemetery, with a service and shiva that followed at the Chilmark Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to LMD Foundation, online at lmcancer.org/jay-grossman; to Dr. Boire at MSK for LMD Research, online at mskcc.convo.net/goto/JayGrossman; or to Martha's Vineyard Hospital Infusion Center Services, at giving.mvhospital.org; please select "Jay Grossman Fund for Cancer Care."

Vineyard clear of ICE presence at airport

Airport director says it's still too early to tell if the partial government shutdown will impact travel in the summer. **BY EUNKI SEONWOO**

As federal immigration officers are deployed to airports nationwide, Massachusetts has so far avoided the heightened presence of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at its aerial transportation hubs.

The Trump administration began deploying ICE agents to airports Monday to assist short-staffed Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers, from an agency where many personnel have quit or not shown up to work since pay was cut in February by the partial federal government shutdown. But so far, the Vineyard airport remains clear of the immigration agents' presence.

Geoff Freeman, Martha's Vineyard Airport director, said there has been no indication of ICE at the Island airport. He also said there haven't been any major disruptions at the Vineyard airport, and no TSA officers have quit on the Island.

"The operation at the Vineyard has been going smoothly," Freeman said.

But TSA officers who remain have been working without pay. The partial government shutdown began in February after a congressional gridlock over the funding of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Democrats demanded changes to how immigration operations were conducted following the fatal shootings of Alex Pretti and Renee Good in Minneapolis in January, where major protests against ICE took place.

As the impasse continues, President Donald Trump tied a shutdown deal to the passage of the SAVE America Act in a Sunday Truth Social post. The legislation before the U.S. Senate proposes requiring voters to prove U.S. citizenship for federal elections, which critics of the bill argued would restrict access to the polls for voters who are eligible to vote but don't have ready access to documentary proof of citizenship.

Although there haven't been issues at the Vineyard airport, Freeman said its staff is closely

following the situation, and it is too early to tell whether the partial shutdown will impact summer travel.

Only Cape Air and Tradewind use the Island airport during the off-season, and larger airlines, like JetBlue and American, fly to and from the airport during the busy summer months. Last year, there were around 1,200 flights during the off-season, which jumped to 2,800 in May. The number of flights at the airport last summer were 5,900 in June, 7,900 in July, and 9,100 in August, with a drop-off starting in September, which saw 6,000 flights.

"All we can hope is they can come to a resolution soon and get these people paid," Freeman said.

Although the federal government did not release an official list of airports where ICE personnel would be deployed, it was widely reported that agents would be at 14 airports around the nation, including LaGuardia Airport in New York and Newark Liberty International Airport in New

Jersey, where agents arrived as early as 6 am Monday.

White House border czar Tom Homan told CNN on Sunday that ICE agents would provide security support at airports with long wait lines, but wouldn't be working TSA checkpoints for tasks like screenings at X-ray machines.

Mike Gayzagian, president of AFGE Local 2617 New England, the regional TSA officers' union, said his organization has been notified that "ICE will not be coming to any New England airports."

"As of this morning, no ICE agents have been seen at any of the checkpoints," Gayzagian said in a statement to The Times on Monday. "However, we continue to monitor the situation, and wait to see if this changes at some point during the week. We maintain there is no urgent need for their assistance, because New England airports continue to remain stable. We urge the Congress to fund TSA and pay the dedicated officers who continue to come into work every day and keep New England airports running smoothly."

Congressman Bill Keating, a House Democrat whose district includes Martha's Vineyard, said in a statement to The Times his party has put forward legislation to fully fund DHS while "withholding ICE funding until meaningful reforms and accountability measures are agreed upon."

Keating said there's a "solution that keeps Americans safer while hammering out the real differences on immigration enforcement."

He also signed the discharge petition to try to force a vote

on the funding bill after he returned to Washington, D.C., on Tuesday.

"TSA employees — just like the Coast Guard — are our neighbors, and they and their families are valued members of our community," Keating said. "They show up every day to keep Americans safe here on the Vineyard and across the nation, and they deserve to be paid, respected, and supported — not used as political bargaining chips in an effort to advance [White House deputy chief of staff for policy and homeland security advisor] Stephen Miller's radical, anti-immigrant agenda."

Keating also accused Trump of using ICE as if it was "his personal police force," and said that "many new recruits have not received adequate training — and we've seen the tragic consequences." He underscored that sending ICE agents to handle airport security was not a solution but put travelers at risk.



Inside the Martha's Vineyard Airport.

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Lauren Bis, acting assistant secretary of the DHS Office of Public Affairs, blamed Democrats for the situation, and said Trump was "using every tool available" to help American travelers who face hours-long lines at airports nationwide, highlighting the increase in travel from spring break and the holiday season.

"This pointless, reckless shutdown of our homeland security workforce has caused more than 400 TSA officers to quit, and thousands to call out from work because they are not able to afford gas, childcare, food, or rent," Bis said in a statement. "While the Democrats continue to put the safety, dependability, and ease of our air travel at risk, President Trump is taking action to deploy hundreds of ICE officers, that are currently funded by Congress, to airports being adversely impacted. This will help bolster TSA efforts to keep our skies safe and minimize air travel disruptions." **MVT**



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Content Label for Cape Light Compact Retail Access Electricity Supply Customers

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The electricity you consume comes from the New England power grid, which receives power from a variety of power plants and transmits the power throughout the region as needed to meet the requirements of all customers in New England. When you choose a power supplier, that supplier is responsible for generating and/or purchasing power that is added to the power grid in an amount equivalent to your electricity use. "System Power" includes the mix of power generating resources in the regional electricity market.

Although the power delivered to Compact customers comes from the regional New England power grid, the Compact's supplier provides 100% renewable energy to Compact customers by retiring renewable energy certificates ("RECs") and clean energy credits ("CECs") to match customers' usage as follows: 1) RECs and CECs to meet the state-mandated Clean Energy Standard ("CES") and Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS"), which includes a mix of RECs from wind, solar, biomass, and other qualified renewable generation resources, equal to 69.3% of usage; 2) RECs in addition to those required by the RPS and CES from a MA Class 1 resource located in MA in a quantity equal to 1% of usage; and 3) RECs in addition to those required by the RPS and CES representing generation from North American wind resources in a quantity equal to 29.7% of usage. This renewable content is reflected in the "Power Attribute Content" table to the right.

NextEra Energy Services will update fuel sources and emissions data to its customers quarterly, allowing customers to compare data among the companies providing electricity service on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

Generation Prices*

- Residential customers: prices in effect for January 2026 - July 2026 are 14.064¢ per kWh
- Commercial customers: prices in effect for January 2026 - July 2026 are 14.185¢ per kWh
- Industrial customers: prices in effect for April 2026 - July 2026 are 11.725¢ per kWh

*Prices include an adder of \$0.001/kWh for the Cape Light Compact Operating Fund. Prices do not include regulated charges for customer service and delivery. Those charges are billed by your local distribution company. For a breakdown of supply pricing, visit capelightcompact.org/power-supply.

Air Emissions

Emissions for each of the following pollutants are presented as a percent of the region's average emission rate based on the System Mix. System average emission rates were prepared for New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) by ISO New England and are based on data from Q4 2024 - Q3 2025 for residential, and commercial and industrial rates.

Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) is formed when fossil fuels and biomass are burned at high temperatures. They contribute to acid rain and ground-level ozone (or smog), and may cause respiratory illness in children with frequent high level exposure. NO_x also contributes to oxygen deprivation of lakes and coastal waters which is destructive to fish and other animal life.

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) is formed when fuels containing sulfur are burned, primarily coal and oil. Major health effects associated with SO₂ include asthma, respiratory illness and aggravation of existing cardiovascular disease. SO₂ combines with water and oxygen in the atmosphere to form acid rain, which raised the acid level of lakes and streams, and accelerates the decay of buildings and monuments.

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is released when fossil fuels (e.g., coal, oil and natural gas) are burned. Carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, is a major contributor to global warming.

Disclosure Label Based on Data from Q4 2024 - Q3 2025

New England System Mix	
Power Source	System Mix Percentage
Air-source heat pump	0.30
Biogas	0.01
Biomass	1.56
Coal	0.35
Diesel	1.55
Digester Gas	0.11
Efficient Resource (Maine)	0.00
Energy Storage	0.06
Fuel Cell	0.95
Ground- and water-source heat pump	0.03
Hydroelectric/hydropower	5.05
Hydrokinetic	0.00
Jet	0.01
Landfill Gas	0.35
Liquid Biofuels	0.21
Municipal Solid Waste	0.49
Natural Gas	45.92
Nuclear	21.70
Oil	5.53
Solar Photovoltaic**	9.69
Solar Thermal	0.00
Trash-to-energy	1.79
Wind	3.44
Wood	0.89
*TOTAL	100

*Based on data from Q4 2024 - Q3 2025. Actual totals may vary slightly from 100% due to rounding

**Includes 0.97% of Known Resources reflecting energy purchased from Farmington Solar in Q3 2025.

Power Attribute Content* Cape Light Compact Aggregation Standard Supply Product	
Source	Percentage
MA Renewable Portfolio and Clean Energy Standard Requirements (includes Wind, Solar, Biomass, and other renewable resources pursuant to MA regulations)	69.3
Voluntary Wind & Solar	29.7
Additional MA Class 1 RECs	1
TOTAL	100

*Power Attribute Content table reflects 2026 REC retirement Requirement.

Note: Electricity customers in New England are served by an integrated power grid, not particular generating units. The System Mix information is based on the most recently available information provided via the NEPOOL Generation Information System. Cape Light Compact's Power Supplier procures electricity supply through system power contracts, not from specific generating units.

Emissions Data

Emission Type	Lbs. per MWh	% NEPOOL System Average
Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x)	0.59012	100
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	0.32946	100
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	713.88988	100

New unit emissions data for CO₂ is 895lbs/MWh; for NO_x is 0.055 lbs/MWh; for SO₂ is 0.011 lbs/MWh.



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Join the growing effort to support Island reporters



The MV Times' Sarah Shaw Dawson, left, the first Island Writer, talking with Publisher Charles Sennott at Islanders Write this month.



John and Michelle Battelle, who are among three donors to offer a total of \$450,000 over three years to support local journalism at The Times through the Island Writer program.

We will soon be announcing the opening of applications for the "Island Writer" program, a new MV Times initiative to support the next generation of Islanders who want to serve their community as local journalists. We would love to hear what you think about this effort and what issues we should be focusing on. Some of the issues we're considering covering include the environment, immigration, education, and sports.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and you can share them with the publisher here: publisher@mvtimes.com



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A new epoch for an Old Mill

The historic up-Island property was recently purchased by the Vineyard Preservation Trust.

BY SARAH SHAW DAWSON

One of the most storied buildings in West Tisbury may be more open to the public after an organization dedicated to the preservation of historic Vineyard properties purchased it.

The Vineyard Preservation Trust purchased the Old Mill building for \$1 this month. The building itself was built in 1848, but the grist mill dates all the way back to the 1600s. It's located on a stretch of State Road in West Tisbury; flower beds jut out from the weathered wooden exterior, and dragonflies, ducks, and turtles scuttle around the area in the warmer months due to its proximity to Mill Pond.

The sale was made in partnership with the longtime stewards of the property, the Garden Club, which is a volunteer-run nonprofit dedicated to enriching horticulture knowledge. The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank is another partner, which will provide upkeep of the natural area behind the building, tending to a path that snakes toward central West Tisbury, and the continued conserva-

tion of the land over time.

"Their [the Land Bank's] goal is to create that connectivity, like they have for so many properties to downtown West Tisbury," Nevette Previd, the executive director of the Trust, said to The Times. "So that would also open it up to the public to be able to enjoy this sweet little spot: a little fairyland behind this gorgeous stone building that's been there for hundreds of years."

Under the Trust's ownership, the historic building will be available to rent for public and private events. It's its first acquisition of a property in more than 10 years, since the Carnegie in Edgartown, previously the Edgartown Public Library, in 2016. And the Old Mill is joining its other West Tisbury holdings: Alley's General Store, the West Tisbury Public Library, and Grange Hall.

"In order for these buildings to be valued, they need to be seen," said Previd.

The history of the Old Mill dates back generations, and its significant lore is exactly why the Trust acquired it.

In the 17th century, a tall grist mill stood on the land. A large wheel, connected to the nearby water source, Mill Pond, ground grain and wheat into flours and animal

and wool cloth for sailors called satinet. By 1848, the current structure was built by a new buyer, Capt. Thomas Bradley. For years after, the site was one of many examples



A historic photo of Old Mill.

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feed. It was an agricultural tool for the Vineyard community of its time, which was largely populated by new English settlers and the original stewards of the land, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah).

In 1809, the mill was converted to a wool mill, producing water-resistant clothing

of the rising industrialization on the Island. It is theorized that Bradley was responsible for the damming of the brook that connects to Old Mill Pond and other water features in West Tisbury, which has continued to be a contentious issue for Islanders and conservationists over how to restore the damaged waterways.

Previd said the Old Mill is also tied to Dr. Daniel Fisher, an industrial-era doctor and business owner who purchased large swaths of land and built historic structures such as the Daniel Fisher House in Edgartown, another property owned by the Preservation Trust. Fisher also started many local businesses, was a Harvard-educated practitioner who brought medical care to the Island, mainly for sailors, and was a pioneer in the whaling industry.

In the 20th century, the Old Mill declined in use and function until the Garden Club took over the property in 1937 to save it from being torn down. The Garden Club were stewards of the property for years, holding annual events such as the "Blooming Art at the Old Mill," which was open for the public to view and purchase local art and florals. The Trust said they'll continue to hold this event.

"The Garden Club will have



The Old Mill in the spring.

"This is such a gem, and a building with such a deep history, and quite an interesting connection to Daniel Fisher, someone who is really part of the Trust story," Previd told The Times. "So his story, as it travels to the Old Mill: He used it as a grist mill at the time, one of his entrepreneurial adventures."

use of the building for all of their programs, and like we have with Circuit Arts and a couple of our partners, we will then honor our mission: To open it up and make it available to the public, for rental, for free, events, for meetings, and for art shows, honoring the history of the building," Previd said. **MVT**

Healey takes aim at expanding hunting

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support of these changes that she demonstrated how to shoot a bow and arrow versus a crossbow; crossbows are easier to use, but are currently restricted to only those who have a permanent disability.

Among the proposals, Healey plans to reverse a Puritan blue law that prohibits hunting on Sundays, expand access of crossbows to anyone, and reduce the setback limit, or distance from a dwelling, for bowhunting — from 500 to 250 feet — to open up thousands of acres of land to hunting.

"One of the funky things about Massachusetts is that we have these blue laws that go back to the Puritan times. Now, we've been able to overcome some of them through history," Healey said. "We stopped burning women at the stake, and we allow people to drink alcohol, but we still have a Sunday ban on hunting." It doesn't make any sense, she added.

Healey plans to file the new legislation in her supplemental budget, which could be submitted in the next few weeks. If passed in the state legislature, officials are hopeful that the change would become effective for the next hunting season, which on the Island starts Sept. 21, as part of an extension implemented

in December. The state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) may also have to evaluate language between old and new regulations, and submit a regulatory package to address any changes made in the legislature.

These changes were informed by MassWildlife's five public listening sessions across the state over the past few months, which generated 11,200 comments, a majority of which favored the three changes to modernize the laws to better manage the deer population, improve opportunities for hunters, and reduce human-wildlife contact.

Joseph Capece, president of the MV Hunt Club, said that so far, hunters aren't able to maintain the deer population on the Island, where MassWildlife estimates there are 100 deer per square mile. But he's hopeful that these new laws could change that.

"I think we're going to get a lot more youth in the sport, which I think is huge, because we've kind of been losing that culture of generations and families hunting. It's becoming increasingly more difficult to access land. Now, hopefully, we're going to gain some more access to land, and the restrictions are looser," Capece said. He called the announcement a

"massive win," and he hopes his daughter can now join him and use a crossbow; she was previously unable to pull back 40 pounds on a regular bow and arrow.

The deer-hunting season for primitive firearms and bowhunting was also previously extended on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket by the Healey administration, for six weeks from Jan. 1 to



Gov. Maura Healey announced last Thursday that she plans to modernize hunting laws.

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Feb. 14 this year. Based on data from MassWildlife's biologist Martin Feehan, the number of harvested deer in this extended season reached 171, and brought the total between fall and winter to 934 deer harvested, which was the second-highest season for the Island.

Additionally, state Department of Public Health (DPH) Commissioner Robbie Goldstein announced at the press conference that he made alpha-gal syndrome a reportable condition for one

year as of April 1; there is an opportunity for a one-year extension. Only 17 other states, as well as New York City and the Choctaw Nation, have made the condition reportable.

Alpha-gal syndrome, which is largely unknown to most of the world but increasingly seen on Martha's Vineyard, is caused by a molecule naturally found in most mammals besides humans; lone star ticks transfer alpha-gal into a person's blood through their saliva,

designating allows more information about the allergy to be systematically collected, such as the severity of symptoms. It's all good information to be more responsive to those that suffer from alpha-gal, she said.

"The Martha's Vineyard Hospital laboratory data have been critical for tracking this rapid increase. But laboratory results alone cannot tell us who is truly allergic," Hamner said in a press release from the Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative. "Reportability allows public health to distinguish between a signal and true disease burden. This data then drives prevention. When we measure the who, when, and where of alpha-gal syndrome accurately, we can better protect our community."

Hamner is also a senior advisor to Tick Free Martha's Vineyard (Tick Free MV), which had many representatives at the press conference in East Falmouth. The goal of Tick Free MV is to reduce tick-borne disease and allergy on Martha's Vineyard, but those involved understand that this is a complex challenge and needs a multi-pronged approach.

"What was announced [Thursday] represents a big step forward, but there's still much, much more work ahead," Virginia Barbatti, executive director of the relatively new nonprofit,

said. "It was pretty incredible to hear such coordinated action on behalf of state leaders and agencies, really drawing that connection between the hunting law updates and what that can mean in our community, shared alongside this important announcement around alpha-gal," Barbatti said. She added that responsiveness of the state reflects the growth of these issues: "It didn't come out of nowhere."

Barbatti also applauded the state's decision to track alpha-gal cases, as the spread of the lone star ticks has turned the Island into a hotspot for the syndrome. In 2020, the hospital's emergency department performed nine tests for alpha-gal, which resulted in two positive cases. In 2024, tests increased to 1,254, and there were 523 positive results; that's about a 42 percent positivity rate. Based on data from the beginning of December, the positivity rate was up to 44 percent in 2025.

Now, the hospital's data as well as work by VanLandingham and Hamner can be compared and analyzed across the state. "By taking this data-driven, proactive approach, we are doing more than just simply responding to an emerging public health challenge. We are helping people prevent alpha-gal syndrome, and prevention is critical, because there's no treatment yet," said Goldstein from DPH. **MVT**

Edgartown project modified to meet municipal workers

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and during the last MVC hearing on Katama Meadows in February, letters that have been submitted to the MVC by the public, and requests from the town of Edgartown.

The 14 lots that will be donated to Edgartown are still being finalized. One of the lots will also be donated to Habitat for Humanity to again be income-restricted at 80 percent AMI. The remaining 13 lots are slated for affordable housing projects by the town. Edgartown is still narrowing in on income restrictions, but all will be perpetually restricted to year-round occupancy.

Representatives from the town of Edgartown said they support the revised plan in the hopes that municipal workers will qualify for these lots. Melissa Vincent, chair of the affordable housing committee in Edgartown, said that no town employees applied for the affordable ownership homes at Meshacket Commons, a development near Katama Meadows' proposed site. This fact was shocking to town representatives, who said they had encouraged staff to apply.

Town-led projects must abide by income restrictions for affordability, and Edgartown officials said these limits underestimate the salaries of the Islanders who work for the town.

"We are looking at this project as a way to house folks whose incomes are at a higher level, so that we can be able to service the needs of our community," Vincent said of her support of Katama Meadows.

Vincent did ask for a further decrease of the price of the "attainable lots" to \$225,000 to be more affordable. And Edgartown is reportedly undergoing a municipal housing assessment to zone in on income restric-

tions that would be most accessible to town employees.

Laura Silber, the housing planner for the MVC, said Island towns have the ability to spend public funds on municipal employee housing projects, as outlined in the seasonal communities designation, which is a part of the "Affordable Homes Act," a comprehensive statewide housing bill.

"My understanding, just to fill in some color, is what [Edgartown is] trying to do on other land that is not town-owned land is to meet the public sector employee housing needs," Silber said.

Some commissioners said they're hoping for further studies, like the planned municipal housing assessment, to clarify the benefits of this type of housing more. They also highlighted the cost of building a house. The affordable price of the lots are for the land, not the home.

"We don't want to create a bunch of indentured servants that are stuck without appreciating assets because they built the house," Ben Robinson, Tisbury commissioner, said. "This isn't a house that they can get at a low cost. They have to invest in the build. But I also just think it needs to be studied, so that we don't get a position where people get a subsidy at the beginning, and then a decreasing value going forward."

On Thursday, Moriarty also addressed environmental concerns about the nitrogen load that the development could introduce into Edgartown Great Pond, which is close to the planned project. He presented a drone video from Instagram of the cut being opened between the ocean and Edgartown Great Pond.

"Edgartown is doing everything it can to reduce ni-

trogen into the pond," Moriarty told the commissioners regarding the opening of the waterway, which reduces nitrogen by introducing movement and ocean water back into the pond. He said the project's added nitrogen is not exorbitant, and

project to neutral ground, but in order to be approved, the project overall has to be a benefit to residents and the environment. The MVC weighs benefits and detriments to approve or deny housing plans of this kind. "Sacrificing for housing, I

both spoken out against the Katama Meadows project, specifically because of what they say are health risks posed to an already fragile pond ecosystem.

But Moriarty has pushed back on those findings consistently. He said the project is in line with the water quality policy set by the MVC for housing developments, and that the planned homes

Foundation was "stoking fear of this apparent imminent collapse of the ecosystem."

"[Reddington] ignored several critical facts and glossed over others," Moriarty wrote in the letter. He did research into the nitrogen, wastewater, and environmental effects, and said the detriments have been overstated.

Look asked to read a response to that letter at Thursday's commission meeting. She backed the accuracy of the facts presented about nitrogen loading and environmental concern, and said Moriarty had been unnecessarily personal and attacked Reddington's credentials.

