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Rochester's Wonderland

Woodland Walk for Mushrooms

By Sam Bishop

I am sorry if you missed it, because the Woodland Walk for Mushrooms, hosted by the Marion Natural History Museum, took place on Saturday, September 13. The museum invited the public to Shoolman Preserve in Rochester, jointly administered by both Rochester Land Trust and Mattapoisett Land Trust, to hike through the woods and check out the amazing world of fungi. Host of the walk was Adam Korejwa, graduate from UMass Dartmouth and Oregon State University.

During covid, Korejwa said he became further infatuated with mushrooms and fungi, and hosts events like this one around Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Around 40 people registered to come join the fungi-aficionado, coming from all over the region, not just the Tri-Town. Members of the Boston Mycological Club also made an appearance, ingratiating the public and their mycologist peers with their expertise. As there are so many types of fungi (making up about five times the biomass as all animals), there isn't a one-size-fits-all for mushrooms. Everyone has their favorites, and many specialize their craft, focusing on a few of the millions of species. Adam explained at the beginning of the walk that there are "millions of undiscovered species of fungi and mushrooms. There is still so much we don't know!" He joked, "we may discover some on this walk!"

Korejwa also mentioned that Rochester, and southern New England as a whole, has been experiencing a "significant drought" and "we may not find much." Luckily, those predictions were incorrect!

On the roughly 1-mile hike, the party uncovered countless different varieties. Adam encouraged careful examination and collection of the different species. Pick up, look at all around, smell, but maybe don't taste unless you're totally sure. Russula, bolete, mycena,

various honey, some oysters, and collybia were all spotted frequently, among many others. Adam and the other mycologists explained that mushrooms are just the reproductive organ, and the real organism is the mycelium branching out beneath either into the earth or wet log.

Luckily a few times on the hike, some of the group spotted some rare ghost pipe mushrooms, or *monotropa uniflora*. Though it is generally rare, a few different batches were discovered.

Just before the hike ended back at the parking lot on New Bedford Road, and illusive (and apparently good tasting) Sparassis or "cauliflower mushroom" was spotted just under a tree off the path. What a find!

Even in drought conditions and on a heavily walked trails, mycelium flourishes and mushrooms sprout seemingly all over. Though there is heavy human impact, they did not seem to mind Saturday afternoon. Though they are many in numbers, as Adam Korejwa said, "we still have a lot to learn."

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On the Cover: On Saturday, September 13, the Marion Natural History Museum hosted mycologist Adam Korejwa who conducted the Woodland Walk for Mushrooms event that took place at Shoolman Preserve in Rochester. Roughly 40 people showed to hike through the woods and find and identify numerous different species of the ill-known mycelium and their mushrooms. Photo by Sam Bishop

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A Mutiny And A Council of War

This Week in Revolutionary History...

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War History, let's discuss what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, Washington split his focus between a campaign to the north to assault Quebec and a proposition to attack Boston with Washington writing a letter to Canadians in an attempt to sway them to the Thirteen Colonies' side and calling for a meeting with top generals to discuss plans to recapture Boston, the third most populous city in the colonies.

On September 10, 1775, Washington receives word from Brigadier General Nathanael Greene of Rhode Island that a number of Pennsylvania riflemen stationed near Bunker Hill have deserted. This will eventually lead Washington to order the Generals Charles Lee and Nathanael Greene to march 500 troops, with bayonets fixed, to disperse and call for mutiny. The armed mutineers set down their weapons and surrender at the sight of Washington's quick reaction. That same day, Washington writes to his younger brother, John Augustine Washington, and says "we are well and in no fear or dread of the Enemy." He candidly hints at his desire to attack Boston.

The next day, the commanders Washington ordered to come convene in a Council of War at the military headquarters in Cambridge. Washington is accompanied by Generals Nathanael Greene, Charles Lee, Israel Putnam, Artemas Ward, John Thomas, William Heath, John Sullivan, and Joseph Spencer. Washington immediately outlines his plans, reportedly to mixed feelings.

