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Scott Achin, of Plymouth, left, hands Elaine Young a bowling ball on June 9. Young, 100, is an avid bowler. She candlepin bowls on Tuesdays at Ryan Family Amusements in Buzzards Bay.

DOCKSIDE RESTAURANT



Moonfish Restaurant and Tavern at 269 Main St. in West Dennis was the site of a fatal shooting early June 13. SUSAN VAUGHN/CAPE COD TIMES

Shooting the latest setback for owner

Susan Vaughn
Cape Cod Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

Velma Mitchell has had a series of bad breaks since her popular Dockside Restaurant on Hyannis Harbor was taken over and demolished in 2023 to make way for luxury condominiums, she said Monday in an interview in West Dennis.

The latest bad luck was at the Moonfish Restaurant and Tavern on

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Still rolling strong

100-year-old Cape Cod bowler was first civilian to cross Bourne Bridge

Rachael Devaney Cape Cod Times | USA TODAY NETWORK

BUZZARDS BAY — One hundred-year-old Elaine Young stood at the edge of Ryan's Family Amusement bowling lane number four as her ball rumbled down the alley.

The ball hit the long slender candlepins squarely in the middle — scattering them across the hardwood floor.

"A strike! That's two today!" fellow senior bowling league member Al Blanchard said.

Ryan's staff clanged a large metal cow bell in celebration, as other senior leaguers clapped and cheered.

"Elaine is coming in hot!"

For Young, who turned 100 years old on April 26, bowling two strikes in one day was a lucky break.

"That's pretty rare," said Young, who lives in Bourne, as a smile spread across her face.

Reaching 100 years old is also pretty rare. About 722,000 people alive today are aged 100 years or older, according to a 2024 United Nations population projection. In Massachusetts, according to 2024 Social Security Administration data, there were about 2,053 living centenarians.

Young celebrated her most recent birthday at the Mezza Luna restaurant in Buzzards Bay and she was presented



Scott Achin, of Plymouth, left, hands Elaine Young a ball for her to bowl with. PHOTOS BY MERRILY CASSIDY/CAPE COD TIMES

with a citation from State Sen. Dylan Fernandes, who recognized her as one of the Cape's few centenarians.

"Elaine has become an inspiration to many community members across the Cape," said Felicia Jones, one of Young's

caretakers. "She's done so much with her life and there's a deep connection for her with this town. She just keeps on going."

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DA: Man's drowning not found suspicious

Rachael Devaney
Cape Cod Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

A man drowned at Mashpee Wake-by Pond Monday evening in circumstances that are not considered suspicious, according to Cape and Islands District Attorney Robert Galibois' of office.

Two witnesses said the incident occurred while people were using jet skis on the pond, though it is not clear what happened.

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