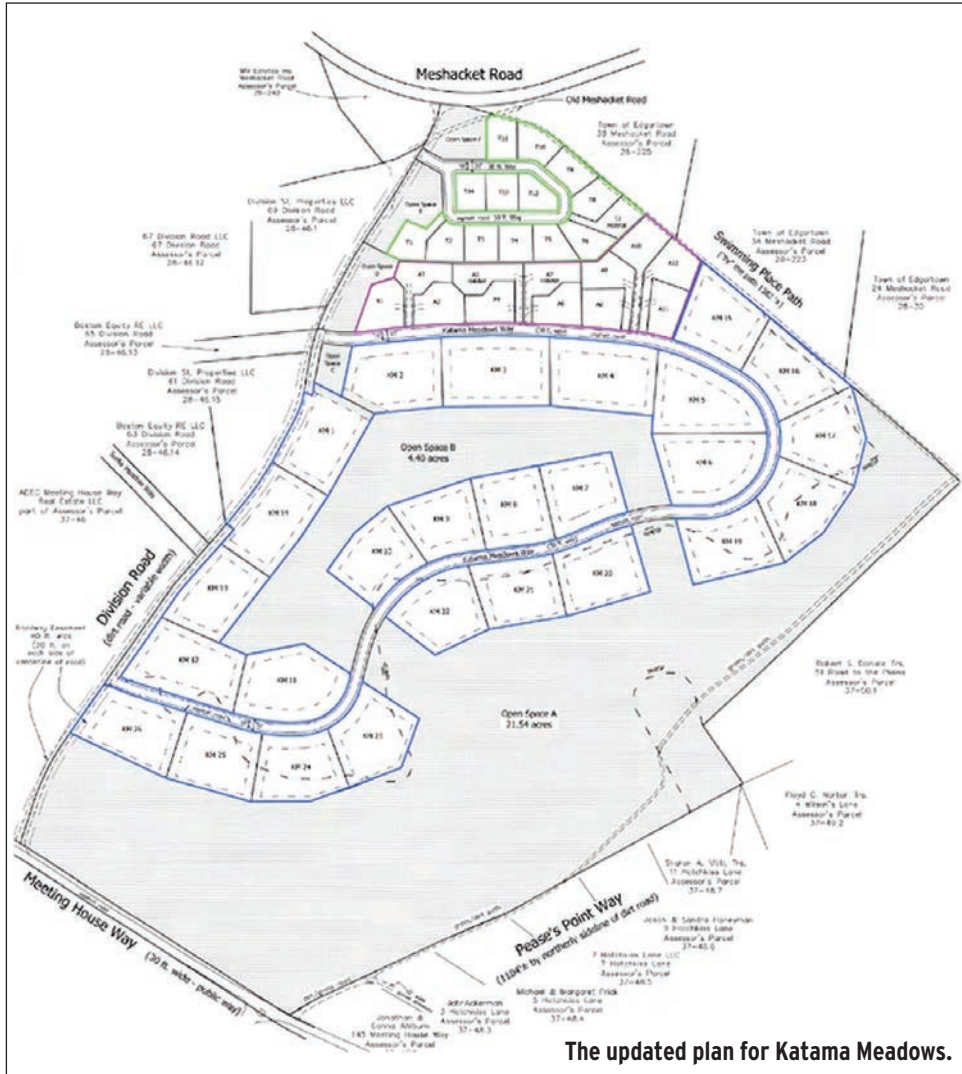
"It would have been disappointing enough merely to denigrate the character of the foundation, but he went further by targeting the person presenting the testimony," Look said.

Like environmental concerns, traffic was a topic addressed both on Thursday and at the previous MVC hearing about Katama Meadows. The MVC transportation program manager, Michael Mauro, completed an assessment of the area where the development is proposed, and found that traffic would likely not increase in a detrimental manner due to the planned housing project.

Mauro found that the development could increase traffic impact by about 300 cars, spread out through the peak hours of summer, but that would not have the substantial effect on traffic feared by opposition to the project during the MVC session in February.

But some who attended the meeting Thursday still pointed to the possible detrimental effects of a large project like Katama Meadows.

"Yes, we need housing," South Mountain Co. founder John Abrams said. "But we don't need our livelihoods disrupted by the pollution of this project." **MVT**



COURTESY MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

with the consideration of nitrogen mitigation already underway, is not as much a hindrance to the area.

But commissioners still feared the impact of the project, specifically of the market-rate lots, on the land and pond. Michael Kim, the governor's appointee at the MVC, said aligning the plan with the MVC's water-quality policy brings the

will vote for all day. Sacrificing for market-rate units? Probably not. So, that's why I'm putting it out there — to get you a benefit, which you don't have right now," Kim said to Moriarty.

Sam Look, executive director of the Vineyard Conservation Society, and Emily Reddington, the executive director of the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation, have

that will eventually be built on the lots of open land at Katama Meadows will all be tied to the town sewer, which reduces the nitrogen load substantially. Private sewage systems have a greater nitrogen output than town ones, Moriarty said.

He also sent a letter on Tuesday, March 17, to the commissioners outlining his concerns that the Great Pond

Former fire chief sentenced to probation over secret filming case

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pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to conduct "electronic surveillance" on "nude or partially nude persons," and attempting to pose or exhibit a "child in state of nudity or sexual conduct," in August 2024. Rose was arrested on Jan. 20, 2024, at Logan Airport in Boston after being investigated for allegedly secretly filming a nude minor.

A representative from the Cape and Island's District Attorney's office was not immediately available to comment on why Rose's charges changed.

According to court documents, on Oct. 3, 2025, Rose submitted a motion to suppress evidence, including an alleged USB wall outlet charging a device labeled "AC

Adapter," and all evidence derived from the warrantless examination of the device by investigators. In the motion to suppress, Rose claims investigators unlawfully seized the device from his residence.

The motion to suppress was scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026, but before the motion was heard, Rose tendered an admission to sufficient facts.

Alongside the Monday decision, Rose's charges for a similar incident were dismissed. Rose had been charged with photographing an unsuspecting nude person in January 2024; as investigations into his alleged attempt to film a minor were ongoing, an individual told police Rose



Rose, shown here in 2024 at Edgartown District Court.

DENA PORTER

had shown them a video of someone performing a sexual act on his phone, recorded without their knowledge. According to court documents, Rose allegedly filmed the nude adult without consent between May and October 2020.

Also on Monday, Rose had a motion approved to travel to South Carolina during school vacation week in April, according to court documents.

Rose must provide his probation officer with a detailed itinerary, and contact probation upon his return.

Rose served as chief of the Oak Bluffs Fire Department from 2014 to 2020. He resigned amid a sexual harassment claim that the town settled for \$97,500 in 2020. During his tenure, the FBI also launched an investigation into the department for allegedly overbilling Medicare and Medicaid for off-Island ambulance runs. Rose later joined the West Tisbury Fire Department as a volunteer in 2022, and was indefinitely suspended in December 2023 after a harassment prevention order was issued against him. **MVT**

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\$1,790,000 CALL OR TEXT ALAN SCHWEIKERT 508-221-1708 OR MICHAEL SCHWEIKERT 774-563-9112

Oak Bluffs: Waterfront Property at Vineyard Haven Outer Harbor** This is an exceptional opportunity to acquire a stunning white sandy beach property on Vineyard Haven Harbor. This charming Island cottage boasts breathtaking panoramic views of the harbor and sound, showcasing magnificent sunsets each evening over the West Chop Peninsula. You can enjoy the lively boating scene, with yachts from around the globe and ferries arriving at port, all in the company of your favorite guests. This picturesque setting is enhanced by the delightful scent of vibrant rugosa roses that adorn the sandy landscape. Experience the unique convenience of storing your paddleboard, kayak, windsurfer, and other watercraft right in your backyard, allowing you to indulge in refreshing swims at your leisure. There is potential for mooring a motor or sailboat, pending approval from the Harbormaster. This property epitomizes the classic Martha's Vineyard experience—creating timeless memories. Additionally, it has a solid rental history. Please note, our information suggests that the adjacent lot is unbuildable; however, we recommend verifying this with the town.

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\$2,250,000 MARILYN MOSES OCEAN PARK REALTY 617-462-0381 NEW CONSTRUCTION

Welcome to Lagoon Ridge, Oak Bluffs' newest and most sought-after neighborhood. Build your 3-bedroom dream home in this elevated enclave, set 95 feet above Lagoon Pond and capturing sweeping sky views, colorful sunsets, and refreshing sea breezes. This exceptional home site represents one of the final opportunities in this thriving new community. To be built — The Naushon — features 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, and over 2,400 square feet of thoughtfully designed living space. A grand wrap-around covered porch provides a welcoming entry and the perfect place to enjoy morning coffee or cool evening breezes. Inside, the open-concept floor plan connects the chef's kitchen with spacious living and dining areas, ideal for entertaining family and friends. Each bedroom suite includes a tiled en-suite bath with customizable fixtures and finishes, and the second-floor suites may offer private balconies for added relaxation. Classic Oak Bluffs cottage architecture meets modern comfort and energy efficiency, making The Naushon an ideal year-round or seasonal retreat. Lagoon Ridge offers direct access to conservation lands with walking and biking trails, and nearby Lagoon Pond invites kayaking, sailing, and shell fishing. All utilities—electric, town water, and a private, state-of-the-art Amphidrome wastewater system—are located at the street. This innovative system serves the entire neighborhood, providing convenience and peace of mind. Lagoon Ridge is a covenant-protected community with architectural review and professional management by First Property Management Co. This beautiful home site is ready for the construction of your Vineyard dream home. Eleven lots have sold—only two remain available. Call for details!

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\$500,000 SOLD BY MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381 .. WONDERING WHAT YOU COTTAGE IS WORTH? CALL OR TEXT ANYTIME!

Experience the charm of 21 Rock Avenue, nestled in the Historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association. This year-round cottage features 1 bedroom and 1 bath, and is just moments away from Oak Bluffs Harbor, ferry ports, sandy beaches, art galleries, and delightful restaurants. Recent exterior enhancements include cedar fencing, refreshed house trim, new paint, and an upgraded roof. Please note that the heating system is currently not functioning. Enjoy the convenience of on-site parking. This cottage is also featured in both the Eisenstaedt and Painter Ladies books, adding to its unique appeal.



\$895,000 22 MONTGOMERY SQUARE OAK BLUFFS MARILYN MOSES | 617-462-0381 OCEAN PARK REALTY, INC.

Charming year-round renovated Victorian cottage in the historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association, located in the heart of Wesleyan Grove in Oak Bluffs. This 3-bedroom, 1-bath home features shiplap walls, knotty pine ceilings, original wood flooring, and sun-filled interiors throughout. The updated kitchen offers quartz countertops, a farmhouse sink, stylish lighting, and newer energy-efficient appliances. Improvements include Marvin wood windows, a newer roof, hot water tank, and energy-efficient heat pumps for AC and heat. Enjoy a welcoming front porch with colorful gardens and a slate patio with fenced garden space for outdoor dining and relaxing. Just steps to Circuit Avenue, Oak Bluffs Harbor, and nearby beaches.



IMPROVED PRICE \$700,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381 OCEAN PARK REALTY

Welcome to Lagoon Ridge.....Oak Bluffs' newest and most sought-after neighborhood! Build your 3-bedroom dream home with M Duffany Builders on this lofty setting, 95 feet above Lagoon Pond, featuring sweeping sky views, colorful sunsets, and refreshing salty sea breezes. This exceptional building lot is among the last of the remaining opportunities in this thriving new community. Utilities are already at the site, including town water, electric; and a private Amphidrome wastewater system that will save you the cost and inconvenience of a septic system. Lagoon Ridge borders acres of pristine conservation land with abutting access to scenic biking and hiking trails providing the perfect blend of privacy and outdoor adventure. Located in desirable Oak Bluffs, and central to all down Island towns, this is an active and vibrant community with plenty of construction momentum—don't miss the opportunity to become part of this attractive neighborhood! Easy to show — contact us today for a private tour of this exceptional offering! Price is for lot only, home pictured is a sample of home to be built..call for details.

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IMPROVED PRICE: \$1,795,000 CONTACT MARILYN MOSES AT 617-462-0381 FOR MORE DETAILS!**

OCEAN PARK REALTY
Discover the beauty of **THE PRESERVE at THE WOODLANDS** in the highly coveted Oak Bluffs community! This is your chance to own one of the last remaining building lots in this prime location, just moments away from town, beaches, harbor, ferry ports, and the Farm Neck Golf & Tennis Club. Underground utilities are already in place, making this rare offering perfect for developing your dream family compound. Enjoy a peaceful and private setting, surrounded by conservation land and trails ideal for hiking, walking, and biking. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to embrace the Oak Bluffs lifestyle!



NEW LISTING IN OAK BLUFFS \$999,000 ALAN SCHWEIKERT OCEAN PARK REALTY 508-221-1708

Oak Bluffs: Home Sweet Home Situated on over a quarter acre of beautifully landscaped, level grounds with colorful perennial plantings and mature trees, this sun-filled ranch offers a perfect blend of comfort and charm. The open kitchen, dining, and living areas feature cathedral ceilings, classic vertical knotty pine walls, and a cozy brick fireplace. Enjoy a convenient first-floor bedroom and a spacious second-floor primary bedroom with a private deck. The finished basement provides additional living or hobby space. Updates include a 2017 oil burner and Roth oil tank. An inviting outdoor shower completes this well-maintained home, offered furnished and ready for your personal touches. Located in a quiet residential neighborhood close to all that Oak Bluffs has to offer.



ONE LOT AVAILABLE 35 DOUBLE OX \$700,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381

FARM NECK GOLF & TENNIS CLUB : The original 1780 Farmhouse was tastefully restored in 1985 to honor the land and legacy of Farm Neck. This serene 3.7-acre oasis of rolling greenery with a variety of mature trees and lots of natural privacy has an up Island feel with the down Island convenience to fine dining, shopping, ferry, airport, bike paths and includes Stockholder Membership in the popular Farm Neck Golf Club. This exceptional property is situated between the 7th and 8th fairways and is just a short walk to the clubhouse restaurant, tennis courts and pro shop. For water enthusiasts there is the opportunity to have a mooring, with Harbor Master approval, off the private beach on Sengkontacket Pond giving you direct boating access to Nantucket Sound. Although this historic home features 5 bedrooms with 4.5 bathrooms and lots of intimate spaces, there is still plenty of room on the property for expansion of the main residence..... with the existing detached garage/ apartment, this country estate is truly an Island treasure that will provide lots of recreational enjoyment for family and friends throughout the years.

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



PRICE ADJUSTMENT,NOW \$2,600,000 COMMERCIAL B-2 OR RESIDENTIAL OFFERED BY RENE' BEN DAVID/ REALTOR @, OCEAN PARK REALTY INC. 23 Circuit Ave Extension Cell 508-847-4864

3 bedrooms/1 bathroom, Rare Opportunity with Endless Possibilities – Unmatched Harbor & Vineyard Sound Views. Location, Location, Location! A truly rare offering in the heart of Oak Bluffs, where properties like this seldom become available. Positioned directly across from the iconic Oak Bluffs Harbor, this property boasts unobstructed harbor views and sweeping vistas of Vineyard Sound—a setting that captures the very best of island living. From your front yard, watch ferries come and go, boats drift through the harbor, and enjoy the stunning backdrop of open water stretching toward Vineyard Sound. This is a property that puts you right in the middle of everything, while still offering the charm and character of a classic island home. Zoned B-2 Commercial, the opportunities are truly endless. Continue the legacy of a successful tourist-oriented business like the longtime Anderson Bike Rentals, create a new commercial venture, or reimagine the property as your personal dream home. Whether you renovate the existing structure or build from the ground up, you'll benefit from one of the most visible and vibrant locations in Oak Bluffs. Walk to everything—ferries, beaches, the marina, restaurants, movies, shopping, Ocean Park concert s, the OB fishing pier, and the beloved Oak Bluffs Fireworks. This is a must-see, legacy property with rare potential in a location that can't be beat. Very easy to show. Pre-approval or proof of funds required with all offers.



PRICE IMPROVEMENT 46 KENNEBEC AVENUE OAK BLUFFS, MA \$1,495,000 CALL OR TEXT ALAN SCHWEIKERT 508-221-1708 OR MICHAEL SCHWEIKERT 774-563-9112 OCEAN PARK REALTY

This exquisite Victorian home, lovingly preserved by the same family for over a generation, stands in outstanding condition and is perfectly situated in the vibrant heart of Oak Bluffs Center. Enjoy the convenience of being just steps away from the Public Beach, Steamship Authority, Oak Bluffs Harbor, a supermarket, and a variety of charming restaurants and shops that contribute to Oak Bluffs' allure as a premier summer destination on Martha's Vineyard. This delightful three-season cottage has been carefully modernized over the years, offering a rare investment opportunity. Located within the highly sought-after B1 Zone, this residence has been cherished as a family home while also providing the potential for commercial endeavors. The property features a well-designed floor plan that includes four bedrooms—one conveniently located on the first floor—along with a full bathroom, two half bathrooms, a laundry storage area, an eat-in kitchen, and a cozy living room. The home is adorned with stunning wood flooring throughout, bright and airy rooms with original windows, a new hot water on demand system, and a charming front porch, perfect for leisurely afternoons. With its four bedrooms and prime in-town location, this property offers substantial rental potential, making it an exceptional opportunity for both personal enjoyment and investment.

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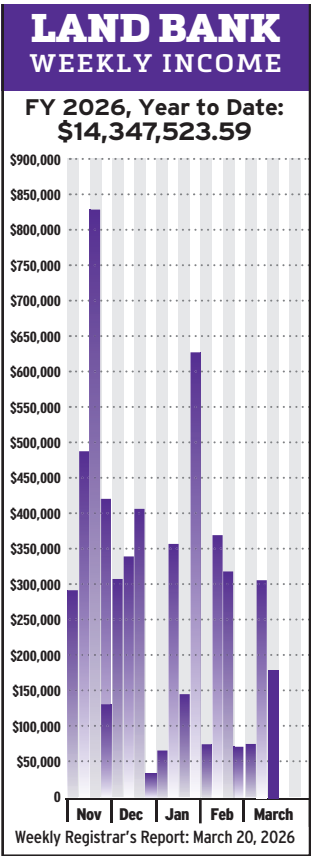
SOLD \$4,075,000 CALL OR TEXT JAYNE ISFORD 203-962-4317

Spectacular waterfront home with stunning water views from every room. Situated in a private location in the Sengkontacket Association, this is an exceptional property in a rare setting. In addition to the breathtaking water view of Major's Cove and of Felix Neck throughout the home, the front of the property faces serene pastoral views. This home offers four bedrooms with a main floor master and ensuite, exquisite craftsmanship throughout and a unique setting on the water. Great care was taken in the planning of this home to ensure maximum enjoyment of the tranquil surroundings and views. Each of three bedrooms on the second floor has a water view. The quality of materials used in the construction of this home is outstanding. As you walk through the property, the landscaping and gardens are impeccable and have been featured in MV Magazine. The back yard gently slopes down to the water. Carefully planned by the owners, this home was constructed to follow net zero design principles which provide an energy-efficient retreat. Completely renovated in 2014 and lovingly maintained, this property is a true one-of-a-kind sanctuary on the Vineyard.



SOLD \$500,000 by Rene Ben David/ Ocean Park Realty Inc CELL 508-847-4864.

Location, Location, Location. Rare Opportunity to own a 10,000 sq ft South facing level corner lot on a paved road that may accommodate up to 3 bedrooms with Board of Health approval. A sandy beach on Lagoon Pond is just a short stroll (about 1500 ft.)enjoy the beach, walk your pet, watch the stunning sunsets, and GREAT shell fishing . How nice would little necks on the half shell or baked scallops sound for dinner! Have a boat? With permission from the Oak Bluffs Harbormaster, you could be steps away from your own private mooring. A convenient bike path nearby links your access to miles of safe paved trails leading to downtown Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, Vineyard Haven, West Tisbury and 6000 acres of the State Forest. Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Oak Bluffs Elementary School are a 5-minute drive away. This established neighborhood is perfect for both vacation or year round living. The seller is working on securing an engineer to begin the process for a survey, perc test and septic design.



Real Estate Transactions March 16 - 20, 2026

Aquinnah

March 17, Robert M. Rosenberg, trustee of Robert M. Rosenberg Revocable Trust-2014, sold 7 Clay Pit Lane to Kelann Stirling and Marc Bradley for \$6,650,000.

Edgartown

March 19, Heron Bassett and the Estate of William Dennis Bassett sold 4 Dubud Lane to Beaven Burkett for \$950,000.

March 20, Sarah R. Monast and Elton Do Nacimiento sold 62 Clay Pit Road to Elton T. Nacimiento and Sarah R. Monast for \$242,500.

Oak Bluffs

March 16, Amber Green and Jeffrey Green, trustees of Amber & Jeffrey Green Revocable Trust, sold 147 Pennsylvania Ave. to Amber Robinson Green for \$1.

March 20, Joseph A. Turney and Laurie A. Turney sold 23 California Ave. to Christopher Priore and Stephanie Priore, trustee of Bay State Leisure Homes Realty Trust, for \$300,000.

Tisbury

March 16, Darleyne M. Smith, trustee of Revocable Indenture of Trust of Darleyne M. Smith, sold 344 Greenwood Ave. to Jason L. Burrell-Delrosario for \$1,225,000.

March 19, George A. Santos Jr. sold 95 Tashmo Ave. to Heather Fauteux Arno for \$925,000.



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SOLD \$815,000 AND CLOSED IN LESS THAN 30 DAYS
MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381

Welcome to 17 Siloam Avenue, a delightful cottage nestled in the historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association, offering spectacular sunset views of Sunset Lake and the distant harbor from its inviting porches. The current owners have cherished this home year-round for 13 years, and it's easy to see why. This spacious residence features an open living and dining area that seamlessly flows into a beautifully renovated kitchen, perfect for both family gatherings and entertaining. The first floor also includes a delightful partially renovated bathroom adorned with attractive painted wood beam ceilings, adding a touch of elegance to the space. Venture to the second floor, where you'll find three comfortable bedrooms filled with natural light thanks to the abundant windows. Located just steps away from the harbor, beaches, ferry ports, and all the vibrant attractions that Oak Bluffs has to offer, this cottage is the perfect retreat for those seeking both tranquility and adventure. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of this picturesque location! Most of the furniture is included and personal items will be removed prior to closing.



SOLD \$839,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381
OCEAN PARK REALTY

Just steps from the iconic Tabernacle and Trinity Park, this charming cottage is nestled in the heart of the historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association-a designated National Historic Landmark District. Surrounded by colorful gardens and picturesque pedestrian walkways, it offers an easy stroll to Oak Bluffs Harbor, beaches, ferries, art galleries, restaurants, and all the vibrant charm of town. This delightful two-bedroom, one full bathroom cottage blends historic character with thoughtful updates, making it an ideal 3-season or extended seasonal retreat. With additional insulation under the house, a buyer could potentially make it suitable for year-round use. An expansive wraparound farmer's porch with classic gingerbread trim invites you to relax and soak in the community's unique atmosphere. Inside, painted wood-beam ceilings, arched windows, and timeless built-in details enhance the welcoming living spaces. A versatile bump-out area offers flexible use as a guest sleeping nook or office, with direct access to the porch for summer breezes. The dining room provides an inviting space for dinner parties and entertaining, while the kitchen with adjoining laundry and pantry adds convenience and charm. The cottage comfortably sleeps seven, including two bedrooms, a single bed in the bump-out, and a sleep sofa in the living room. The property is partially insulated and features propane forced hot-air heat in the kitchen, bathroom, dining room, and one bedroom, with a new furnace installed in 2019. Additional features include an electric stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, garbage disposal, 50-gallon propane hot water heater, and approximately 200 sq. ft. of storage. Mature gardens and lawn with irrigation further enhance this special offering. Best of all, the cottage is offered TURNKEY and FULLY FURNISHED, ready for you to enjoy from day one.