He offers the following five reasons for a preemptive assault: "First That the Winter was fast approaching," which follows into the second and third reasons, being the winter will necessitate extra resources, mainly firewood, wood for shelters, and clothing, which he notes the army doesn't have the money for. The fourth reason, he adds, is "If the present army should not incline to engage for a longer time than the 1st January – you

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must levy new troops." In other words, if we don't use these troops now, they'll have to go home soon. Finally, the fifth and final main reason is powder, or lack thereof. Reported at the time, the council's decision was "After duly weighing the above proposition, considering the state of the enemies lines, and the expectation of soon receiving some important advices from England it was unanimously agreed that it was not expedient to make the attempt at present at least." The generals have unanimously rejected Washington's plan.

The next day, Lieutenant Colonel Loammi Baldwin in Chelsea sends Washington news of worrying troop movements. He writes, "I have observed that the boat at Charlestown Ferry have passed more frequently than usual last night and this morning. Those from Boston to Charlestown being deeply loaded with soldiers." Could the British be moving troops north in an attempt to drive Washington out of Cambridge?

On September 13, in his General Orders, Washington writes of the 33 men from the mentioned mutiny a few days prior, saying they have been found

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guilty of "disobedient and mutinous behavior." They are ordered to pay 20 shillings, except for their leader John Leamon, who pays and receives six days in prison.

The following day, Colonel Benedict Arnold sets off for the north. Washington writes, "You are entrusted with a command of the utmost consequence to the interest and liberties of America: upon your conduct and courage and that of the officers and □soldiers□ detached on this expedition, not only the success of the present enterprise and your own honor, but the safety and welfare of the whole continent may depend." He adds, "consider yourselves as marching not through an enemy's country, but that of our friends and brethren." Again, further showing Washington and the Continental Congress'

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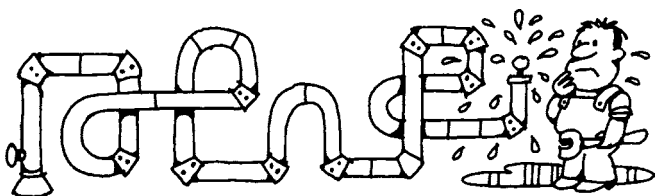
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desire and belief that the Canadians will pick up arms and assist in driving out the British. Arnold and his men are to meet with General Philip Schuyler before a unified campaign.

Second Nature

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

I had a bee in my bonnet the other day. Literally. I was checking the hive at my parents – it's a bit of a ritual that I enjoy with my dad. We load up the smoker and tools in his golf cart, I don my beekeeper suit and out we go to the back forty to check on the bees.

I zipped up hastily and got to work opening the hive as a cloud of bees enveloped me; not angrily but just being in guard mode. When I heard a bee's high-pitched buzzing, I knew immediately the bee was inside the veiled hat. Somehow it had embedded itself into my ponytail. Experience has taught me not to panic but to simply walk away and reorganize. Once released and my bee suit properly arranged, I got back to work. There actually wasn't a lot to do, everything was fine. He'd been concerned that they needed another super added because of their increased activity.

My dad used to keep bees, and when I was a teenager, I guess I had better things to do. Now, finally after all these years we've joined forces, although he prefers to just chauffeur me and not get too close to them. There are numerous stories of his close encounters with bees, including capturing swarms with my uncle. While

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there are some things he never did with his hives, such as using a queen excluder (to keep the queen and the brood away from the upper tier of "honey supers") or having to deal with pest management as the Varroa mites emerged in the late 80s after he'd stopped beekeeping. We aren't always on the same page about best practices, and mostly I defer to him, but sometimes I update him.

We have a kinship in the garden realm that follows suit. Questions I have had over the years, he always has the answer to. It's a fun exchange and one that I wouldn't alter. We are alike in many ways and have habits both irksome and endearing, to be sure, but the one we share with singular passion is gardening.

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affinity for the land over the years. Those roots run deep. He learned about horticulture from a natural: my great-grandmother, whose lush floral borders and handsome plots of vegetables were more than enough to cut one's horticultural teeth on. She ran a variety store, where vegetables and fruit were often requested by regulars who came for meats and dry goods. Here, Dad kept chickens and, by the age of 10, while playing with the tractor and horse and doing farm chores at his paternal grandparents' farm nearby. Haying, harvesting and digging potatoes were among those tasks, as well as weeding and cultivating.

One of the earliest photos of my father shows him in a stroller, reaching out to touch a bridal wreath spirea

in full bloom. It would foretell a lifelong love of nurturing nature. I would inherit that as naturally as his height, blue eyes and blonde hair.