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



SOLD \$899,000 NEW SPRING LISTING
CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381

Experience the charm of this exquisitely renovated Victorian Gingerbread Cottage, nestled within the historic Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association. Just moments away from Oak Bluffs Harbor, ferry terminals, art galleries, restaurants, public beaches, and vibrant shopping areas, this cottage offers an unparalleled location next to all of Oak Bluffs' picturesque parks. This rare gem features two side yards adorned with vibrant landscaping, enhancing its curb appeal. Step inside to discover a breathtaking chef's kitchen, designed with chic shiplap walls and custom cabinetry. Recent updates include a brand-new roof, modern electrical and plumbing systems, a state-of-the-art HVAC system, and energy-efficient, high-quality Blomberg appliances. The cottage showcases gleaming hardwood floors throughout, complemented by a fresh coat of paint and designer finishes that add a touch of elegance. This three-season home is move-in ready, making it the perfect place to enjoy a fantastic location where everything is within walking distance.



SOLD & CLOSED IN 30 DAYS \$1,995,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381
HOUSE & STUDIO ABOVE GARAGE~

Welcome to 26 Tia Anna Lane! This exquisite residence is immaculate, stylish, and fully renovated, ready to welcome its new owners! Situated on a beautifully landscaped 0.30-acre lot adorned with vibrant plantings, the home boasts pristine conditions both inside and out, featuring newer Hardi Plank siding. The inviting farmer's porch, complete with Mahogany decking, sets the tone for this charming property, while a lovely pergola graces the back of the house. Upon entering, you are welcomed by a whitewashed wood with high ceiling that enhances the warm ambiance. The flooring throughout the home is first-growth Southern Pine, meticulously crafted with pegged and bunged details. The expansive entrance leads into the living and kitchen areas, which are bathed in natural light, creating an airy atmosphere. Uncover the charm of the wood-burning stove nestled in the family room, equipped with a circulating fan adds warmth, efficiency and focal point for gatherings. Culinary enthusiasts will appreciate the kitchen, which is outfitted with stainless steel GE Cafe Series appliances, attractive quartz countertops, walk in pantry and ample cabinet space to store all your cooking essentials. The screened porch offers an ideal setting for entertaining guests or enjoying a peaceful morning coffee amidst the lush surroundings. All bathrooms in the home have been meticulously renovated, ensuring modern elegance and functionality, while custom window treatments elevate the aesthetic. Additional updates include, a hot water heater (installed in 2020), pull-down stairs to a fully insulated attic (upgraded in 2021), energy-efficient heat and air conditioning with mini-splits, in ground sprinkler system for easy maintenance and a forced hot water boiler for optimal comfort throughout the year. The beautifully landscaped yard provides ample space for outdoor enjoyment, and deeded access to the Lagoon from Gull Landing opens up opportunities for kayaking, swimming, fishing, boating, clamming or simply savoring the picturesque waterfront scenery. Call now for your private tour!

HOUSES-OAK BLUFFS



SOLD BEING OFFERED BY RENE BEN DAVID/OCEAN PARK REALTY INC.
CELL 508-847-4864 \$1,250,000

11 ONONDAGA AVE, OAK BLUFFS OPEN HOUSE

Comfortable Island Home on a Quiet Dead-End Road in Oak Bluffs: Welcome to 11 Onondaga Avenue, the second home on the left on a short, quiet dead-end road in a well-established Oak Bluffs neighborhood enjoyed by both year-round and seasonal residents. This well-cared-for 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom home offers space, comfort, and a truly inviting island lifestyle—just a short walk to the Oak Bluffs Sailing Camp Park and beach, where beautiful sunsets over the water await. Inside, the open-concept layout connects the kitchen and dining area to the living room, creating a bright and functional space perfect for both entertaining and relaxed daily living. An inviting deck off the dining room extends your living space outdoors into a serene landscaped setting ideal for enjoying meals in the fresh Vineyard air. The home is set on a peaceful lot with both front and back yards offering a sense of seclusion and space to enjoy. Upstairs, the primary bedroom features an en suite with a shower, providing a comfortable and quiet retreat. Two additional bedrooms and a full bath complete the upper level, and a half bath with washer/dryer is conveniently located on the main floor. The full basement includes both indoor and outdoor access, offering flexibility and additional potential. A finished room in the basement is ready for your creative touch—whether as a media room, home office, playroom, or guest overflow. The property also includes a spacious storage shed and a driveway that easily fits three to four cars. A new roof installed in 2023 adds peace of mind and value. Located minutes from downtown Oak Bluffs, local beaches, ferries, and all the charm the Vineyard has to offer, this home is ready to be your island getaway, year-round residence, or next investment.

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SOLD BEING OFFERED BY RENE' BEN DAVID, REALTOR @ AT OCEAN PARK REALTY INC.
CALL OR TEXT 508-847-4864. \$999,999.00

Location, Location, Location! This unique property on the beautiful island of Martha's Vineyard presents an incredible opportunity for the buyer with vision to complete and personalize a home full of potential. The original residence, built in 1920, offers 2 bedrooms and 1 bath and has been expanded with a substantial newer addition, creating increased living space and a finished garage area suitable for storage or future use. Above the garage, another 2 bedrooms and a full bath await final town approvals — providing the perfect framework for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) or additional living quarters. With creativity and planning, this property could be transformed into a spacious single-family home or a multifamily residence. Set on a large corner lot within walking distance to town, the ferries, and the harbor, the location alone makes this a must-see. The property also features a newer 4-bedroom septic system installed in 2006, which has already been inspected and passed. After being lovingly cared for by the same family, the three siblings who inherited the home are now ready to pass it along to new owners who can bring their own vision to life. This year-round residence is truly a property you need to visit in person to fully appreciate its possibilities. Seller is offering buyer's broker compensation.



SOLD COASTAL CHIC CONDO PRICE IMPROVEMENT \$1,149,000
SENSEKONTACKET WATERFRONT COMMUNITY | MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Stylish, sunlit, and superbly located — this architecturally designed end-unit townhouse offers 2 bedrooms, a flexible third-floor loft, and 1.5 baths across 1,323 sq. ft. Enjoy a sleek chef's kitchen with stone countertops, custom built-ins, and a 288 sq. ft. private deck ideal for entertaining. With upgraded flooring, windows, systems, and a successful rental history, this property is perfect for year-round living or as a strong investment. **Community amenities include:**

- Access to fresh & saltwater ponds
- Ocean access dock + boat ramp
- Clubhouse, tennis/pickleball courts
- Kayak storage + potential mooring
- Minutes to Farm Neck, bike paths & beaches

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SOLD OAK BLUFFS SENSEKONTACKET \$1,995,000 CALL OR TEXT JAYNE ISFORD 203-962-4317

This delightful home is on a scenic lot nestled within the Sengkontacket Association. Every room in the home is filled with natural light and beautiful views. It is a very short walking distance to the community boat dock and kayaking, as well as the walking trails of Sengkontacket. Updated in 2008 by the architect owner, this home has 3 bedrooms in the main house and a lovely bedroom and bathroom in the studio that is attached to the main home by a stunning overhead trumpet walkway. Cathedral ceilings in the main family room and kitchen with light from every angle. The renovated kitchen, living room and addition of a screened porch complete the main floor of the home. The lower level of the home has 3 sets of sliding glass doors that walk out to the gardens. There are 2 large bedrooms, one full bathroom and a separate washer and dryer room. The top floor has a completely updated and very large master and ensuite with lovely views of the property and surrounding woodlands. This property has an intimate feel because of the care taken with the design but also allows for everyone to have their own private space for relaxation due to the large square footage and open floor plan. There is also an outdoor fire pit and large wrap around deck off of the main floor. Solar panels on the main home. Family members and friends leave after their visits to 26 Box Turtle each year saying, "When can we come back". A special home in a special location. The Sengkontacket Association has an active group of pickleball and tennis residents who will welcome you on the courts. Owners will offer a 1997 Island Jeep Wrangler to be included in the sale of this property with roughly 55,000 miles.

COMMERCIAL-VINEYARD HAVEN



MIXED USE PROPERTY WITH PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT

Extensively renovated mixed-use property offering commercial + residential use in a high-visibility location on State Road in Tisbury. This versatile property presents a true live-work opportunity with strong income-producing potential. \$1,950,000 Sandpiper Realty, Inc. 508.627.3737



HOUSES-VINEYARD HAVEN



SOLD \$2,400,000 Marilyn Moses 617-462-0381, Michael Schweikert 774-563-9112, Alan Schweikert 508-221-1708
15 Main Street Vineyard Haven \$2,900,000

Prime Commercial Building – Main Street, Vineyard Haven Exceptional opportunity in the heart of downtown Vineyard Haven. This well-maintained mixed-use property offers over 3,100 sq ft of versatile space, featuring two ground-floor retail storefronts with excellent street visibility and two updated 1-bedroom apartments above—ideal for staff housing or rental income. A full basement provides flexible storage or utility space, and deeded rear access allows for deliveries and logistical ease. Recent updates include plumbing improvements and a fully renovated apartment. Whether you're an investor seeking steady income, a business owner looking for a flagship location, or a developer exploring mixed-use potential, this property delivers exceptional value in one of Martha's Vineyard's most desirable commercial corridors.

HOUSES-WEST TISBURY



WEST TISBURY \$1,485,000 CALL OR TEXT MARILYN MOSES 617-462-0381

This coastal contemporary residence is located on a private 1.60-acre lot in West Tisbury, with convenient access to Long Point Wildlife Refuge. The home features four bedrooms and two full bathrooms. On the first floor, you'll find two bright bedrooms, a modernized bathroom, and sliders from the living area that lead to a new AZEK deck and enclosed fenced gardens, perfect for outdoor enjoyment. The open floor plan includes attractive beadboard ceilings that create a sense of space and light. Recent upgrades feature a remodeled kitchen with a tiled backsplash, granite countertops, and an LG induction stove along with matching stainless-steel appliances. The first-floor bathroom has been fully renovated with a tiled shower and glass door, tiled floor, new toilet, vanity/mirror, rainfall showerhead and all new hardware. Additional updates include a newer roof, Azek window trim, an outdoor shower enclosure, and gutters with leaf guards. The basement has a 9-foot ceiling with four windows, providing potential for further finishing with town approval. Other improvements include updated plumbing and electrical systems, a new well pressure tank, new Culligan Water Filtration and Conditioning system, and a Generac whole-house generator installed in 2022. Partially furnished and with additional updates available in the documents, this property is well cared for and ready for new owners. Potential to be a STRONG RENTAL PROPERTY.

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Changing of the ferry guard

The Steamship Authority board said goodbye to Jim Malkin and welcomed Ted Gavin. **BY EUNKI SEONWOO**

The Island entered a new age at the ferry line as the Steamship Authority (SSA) bade farewell to Jim Malkin, the Vineyard's two-term representative on the ferry board.

The SSA board meeting in Falmouth on Tuesday was both a welcome and a goodbye for the Vineyard. This was the first appearance for Ted Gavin at a board gathering; he was appointed as the Vineyard's Steamship representative by the Dukes County Commissioners earlier this month. The session was also a time reserved for port community members to recognize Malkin's six years as the Island's representative.

Malkin thanked board and Port Council members for their "completely unexpected" but kind words. He expressed his appreciation for the people who work at the ferry line, from the com-

munity representatives to the employees who make sure the boats sail every day.

"I think the Steamship Authority provides, based on all of the research I've done, the most reliable service of any ferry system in this country," he said. "I look forward to it getting better. There are things that need to get better, but we have a strong group of people who are working hard to make it better, and I wish the Steamship Authority, its board, and staff much luck going forward, and great success."

Malkin was first appointed to the board in 2020, entering the position just as the COVID-19 pandemic struck the world. In the past six years, he served as chair of the board twice. While Malkin initially considered a third term on the board, he withdrew his candidacy in December.

Joe Sollitto, Oak Bluffs Port Council member, highlighted that Malkin used a "strategy of engagement over confrontation" to achieve results.

"Your leadership focused on important priorities: hiring a new general manager, hiring

a first COO, implementing a modern reservation system, overhauling IT improvements, all while guiding the Steamship Authority through the pandemic recovery and operating challenges," Sollitto said.

He said that he and John Cahill, Tisbury Port Council member, also followed in Malkin's lead of declining free ferry rides for themselves and their spouses, a perk of SSA board reps and port councilors, to "avoid any potential conflict and undue influence."



The Steamship Authority welcomed and bade farewell to Martha's Vineyard board members.

Cahill remarked on Malkin's "integrity, his intelligence, and his kindness, which is a combination that he used to help navigate what needed to be done, the challenges here at the Steamship."

Several representatives also highlighted the mentorship they received from Malkin.

"He's been a great contributor to the board, a mentor to me as well as a friend," Peter Jeffrey, Falmouth board representative, said.

As the SSA enters new waters, including an ongoing revamp of the reservation system and potential changes to the fleet, Gavin said Malkin had been "incredibly helpful" in helping him determine whether it was the right decision to apply to be the next board member.

"To say that his time here was consequential is a vast understatement," Gavin said, noting that the work Malkin helped with likely won't be calculable until years down the line. Gavin added that while he will "never be able to succeed Jim Malkin," he'll endeavor to follow his predecessor's example.

Alex Kryska, who became the new SSA general manag-

er in December, highlighted that he wished there had been more of an opportunity to work with Malkin, but the new head of the ferry line was looking toward the future.

"I look forward to working with Ted going forward, and excited ... to see where the board goes from here," Kryska said. "I think Jim laid a great foundation for us."

Meanwhile, the SSA delayed deciding on whether to sell the Governor, the oldest vessel in the ferry line's fleet. The possibility of selling the freight ferry was raised during a Port Council meeting earlier this month, but Kryska said during the board meeting on Tuesday that instead the authority will be returning to the Port Council next month with an analysis of selling or keeping the Governor. The review will also include two other aging vessels: the Sankaty, another freight ferry under consideration to be sold that first joined the SSA in 1994, and the Nantucket, a 52-year-old passenger ferry that first arrived in Woods Hole in 1974. **MVT**

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NOTICE TO ISLAND FAMILIES SCHOOL CHOICE

Families who wish to participate in the MVYPS School Choice Program should write or email the Principal of the school of their choice stating their child's name and grade level for the 2026-2027 School Year. All requests must be received by 12:00 NOON, Friday, June 12, 2026. Selection of students will be made by the Principal based upon available space and balance within the grade level.

• Chilmark School, PO Box 60, Chilmark, MA 02535
Chilmark School Email: kate.squire@mvyps.org

• Edgartown School, 35 Robinson Road, Edgartown, MA 02539
Edgartown School Email: kcampbell@mvyps.org

• Oak Bluffs School, PO Box 1325, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557
Oak Bluffs School Email: jlight@mvyps.org

• Tisbury School, PO Box 878, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
Tisbury School Email: jcuster@mvyps.org

• West Tisbury School, PO Box 250, West Tisbury, MA 02575
West Tisbury School Email: dlowell-bettencourt@mvyps.org

MARtha's VINEYARD COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The public is invited to a public hearing concerning whether the proposed amendments to the regulations governing the Island Road District in the Town of Tisbury conform to the guidelines for the development of the District specified in the Commission's designation of the District.

Amendments to Articles 09/03 Designated Special Ways are proposed. Additions to designated Special Ways and their management are also proposed. Annotated changes are available on the MVC website: mvcommission.org
Date & Time: Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:35 p.m.

Place: Hybrid Meeting **MVC Office - 1st Floor**, 33 New York Ave, Oak Bluffs, MA and Zoom
Meeting ID: 811 9696 9377; Password: 229692

Written testimony may be submitted prior to or during the hearing. Check for updates on the online calendar.

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FFY 2026-2030 MARtha's VINEYARD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) has released the FFY 2026-2030

TIP Amendments for 21-day public review and comment period at its March 18th, 2026, JTC meeting.

TIP AMENDMENTS SUMMARY: The FFY 2026-2030 TIP Amendments results in moving funding categories in FFY 2026, FFY 2027, FFY 2028, FFY

2029, and FFY 2030 for the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA). There will be no change in state or federal funds for the projects.

Please send written comments to Michael Mauro by April 8th, via email at: mauro@mvcommission.org

Michael Mauro
Transportation Program Manager
Martha's Vineyard Commission
P.O. Box 1447
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

MARtha's VINEYARD CRITICAL FREIGHT CORRIDOR UPDATE

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) has released the MassDOT Martha's Vineyard Critical Freight Corridor Update for 21-day public review and comment period at its March 18th, 2026, JTC meeting.

FREIGHT CORRIDOR SUMMARY: This freight corridor update results in the addition of lane miles to match the most recent road inventory files. Additional miles were added along the State Road Corridor in Tisbury, Water Street and Beach Street in Tisbury, and along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road in Edgartown. Please send written comments to Michael Mauro by April 8th, via email at: mauro@mvcommission.org
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LEGAL NOTICES TISBURY TISBURY PLANNING BOARD HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to MGL c. 40A, Section 5, the Tisbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday April 3, 2026 at 4:30 pm to receive public comment on the following amendment to the current Tisbury Zoning Bylaw.

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PLACE: Hybrid- in person at 66 Highpoint Lane Town Hall Annex. Additionally, this meeting will be held remotely via Zoom platform. The Public can attend and participate in the meeting by the following method- MVPSIS Conf3 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81415890552>

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ARTICLE XX- Short Term Rentals WARRANT ARTICLE FOR ZONING AMENDMENT - SHORT-TERM RENTALS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tisbury Zoning By-laws, section 07.18, Short-Term Rentals, by deleting paragraph 4 of subsection 07.18.02, as shown below in strikethrough format, and renumbering existing paragraphs 5 and 6 as 4 and 5, or take any other action relative thereto:
4. No dwelling unit or portion thereof may be rented as a short-term rental for more than 75 nights in a calendar year.

LEGAL NOTICES W. TISBURY PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Tisbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing via Zoom, on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 5:45 pm, on an application from Randy Simon on behalf of Gary Rome, to install a temporary curb cut on Old County Road, for the removal of an existing guest house and the delivery of a modular guest house on April 30, 2026, on Assessor's Map 10, Lot 17, 7A Yellow Brick Road, RU District. A copy of the proposed bylaw amendments is available on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Interested parties are invited to send comments and/or attend the meeting. Please address any comments to: Leah Smith, Chairman
Planning Board
P.O. Box 278
West Tisbury, MA 02575
Fax: 508-696-0103
planningboard@westtisbury-ma.gov
Join Zoom Meeting

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Time: Mar 30, 2026 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 878 2335 9030
Passcode: 937298
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WEST TISBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

On **Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00pm** the ZBA will hold a **continued public hearing** at Town Hall-2nd floor meeting room on an application from Adam Braillard of Prince Lobel Tye LLE, on behalf of **T-Mobile Northeast LLC and American Tower Company**, to amend Special Permit 2012-19 and Special Permit 2021-32 granted Dec. 16, 2021, to extend the height of an existing monopole tower from 75 ft. to 95 ft. and to install panel antennas and remote radio units on the tower as well as appurtenant equipment at the base of the tower, under Sections 8.8-2B4, 8.8-4, and 9.3-3 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw at **21 New Ln., Map 31 Lot 48**, in the RU district. Said hearing was originally opened on March 12, 2026, and had been continued to May 7, 2026; it is now being continued to April 9, 2026 to preserve jurisdiction under the federal Eligible Facilities Act shot clock.

Interested parties are invited to send comments via email to: zba@westtisbury-ma.gov or mail comments to: Zoning Board of Appeals, PO Box 278, West Tisbury, MA 02575. Please call 508-696-0107 for information on the Application.

WEST TISBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 5:15pm** the ZBA will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall-2nd floor meeting room on an APPEAL filed by Rob Moriarty on behalf of **Christopher Poli** from the February 25, 2026 determination of the Building Inspector regarding the interpretation of zoning bylaw provisions governing "total use" as applied to accessory structures located in front of a primary dwelling. There is a related application currently before the ZBA for the installation of an 884 sq. ft. in-ground swimming pool in front of a dwelling, requiring 34 feet of front yard setback relief, along with a 17'

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x 47'6" open-air pool house with bathroom and outdoor kitchen, under Sections 8.5-4C and 4.2-2D3 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw at **16 Red Coat Hill Rd.** (a Special Way), **Map 8 Lot 24**, in the RU district. The Appeal is made under M.G.L. c.40A §§8 and 14. The continued public hearing on the related application referenced above is scheduled for the same evening at 5:30pm.

Interested parties are invited to send comments via email to: zba@westtisbury-ma.gov or mail comments to: Zoning Board of Appeals, PO Box 278, West Tisbury, MA 02575. Please call 508-696-0107 for information on the application.

WEST TISBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 5:45pm** the ZBA will hold a public hearing at the TOWN HALL-2nd floor meeting room on an application for a Special Permit from **Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools, Inc. (FOCUS)**, to convert space in an existing dwelling and guest house into Employee Dormitories for summer seasonal staff under Section 4.4-5 of the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw at **420 Lamberts Cove Rd., Map 7 Lot 59.1**, in the RU district.

Interested parties are invited to send comments via email to: zba@westtisbury-ma.gov or mail comments to: Zoning Board of Appeals, PO Box 278, West Tisbury, MA 02575. Please call 508-696-0107 for information on the application.

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Cottage City Historic District Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM
RE: 25 Circuit Ave Ext Map 8 Parcel 292

This is a HYBRID meeting with both in person & Zoom participation available. The meeting will be held in the downstairs meeting room at the Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs MA or Join Zoom Meeting
<https://oakbluffs.zoom.us/j/86947740615?pwd=JeL5uhBaXPcSxX0IEJLVCn1Ibc6.1>
Meeting ID: 869 4774 0615

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Passcode: 796609
Modification of previously approved plan. Squaring off of existing home, reconfiguring existing decks and stairway, addition of 1 door, 1 sliding glass door and 1 picture window. Proposed plans are on file in the Building Department at Town Hall. Written correspondence can be addressed to Cottage City Historic District Commission
Attn: Lee Ann Tavares, PO Box 1327, Oak Bluffs - 02557
email: buildingadmin@oakbluffsma.gov

Copeland Plan District Review Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday April 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM
RE: 25 Circuit Ave Ext Map 8 Parcel 292

This is a HYBRID meeting with both in person & Zoom participation available.

The meeting will be held in the downstairs meeting room at the Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs MA or Join Zoom Meeting
<https://oakbluffs.zoom.us/j/87278314527?pwd=XjewGBvcd2vqDbrMSVqu01f0ySzmgb.1>
Meeting ID: 872 7831 4527
Passcode: 455656

Modification of previously approved plan. Squaring off existing home, reconfiguring existing decks and stairway, addition of 1 door, 1 sliding glass door and 1 picture window. Proposed plans are on file in the Building Department at Town Hall. Written correspondence can be addressed to Cottage City Historic District Commission
Attn: Lee Ann Tavares, PO Box 1327, Oak Bluffs - 02557
email: buildingadmin@oakbluffsma.gov

OAK BLUFFS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, and the Oak Bluffs Wetlands Bylaw, the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission will hold a special public hearing to introduce new Wetlands Bylaw Regulations. The hearing will take place at 3:30PM on Thursday April 9, 2026.
The hearing will take place at Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 56 School Street, Oak Bluffs.

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obituaries

Betty Louise Meehan



Betty Louise (Howe) Meehan, 94, of Carlisle, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, following a brief illness.

Betty was born on Jan. 22, 1932, in Concord to Ralph and Ruth (Hurder) Howe. She attended the Alcott School, and graduated from Concord High School in 1950.

Betty enjoyed a happy childhood on the family farm in Concord, surrounded by neighbors, books, and the close-knit community that shaped her lifelong love of learning and nature.

She attended UMass Amherst, where she received a degree in horticultural science. After college, Betty worked at Lexington Gardens, where she met her future husband, Harold W. Meehan. They married in 1954, and settled in Bedford, where their two sons were born. In 1967, they built their home on part of the family farm in Carlisle, where Betty lived for nearly six decades.

Betty had a deep love of reading, and was rarely without a book. She frequently visited the library, always in search of another story. She also loved baking and cooking, carefully researching recipes — and adapting them for family and friends, including gluten-free favorites for her grandsons.

A lifelong gardener, Betty enjoyed growing fresh vegetables and spending time outdoors. She loved walks in the woods, cross-country skiing, and annual family trips to Nichols Pond in Vermont, as well as visits to Martha's Vineyard to see family and enjoy fresh seafood. Known for her independence and practicality, Betty heated her home with a wood stove, hung laundry out to dry year-round, and drove her pickup truck well into later life.

Betty loved animals. She volunteered as a 4-H instructor and dog trainer. She was always happy to help neighbors with pets, children, or anything else that was needed. She was a beloved neighbor and friend.

Family was the center of Betty's life. She was the proud grandmother of five grandchildren — including two sets of twins — and five great-grandchildren. Even in her 80s, Betty embraced new technology, learning to use an iPad, and texting regularly with her children and grandchildren, including messages sent just days before her passing.

Betty was also an honorary member of the TJX team, and a cherished member of the Walsh and Michalik families, whose friendships meant a great deal to her over the years.

Betty is survived by her son Cliff and his wife Mary Beth of Edgartown; her son Kurt and his wife Jackie of Concord; her five grandchildren, Jackie Millard and her husband Matt, Kurstin Moore and her husband Dayce, William Meehan, Thomas Meehan, and Donovan Meehan; and her five great-grandchildren: Quinn and Madi Millard, and Ryder, Layla, and Dayce Moore. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Harold W. Meehan; and her brother, Stephen Howe.

Betty requested that her final arrangements be kept simple, and her services will be private.

To celebrate Betty's memory and her love of books and reading, donations may be made to Link to Libraries (linktolibraries.org/donate), whose mission is to inspire young readers in underserved communities, or to the Friends of the Gleason Public Library in Carlisle (gleasonlibrary.org/about/giving/).

To share a remembrance or offer a condolence on Betty's tribute page, please visit deefuneralhome.com.

Clyde Mayhew Luce Jr.

Clyde Mayhew Luce Jr. of Edgartown died on Feb. 21, 2026, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, of heart failure. He was 85 years old.

Clyde was born on Dec. 1, 1941, in Oak Bluffs. He was predeceased by his parents, Clyde M. Luce Sr. and Agnes L. Luce (née Blankenship); and brothers Robert, Donald, and James. He is survived by brothers David and Daniel.

Clyde was noted for his great knowledge of sports, and was an avid golfer from a young age.

We know you are in a peaceful place now, and you will be sorely missed. A celebration of life for family and friends will be planned in the near future.

Services Friday for Joel M. DeRoche



Joel Michael DeRoche, 52, of Edgartown, passed away on March 21, 2026, unexpectedly at his home.

Joel, the only son of Priscilla Donnelly Bettencourt and Richard DeRoche, was born December 7, 1973, in Oak Bluffs. After graduating from Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Joel went on to Westfield State College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. As a teenager he worked for the Edgartown highway and harbor master's departments, as well as for the Edgartown Police Department as a traffic officer.

In 1994, he joined the Edgartown Police Department, and served honorably until 2025, when he retired with the rank of sergeant. As a police officer, he parlayed his love of firearms by assuming the duties of department armorer, range instructor, and firearms licensing coordinator for the department. In addition, he was a school resource officer, bike patrol officer, boat crew member, and field training officer.

Joel, a lifelong and true son of Edgartown, had many interests, almost all of which involved the outdoors: hunting, fishing, shellfishing, and searching for arrowheads. Many hours were spent with his lovely daughters in tree stands, waiting for Bambi to pass by. He looked forward to his black-bear and deer hunting with friends in Maine, and hunting bear and moose with his dad in Canada. When he was stuck indoors, he could be found cooking a myriad of dishes or playing cribbage.

Joel is survived by his loving daughters, Georgia and Mabel DeRoche; his parents, Priscilla Donnelly Bettencourt of Hull, and Richard and Carol DeRoche of Middleton; his sister, Heidi Williams and her husband Randy of Hull; sister Robyn Church and her husband Adam of Worthington; and his loving partner, Marla Edoine of Mansfield. And sadly, Joel leaves his faithful sidekick Doberman, Dixie.

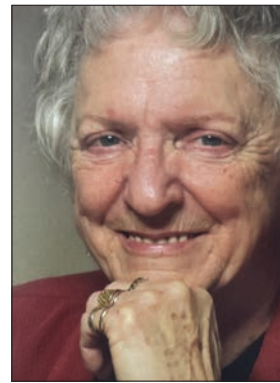
Visiting hours will be held in the Chapman Funeral Home, Edgartown Road in Oak Bluffs,

on Thursday, March 26, from 4 to 7 pm. His funeral Mass will take place in St. Elizabeth's Church, Main Street, Edgartown, on Friday, March 27, at 11 am. Burial will follow in the Tower Hill Cemetery in Edgartown. A reception will follow at the P.A. Club in Oak Bluffs; please bring a dessert to share.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Joel's memory to the Edgartown Patrolmen's Association, P.O. Box 1118, Edgartown, MA 02539, or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306.

Visit chapmanfuneral.com for online guestbook and information.

Margaret MacCarty



Margaret MacCarty, better known as Maggie, passed away peacefully on March 13, 2026, at the age of 88.

A beloved and familiar presence in the Campground community for more than four decades, Maggie leaves behind a lasting legacy of creativity, warmth, and unforgettable spirit.

For as long as many can remember, she was part of the fabric of the cottage community, a steady, meaningful presence woven into everyday life, often seen walking full steam ahead, trudging the road to happy destiny.

She was an incredibly talented actress, artist, and card player, a larger-than-life character full of drama, imagination, and magi-

cal stories that captivated those around her. Her storytelling and spirit left a lasting impression.

Maggie was also deeply rooted in the sober community. She began her sobriety on July 23, 1973, and remained sober for more than five decades.

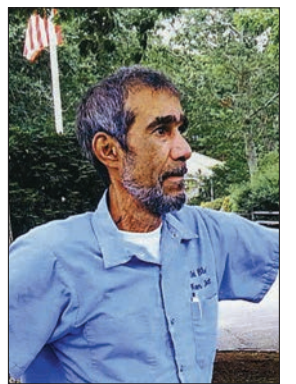
She was a guiding light and source of strength for many who struggled with alcoholism, offering understanding, support, and hope through her own lived experience.

Her presence was both vibrant and comforting, full of life and laughter. Her hugs were given with purpose; she held on with a kind of love that could mend any part of you that felt broken.

Maggie had a rare and beautiful gift: She spoke to children as if they were equals, making them feel seen, respected, and safe. She will be deeply missed, especially by those lucky enough to call her Auntie.

May she finally be at peace, drinking coffee and laughing around the table with her fellow sober angels, one day at a time.

John H. Randolph



John H. 'Randy' Randolph, 72, of Oak Bluffs, died on Wednesday morning, March 18, 2026, at his residence.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, March 21, in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Oak Bluffs.

A complete obituary will appear in another edition of this paper. Visit chapmanfuneral.com for online guestbook and information. **MVT**

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Island bowlers earn state championship

Dan Meaney and Alyssa Sylvia bowled to gold at the Special Olympics in Worcester. **BY NICHOLAS VUKOTA**

Two Island bowlers on the Martha's Vineyard Special Olympics bowling team walked away as state champions after competing in the Special Olympics of Massachusetts 10-pin state bowling tournament on Sunday, March 15, in Worcester. The Island's team qualified seven bowlers for the state match at the regional qualifiers in New Bedford in February, but it was Dan Meaney, 31, and Alyssa Sylvia, 20, who captured the team's first ever gold medals in Worcester.

"It was awesome, and it was very gratifying. I was so happy for them," said Head Coach Kevin McGrath.

The experience fostered a deep sense of accomplishment and pride within the team. "They got invited, they went, and they competed," McGrath said. "It's just a really positive feeling for everybody. It's one of the great things about the Special Olympics. Everyone feels proud of themselves just for playing at their best level and playing hard."

At the state championships at Bowlero in Worcester, Sylvia opened her first game with three strikes in a row and posted scores of 160, 109, and 119 across three rounds. McGrath said it was probably the best she had ever bowled.

McGrath highlighted that the team was making a triumphant return to the state tournament after last year's regional qualifiers were canceled due to snow.

"It was great to be able to participate in the regionals and have the chance to go to the state tournament," said McGrath.

Other team members who competed included Samuel Michaelsen, who grew up in Connecticut, MVRHS sophomore Ariel Meyer, and MVRHS graduates Julie Barbosa, Caitlin Houghton, and Talon Russillo.

McGrath said one highlight of the day was the closing ceremony, where all the athletes received awards for qualifying for the state tournament amid cheers from the crowd.

"They were congratulated at the end in a big ceremony, and everyone walked away with some hardware," said McGrath.

With the Island's Special Olympics bowling team's season at an end, many bowlers expressed sadness that they wouldn't be attending weekly Tuesday afternoon practices anymore. But many of the bowling team members have transitioned to the Special Olympics basketball team that started last week.



Dan Meaney, above, and Alyssa Sylvia, below, were the two Island bowlers who brought home gold medals at the Special Olympics of Massachusetts 10-pin state bowling tournament on Sunday.



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Luna Harre and Dan Meaney flashing positive vibes at the tournament.

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"It's a little sad to stop, because a lot of these people, especially the ones that bowled for the first time this year, they were all getting used to the routine of bowling every Tuesday, and I wish we could keep doing it. It was a lot of fun for them," said McGrath. The basketball team practices weekly on Tuesday at the Boys and Girls Club in Edgartown, and is hoping to find a league on Cape Cod to join for the upcoming winter season. "We're just working on dribbling, passing, and shooting for now, hoping we can have them join a league and play some teams on the Cape," McGrath said. "But it's a lot of fun going and spending an hour and a half just shooting and playing for fun right now." The next big milestone in the Special Olympics bowling team's agenda is the 2029 Special Olympics state tournament, where athletes who earn gold will qualify for national competitions. **MVT**

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Pharmacist Tami Hersh has operated Conroy Apothecary for 38 years.

How Tami Hersh and Conroy Apothecary have served Martha's Vineyard for nearly four decades.

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ISLANDERS WRITE

Around the Bookstore

BY MATHEW TOMBERS

Playful, prankster reads for April.

Oh, what fools!

April Fools' Day in many countries is a day to play pranks on one another. Here in the U.S., nearly 20 percent of families have a tradition of playing jokes on that day, fooling each other into believing one thing when the truth is another. April Fools' is all about pranks, jokes, illusions, and fun.

When given the task of writing about the intersection of April Fools' and literature, I thought it might be fun finding where pranks, jokes, and literature become the center of the Venn diagram. Looking around Edgartown Books, I immediately went to our Classics section. And literature did not disappoint, though not all the pranks were fun.

At the end of the Trojan War, the Greeks pranked Troy with a gift of a horse, filled with soldiers who, in the dead of night, slipped out, opened

the gates, and sacked the city.

In "The Odyssey" (soon to be released as a film directed by Christopher Nolan), Ulysses and his men are trapped (and a few eaten) by a one-eyed Cyclops. After getting the Cyclops drunk, Ulysses plunges a stake into his eye, blinding him. The Cyclops demands to know who has done this, and Ulysses answers, "Nobody." When neighbors come to find out what the screaming is about, the Cyclops tells them "Nobody" is hurting him, so they go away. Ulysses and his men escape by hiding under the giant's sheep as they are released the next morning.

Shakespeare was a master of using trickery in his stories. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is like one long April Fools' joke, with lovers misdirected, identities confused, magic bending reality.

Edgar Allan Poe wrote a story for the New York Sun about a balloon that crossed the Atlantic in 75 hours,

carrying eight men from England to South Carolina. So believable was the story in its details, the Sun offices were swarmed by people demanding copies of the paper. People wanted to believe a balloon, with a newly invented propeller, had made the transatlantic journey. Not long after, the Sun

Mark Twain gives us one of the great tricksters of all time in Tom Sawyer, who convinces his friends to pay him for whitewashing Aunt Polly's fence by making the job seem like the most important, fun thing one could be doing.

April Fools' Day embodies the spirit of theatrical farce, a type of comedy relying on

two young men pretend to be named Ernest in order to woo two young women who will only marry someone named Ernest. There is much confusion and misunderstanding, exaggerated characters, and nudging at the foolishness of humans.

In 1969, "Naked Came the Stranger" was written by two

seller. They were right.

George Plimpton, a founder of the Paris Review, pranked the sports world in 1985 in an article in Sports Illustrated about Sidd Finch, a mysterious baseball pitcher who could throw a 168-mile-per-hour fastball as a result of his studying meditation in Tibet. Plimpton wrote the story seriously, with made-up facts, observations, and staged photos. Only later did people realize there was no Sidd Finch, and that they had been fooled by a master of the word game.

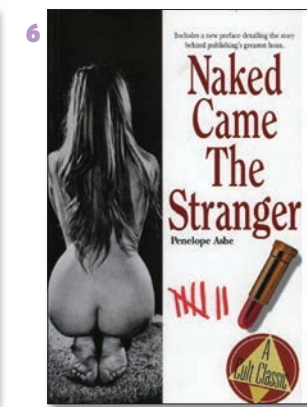
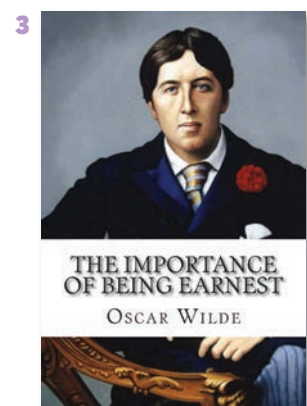
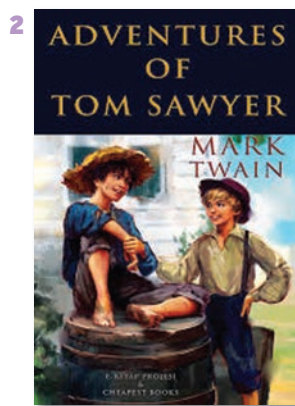
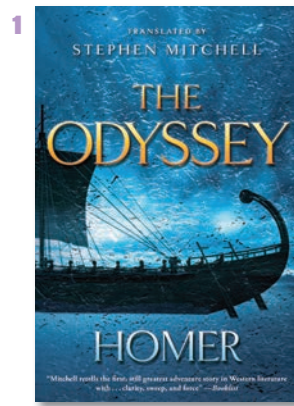
In the Harry Potter books, twin brothers Fred and George Weasley, with their joke shop, Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes, provide an antidote to the rigidity of Hogwarts and the Ministry, using polyjuice to trick people into thinking they are someone other than themselves.

April Fools' Day highlights an essential element of literature: the pleasure of being fooled. We like it. It's part of our human fiber.

The intersection of April Fools' Day and literature shows the power of storytelling. Clever stories are at the heart of April Fools' Day jokes, and clever storytelling is at the heart of literature, often playing with our human tendency to believe what we want to believe.

The spirit of April Fools' Day may be best summed up by Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," when he says, "Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

Mathew Tombers is the manager of Edgartown Books.



1. "The Odyssey," by Homer. 2. "Adventures of Tom Sawyer," by Mark Twain. 3. "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. 4. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," by William Shakespeare. 5. "Around the World in Eighty Days," by Jules Verne. 6. "Naked Came the Stranger," by two dozen journalists at Newsday.

retracted the story — but not before it influenced Jules Verne, with quiet nods to the story showing up in some of his later works, like "Around the World in 80 Days."

highly improbable situations, exaggerated characters, and frantic pacing to generate humor. My favorite is Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," in which

dozen journalists at Newsday who deliberately set out to write the worst, most salacious book they could, to prove bad smut, properly marketed, would be a best-

Writing From The Heart

BY NANCY SLONIM ARONIE



Learning to love compromise.

Perfect imperfection

So we're going to Naples, Fla., in April. Now, some of you may know that I'm married to the self-appointed Energy Czar. And while everyone has been flying everywhere, my travels have been mostly with Rick Steves, or taking virtual tours on-

line, or when I get my friend Frankie's gorgeous photographs from her exotic travels — I can imagine myself in her worlds, and I've actually been satisfied and haven't complained. Except sometimes when it's gray outside and someone sends a photo of turquoise water and white sand. I must admit, I get a little envious and wish I were

married to a normal person who can get on a plane once a year, for God's sake.

I've at least convinced the man not to put friends down when they say they're going to Thailand or St. Bart's, or to see the fjords in Norway. He no longer lectures them and makes them feel guilty with his stream of facts, starting with, "Are you aware of the fact that a Boeing 747, just to cross the U.S., puts out over 400,000 pounds of carbon dioxide? And in case you have forgotten, carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that stays in the atmosphere for at least 100 years. It's mostly responsible for the global warming we are experiencing right now."

He stopped saying those things when I told him no one is going to change. It's too much of a paradigm shift, you are mostly making people feel uncomfortable, and what's the point? The response my niece gives him is ubiquitous: "The plane is going anyway. I might as well be on it."

So why am I getting to go to Naples, Fla., in April, you might ask? Did I drug the

man? Hypnotize him? Give him a frontal lobotomy? No. I'll tell you why. I had open-heart surgery, and the guy thought I was going to die. He is so grateful, I swear if I wanted to go to Paris for the weekend, we'd be in the air right this minute.

It's amazing how love and fear and all emotions transcend facts and figures and ideologies.

I have been listening to one of my favorite spiritual teachers, Gary Zukav (author of "The Seat of the Soul" and "The Danc-

ing Wu Li Masters"), and yesterday I heard him say one of the most profound things I've ever heard. He was holding a picture of his wife, Linda. I'm assuming she must have died. I don't know the details, but he said, "When Liinda and I were first in love, I just loved her, but I have come

to realize in these later years that I loved loving her, and now I love loving everyone."

That's kind of the way I felt when I first found my teacher, Ram Dass. I just fell in love with everyone. Ram Dass had said, "I'm not interested in being a 'lover.' I'm interested in only being love." He said his practice was seeing the beloved in everyone. He said Mother Teresa described this kind of love as seeing Christ in all his distressing disguises.

It became my practice, but I've kind of lost that initial

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high, that sensation of being connected to everyone, even people whose politics and lifestyles were as far from mine as possible. I stopped judging people and myself. But I've kind of lost that initial high, of seeing everyone as the beloved.

I know I've written about this before, but it's such a per-

fect example of where I was in those early, heady, magic years of spiritual connection.

My son Josh's birthday falls near Halloween, so when he was young, I would drive around to all the pumpkin patches in all the surrounding towns looking for the perfect round, orange pumpkins.

But the year I found Ram Dass, I started seeing the beauty in the misshapen pumpkins, the ones with pockmarks and green bulges and wobbly bases, the stems broken off, the ones I wouldn't have even

considered before. After a year of listening to his tapes, I stopped needing things to be different from what they were and started seeing things as they really are: perfect.

It didn't last, that way of being, and I want that back.

And now my husband has it. And that's why we're going to Naples. **MVT**



All ingredients in and ready to start cooking.

PHOTOS: ALLISON ROBERTS

IN THE KITCHEN WITH Maribeth Macaisa

BY ALLISON ROBERTS

Chicken Adobo: A simple and delicious Filipino dish.

Maribeth Macaisa has lived on the Island full-time for about six years now. Her background is in IT and fine art photography. “I do technology for the Charter School here,” she says. “I hopped off the corporate world. I was looking for community and peace, and I found it here.”

Macaisa is Filipina, but grew up in the States. She gets the question “Where are you from?” quite a bit: “I used to feel defensive when people asked me that. A typical conversation went like this. Them: ‘Where are you from?’ Me: ‘Chicago. Born and raised. Cubs fan for life!’ Them: ‘So where are you really from?’ Me: ‘Oh, you’re right! I have lived in Massachusetts for almost 30 years now, so I’m basically from here.’ Them: ‘But where are your parents from?’ Me: ‘Oh, I see. You’re asking about my ethnic background?’ Them: [Silence.] Me: ‘My parents emigrated from the Philippines.’ Them: ‘Why didn’t you just stay there?’ I never did figure out an answer to the last one.”



Most of the ingredients for Chicken Adobo.

Macaisa grew up in a house where food was a love language: “My aunt and mother were big cooks. When my mom passed away, I feared that we might have lost the strongest connection to our heritage. In conversations with younger relatives, I was stunned to hear that some of them did not identify as Filipino, despite their parents having been born in the Philippines. ‘Except for food,’ we all

agreed. We all have vivid memories of Filipino meals prepared and shared with love.”

For our “In the Kitchen with,” Macaisa made Chicken Adobo. “This recipe is handwritten from my aunt, and I use it as a guideline. She writes things like, ‘Taste if it’s good’ instead of giving a specific amount for something. Chicken Adobo is a natural dish of the Philippines,” she says.

Chicken Adobo is simple to make, and has a short list of ingredients. “You literally just dump things in a pot and cook it. And it seasons even more overnight, so it’s even more delicious the next day. It’s comfort food,” Macaisa explains. “Sour is a common flavor in Filipino food. Sour and tangy, stewy, then balanced by pork or fatty fish.”

To honor her mother, last summer Macaisa and her nieces held a Filipino-American pop-up at Orange Peel Bakery. The pop-up offered a variety of choices, including Ning’s Beef Short Ribs, Chicken Adobo, a chef’s sampling of multiple dishes and finger foods presented on banana leaves, vegan bowls, and a variety of desserts such as Bibingo and Ube Biko — a slightly sweet snack cake baked in banana leaves and sweet sticky rice, topped with coconut caramel.