My earliest garden moment was watching Dad build a patio at my great grandmother's in Uxbridge along the Blackstone River Valley, where the overlapping scenery resembled a lavish storybook illustration. There was an air of romance about the place, and it is clearly etched in my brain, probably the result of sensory stimulation that it imparted so long ago.

Summers were spent luxuriating in that space, whether together as a family relaxing beneath the mammoth willow, or as a solitary wanderer, where I wasn't much bigger than the plants. Depending on the season, I went blueberry picking and had a favorite hideaway on a hill where lily of the valley grew in profusion. One unpleasant incident occurred when I ate red berries off a viburnum bush and had an immediate reaction that required a doctor. The scale and variety here seemed endless to a child, and it was this same God-blessed land that surely directed my father's interests as a boy.

My parents' first home was a modified version of this Eden, fit to a suburban lot that my dad transformed in the initial years. It was, hand down, the most beautiful property in the neighborhood. I frankly don't know how he managed it with all the rest he did. While working as a project manager in the construction industry, he finished the interior of the house, added a breezeway, built stone walls, a basketball court, patio and a complementary landscape that included a dazzling assortment of plants





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He coached Little League, took part in local organizations and hunted with our English setter, who later bore two litters of puppies. Our yard was highly interactive – football and baseball were played on the lawn, and in winter the basketball court was converted into a skating rink. Still, there was a place for everything, and it was always tidy. Some credit must go to Mom as well.

Years later, when I was a teen, we moved into a house Dad designed and built; one with significantly more acreage, contiguous to fields, streams and forests. A few of the acres of wilderness were tamed, and gardens flourished as they do today.

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It wasn't until I began installing gardens of my own that I reflected on my father's achievements. It became clear that he had given me a huge gift by setting the example of hard work, dedication and love. When I moved to Mattapoisett, I knew the garden would be an important part of our home, as life filters outdoors especially in the warm seasons. I set to work and over the years have earned praise from my father. The raised beds I plant each year for vegetable production don't come close to his, and although he's promised to downsize each year, "it's still just as big," says my mom.

As the years continued, my father challenged himself with growing different plants, clearing more of his back woods to plant. With two acres in cultivation, he mostly grew rhododendrons, box, hollies, spirea, and enough Christmas trees to keep the extended family happy.

I remember when, back in the 1970s, he was obsessed with fruit trees and recall his videography of the small orchard consisting of dozens of closeups of the fruit blossoms, back when he bought their first video camera. At the time my siblings and I thought it was bland, as exciting as watching grass grow. It makes me laugh now because I have made a habit of shooting too many pictures of my gardens year after year. It's a kind of hereditary reflex, I think.

Although I look forward to my own harvest from my vegetable garden, I can always expect that my father

will give me some of his, and thus it was after we checked the hive that he gave me several eggplant – "Your mom is finished with them" he said, suggesting that she has her fill of preparing meals with them, no doubt having put them in the freezer. He also gave me several tomatoes, including a new brand "Celebrity" as well as a bunch of green peppers (mine were small in comparison) and a handful of garlic cloves.

We talk of the latest visitors to their property – a bobcat and a red-tailed hawk – and he shows me the deer damage to evergreen trees and the evidence of turkeys dusting themselves in a cleared section of the field. These reports give me a sense of connectedness both to these sacred spaces of my youth and to know that there can be continuity over time.

Fast-forward to now and some of these practices are carried on; vegetables and fruits are stored along shelves in their cellar/garage, and onions are strung up in the barn. Likewise, a structure remains – gardens that have reached their maturity and my father and sometimes my mom putting things in order with help from my brother, who has a side gig in landscaping. Not just the structure of place but of a life. Gardening and writing about it is an avocation for me, and I can't think of it ever winding down.

As I sat enjoying a piece of peach and blueberry pie that my mother made, my father caught me by surprise, saying that he might have devoted himself to something other than growing shrubs and trees. I immediately countered with what is true. "Without it, where would we be?" His nurturing propelled me (and my brother) toward the most wonderful preoccupation on the planet: gardening. We both know that what he loves most about gardening is the satisfaction it gives and the



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"A man's children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season."

New Voc-Tech Building: Plans and Costs

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board Monday hosted a presentation of the plans for a new Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School building and predictably focused on how much the project will cost the town.