It was a hit, and a healing experience for Macaisa and her nieces, who felt more con-

nected to their ethnicity afterward. In the menu for the event, Macaisa noted, “In the years since I washed ashore on Noepe (commonly referred to as Martha’s Vineyard), I’ve witnessed the honor, and responsibility, of what it means to be indigenous to a place. As a guest of the Wampanoag nation, especially this night at the bakery that welcomes us on ancestral land, I’ve learned a better way to join dialogue that begins with the question, ‘Where are you from?’”

I hope Macaisa holds another pop-up so I can taste everything, but until that time, I will enjoy the Chicken Adobo. For the recipe, Macaisa used chicken breast, bay leaves, peppercorns, soy sauce, and garlic. She put everything in a pot and cooked it. It literally could not have been easier, and it was delicious. The chicken nearly melted in my mouth, the bok choy was mild but added a layer of flavor, and in this case she added a little coconut milk as she reduced the sauce, to make it a little thicker.

Macaisa showed me the handwritten recipe from her aunt. “She didn’t always give exact amounts. And she didn’t have the language to explain everything,” she says. Macaisa has transcribed it for our readers, keeping her aunt’s words just as she wrote them. Enjoy! **MVT**



Maribeth Macaisa emulsifying the garlic, coconut milk, and sauce.

CHICKEN ADOBO

Chicken/pork

(depends on how much you want to cook)

— I usually make with 6 chicken thighs, bone-in, skin-on

- 10 whole peppercorns
- 1/2 head of garlic: Crush cloves with skin on
- 1 Tbsp. ground pepper
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup soy sauce or tamari
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 cup full-fat coconut milk

Bok Choy or greens of your choice, as much as you like

Mix all ingredients in a pot, cover, and bring to a boil for about five minutes. Stir, cover again, turn heat to low, and simmer until meat is tender, about 20 to 40 minutes, depending on the cut. (“Let it boil in slow fire. Stir again and wait till meat is tender.”) Uncover the pot and let boil to reduce sauce to a loose glaze. (“Uncover pot and wait till sauce is enough.”)

Her last note is, “You can always add more of the ingredients depending on your taste.” One of my “tastes” celebrates that sauce! Set the meat aside, and let the glaze simmer. (At this point, I pick out the chunky bits, like the bay leaves, whole peppercorns, and whatever garlic skin remains.) Add 1/4 cup full-fat coconut milk to the pot and stir. To make it extra-smooth, emulsify using a stick blender, if you have one. Pour sauce over meat, and serve with jasmine rice and greens of your choice.

This dish is exceptional the next day!



Chicken Adobo cooking.



Chicken Adobo ready to be devoured.

O W N C O M M U N I T Y

Edgartown

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Spring is officially here and we're down to the last week of March. You can already feel the shift in energy in Edgartown, as we see our friends and neighbors getting ready for April. The Edgartown Board of Trade has started promoting its second annual Porchfest, an event that is seen in towns across the country that brings live music and community to the porches of said towns. Edgartown's

Porchfest this year will take place on May 16, so if you have a business in town that would like to participate, head over to visitedgartown.org/porchfest for more details, or email hello@visitedgartown.com if you have any questions. It's such a fun musical event, and one that you need to save the date on your calendar for! Now, if you're a farmer, baker, grower, maker, or anything in between, here's your chance to be a part of

an open-air farmers and makers market in the heart of Edgartown. I recently saw on Instagram that the Edgartown Village Market has put out a call out to vendors for the 2026 markets. It takes place on the lawn of the Daniel Fisher House on Tuesdays, starting mid-June, from 10 am to 2 pm, and is one of my favorite seasonal activities to do in town. If you're interested in partici-

pating, please check out the website at edgartownvillage-market.com for more details. This next event is actually happening on Saturday, March 28, not in Edgartown, but might interest some Edgartown and Island residents. Martha's Vineyard residents and visitors will join together with others across the country to declare, "In America we have No Kings." The Martha's

Vineyard rally is scheduled for 1:30 to 3 pm at Five Corners. The community is invited to join in as a show of support for democracy "of the people, by the people, for the people." Also on March 28th, you can join Teri Culetto, the Vineyard Baker, for a hands-on workshop to learn how to make your own Pane di Pasqua, an Italian Easter bread. This

is a traditionally rich yeast dough and includes eggs in the braid, fresh from the FARM Institute chickens! Each participant will take home a loaf of their own making, and I think this is what I'll be doing Saturday. Price is \$40 per person, and you need to register to attend, which you can do online at thetrustees.org/event/443209.

Happy birthday to Elyce Retmier, librarian extraordinaire, and Kaitie Craig, cocktail connoisseur, on March 28; Tim Benoit, hospitality hero, on March 30; João Teodoro, foodie enthusiast, on March 31; and Jared Bicknell, real estate pro, and Jack O'Malley, culinary magician, on April 1. Cheers to you all! **MVT**

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Oak Bluffs

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"April is the kindest month. April gets you out of your head and out working on the garden."

-Marty Rubin

Isn't that what we crave? To get out of our heads (I'd substitute houses) and work in the garden? Of course, out here we tend to have a cool and rainy April — but the seeds can be started and the planning can begin. And if your yard looks like mine, there is a lot of cleanup to be done this year

before getting to the garden. There will be a No Kings rally on M.V., to join the rest of the country and the world on March 28, from 1:30 to 3 pm at Five Corners. Action is the antidote to anxiety, and we do need

to make our voices heard. Join neighbors to peacefully express your concerns. April 1 will bring us the full moon, which this year is also the Paschal Moon — the first full moon after the spring equinox. This moon has been so meaningful through time. The Jewish holiday of Passover (which is the literal translation of "paschal") is celebrated on or near the first spring full moon. This year Passover begins at sundown on April 1, as the full moon

rises. I hope I get invited to a Passover Seder; I love the traditions — the storytelling, the matzoh, and the four cups of wine! Joyous Passover, friends! The third annual Waylon Madison Sauer Memorial 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be on Sunday, March 29, at 10 am at the high school gym. Teams of teens and adults will compete starting at 10. The top four teams will advance to the semifinals at 11, with the championship game at

12:30 pm. Supported by local businesses and community members, this amazing event celebrates the life of Waylon and benefits the scholarships in his name. See you there! The Oak Bluffs library is hosting "Second Chapter: Home Goods and Appliance Swap" this Saturday, March 28, from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Give your gently used household items a fresh life! Find that gadget you have always wanted! This is about sustainability, affordability, and community connection. For more information, contact cphelan@clamsnet.org. "Gig for the Gigs" at the P.A. Club is also March 28, from 7 to 10 pm. There will be a raffle, silent auction, and live music with Delanie Pickering and friends, all to ben-

efit the M.V. Rowing Club. Happy birthday to Ms. Clementine DeForest on the 27th! Randall Jette celebrates on the 27th also, and sending Dan Zoll birthday hugs across the country. Happy birthday wishes to Island musician Rob Loyott on March 29. Natalie Rose Potter celebrates on March 30; could she be blowing out FOUR candles this year? Also celebrating on the 30th is one of my favorite people, Grace Oslyn. April 1 brings lots of birthday celebrations: Robin Meader, Carla Cooper, Abby Hitchings, Heather Kochin, Danielle Light, Tyson Araujo, Sandy Moreis, and Adrian Wright are all April Fool's Day babies. Happy birthday, no fooling! Send me your news! **MVT**

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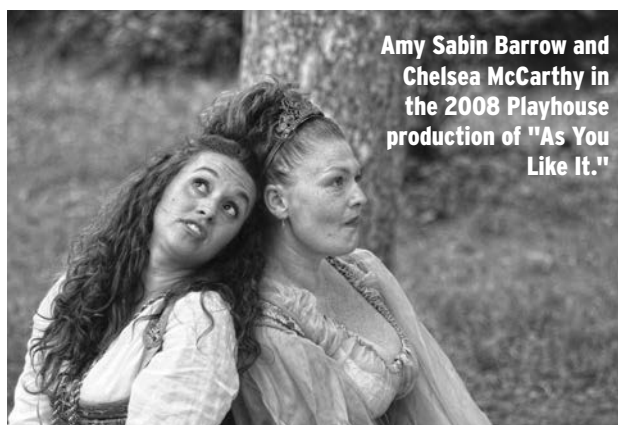
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There is no Tisbury town column this week.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Amy Sabin Barrow and Chelsea McCarthy in the 2008 Playhouse production of "As You Like It."

Audition for the M.V. Playhouse's 'As You Like It'

You are invited to audition for the M.V. Playhouse's outdoor Shakespeare production of "As You Like It," directed by Brooke Hardman Ditchfield. Dates are Friday, April 10, 5 to 7pm, and Saturday, April 11, noon to 4 pm; email auditions@mvplayhouse.org to book a slot. The auditions will be held at the Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, 24 Church

St. in Vineyard Haven. Please prepare a short (under 2 minutes) monologue from "As You Like It." For video auditions, you may submit your headshot, résumé, and a video of a short (under 2 minutes, please) monologue from the play. A YouTube link is preferred. Send to us via email at auditions@mvplayhouse.org no later than April 11. First rehearsal will be on June 15, with the opening on July 15. The close is currently scheduled for

August 8, but may be extended to August 15. If you play an instrument or sing, please prepare no more than 32 bars of music to perform. Roles open: Principal and supporting roles. Seeking energetic, non-Equity adult actors of all ages, abilities, and ethnic backgrounds. Actors must have housing on Martha's Vineyard.

M.V. Career and Networking Night

If you're looking for a new job, or hoping to explore a career change, be sure to attend the Martha's Vineyard Career and Networking Night. "Events like this help strengthen our Island economy and community by bringing people together," said Erica Ashton, executive director of the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce. "Sometimes the best opportunities come from a

simple conversation, and this evening is designed to create exactly those moments." The event is hosted by the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, Concord Electric Supply, ACE MV, M.V. Nonprofit Collaborative, and Vineyard Preservation Trust, in partnership with Slough Farm, and is designed to connect job seekers, volunteers, and professionals with local businesses and organizations looking to grow their teams. What to expect: Explore career pathways on Martha's Vineyard; discover job and volunteer openings from local businesses and nonprofits; connect with industry professionals in a relaxed, engaging setting; network over live music, food, and beverages. Businesses looking to host a table should contact membership@mvv.com by April 2. The event takes place on April 8, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Grange Hall, 1067 State Road, Vineyard Haven. Register at business.mvv.com. **MVT**

Cribbage Club results

BY SAMANTHA BURNS

Twenty members of the Vineyard Cribbage Club met this Wednesday night for six games of cribbage! The result of the night were as follows:

- First,** Frank Fenner
10/5 +74 card
- Second,** David Christensen
10/5 +55 card
- Third,** Collin Evanson
9/4 +49 card
- Fourth,** Ed Roman
9/4 +04 card
- Fifth,** Ed Montesion
8/4 +26 card

We had three 24-point hands, by Byram Devine, Bill Russell, and Collin Evanson. Three players got skunked! We meet on Wednesdays at the American Legion in Katama. If you like cribbage, we have a potluck every week at 5:30 pm, and we start playing at 6 pm SHARP. If you'd like more info, feel free to email or call/text Mary Alice Russell at maonmv@mac.com or 508-524-1220.

O W N C O M M U N I T Y

Aquinnah



By Kathie Olsen

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If you want to lift your heart, feed your love of community, and find your courage, there are a couple of big events happening this Saturday, March 28. You can begin the day by standing at Five Corners with your fellow Vineyarders in support of our beautiful country, and demand that there be No Kings in America. This No Kings Day promises to be the largest demonstration in our nation's history, and is part of a massive rising of Americans who are willing to nonviolently stand for empathy, for the rule of

law, separation of powers, and for our Constitution. Be ready to tell your grandchildren that you stood up for what is right. Now is the time. This is not a moment for timidity. All you have to do is to be present. The gathering starts at 1:30 pm. Then, go home and prepare some food to share, because starting at 5:30 pm, at the Aquinnah Town Hall, there will be the first annual Aquinnah Library Community Dinner. Join in for a potluck-style evening of food, live music, and community conversation geared for the whole family. There

will be live music by Rose Guerin, Buck Shank, and Lydia Fischer. I'm looking forward to this break from late winter/early spring isolation and gray skies. Our town knows how to give a party, and this should be a great one.

As long as I'm singing our praises, we can be proud of the fact that Aquinnah is now the first town on-Island to officially designate itself a Fourth Amendment Workplace Community. This puts us officially on record for supporting efforts to inform and educate our town about its rights and

responsibilities under the Fourth Amendment. The Fourth Amendment states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." It should not be necessary for us to officially state our respect for the Constitution and the rule of law, but it has become so. I'm proud

and grateful to Jeffrey Madison and our select board for leading the way.

Laura Jordan-Decker, Kate Taylor, and Barbara Wallen are working hard to bring together the third Aquinnah Variety Show, which will take place on Saturday, May 9. They are still looking for people to fill out the program. Strut your stuff, be it a circus or comedy act, music performance, dance, juggling, or rope tricks. If you aren't sure about it, Kate and Laura are ready to help you refine and produce a great bit. If you're game, contact them right away at laurajor-

dandecker@gmail.com.

On Tuesday, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, the Vineyard Conservation Society is hosting an evening of conversation at the M.V. Film Center about PFAS, a dangerous group of chemicals that has been found in some Vineyard water. The evening will include information about what is known about PFAS levels here, what Vineyard towns and state agencies are doing about it, and what individual residents can do to protect themselves. Go if you can, or contact them at 508-693-9588 for further information.

Happiest birthday wishes this week go to Nanauwe Vanderhoop on March 23, Zyair Aiguier-Bolling on March 26, Jannette Vanderhoop on March 29, and to Heidi Vanderhoop on March 30. **MVT**

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Chilmark



By Claire Ganz

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Last Monday the wind blew a few more branches down. On Tuesday, Jay Grossman passed after a rough and long battle with cancer. His absence is palpable. Jay brought fun, joy, laughter, and a fierce belief in family, friendship, and sports to Chilmark. We were lucky to have him serve as the Chilmark representative to the M.V. Commission. He will be missed on the softball field and tennis courts, and by all the players he represented and mentored, including in

the youth hockey community. I encourage you to read the remembrances posted under his obituary at bit.ly/CF_JayGrossman. Heartfelt condolences to Jay's wife, Nancy, his children, Justin and Av-

ery, and the entire family.

May his memory be a blessing.

Last Saturday friends and family filled the seats in the Community Center and remembered Warren Doty. Grief is hard. It takes time to heal from the varied wounds that accompany the death of a loved one.

August 10, 2025, Cathy Brown, 63, a retired professor of child advocacy, died in Austin, Texas. Some may remember her from

the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club, beach gatherings in Chilmark, or AA meetings. Her commitment to the AA community and to justice continued through her life. She is the big sister of the smart, beautiful, and strong Laura (Brown) Rodgers.

I was in Laura's class, and the most important thing I took away from school in addition to thinking critically and questioning was showing up. Standing with each other. Listening. Witnessing.

On Saturday, March 21, Laura hosted a memorial gathering of friends and family in Washington, D.C. Laura spoke eloquently and poignantly about her big sister, sisterhood, shared memories, the gift of family, Cathy's children and grandchildren, and the silence knowing there will be no more returned phone calls or texts.

In Cathy's home, her family found signs she carried, protesting abusive detentions by ICE and supporting trans rights.

This Saturday, March 28, from 1:30 to 3 pm at Five Corners in Vineyard Haven, is the third nationwide No Kings Day of Action call to nonviolently protest actions that dismiss the rule of law, democracy, human rights, and due

process. There is much to be worried about, and we are a stronger community when we witness, listen, and speak up.

Friday afternoons, 1 to 3 pm, the Slow Stitching Circle at Pathways continues. Rebecca Gilbert and I appreciate the conversations as much as the knitting and stitching.

Tuesdays at 6 pm is Pizza Night at the Chilmark Community Church.

Pathways hosts Poetry and Prose on Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9 pm at the Chilmark Tavern. Saturday there will be music at Pathways. Check out the website for details on the performances: pathwaysmv.org.

Yellow daffodils are blooming, and rain is soaking the ground. Wishing everyone a good week. **MVT**

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West Tisbury



By Hermine Hull

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Sunday was gray, wet, and grim, the weather appropriate for the task at hand. Mike and I planned to spend the day working on our taxes. We have always done them together, filling in endless forms, following — more or less — directions that seem confusing, or pointless. There are forms where you start with one number, perform endless manipulations, and end up at the bottom of the page with the same number you started with. Still, it is always gratifying to complete and sign the return, put it in the envelope, and send it off.

I am usually quite pleased with myself that I am a citizen contributing to the greater good of my country. I am happy to pay for school lunches and Coast Guard rescues, for accurate weather reports, for people who answer telephones and questions in government offices, for the care of our injured military men and women, for highways and public buildings kept in good repair, for people who plan ahead when a disaster threatens and are prepared to help affected communities, for inspectors who make sure our food, medications, airports, and cars are safe, for

scientists who find cures for diseases, for clean air and clean water, for all sorts of things that make life better and safer for Americans, and for people the world over. I wouldn't even mind paying salaries for our legislators and their staffs if they would work cordially together to accomplish something positive for their constituents, instead of acting like enemy combatants.

But this year is different. I don't want to pay for a ridiculous war, dreamed up as a fantasy game with no

thought to the consequences, costing billions of dollars. I don't want to pay for people to die or be injured, for countries to be devastated by bombs, for the loss of land, infrastructure, food, water, for anyone no longer safe in their own homeland. I don't want to pay for causing such unmitigated misery that the entire Middle East will hate us, and perhaps retaliate on American soil. Remember how we felt after 9/11?

Is it really all about access to oil? Wouldn't we be safer if we transitioned to solar

and wind for our energy? Probably healthier, too.

America and much of the world has been thoroughly degraded by our president and his administration, as has our White House, torn apart and gaudily gilded.

So I will be out at Five Corners next Saturday from 1:30 to 3 pm with, I hope, thousands of others. March 28 is the next No Kings rally. Get your signs ready, and hope it doesn't rain.

The League of Women Voters of Martha's Vineyard will host a public forum on Tuesday, March

31, at 6:30 pm, at the West Tisbury library. Candidates running for office will speak and answer questions. The select board is the only contested race in town this year. Garrison Viera is challenging incumbent Jessica Miller. The program will be filmed, and available on MVTV and on demand through Election Day, April 16.

The annual Spring Egg Hunt will begin at 10:30 am SHARP this Saturday morning, March 28, at the West Tisbury library. Bring your basket and gather outside the front entrance.

Big news is that the Great Pond was opened last week, and there is, once again, beach to walk on. The pond had risen to flood part of the surrounding field, and to wash out the stairs. Abby is happy to be swimming and rolling in wet sand, as I'm sure many other dogs are. Yippee! **MVT**

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Feasting and fun at the Meat Ball

The 10th annual Meat Ball and contradance was a hit.

BY ALLISON ROBERTS

The Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society held its 10th annual Meat Ball, on Saturday, March 21, at the Agricultural Hall in West Tisbury. This milestone year celebrated agriculture, community, and for the first time, a traditional contradance, featuring caller John Alden, and live music by the Flying Elbows and Friends.

"The Meat Ball is our winter fundraiser; it started out as a way to support local

farmers, and it's grown to 200 to 300 people attending," the program and outreach manager of the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society (MVAS), Lucy Grinnan, says. "We have local bands playing, dancing, and the buffet offers different kinds of meatballs — all local meat — and this year we're looking forward to our first contradance."

Julie Scott, executive director of Slough Farm, and mastermind behind the Meat Ball, says that she was on the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society's programs committee, and the farm manager at the FARM Institute, when the idea was born. "I had heard from some farmers that meat sales were low that winter — and the FARM Institute had lots of sausage in the freezer — so we decided to host a dinner and dance party focused on locally raised meat in the off-season. The Meat Ball was born! Although no one has yet worn a ball gown to it, which is sort of a bummer."

The Agricultural Society purchases the meat for the Meat Ball from several farms. "I've been part of the Meat Ball for the past seven years with my farm enterprise Fork to Pork, and for the past three years with my farm enterprise Leaf to Beef," says founder of Fork to Pork and Leaf to Beef Jo Douglas. "It is helpful as a fundraiser for the Ag Society, which runs programs for farmers throughout the year, bringing in speakers on topics such as writing leases and applying for grants, but also knowing that the Ag Society is financially supporting us farmers through the purchase of our meat — specifically pork and beef, from me — as a known market in the less active months on the Vineyard."

Chef Charlie Granquist of Slough Farm, alongside a dedicated team of volunteers, prepares the Meat Ball's infamous buffet, which features hundreds of handmade meatballs, along with an array of sides and desserts, as well as vegetarian and alpha-gal-friendly options.

"This will be my fourth year cooking for the Meat Ball," Granquist says. "I always try to have a basic Italian-style beef meatball. Other than that, I see what meats we are able to procure, and have some fun with it — Mediterranean lamb, Asian pork, you name it! But it's not just me. It takes a small army of volunteers to pull the Meat Ball off. We are so thankful to all who help out and make it happen."

Though food is the star, the Meat Ball is also about community and connection during the off-season. "It's a gathering spot for the multitude of Vineyarders who call this special Island their home — families with children frolicking around the tables, and friends preparing special drinks to complement the food offerings," Douglas notes. "I love having my meat featured alongside all my fellow farmers' offerings; I am honored to farm here because of the ample resources afforded to us farmers, such as great leases to pastureland, as well as eager customers who want to support us farmers humanely raising our animals. We farmers on this Island love our animals, and that is reflected in the high-quality products we produce — and we also love sharing our bounty with our neighbors, because everyone has to eat!"

Grinnan agrees. "I often find March on the Vineyard pretty bleak, so it's nice to have something to look forward to. It feels great to offer people something to do when so much isn't going on. The hall was built by hundreds of our community members, so every time I see it full of community, it feels like a full circle." **MVT**



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— Jo Douglas



PHOTOS: LISA BERKOWER

The 10th annual Meat Ball drew young and old alike for excellent food, music, dancing, companionship, and entertainment by the Flying Elbows.



calendar

Event spotlight for the week of 3-26 – 3-31

THU 3/26

Naptime with David Stanwood

Naptime is a meditation hour, during which David Stanwood plays piano

improvisations, allowing space for unwinding, resting, dreaming, writing, drawing, and meditating. You might find yourself magically floating upstream. Yoga mats and cushions are provided. Tickets are on a sliding scale from \$10 to \$30. Email info@stillpointmv.org if cost is a barrier to entry. 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Stillpoint, 20 Stillpoint Meadows Road, West Tisbury.



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FRI 3/27

MVFF screening: 'Following Harry'

This documentary follows singer, actor, and activist Harry Belafonte in the final 12 years of his life, as he mentors a new generation of civil rights defenders while continuing his lifelong fight for justice. There will be a discussion with film subject, activist, and Dream Defenders co-founder Phillip Agnew,



activist and Barrios Unidos founder Nane Alejandre, and director and producer Susanne Rostock after the screening, and author, activist, and educator Mathea Morais will moderate. Free/pay-what-you-can ticketing. Visit tmvff.org/followingharry. 8 pm. Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, 24 Church St., Vineyard Haven.

SAT 3/28

Pane di Pasqua: Italian Easter egg bread

Teri Culetto, the Vineyard Baker, will host a hands-on workshop, teaching participants how to make their own Pane di Pasqua, an Italian Easter bread. This is a traditionally rich yeast dough which includes eggs in the braid. Each participant will take home a loaf of their own making. Saturday, March 28, 10 am to noon. Tickets

are \$40. Visit thetrustees.org/event/443209. FARM Institute, the Trustees, 14 Aero Ave., Edgartown.



SUN 3/29

'Growing Brassicas'

This workshop will begin with a walk around Beetlebung Farm's regenerative land. The discussion will include growing in general, with a focus on growing regeneratively, different methods, practices, tools, and infrastructure used on the farm, as well as specifics about brassicas, including cabbage, kale, cauliflower, bok choy, and broccoli. Questions are encour-

aged throughout. Dress warmly. Free and open to all, from beginner to experienced gardeners. 1 to 2:30 pm. Registration required. Visit marthasvineyardagriculturalsociety.org to sign up. Beetlebung Farm, 410 Middle Road, Chilmark.

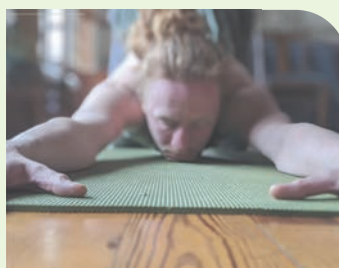


MON 3/30

Virtual chair yoga

Chair yoga is a supported style of yoga that is accessible to all levels and ages. Practitioners will be guided through seated and moving meditations utilizing the support and assistance of a chair. The chair can lend support for getting deeper into postures while maintaining the relaxation response throughout the class. All participants will need for this class is an armless chair and a place to put it. Weekly vir-

tual session offered by Jason Mazar-Kelly (Yogi Jay) through the West Tisbury library. 7:30—8:30 am. Free and open to the public. Sign up at wholesomemv.com/classschedule. West Tisbury library, 1042 State Road, West Tisbury.



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TUES 3/31

Teen & tween arts & crafts

This relaxed, open-ended session lets kids explore a variety of creative projects, from drawing and painting to fun crafts and DIY activities. No registration required — just stop by and let your creativity flow. All skill levels are welcome. Class meets every Tuesday, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Young adult librarian Laura H. will lead a different multimedia art class each week. Class is held

upstairs in the Community room. For ages 10-18, supplies provided. West Tisbury library, 1042 State Road, West Tisbury.



Events

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Dance Fitness and Strength Training with Kris Martin

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A creative blend of rhythmic resistance, cardio conditioning, manageable mobility and core strength exercises all set to crazy-FUN music. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Virtual Kripalu Flow Yoga

7:30 am, West Tisbury Library. On Zoom with Yogijay. Sign up at <https://www.wholesomemv.com/classschedule> 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

Mindfulness & Meditation

Open Practice Group
8-9 am, Aquinnah Town Hall. Mindfulness & meditation practice group, open to anyone interested in being more intentional and practicing with others. 413-575-0110, ruthfolchman@me.com.

Kaiut Yoga

8:30-9:30 am, Peaked Hill Studio, Chilmark. Kaiut Yoga works through chronic pain and injuries, general aches and stiffness, and is good for the inflexible, hyper flexible and the aging body. 774-563-8282, valerie@peakedhillstudio.com.

Balletics

9-10 am, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Total body conditioning, learning body's strengths & weaknesses, how to prevent injury. coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov, 508-693-2896.

Fit for Flow with Maggie Buccì

9-10 am, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This fitness class, led by Maggie Buccì, is designed to get you fit to flow with the journey of life info@stillpointmv.org.

Little Island Voices: inclusive music class

10-10:45 am, West Tisbury Library. Sensory-friendly, inclusive music circle for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Thursdays 10-10:45, WT Library 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Thursday Play Kitchen and Store

10 am-12 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Come enjoy watching your kids be creative and solve problems! For ages 2-6. Drop in between 10am-noon. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Wiggle with the Words Storytime

10:30-11 am, Edgartown Library. Fun props and interactive stories. Geared for ages 1-5, but all are welcome. No sign-up. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Tech help

11 am-1 pm, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Free tech help 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov.

Needlework Group

1-3 pm, Up Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Needlework Group @ Up Island Council on Aging. Thursdays 1-3:00 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov.

Red Dragon Mah-Jong

1-3 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Come join us for a fun weekly Mah-jong meetup! Bring your board or use one of ours, subject to availability. 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Community Knitting Circle

1-3 pm, Chilmark Library. Join us for a relaxed afternoon of knitting in the Martha's Vineyard Room. Our knitters love to share their knowledge and beginners are welcome! 508-645-3360, chil.programs@gmail.com.

Chef Look Cooks - Patron Favorites: Chicken Adobo

2-3:30 pm, Edgartown Library. We're turning the tables with a new series inspired by your favorite meals! 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org

Lego and Magnatile Club

3-5 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Drop in anytime between 3 to 5 pm. For kids ages 5-11. Duplos, original size Legos and Magna-tiles will be provided. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Poetry Games for Kids

3-4 pm, Chilmark Library. Kids poetry games and activities 508-645-3360, adubno@clamsnet.org.

Ukulele Jam

3:30-5 pm, West Tisbury Library. All ages and abilities. The library has ukuleles to borrow, or bring a guitar or banjo, or come to sing. wt_mail@clamsnet.org, 508-693-3366.

Book Buddies

3:30-4:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. High Schoolers reading to elementary-aged children Thursdays 3:30-4:30 at the West Tisbury Library 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Naptime with David Stanwood

3:30-4:30 pm, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. Experience the calming effect of harmonic vibration, with pianist and acclaimed piano technician David Stanwood. info@stillpointmv.org.

Winter Wellness Part 3: Wampanoag Wellness & Gentle Yoga - A 2 Part Series

4-5 pm, Aquinnah Library. To register or for more information, email gwillbur@clamsnet.org. 508-645-2314, gwillbur@clamsnet.org.

Book Discussion - Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln

4:30-5:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Book Discussion - Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

MVFF Screening: Nuisance Bear

5 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Nuisance Bear 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

Common Thread Social Needlework Meetup (formerly Stitch Society)

5-6 pm, West Tisbury Library. Thursdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, for the Common Thread: Social Needlework Meetup 508-693-3366, lhearn@clamsnet.org.

Stitch Society Crafting Group

5-6 pm, West Tisbury Library. Drop-in and work on your project. Needle felting, embroidery, needlework, and more. 508-693-3366, lhearn@clamsnet.org.

MVFF Screening: Documentary Shorts

5 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Documentary Shorts 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

Good Shepherd Parish Community Suppers [Dine-in or Take-out]

5-6 pm, St. Augustine's Church Hall [handicap accessible], Vineyard Haven. GSP Community Supper, Thurs Jan thru Mar, 5-6pm. St. Augustine's Church 56 Franklin St. VH call 508-684-6270 by 6pm on Monday to record your request 860-992-7012, burkewg@comcast.net.

Table Tennis

5 pm, Tisbury Senior Center, Vineyard Haven. Table tennis for all ages and skill levels. 508-728-5898, raeobmv@gmail.com.

Pilates Flow with Camille Beauzile

5:30-6:30 pm, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This upbeat Pilates class blends preventative medicine, mind-over-matter focus, and joyful movement info@stillpointmv.org.

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Straight from the King's mouth

"EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert" at the M.V. Film Center.

BY ABBY REMER

The King of Rock 'n' Roll reigns supreme in Baz Luhrmann's "EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert," playing at the Martha's Vineyard Film Center beginning March 27. "EPiC," which is part documentary, part concert film, proves that Elvis was clearly a man with a passion for music who threw his all into every song he sang, whether during rehearsal or onstage in front of thousands. Elvis starts off, saying, "I'd like to talk to you ladies and gentlemen about how I got into this business. There's been a lot written and a lot said, but never from my side of the story." The words we hear throughout are those of Elvis. There are no talking heads, and even interview footage focuses on the man himself answering the questions. There are delightful comments as Elvis speaks about, for instance, his early career: "I guess the first thing people want to know is why I can't stand still while I'm singing. Some people tap their feet. Some people snap their fingers, and some people just sway back and forth. I just started doing it all together, I guess ... I can't help but move to rock 'n' roll music."

Elvis realized he could sing at 2 years old. And at 8, he entered a talent show, winning fifth place: "People were amazed I could sing. I became popular in school after that." His father offered Elvis a choice of a bike or a guitar at 10 years of age. "I took the guitar and learned to play by watching people," he recounts. Yet Elvis adds that his father later told him, "I never saw a guitar player who was worth a damn."

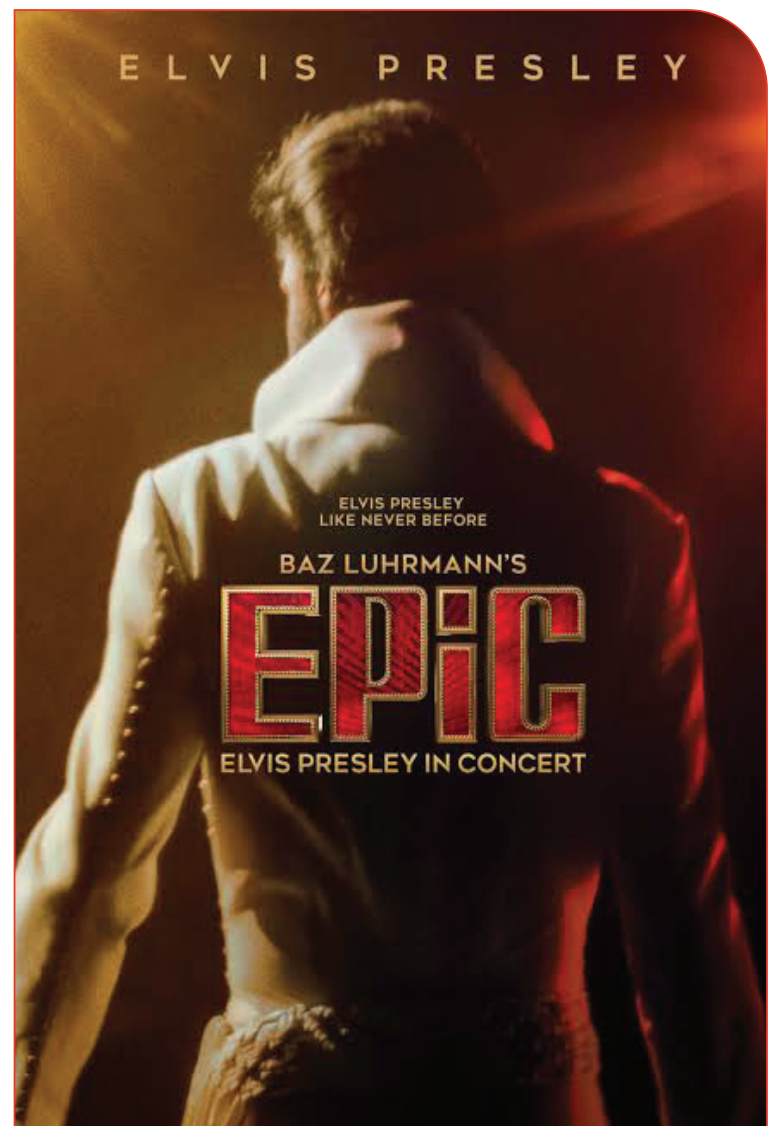
Elvis, of course, proved him wrong. The first part of the film focuses on the young, slim, sinuous Elvis, breaking hearts and sending the female audience members into wild fits as he commands the stage. He briefly refers to his two-year stint in the Army, from 1958 to 1960, when he served as a regular soldier and tank driver in the 3rd Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany, rather than joining Special Services as an entertainer. Afterward, we see film clip after film clip of his campy Hollywood films, which Elvis speaks

derisively about, and witness his decision to return to performing live.

The rest of the film focuses almost exclusively on Elvis onstage during a series of concerts in the 1970s, and on rehearsals and studio sessions with his band and an extensive array of backup singers. He appears easygoing and generous of heart to those with whom he works, and with his audience as well. At one point, Elvis explains his dedication to a concert series: "We did two shows a night for five weeks. We never let it get old. It's like we do each song for the first time. That's one of the secrets."

Elvis had eclectic influences, including country music, gospel, and rhythm and blues. There is fascinating footage of him singing the Beatles' "Yesterday," the gospel favorite "Oh Happy Day," and Bob Dylan's "I Shall Be Released," along with showstopping renditions of "Can't Help Falling in Love" and his first-ever live performance of "Burning Love."

In a July 2025 interview in Variety Magazine, Luhrmann describes how he came upon the footage for "EPiC" while making his earlier biopic, "Elvis." "We went on a search for rumored unseen footage from the iconic 1970s concert films 'Elvis: That's the Way It Is' and 'Elvis on Tour.' My initial thought was that we may be able to restore the unused footage (if we could find it) and use it in our 'Elvis' feature ... I had researchers go into the Warner Bros. film vaults buried in underground salt mines, and to the astonishment of all, we uncovered 68 boxes of film negative, as well as unseen 8mm footage. It has taken two years to restore the footage to a quality that it has never been projected at previously, while the team had to meticulously claw back sound from the many unconventional sources that were also unearthed. One of the great finds has been unheard recordings of Elvis



"EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert" is playing at the M.V. Film Center beginning March 27. For tickets and information, visit mvfilmsociety.com.

talking about his life and his music. It was this that gave the inspiration for "EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert."

Fascinatingly, many of the reels were silent, and it took two years to sync up the original audio with the footage. Luhrmann says, "And so began a search for the sound. I sent guys to meet with gangsters in car parks and buy it off the black market. I wish I was pretending — but actually, one of my guys was like, 'I was scared, man. I thought, They're gonna bump me off, you know?' It was that crazy."

The film had its first advance U.S. screenings at Grace-land on Jan. 8, on what would have been Elvis's 91st birthday. But watching "EPiC," it feels like the young King lives on with us today. **MVT**

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Events

International Film Night

6-8 pm, Edgartown Library. Once a month on Thursdays. Visit website for details. 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

Jazz at Sweet Life with Jeremy Berlin

6:30-8:30 pm, Sweet Life, Oak Bluffs. Jeremy Berlin plays jazz piano every Thursday at the Sweet Life starting at 6:30 617-835-3756, emhaggerty@gmail.com.

MVFF Screening: Paralyzed by Hope: The Maria Bamford Story

7:30 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Paralyzed by Hope: The Maria Bamford Story 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

MVFF Screening: Heartworm

8 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Heartworm 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

26th Annual Martha's Vineyard Film Festival

The Grange Hall & Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, West Tisbury. 26th Annual Martha's Vineyard Film Festival 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Cardio and Conditioning with Alyson Parker

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. Cardio and strength work with weights and conditioning using your own body weight for resistance. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Pumped Up Intervals with Maria McFarland

8:30-9:30 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A class alternating cardio intervals and weight work intervals using heavier weights, body bars, loops bands, and weighted balls. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Turtle Time

10 am-4 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Turtle Time! Biofacts, a story and a craft all about turtles. There will be turtles to touch! Program led by Josey from Felix Neck. Ages 4-8. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Gray Matters : Conversation for Seniors 65+ on Zoom

10-11 am, PathwaysARTS / Zoom, Chilmark. Casual conversation on Zoom for Community Seniors 65+ on topics of interest to elders. Contact Keren4Pathways@gmail for Zoom link on the day of event. 508-645-9098, tanya4pathways@gmail.com.

Kid's Music Class

10:30-11 am, West Tisbury Library. Sing fun songs and play instruments with friends! Ages 0-5 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Friday Crafting

10:30 am-4:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Craft projects for ages 3-11. New craft each week. Drop in. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Mini-Maker Craft Club

10:30 am-2 pm, Edgartown Library. A different-themed craft will be offered every week, drop in and get creative! 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

Vineyard Haven Library Story Circle with Aria

10:45 am, MV Family Center, Vineyard Haven. Weekly story circle with Children's Librarian Aria on Tuesdays and Fridays — now at the MV Family Center on Greenwood Ave following 9:30am playgroup. 508-696-4211, vhpl_programs@clamsnet.org.

Toddler Time

11-11:30 am, Chilmark Library. We'll read classic and current children's literature, and sing, move, and play together. Ideal for preschool ages. chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com 508-645-3360, chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com.

Online Balance with Kanta Lipsky

11:30 am-12:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. To strengthen our connection to Earth and maintain balance. To sign up, email wt_mail@clamsnet.org. 508-693-3366.

Tai Chi with Shaka Fridays

1-2 pm, Tisbury COA, Vineyard Haven. Tiz COA Tai Chi Mondays at 8:15AM and Fridays at 1PM 508-696-4205, amcdonough@tisburyma.gov.

Kids' Magic: The Gathering Club

3:30-4:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. Beginners are encouraged, and cards are provided. Recommended for ages 8+. 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

MVFF Screening: Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World

4 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

MVFF Screening: Heartworm

5 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Heartworm 508-696-6300, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

MVFF Screening: When a Witness Recants

7 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: When a Witness Recants 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

MVFF Screening: Following Harry

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Dance Fitness with Kris Martin

8:30-9:30 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A creative blend of rhythmic resistance, cardio conditioning, manageable mobility and core strength exercises all set to crazy-FUN music. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Vinyasa Power Yoga

9-10 am, Edgartown Library. Therapeutic and creative, with elements of strength building. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Acrylic Painting

9 am-12 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. Perfect your painting techniques during this weekly intermediate/advanced class! 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.org.

Kaiut Yoga

9-10 am, Peaked Hill Studio, Chilmark. Kaiut Yoga is works through chronic pain and injuries, general aches and stiffness, and is good for the inflexible, hyper flexible and the aging body. 774-563-8282, vsonenthal@gmail.com.

MVFF Screening: Seized

10 am, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Seized 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuitararts.org.

Seasonal Staff-Led Tours at the Polly Hill Arboretum

10-11 am, The Polly Hill Arboretum, West Tisbury. Appreciate the early spring landscape of the Arboretum by joining PHA staff on a walk through the Arboretum. Included in admission; free for members 508-693-9426, info@pollyhillarboretum.org.

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	SCIENCE ON SCREEN: WHEN HARRY MET SALLY FREE ADMISSION	7:30 PM
Sat 3/28	THE GENIUS OF MARIAN FREE ADMISSION	4:00 PM
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Information & Schedules mvfilmsociety.com 508.696.9369

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Events

MVFF Screening: Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World

10 am, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

Dinosaur Reveal Party

10 am-12 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. "Tacki" a mounted Psittacosaurus skeleton, is going to be on public display at Oak Bluffs Public Library. Join us for kids activities and games. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Pane di Pasqua: Italian Easter Egg Bread with Vine...

10 am-12 pm, Farm Institute, The Trustees, Edgartown. 978-921-1944, information@ttor.org.

Spring Egg Hunt

10:30-11 am, West Tisbury Library. Free egg hunt at 10:30AM SHARP at the West Tisbury Library. Crafts afterwards! 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Pilates Flow with Camille Beauzie

10:30-11:45 am, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This upbeat Pilates class blends preventative medicine, mind-over-matter focus, and joyful movement info@stillpointmv.org.

Second Chapter: Home Goods & Appliance Swap

10:30 am-3:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Second Chapter: Home Goods & Appliance Swap 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Mini-Maker Craft Club

10:30 am-2 pm, Edgartown Library. A different-themed craft will be offered every week, drop in and get creative! 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

Storytime

11-11:30 am, Chilmark Library. We'll read classic and current children's literature, and sing, move, and play together. Ideal for ages 3-6. adubno@clamsnet.org, 508-645-3360, chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com.

Chain Reaction Building Activity

12:30-2:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. Kids building activity. Make your own Rube Goldbergesque contraption 3/28 12:30-2:30pm West Tis Library 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

SINGING & PERFORMING CLASS

1-2:30 pm, Aquinnah Town Hall. Singers choose a song to cover and develop for a stage performance over the course of the 8 week session, with a performance on the last day.laurajordandecker@gmail.com.

MVFF Screening: Cookie Queens

1 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Cookie Queens 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

MVFF Screening: Narrative Shorts

1 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Narrative Shorts 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

Seed Propagation: Growing Your Own Vegetables with Patty & Sandra

1-3 pm, Donaroma's Garden Store and Nursery, Edgartown. Hands on class focused in starting vegetables from seed. Learn about seed selection, soil, timing, light and care. 508-627-8366, amy@donaromas.com.

Sculptural Needle Felting Workshop

1-3 pm, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs. Build upon existing knowledge of needle felting and learn next steps and techniques to further your felting projects with more detail! 508-693-1850, featherstone@featherstoneart.org.

NO KINGS RALLY 3

1:30-3 pm, Five Corners, Vineyard Haven. Join your neighbors in the peaceful protest against anti-democratic actions being taken by the current administration. 201-207-7568, monahennessy1@gmail.com.

All Ages Chess Club

2-3:30 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Join us in a fun and welcoming environment. oakb_mail@clamsnet.org, 508-693-9433. 5

Afternoon Piano Lounge with Adele Dreyer

2-3 pm, Edgartown Library. Join us for a casual, relaxing hour of piano music performed by Adele Dreyer. 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

MVFF Screening: Everybody to Kenmure Street

2:45 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Everybody to Kenmure Street 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

Jazz Film Screening

3 pm, West Tisbury Library. hosted by MV Radio's Dave Kish. This month, we will be screening Part 2 of One Night with Blue Note. 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

MVFF Screening: Following Harry

4 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Following Harry 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

Free Screening of The Genius of Marian

4-6 pm, MV Film Center, Vineyard Haven. Join MV Center for Living at the Film Center for a free screening of The Genius of Marian, followed by Q&A/discussion with filmmaker, Banker White. 508-939-9440, katiev@mvcenter4living.org.

MVFF Screening: Poetic License

5 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Poetic License 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

Community Supper

5:30-7 pm, Trinity Parish House, Oak Bluffs. Community Supper 508-693-4424, umcmv@outlook.com.

MUSIC SERIES: BlueSwitch (Blues) & Tony Tobia Compositions

7-9 pm, PathwaysARTS at the Chilmark Tavern. Tony Tobia plays excerpts of new compositions in progress, followed BlueSwitch, (Blues) with Jim Carnazzo, Larry Lusignan, Chris Knott, Tom Howland. 508-645-9098, tanya4pathways@gmail.com.