The Old Colony School Building Committee, along with its consultants, have completed the schematic design phase for the preferred solutions to the current building's deficiencies as identified during a Feasibility Study for the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), which will approve and help fund the project. In the Council on Aging Senior Center meeting room, aided by a slide-show presentation, project consultants Walter Hartley and Bob Williams on Monday took attendees through the entire study process.

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into the funding phase of the project after evaluating the options to address deficiencies that include smaller spaces than modern vocational shops need, failing and leaking windows, lack of handicap accessibility, outdated electrical, HVAC, and plumbing systems, and the absence of a fire-protection system. Fifty-two options for addressing Old Colony's facility needs were narrowed down to seven and eventually to the need for a new building on the 80-acre North Avenue property where the current 50-year-old facility sits.

To answer current vocational industry needs, Hartley and Williams said, the new, sprawling two-story building would add Plumbing, HVAC, and Dental Assistant programs, more space for its other programs

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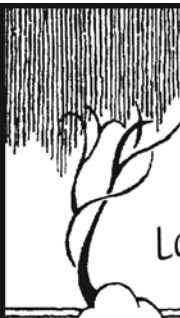
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The presentation revealed the current estimated project cost is \$288,743,683. The MSBA reimbursement for the project is projected to be \$129,675,235. The share from district members (Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester) of the project costs would be approximately \$159,068,448. The Estimated Impact for the Average Single Family home quarterly would be \$161.72.

Both Select Board members and attendees worried aloud about those costs. On November 18, an election across all member towns will vote on approving the new building project. The Select Board asked whether a debt-exclusion vote would be on the same election warrant. Town Administrator Cameron Durant said a debt-exclusion vote would need to be a separate warrant. The ballot question on November 18 will be for approving the project. Each town will then have to decide how to fund the expense.

Kristen Nash, Rochester resident and a retired school superintendent, asked about the project's financial impact on the town in other ways. She said town residents need more information on what the full impact will be on them before they vote on November 18. Since towns

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pay Old Colony an assessment based on the number of students, will more students, attracted to a new facility, make the town's assessments go up? She asked with Select Board member Brad Morse adding a related question: Will a new building's operational costs alone make the town assessment go up?

Old Colony Superintendent-Director Aaron Polansky answered that the student-enrollment levels will fluctuate year to year. It's an unpredictable factor. Chair Adam Murphy said Polansky and the consultants need to provide more data; a more detailed overview of the assessment increases will be seen. "Give us a spreadsheet," he said.

Polansky promised to get these answers. Hartley



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and Williams noted they will continue giving presentations and meeting with communities across the district until the district-wide ballot vote on November 18 (polls will be open from 12:00 pm noon to 8:00 pm).

For more information available online, they directed people to oldcolonybuildingproject.com/documents.

The long-range project timeline sets construction to begin sometime between March of 2027 and August 2029. The current building would be demolished sometime between July and December of 2029.

In other action, the Select Board approved the Board of Assessors' recommendation to set a single, rather than a split property tax rate for FY2026 at \$10.59 per

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thousand dollars of value. Assessor Karen Trudeau noted roughly 83% of the town is zoned as Residential and only 13.6% of Rochester is zoned Commercial, Industrial or Personal Property. "Much of that is small businesses and 'Chapter' land," she said. "Therefore, historically a split rate has not been implemented."

The board granted Town Clerk Marjorie Barrows's request to appoint a permanent assistant town clerk. The board moved that she may use a \$4,500 stipend amount currently in the Select Board administrator's account to increase the hours of current administrative assistant and the town clerk's part-time helper, Emily Dumas-Harding.

The board approved a Rochester Police Department Mutual Aid Agreement that will allow town officers to train in other local communities.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, October 6 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Parking Key to Gym Approval

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals on September 11 granted a Special Permit for a personal fitness training business at 12 Mayflower Lane with conditions directly related to board members' and abutters' concerns about the nuisance and traffic the operation might bring to the neighborhood.

Applicant and homeowner Jorge Rodriguez began the public hearing by noting he had written answers to the concerns his neighbors had expressed when the hearing began on August 28. He will keep his fitness classes in his small garage, and all parking will be off the street, on his driveway or behind his home only if there is a need. Noise will be kept down. Class sizes won't necessarily be as many as 10, his original ask for his permit.