MVFF Screening: The Christophers

7:30 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: The Christophers 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

MVFF Screening: When a Witness Recants

7:45 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: When a Witness Recants 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Palm Sunday Service

9-10:15 am, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Edgartown. The Sunday of the Passion. With Procession of Palms and Passion Gospel. All are welcome! 508-627-5330, office@standrewsmv.org.

Palm Sunday Church Service

10-11 am, First Congregational Church of West Tisbury. Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with palms and singing. 508-693-2842, wtscong@comcast.net.

"Bearing Witness and Using Your Voice for the Voiceless" with Rachel Self

10 am, Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven. Please join us in person or online on Sunday at 10 am! 508-693-8982, uu.society.mv@gmail.com.

MVFF Screening: Cookie Queens

10 am, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Cookie Queens 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

BrunchBQ & Beats with DJ Smooth B @ Black Joy Kitchen

10 am-2 pm, Black Joy Kitchen, Oak Bluffs. Sunday BrunchBQ & Beats with DJ Smooth B @ Black Joy Kitchen 508-338-7750, hello@blackjoykitchen.com.

MVFF Screening: Jane Elliott Against The World

10:15 am, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Jane Elliott Against The World 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

Sunday B-Side Brunch

11 am-2 pm, Martha's Vineyard Museum, Vineyard Haven. Sunday B Side Brunch: 11-2 at First Light Café. Great food, views, and soulful vinyl by DJ Vincent Patricola. Free and open to all. 508-627-4441, rpierce@mvmuseum.org.

MVFF Screening: Seized

12:45 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Seized 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

MVFF Screening: Everybody to Kenmure Street

1 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Everybody to Kenmure Street 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

Growing Brassicas with Ethan Buchanan-Valenti

1-2:30 pm, Beetlebung Farm, Chilmark. Growing Kale, Cabbage, Broccoli, and Other Brassicas with Ethan Buchanan-Valenti 508-693-9549, programs@mvgasoc.org.

Cup of Karma Cafe

2-3:30 pm, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. All are welcome to these gatherings, which are stress-free, peaceful, and for those who are interested in celebrating the journey of life. info@stillpointmv.org.

POSTPONED! Concert: Novos Caminhos

2:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. Brazil-based trio of 7-string guitar, 10-string bandolim and percussion. 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

MVFF Screening: Broken English

3:30 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Broken English 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

MVFF Screening: Vineyard Shorts

3:45 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: Vineyard Shorts 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

Local Off-Season Dancing & Music with Barbara & Jessie, Jaywalkers duo

4 pm, Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven. Join the MV Ballroom Dancers for an afternoon of off-season music and dancing. Come to dance, or just to listen. Everyone is welcome! 508-696-4211, vhpL_programs@clamsnet.org.

'The Winter Table' Community Suppers

5:30-8 pm, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. An opportunity for the Island community to get together, combat isolation and share a meal during the coldest months info@stillpointmv.org.

MVFF Screening: The Christophers

6:15 pm, Martha's Vineyard Playhouse, Vineyard Haven. MVFF Screening: The Christophers 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

MVFF Screening: Tuner

6:30 pm, Grange Hall, West Tisbury. MVFF Screening: Tuner 508-560-2134, boxoffice@circuarts.org.

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MONDAY, MARCH 30

Dance Fitness and Strength Training with Kris Martin

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A creative blend of rhythmic resistance, cardio conditioning, manageable mobility and core strength exercises all set to crazy-FUN music. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Virtual Chair Yoga with Yogi Jay

7:30-8:30 am, West Tisbury Library. Accessible to all levels and ages. Sign up for free at wholesomemv.com/classschedule. 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

Core Stability, Strength and Balance with Alyson Parker

8:30-9:30 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. A class featuring core stabilization, strength and balance; we target all major muscle groups and include some intermittent cardio. All levels welcome 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Pint-Sized Picassos

10:30-11:30 am, Edgartown Library. Drop-in painting. Children under 8 must have adult present. 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

Online Balance with Kanta Lipsky

11:30 am-12:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. To strengthen our connection to Earth and maintain balance. To sign up, email wt_mail@clamsnet.org. 508-693-3366.

Drop-in Mah Jongg

1-3 pm, Edgartown Library. Mats, tiles, and cards provided. No formal instruction. programs@edgartownlibrary.org, 508-627-4221.

Switch Games for kids and teens

3-5 pm, West Tisbury Library. Switch club Mondays from 3-5pm in the Community Room 508-693-3366, lhearn@clamsnet.org.

Guiding Good Choice (GGC)

3-5:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. Guiding Good Choices (GGC) an evidence based program for parents and caregivers. | Um programa baseado em evidências para que pais e responsáveis. 774-447-3072, lllittlefield@mvcommunityservices.org.

LGBTQ+ Book Club

5:30 pm, West Tisbury Library. Discussion of Notes of a Crocodile. Email wt_mail@clamsnet.org to sign up. 508-693-3366, wt_mail@clamsnet.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Cardio and Conditioning with Alyson Parker

7-8 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. Cardio and strength work with weights and conditioning using your own body weight for resistance. 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Kaiut Yoga

8:30-9:30 am, Peaked Hill Studio, Chilmark. Kaiut Yoga works through chronic pain and injuries, general aches and stiffness, and is good for the inflexible, hyper flexible and the aging body. 774-563-8282, valerie@peakedhillstudio.com.

Pilates Flow with Camille Beauzie

9-10:15 am, Stillpoint, West Tisbury. This upbeat Pilates class blends preventative medicine, mind-over-matter focus, and joyful movement info@stillpointmv.org.

Jewish Meditation Circle

9-9:45 am, Vineyard Haven. Jewish Meditation Circle Prayers, chants & spiritual teachings w/Batya Diamond, last Tues each month 9-9:45am. Please register; info@batyadiamond. info@batyadiamond.com.

Little Naturalists

9:30-11:30 am, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, Edgartown. Spark your child's curiosity at Felix Neck's Education barn with hands-on free play-water play, sensory bins, experiments, and more. 508-627-4850, felixneck@massaudubon.org.

Play Kitchen and Store

10 am, Oak Bluffs Library. Come enjoy watching your kids be creative and solve problems! For ages 2-6. Drop in between 10am-noon. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Free Range Fun

10:15-11 am, West Tisbury Library. Enjoy a room filled with parachutes, scarves, bubbles, music and more to explore! Recommended for ages 0-5 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Drop-in Play-Doh Group

10:30 am-12 pm, Edgartown Library. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

Vineyard Haven Library Story Circle with Aria

10:45 am, MV Family Center, Vineyard Haven. Weekly story circle with Children's Librarian Aria on Tuesdays and Fridays - now at the MV Family Center on Greenwood Ave following 9:30am playgroup. 508-696-4211, vhpL_programs@clamsnet.org.

Medicare Fraud

11 am-12:30 pm, Up-Island Council on Aging, West Tisbury. Medicare Fraud- Don't be a victim! 508-693-2896, coa-staff@westtisbury-ma.gov.

SQUAD FITNESS with Triva Emery • BeWell-MV

11 am-12 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. SQUAD FITNESS with Triva Emery • BeWell-MV 508-693-9433, cphelan@clamsnet.org.

Mah Jongg

2-4 pm, Chilmark Library. Multiple tables for all levels and ages. Instruction on first Tuesday of the month. chil.programs@gmail.com, 508-645-3360.

Lego Club

2:45-4 pm, Chilmark Library. Kids Lego Club 508-645-3360, chilmarklibrarykids@gmail.com.

Environmental Explorers Afterschool

3-5 pm, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, Edgartown. Environmental Explorers is a weekly afterschool offering that connects students 7-14 years old to nature at Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary. 508-627-4850, felixneck@massaudubon.org.

SINGING & PERFORMING CLASS

3:15-4:45 pm, Aquinnah Town Hall. Singers choose a song to cover and develop for a stage performance over the course of the 8 week session, with a performance on the last day.laurajordandecker@gmail.com.

SINGING & PERFORMING CLASS

3:30-5 pm, Aquinnah Town Hall. Singers choose a song to cover and develop for a stage performance over the course of the 8 week session, with a performance on the last day.laurajordandecker@gmail.com.

Drop in for our Teen and Tween Art & Craft Class

3:30-4:30 pm, West Tisbury. Teen and Tween Art & Craft Class at the library-meets every Tuesday, from 3:30-4:30pm. ages 10-18, supplies provided. 508-693-3366, lhearn@clamsnet.org.

Dine-to-Donate to benefit Camp Jabberwocky at Offshore Ale!

4-8:45 pm, Offshore Alle, Oak Bluffs. Join us for a Dine-to-Donate night at Offshore Ale! 20% of food sales donated to Camp Jabberwocky with required coupon here: tinyurl.com/campoffs hilary@campjabberwocky.org.

Tisbury Expanded Rental Assistance Pilot

4-5 pm, Tisbury COA, Vineyard Haven. Affordable Housing Community community information session on Tuesday, March 31st at 4PM. Tisbury COA 34 Pine Tree Rd 508-696-4205, TAHC@tisburyma.gov.

Staff Picks Book Club

4-5 pm, Edgartown Library. For more info, visit the calendar at edgartownlibrary.org. 508-627-4221, programs@edgartownlibrary.org.

ASL Practice Group

4:45-5:45 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Want to learn ASL? Come drop in on our conversational practice group! No experience necessary. 508-693-9433, sschofield@clamsnet.org.

Knitting Group

5-6 pm, West Tisbury Library. Creativity and conversation. Use supplies provided or bring your own. Adults and teens. No sign-up. wt_mail@clamsnet.org, 508-693-3366.

Table Tennis

5 pm, Tisbury Senior Center, Vineyard Haven. Table tennis for all ages and skill levels. 508-728-5898, raeobmv@gmail.com.

American Sign Language Practice Group

5-6 pm, Oak Bluffs Library. Drop in on our conversational practice group. No experience necessary. anelson@clamsnet.org, 508-693-9433.

Growing Salad Greens with Rosemary Confalone

5:30-7 pm, Agricultural Hall, West Tisbury. Growing Salad Greens with Rosemary Confalone at the Ag Hall 508-693-9549, programs@mvgasoc.org.

Cookbook Talk: The Making of "The Sea Table"

6 pm, Katharine Cornell Theatre, Vineyard Haven. Join Shelley Edmundson and Catherine Walthers for a discussion about the making of the new Martha's Vineyard-based cookbook, "The Sea Table." 508-696-4211, vhpL_programs@clamsnet.org.

Poetry & Prose Tuesday: Poet, Isaac Stackhouse Wheeler

7:30-9 pm, PathwaysARTS at the Chilmark Tavern. Isaac Stackhouse Wheeler reads from his translation of Ukrainian poet Serhiy Zhadan's stories in Arabesques". Visit PathwaysMV.org for more info. 508-645-9098, tanya4pathways@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Barre Fusion with Maria McFarland

8:30-9:30 am, Airport Fitness, West Tisbury. Ballet styled flows, barre work, balance and weights using disks, loop bands and Bender balls. Come with sneakers, barre sox, or bare feet 508-696-8000, info@airportfitnessmv.com.

Play Reading at Tisbury Senior Center

9 am-12 pm, Tisbury Council on Aging, Vineyard Haven. Play Reading for Artistic, Literary and Dramatic Pleasure 201-207-7568, monahennessy1@gmail.com.

Oak Bluffs Public Library Storytime

10:15-10:45 am, Oak Bluffs Library. A fun-filled story time with stories, songs, scarves, and a parachute. Stories are geared toward kids 1.5 to 5 years old; all ages welcome. 508-693-9433, mlynch@clamsnet.org.

Children's Storytime

10:30-11 am, West Tisbury Library. Join Hannah for silly songs and stories. Ages 0-5 508-693-3366, hburbridge@clamsnet.org.

Tumble Bugs

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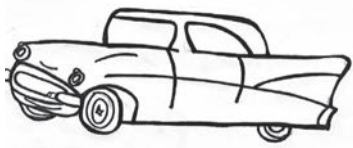
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Daniel Soares inspires community-centered learning

BY MARIA BARROS

Laughter and conversation are often heard in Room 201 at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS). In Daniel Soares' Portuguese classes, this collaborative environment is intentional, building community through a Brazilian approach to teaching that values learning through connection and student voice.

Mr. Soares brings key elements of Brazilian pedagogy into his classroom, including conversation and storytelling, to foster a learning environment where students build community through connection and active participation in class. He believes it is critical that students begin with the stories of their individual and collective life experiences, and share those stories with one another. From that entry, students then begin to explore texts together.

"I see that here in the U.S., classrooms tend to be more silent," Mr. Soares said. "In Brazil, it's not ever silent. It's talking. So the class has to offer more moments for speaking and discussion to build community."

Junior Duda Rodrigues, who has taken Mr. Soares' classes since her freshman year, and now is a teacher assistant in his "Portuguese Media" course, appreciates his approach. "He has this really impactful way of teaching, which makes it seem like we're all just friends with him," she said. "It brings the whole classroom together like a tight and strong community, because of the way he portrays himself and the way he talks to us."

Duda added, "It makes us all feel very comfortable in his classroom, so it's super-easy to be friends with all the people in the classes."

Sophomore Miguel Mantesso, whose interview was conducted in Portuguese, explained that Mr. Soares' approach not only builds class community but also helps students develop their cultural identity and pride: "Daniel is a very attentive teacher, and I think this [class] community we have is because of the care he brings into the classroom."

He added, "Even when I was in Brazil, I didn't know as much about Brazil as I do today, and that's because of how much Daniel knows about it, and brings that to us. I feel very proud to be Brazilian because of his class."

Mr. Soares' focus on community-building reaches beyond the classroom, influencing not only his students' experiences with literature, but also his own work with fellow teachers and staff. In February, Mr. Soares led an interdisciplin-



COURTESY HIGH SCHOOL VIEW

Daniel Soares brings a Brazilian approach to Portuguese, and to pedagogy.

ary workshop for teachers aimed to help them better engage all students, but especially Brazilian students.

"What inspired me to organize that workshop was the fact that in Brazil, the way we understand pedagogy is different from the way pedagogy is understood in the U.S. Once Brazilians come to study in the U.S., they have a different behavior in the classroom. If we are talking about a few Brazilians in a school, [those students] would adapt quickly. But here, a third of the population is from Brazil.

So I decided this workshop would be a good way for teachers who are not Brazilian to understand the way we think of pedagogy, to help reduce tension," he said.

English language learner department chair Jane Sampao attended the workshop. "Daniel modeled and showed us activities that he phrased as more in the style of learning in Brazil, and really connecting with the kids. So we learned more about ways to take a text, or whatever our subject matter is, and bring more discussion into it, and

more opportunities to listen to each other," she said.

At the center of Mr. Soares' work, both with students and teachers, is the belief that students learn best through the lens of their own life and in conversation with each other. "This approach inspires us because it's based on building community. It's not to see the classroom as a place where I have knowledge, and I share my knowledge with the ones who don't. Rather, we build community together, and we do that by sharing stories," Mr. Soares said. **HSV**

Weighing the options when wanting a ride

BY DIVYA RANDOLPH

At Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS), students have varied relationships with car ownership. Some students are working multiple jobs to save up for a car, others make complex plans for sharing family cars, and a lucky few have cars purchased for them. But the one constant that every car-owning student

can agree on is that having a mode of transportation to freely rely on is worth any effort it takes to secure it.

"It's just important to have consistent, reliable transportation," said senior Holden Graczykowski, who drives a Hyundai SUV. "It makes pretty much everything else in my life a little bit easier."

Owning a car comes with hidden expenses that teenagers often forget about

until they experience them firsthand — such as gas, insurance, and upkeep. Some students view buying their first car as an important coming-of-age milestone that delivers freedom. However, this added pressure can sometimes lead to rushing into buying a car that is in poor condition.

One student concern is that sellers might mark up the price of a car because they are selling it to a teenager who isn't as knowledgeable about the worth of the vehicle. Holden advised potential car buyers, "Do enough research to know what you're looking at. I'd say that for a lot of students' first cars, it's not a

bad idea to try and just get something cheaper to get you through high school or college," he said.

Senior Leah deBettencourt has been saving for a car since she was at least 12 years old, working up to five jobs over the past three years. "At my first job, every single bit of money I made, I put that money in different safe areas, so I couldn't touch it, and I told my mom to hide it away from me," she said.

Leah shared that after buying her 2017 Subaru, she stopped spending money on trivial purchases like candy. "When you buy a car, you learn the value of a dollar," she said.

Many student drivers share cars with family members, effectively borrowing access to a car. When family conflicts arise around scheduling use of the vehicle, some students become more motivated to purchase one of their own.

Holden said, "Everybody [in my family] wanted to use the car often, or at the same time, so it definitely leads to the car being more of an annoying convenience. I started out with a family car, but about a month after I started driving, I started leasing my own."

Leasing has benefits that can sometimes outweigh buying a used car. Leah said, "There are two differ-

ent types of costs: the one of buying a car, but also the future cost of visiting an automotive technician. Everyone tells you to buy used cars, but you need to make sure you pay attention to the life of the car."

Leah is grateful to have had car knowledge before purchasing, thanks to her dad, Joe deBettencourt. He is a mechanic who helped guide her through the process of purchasing her first vehicle. "Having my dad help me out with this was amazing. He told me what to look for in a car," Leah said. "He tested my car. He talked to the owner of my car with me. He knew the car more than I did." **HSV**

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The Cape Cod & Islands Regional SHINE program is now recruiting volunteers for our 2026 training class. No prior experience with health insurance is required — we provide comprehensive screening, training, and certification so you can become a Medicare expert.

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Please call the Cape Cod & Islands Regional SHINE Program Manager Kristina Whiton-O'Brien at 508-375-6762, and choose option #2 to sign up! Applications will be due in April 2026. Class begins in May 2026.

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Announcements

• **March 28, 4 pm: FREE screening of "The Genius of Marian"** at the M.V. Film Center. Film will be followed by a Q and A with filmmaker Banker White and a panel of local caregivers and dementia and geriatric professionals. Reserve your free tickets at mvfilmsociety.com.

• **May 16, 10 am: Benefit Walk for Dementia and Caregiver Services.** Nomans to "Jaws" Bridge and back to Nomans to celebrate. Registration coming soon to mcvcenter4living.org.

Closures

April 10: MVCL will be closed for staff for training. The Shopping Shuttle will only run to the Food Pantry at 11:30 am that day. Caregiver Support Group will meet on Zoom.

April 20: MVCL will be closed for Patriots' Day.

Volunteer opportunities

Visiting companion: Training provided. Call Ann Baird at 508-939-9440, ext. 105
Front desk: M, W, Th, F, from 9 am to 1 pm. Lunch included.

Regular programs

Mon-Fri: 9 am – 3 pm, Supportive Day Program

Wed: 10 am – 11:30 am, Memory Support Group at the Tisbury COA.

Thu: April 16, Music and Memory Cafe. All are welcome!

Fri: 11 am – noon, Open House.

Fri: 10 am – 11:15 am, Dementia Caregiver Support Group on Zoom. Call for a link.

Services

Fees may apply. Call for more information.

• **Supportive Day Program** Activity and social program

• **Respite Innovations** Home visits to give caregivers a break

• **Dementia coaching** To make home life easier

• **Support groups** For both caregivers and those experiencing early memory loss

• **Resources and education** Remove stigma and learn strategies

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) - Space available, call today!

SDP is a daily program for older adults

who may experience memory challenges or disability. Enriching activities and a family-style lunch create a day of community engagement, purpose, and meaning. Equally important is the respite provided for caregivers. When a caregiver has time for rest and self-care, the quality of life for both the caregiver and care recipient improves. Call Stacey Northrop (ext. 102) to learn about registration.

Respite Innovations

Respite Innovations brings person-centered engagement into the home, and affords caregivers time to take care of themselves. Call Ann Baird at MVCL if you are a caregiver who would benefit from a break! This program is also welcoming volunteers at this time. Please call Ann at 508-939-9440, ext. 105, for more information.

Resources and education

The Family Caregiver Support Program

advocates for caregivers, providing memory screenings, family meeting facilitation, ongoing Alzheimer's and dementia education, and referrals to programs that can support your caregiving efforts. Our services at MVCL provide meaningful tools and tips for a better caregiving experience. We support any caregiver living on Martha's Vineyard, or who is caring from afar for someone living here.

Caregiver counseling

We can help you navigate the system of public and private care for your best plan. Consultation can be provided in the home, at our office, or over the phone. We can meet with caregivers individually or as a family.

Dementia Friends

Dementia Friends USA is part of a global movement that is changing the way people think, act, and talk about dementia. By providing a free, one-hour Dementia Friends Information Session for your staff, you are helping the community better serve our neighbors. Contact Mary Holmes, Dementia Friends champion, at maryh@mcvcenter4living.org or 508-939-9440 to arrange a free session today!

NOTEWORTHY

APRIL 2026

MVRHS senior luncheon

Enjoy a three-course, gourmet dining experience for \$15 (cash/check). 11 am seating; lunch is served at 11:15am.

Reservations required; call 508-939-9440. Reservations may not be made for more than four people at a time.

April 9th menu

Street Corn Salad: Roasted sweet corn in a creamy lime aioli, cheese, cilantro with a dusting of ancho chili powder and corn tortilla chips

Beef Birria Tacos: Braised beef in corn tortillas with cheese, served with radishes, pickled onions, and fresh lime

Cinnamon Sugar Churro: Warm fried pastry served with a spicy dark chocolate and whipped cream

**The final senior luncheon this school year is on May 14th.*

Emergency food program

For emergency food, please contact your local Council on Aging.

Shopping Shuttle

The Shopping Shuttle brings older adults residing in Oak Bluffs and Tisbury shopping and to run errands, Wed-Fri. Call M.V. Center for Living at 508-939-9440 for more information.

April 10 - The Shopping Shuttle will not run to downtown O.B., but will go to the Food Pantry at 11:30am.

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Productive Conversations: Working with Older Adults and Their Families,

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Dates: April 7 – May 7

Schedule: Tue. and Thu., 11:30 am – 1 pm.

Location: Oak Bluffs COA. Registration re-

quired: Contact Denise at 508-258-2299, or denise.magnett@esci.org.

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HAMV and the Island's Councils on Aging are excited to bring back this program for spring 2026.

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- Learn strategies to reduce fall risks
- Set goals to safely increase activity levels
- Make simple changes to improve safety
- Practice exercises that build strength and balance

Dates: Tuesdays, May 5 – June 23

Time: 2 to 3:30 pm

Location: Oak Bluffs COA

Class size is limited to eight to 12 participants, so register with your COA today!

Stay active, learn something new, & enjoy the season with us!

UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING

Bethany Hammond, Director • 508-693-2896

April special programming

- Friday, April 10, Free Luncheon at the Chilmark Community Center
- Wednesday, April 22, Tea Party, 2 pm. Join us for Tea and Cookies.
- Wednesday, April 29, Hands Only CPR with Alan Ganapol, 1 pm

Mondays

- Balletics, 9 am
- Strength and Fitness – Virtual, 9 and 9:35
- Yoga – Virtual, 9:15 am
- Bowling and Lunch at the Barn, Bowl and Bistro, O.B., \$10! 11:30-1:30 pm. Tell staff you are from Up-Island COA to get discount!
- Parkinson's Support Group, second and fourth Mondays at 1pm

Tuesdays

- Strength and Fitness – Virtual, 9 and 9:35
- Keeping the Balance, 10 am
- Duplicate Bridge, 1-4 pm

Wednesday

- Attorney Conni Baker, second Wednesday

by appointment at 508-477-4502

- Yoga – Virtual, 9:15 am
- Fitness with Margarita, 10 am
- Aging GREATfully, first and third Wednesdays, 10 am
- Soup Social, second Wednesday, noon
- ProCRAFTinators, third Wednesday 1:30

Thursday

- Strength and Fitness – Virtual, 9 and 9:35
- Yoga – Virtual, 9:15 am
- Tech Pro Help, 11 am-1 pm
- Weekly Luncheon, noon (sign up Monday before)
- Wellness Clinic with VNA Nurse, third Thursday, 12:15-1:15 pm

Friday

- Strength and Fitness – Virtual, 9 and 9:35
- Yoga – Virtual, 9:15 am
- Keeping the Balance, 10 am
- Fitness with Margarita, 10:30 am
- Lunch & Learn at Chilmark library, first Friday, 11:30-1 pm
- Watercolor Art Group 1 pm

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Catie Blake, Director • 508-696-4205

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays

8:15 am, Tai Chi with Shaka
9:30 - 10:30 am, Line Dancing with Catie
11-12, Chair Yoga with Kat
Bowling at the Barn in O.B., 11:30 am
1-3 pm, Mah Jong
1-3 pm, Silver Quilters
Call on Monday to make a lunch reservation for Thursday: 508-693-4393, ext. 466.

Tuesdays

8:30 - 9:30 am, Earlybird Fitness
10 - 11 am, Fitness with Catie
11:05 - noon, Chair Volleyball
11:30 am, Drop-in Tech Support

Wednesdays

8:30 am, Town Walkers (meet at the Riverhead Frisbee Park on Barnes Road)
9 am, Play Readers with Discussion
10 am, Memory Support Group with M.V. Center for Living
1 pm, Shredding with Cynthia (Living Room)
1 pm, Ukulele Players
1 pm, Pick-Up Ping Pong (lower level)
noon, Knitting Studio with Jo

Thursdays

8:30 -9:30 am, Earlybird Fitness
10 -11 am, Fitness with Catie

11:05 - noon, Cornhole
Lunch at Noon. Reservations are to be made on the prior Monday.
Call Nicole at 508-693-4393, ext. 466. There is a \$4 suggested donation.

Fridays

9 - 9:50 am, Yoga with Kat
10 - 11 am, Chair Yoga with Kat
11:15 - 12:15 pm, Chair Volleyball
1 pm, Tai Chi with Shaka

Announcements

Visit our website, www.tisburycoa.com.

- Free Legal Advice with Atty. Bergeron on Thursday, April 9. Call 508-696-4205 for an appointment.
- Blood Pressure Check Friday, April 17, at noon (third Friday of each month).
- Food Rescue, every M-F, 9:45 am
- "Easy Death: Spiritual Wisdom" with Steve Shapiro at 1 pm, Thursday, April 9.
- Please call 508-696-4205 to borrow or donate medical equipment. We have a large supply — before you buy, check with us.
- Call for information on legal help, the home modification program, shopping assistance and more!

EDGARTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Lyndsay Famariss, Director • 508-627-4368

The Anchors is closed on Monday, April 20, for Patriots Day.

Weekly events

Monday

9:30 am: Seated Yoga
11:30 am: Edgartown Bowling and Lunch at the Barn, Bistro, \$10 Edgartown residents.
12:30 pm: Bridge

Tuesday

Edgartown Shopping Shuttle; call the Anchors to register.
9 am: Yoga with Carol Vega
10 am: Knitting
noon: Tuesday lunch
1:15 pm: Mah Jongg

Wednesday

9:30 am: Tai Chi with Nan Doty
12:30 pm: Bridge

Thursday

9:30 am: Intro to Tai Chi with Nan Doty
11 am: New! Ladies' Coffee
Noon to 1 pm: Souper Thursday. Free!

Friday

Edgartown Shopping Shuttle; call to register.
9-11 am: Men's Group
noon: Friday Cafe
1:15 pm: Mah Jongg

April Calendar

Please visit edgartowncoa.com for more information on programs and services.

All are welcome! Register for programs in advance by calling 508-627-4368.

Tuesday and Friday lunches:

Meals served at noon. Call by noon the day before to register. Visit edgartowncoa.com for our menu.

VTA/ECO A Shuttle on Tuesdays and Fridays. The bus will pick up residents and take them to Stop & Shop, pharmacy, Post Office, and/or the ECOA and home. Sign up by Friday at noon for Tuesday shuttle, and Wednesday by noon for the Friday shuttle.

April 1: Wellness Clinic and blood pressure checks during lunch. Drop in, noon to 1 pm.
April 3: SHINE appointments with Bill Glazier. Please call or email the Anchors to schedule.

April 8: Hearing checks with Shawn Woodbrey of At Home Hearing. Call for appointment.

April 10: Drop-in Tech Help with Rizwan Malik.

April 9: 1:30 pm, Design and paint your own unique flour-sack kitchen towels. Free and open to all.

April 14: 11 am, Coffee with a Cop

April 17: 8:30 am, ECOA board meets at the Anchors

April 17: noon, Birthday Cafe

April 21: 11 am-1 pm, Luisa Lewis from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be at the Anchors to provide information and answer questions.

April 24: 9:30am, Meeting of the Friends of Edgartown Council on Aging.

April 28 and 29: The Anchors is having a yarn sale!

April 30: 7 am, Off-Island trip to Boston's Copley Square. \$25 per person. Please bring cash or check written to "Friends of ECOA" to the Anchors ASAP to reserve your spot. Contact Meris for the full itinerary and details.

OAK BLUFFS COUNCIL ON AGING

Rose Cogliano, Director • 508-693-4509

Weekly activities

Daily: Beverages and Snacks All Day, 9 am-3 pm

Mondays

- Exercise with Patience Campell and Marilyn Miller. In person or on Zoom. 9 am.
- Chair Volleyball, 1-2pm
- Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Faith Laskaris, noon-1 pm, April 13 and 27

Tuesdays

- Cornhole, 1-2:30pm
- Board Games, 1-3pm
- Bowling, 11:30-1:30 pm, sign-up required 1 week in advance. Call Rose at 508-693-4509, ext. 3, for details. Last bowling date of the season is Tuesday, April 28.
- Crochet and Knitting, 1-3 pm
- Peticare with Darci, biweekly at 10 am.

Dates: April 7 and 21. Call for a reservation.

All pets must be leashed or crated.

• **NEW PROGRAM!** Senior Planet — Computer Essentials, 11:30 am-1 pm, April 7, 14, 21, and 28. This course is designed for people who have never used a computer, or have very little experience. It is being offered by Elder Services of the Cape and Islands in conjunction with Older Adults Technology Services from AARP.

• Older Adult Agency Landscape Report, 1-2:30 pm, April 7. Learn about and share the findings of the recent Older Adult Agency Report .

• OBCOA and OBPD Biweekly Luncheon, April 14 and 28 at noon. Call to make your reservations.

• Wellness Clinic, April 14 @ 12:30pm.

• Lunch & Learn with Trainer Karen Ogden •April 28 @12:30pm. Karen will be here to discuss Emergency Preparedness for our pets.

Wednesdays

• Coffee with a Cop - April 1 @ 10:30am. Come join Chief Searle for informative and interesting conversation!

• New Program - Stroke Support Group weekly, 9:30 am April 1, 10 am April 8, 15, 22, and 29.

• Bingo, 1-3 pm, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Thursdays

• Exercise with Bill White, 9 am in person or on Zoom.

• Senior Planet, Computer Essentials, 11:30 am-1 pm, April 9, 16, 23, and 30.

• Board Games, 1-3 pm

• Crochet/Knit, 1-3pm

• Pizza Party. Please call Rose at 508-693-4509, ext. 3. to reserve your spot. No reservation, no pizza! April 2 and 22 at 1 pm.

Fridays

• Tai Chi with Floyd Lifton, 9 am in person or on Zoom

• Back at OBCOA! Cell Phone Mastery, 11 am-1 pm.

• Game Day, noon to 3 pm.

Monthly programs

• April 1, Coffee, Tea, and Conversations with a Cop. Refreshments served, 10:30 am.

• Monthly board of directors meeting, 10:30 am in person, Thursday, April 16; live on Zoom.

• Social Security Video Display program, April 27 at 9:30 am. Call for appointment.

• Open Enrollment/SHINE. Please contact us to schedule an appointment.

• Outreach with Susan von Steiger, 508-693-4509, ext. 4.

• Applications and forms preparation

• Durable medical equipment

• Fuel assistance, by appointment with Susan

• Insurance assistance

• Lifeline

• SNAP

• Reassurance phone calls

• **Rose's Wish List** We need adjustable metal canes with rubber bases, metal canes with four prongs. Also bath and shower seats in gently used and new condition. Please consider donating them to us to provide them for our seniors' use!

WELCOME APRIL!
We are closed Monday, April 20, for Patriots Day. Happy Passover! Happy Easter! Happy Spring to you and your family!



How Tami Hersh and Conroy Apothecary have served Martha's Vineyard for nearly four decades.

BY JENNA SYLVIA

LOCAL PHARMACY

PHOTOS: DENA PORTER

Inside Conroy Apothecary, locals pick up prescriptions, buy a newspaper, browse gift items, grab a cup of coffee, or simply stop in to chat. In a place where familiarity and trust matter, the pharmacy has become part of the social fabric of the Island. At the center of it all is owner and pharmacist Tami Conroy Hersh, whose path back to Martha's Vineyard began with a mix of practicality, passion for healthcare, and a willingness to take a risk.

Hersh graduated from Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in 1980, and then left the Island for pharmaceutical studies at Northeastern University in Boston. "I've always loved chemistry, and I've always appreciated the importance of healthcare," she notes.

After graduating in 1985, she remained in the Boston area for several years, working first at an independent pharmacy, and later at Walgreens. But the Walgreens experience left her feeling disconnected from the kind of work she had envisioned. "I really disliked the whole big-chain mentality," she says.

At the time, the pharmacy industry was undergoing a major shift. Chain pharmacies were rapidly expanding across the country, squeezing out smaller independent operations. Many independent pharmacies were closing their doors entirely. It was an unlikely moment to consider opening one, but opportunity appeared back home on Martha's Vineyard.

In 1988, a new commercial building — the Middletown Exchange — was being developed along State Road in West Tisbury. The owner envisioned the property as a small medical hub, and believed a pharmacy could serve as a central anchor for the complex. Hersh's mother, Natalie Conroy, who worked in real estate on the Island, encouraged her to consider the possibility.

"Naively," Hersh says with a laugh, "my husband and I moved back here, and essentially built the pharmacy from the ground up." It was a bold decision at a time when independent pharmacies were disappearing nationwide. "We worked very hard," she says. "It was a long road." Today Conroy Apothecary is entering its 38th year in operation.

Longevity in the pharmacy world rarely comes by accident. As the healthcare and retail landscapes evolved, Hersh learned that survival required adaptability. One of the ways Conroy Apothecary has stayed relevant is by carving out a niche in community healthcare.

"We do a lot of vaccinations," Hersh explains. "Making sure people are up-to-date on their immunizations has become a big part of what we do."

The pharmacy's immunization program has expanded significantly over the years, offering residents convenient access to vaccines without needing to leave the Island or wait for a doctor's appointment. At the

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On Martha's Vineyard, where businesses rise and fall with the rhythm of the seasons, maintaining a long-standing business is no small feat. Winters are quiet and lean, summers bring a rush of activity, and essential establishments must constantly balance the needs of a year-round community with the realities of a continuously fluctuating economy. Yet for nearly four decades, one small independent pharmacy on State Road in West Tisbury has remained a steady presence. Its story reveals something larger about the adaptability required to keep a small business alive on an Island where the seasons dictate everything.



As the sun rose, Stan Hersh chatted with Allen Healy on the porch.



There's always a good conversation going on first thing in the morning at Conroy Apothecary.

For Tami Hersh, maintaining that loyalty means staying accessible, reliable, and personal in a way large corporations cannot replicate.

dramatic surge in customers who depend on Conroy's too. Managing those extremes requires careful planning. "You have to be really smart about inventory, salaries, and cash flow," Hersh explains.

In the spring, she begins gradually increasing the store's inventory, preparing for the busy months ahead. "You need to have the products people want when they arrive," she says. But stocking shelves too early can strain finances during the quieter months: "It's a real balancing act."

The front of the store plays a key role during the summer season. While prescriptions provide steady year-round business from Island residents, the gift items and retail products become especially important when visitors arrive. "It's what helps sustain the pharmacy side of things," Hersh says.

Over the past four decades, Hersh has watched the Island and the retail world evolve dramatically. Online shopping has changed consumer behavior everywhere, and Martha's Vineyard is no exception. That shift has made community loyalty more important than ever. "You just have to give customers what they want and make them happy," she says. "So they're loyal to you, and don't just jump on Amazon."

For Hersh, maintaining that loyalty means staying accessible, reliable, and personal in a way large corporations cannot replicate. Her approach reflects the spirit of traditional small-town pharmacies, where pharmacists know their customers by name.

When asked what advice she would offer a young Islander hoping to start a business on Martha's Vineyard, Hersh doesn't sugarcoat the reality. "You need to have a cash reserve," she says. Seasonal fluctuations mean new businesses often face months of minimal income. "You really need backing during those win-

ter months," she explains. "There's just no way around that." Vineyard entrepreneurs must learn to budget for the entire year, not just the busy summer. It's practical advice from someone who has navigated that cycle for decades.

Looking back, Hersh admits she didn't initially think of opening a pharmacy as a community mission. "When we first opened, it was really more about wanting to do what I love and support my family," she says. But over time, the role of the business evolved.

Today, Conroy Apothecary is a place where residents gather, neighbors check in on one another, and essential healthcare services remain close to home. "I think we're really a pillar of the community," Hersh says. It's a quiet kind of success, built not on expansion or scale but on consistency, service, and trust.

Nearly four decades after that leap of faith in 1988, Conroy Apothecary continues to serve the Island in the same way it always has, by showing up day after day. And on Martha's Vineyard, that kind of year-round dependability is something that should never be taken for granted. **MVT**



The coffee chat was well underway by 8 am.



John Mayhew dropped in to get some over-the-counter medicine.



Conroy Apothecary's co-owner, Stan Hersh, gets the coffee brewed for the morning crowd.



Ashley Medowski created this mixed-media artwork.

Continued from B14 same time, Hersh has paid close attention to what her customers want from the retail side of the business. The store carries a mix of health products, beauty items, and thoughtfully chosen gifts, small touches that make the space feel welcoming rather than purely clinical. But perhaps the most important factor in the pharmacy's success is something less tangible: reliability.

"We're consistently open," Hersh says. "Even during the pandemic, we never shut our doors." In the blizzard, they were vital — and available — to those who needed to fill prescriptions. In a community where residents depend on consistent access to healthcare, that dependability matters. The business also stays open until 6 pm on weekdays, allowing easy access even for the 9-to-5 working crowd. This availability is even more important since the closing of the venerable Leslie's Drugstore on Main Street in Vineyard Haven.

Over time, Conroy Apothecary has evolved into something more than a place to fill prescriptions and grab cosmetics. Early each

morning, before the pharmacy counter officially opens, the front of the store quietly transforms into a gathering spot. Hersh's husband, Stan, opens the doors and starts the coffee. A group of regulars drifts in, flipping through newspapers, sipping coffee, and discussing the Island's latest — everything from town politics to local events. The pharmacy department remains closed until the pharmacist arrives, but the front store hums with conversation, and for many Island residents, that informal morning ritual has become part of their daily routine. As the weather warms up, they often congregate on the porch. It is a pharmacy for all seasons.

Another unexpected way the business has deepened its connection to the community is through a simple delivery service. Years ago, Conroy Apothecary operated a second location in Oak Bluffs. But maintaining two full pharmacy inventories proved difficult, especially during the winter months. Ultimately, Hersh and her husband made the difficult decision to close the Oak Bluffs store, but they didn't want to abandon the customers who

had relied on them there. Instead, Stan came up with a solution. "He decided he wanted to continue taking care of the people we had been serving," Hersh says. So he began personally delivering prescriptions to those Oak Bluffs customers, especially elderly residents who had difficulty traveling across the Island. Today, Stan regularly delivers medications to assisted-living facilities and those with mobility issues throughout Martha's Vineyard.

"For many of them," Hersh says, "he may be the only person they see all week." The visits have become moments of connection: a brief conversation at the door, a familiar face stopping by. Many customers now rely on the service, and their loyalty to the pharmacy reflects that personal attention.

Running a year-round business on Martha's Vineyard comes with a unique set of financial challenges. For Hersh, managing the rhythm of the Island economy has become second nature. "The winter months are incredibly lean," she says. With fewer residents and minimal tourism, sales drop significantly. Meanwhile, summer brings a

Garden Notes

BY ABIGAIL HIGGINS



And
it's dahlia
time!

Geraniums are pelargoniums

Spring 2026 is off to a chilly start: It's not so much like the bitter cold of the past winter, but the penetrating, maritime damp that is such a bone-chiller. It continues to envelop the Island while the rest of the East is bouncing into spring fever, or even heat waves.

Luckily, though, spring gardening usually entails raking — such a good way to boost body temperature! Raking revitalizes lawns after winter's abuse. They immediately green up, while blustery winds continue to find plenty of leaves and debris to sweep around. Compost it all; it is incomparable for soil-building.

The dismaying parts of getting outside this year include discovering the extent of damage that has occurred. Many "candle-flame" red cedars lost their tops to snow load. They now assume another familiar form, the craggy and timeworn veteran, another badge of years and winters weathered.

As mentioned in a previous Garden Notes, rhododendrons all over took a hard hit with the February blizzard's heavy snow load. Horizontal splitting, lengthwise of the trunk, is the damage these plants typically sustain, usually hard to recover from without sacrificing the limb. The Catawba and rosebay rhododendrons here had much damage.

Although I realize it is

no consolation for Island gardeners looking at major losses, these conditions must be a factor of the "laurel hells" of the Southern Appalachians.

The distinctive habitat is an almost impenetrable tangle of the native rhododendron species, which have grown like this in the hollers, coves, and slopes for eons. Snow load, storms, great age — these all probably contribute to make the laurel hells superlative wildlife habitat.

When repairing storm damage, remember to make undercuts, so that the limb falls away cleanly, without downward tears that add insult to injury. If there is space, use fallen branches to make dead hedges and hugelkultur mounds. They are useful cover for wildlife or privacy, and eventually break down into more great soil.

Choosing pelargoniums

Memorial Day in May usually sees pelargonium sales peaking at garden centers, although many planters will be filled well before then. Indoors, they are budding and blooming now, with the longer and stronger daylight.

"Geraniums," our indispensable porch and bedding color, are actually pelargoniums. An article about pelargoniums with useful information is bit.ly/HHG_GeraniumChoice. Pelargonium breeders pro-



Pelargoniums are budding and blooming now.



Early snowdrop Galanthus elwesii.



Rock garden iris 'Harmony.'



Sweet peas: Pinch after first true leaves appear.

PHOTOS: ABIGAIL HIGGINS

duce ranges of varying sizes, habits, and uses. Most useful is how the different series grow, depending on the use you plan to make of them.

with Rocky Mountains the tallest at 16 to 18 inches. Each series is produced in the usual wide choice of colors. Ivy-leaved pelargo-

Purchased plants may also be used to propagate more, ideally in late summer, a cost-saving measure. Any time is fine, though; and pelargoniums may also be wintered over.

Of the zonal geranium series usually sold here, Tangos are the most compact, 10 to 12 inches. Americanas are larger, 12 to 14 inches,

perform well in hanging baskets and window boxes.

Pelargoniums have a way of fizzling out after a season

or two as plants age and become woody. Purchased plants may also be used to propagate more, ideally in late summer, a cost-saving measure. Any time is fine, though; and pelargoniums may also be wintered over. This link from Fibrex, one of the U.K.'s most well-known pelargonium growers, gives detailed information: bit.ly/F_PelargoniumCuttings.

Dahlia (tuber) time

Dahlia tubers may be started indoors now. The Royal Horticultural Society has this advice: bit.ly/RHS_DahliaGrowing.

Cut apart clumps of tubers, leaving a piece of stem and an eye on each one you plan to use. Pot up in small pots in free-draining potting soil, and leave in a warm place until sprouts appear. The tubers first grow a network of fine roots before sprouting, so be patient. Avoid watering until plants are up and growing well, since the tubers rot easily. Pinch sprouts when the third pair of true leaves has grown. Dahlia roots may be planted directly in the ground, but wait until the soil warms.

Garden prep

Do you have compost that is finished enough to go out onto garden rows or raised beds? Good — but first, lay down a layer of low-number, organic soil food (fertilizer) to feed the soil's microbiome. Then lay compost over, sieving first if needed. Unless composting achieved high temperatures, the product may contain seeds, such as tomatoes, that germinate. If so, tarp the bed to eliminate volunteers.

Starting seedlings for your garden is fun and educational. Whether they grow well or not — it is all learning by

tuce, parsley, and peas. Until they can go out, feeding with diluted liquid seaweed readies seedlings for the stress of transplanting.

Cold-hardiness is but one factor, however. Once hardened off, seedlings need protection from birds and other hungry mouths — all are eager for tender, new, green garden seedlings. Plan for floating row covers and hoops, or a cold frame.

In most gardens, spring flowers will be early perennials and bulbs. The earliest species crocus, aconites, rock garden iris, and snowdrops are in bloom. We love daffodils here because they are not deer food! Edgeworthia and male skimmia are on the verge of blooming.

It is too early for flowering annuals, though, such as zinnias, which for the most part have a warm climate of origin. Check seed packets for the number of weeks until last frost (usually around the first week of May) to calculate seeding schedule.

An exception is sweet peas. Once started, keep them in cool and bright light conditions. Pinch for branching after the first true leaf. It is too soon to put them outdoors, but once hardened off and the weather becomes more settled, they can survive in the ground.

Deer-repellent spraying and tick-repellent spraying starts up. Tick products usually come with integral spray mechanisms, but deer repellent means fussing with sprayers.

Community Greenhouse of Martha's Vineyard

Formerly known as "Com-Sog," the Community Greenhouse of M.V. is a nonprofit organization for learning about plants, and growing and harvesting vegetables

and flowers, located at 114 New York Ave. in Oak Bluffs. It's been cultivating vegetables, flowers, and community since 1983. Join now. **MVT**



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