Board member Richard Cutler expressed the first concern, that rear parking could trigger the need for a Planning Board site-plan review. Rodriguez quickly agreed there would be no customer parking in back.

Comments from both opponents and supporters of Rodriguez's business plan then followed. Neighbor Doug Sims, who had just been appointed as a ZBA associate member but recused himself from his role as a board member to speak as a resident, expressed the strongest objections. While he acknowledged that Rodriguez was a good neighbor, Sims noted this business is a big imposition on the neighborhood. He is still concerned about the increase in traffic and the fact this operation violates terms of the development's covenant of regulations to which all residents agreed. That covenant excludes businesses. "This is not what we signed up for," Sims said. ZBA Chair Donald Spirlet noted the panel does not deal with covenants. They are beyond its jurisdiction, he said.

Another neighbor said he had no problem with the business plan because it would be hard for more than five students at a time to fit into the garage there.

Ultimately, the Zoning Board approved Rodriguez's permit with multiple conditions. Customers shall park only along his driveway on existing pavement and not behind the home. Hours of operation will be Monday-Saturday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, no Sundays. There will be a five-customer limit per class. The permit will be reviewed in nine months.

In other action, the board opened a public hearing on variances requested for a plan to build a three-car garage in excess of the permitted 1,000 square feet in the front yard of 447 Neck Road. The hearing, which seeks two variances, was quickly continued to the board's next meeting because the petitioner's engineer had not submitted certified plans.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 25 at 7:15 pm at 1 Constitution Way.


Public Hearing Begins for Route 6 Development

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, September 10, to grant a Certificate

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of Compliance as well as conduct a public hearing for Toll Brothers, Incorporated's proposed residential development at 78 Wareham Road.

First, a Certificate of Compliance was granted for Laurence E. Reinhard at 17 East Avenue. Before addressing a second Certificate of Compliance request, the public hearing for a Notice of Intent filed by Toll Brothers, Incorporated, began. The developer seeks approval to construct a 48-unit residential development with associated clearing, grading, roadways, utilities, and stormwater-management systems. Chair Matt Shultz stated plans are available at the Town House (annex building, 14 Barnabas Road) for review.

Toll Brothers recently took up work from the previous contractor, Matt Zuker, who had been granted a Special Permit from the Planning Board for work on a 48-unit, townhouse-style village. The new developer seeks an amendment to the original article: Rather than 12 duplexes and 36 single-family units, all 48 dwellings would be single-family.

Toll Brothers also now are looking into adding walking trails to the site, following recent conversations with the Planning Board. Those paths were later said to be mulch and unpaved. The representative from Toll Brothers stated, "we've gone through a pretty painstaking effort here to try to keep the amount of impervious area at a minimum, as much as possible."

It was restated that the development will be linked into the town sewer system. Some questions were raised by the commission over water runoff and environmental impacts, with the representative saying water runoff into the nearby Weweantic River would be slowed with redirection efforts to "minimize the potential for erosion downstream."

With Toll Brothers still waiting on comments and the completion of a peer review, the public hearing was continued two weeks out to September 24. The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be held, likewise, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department.





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Solar Project Hearings Delayed Again

Rochester Conservation Commission


By Michael J. DeCicco


In a meeting that delayed again the biggest projects on its docket, the Rochester Conservation Commission Tuesday granted a Certificate of Compliance for the Order of Conditions previously issued on the construction of a new single-family home at 907 High Street.

The High Street approval vote came swiftly after Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported on her inspection of the site. "It looks like it's been there a long time," she said. "It fits there next to the bog." She noted this was the second High Street housing proposal to come

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before the Conservation Commission since the large development on that street started its planning process.

The commission then continued again to its next meeting two solar-project hearings, the Notices of Intent for work within wetlands for a ground-mounted solar array in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road and the construction and installation of floating and ground-mounted solar arrays at 53 Dexter Lane, both upon the petitioners' requests. Both projects were also continued at the commission's last meeting.

Kelly said shifting regulations regarding solar projects might be the reason the petitioners need these continuances. Regulators, she added, have asked that the Logging Swamp project be split in two because it is currently too large in scope.

In other business, Kelly reported that an assessment of the milfoil (invasive-weed) problem at Snipatuit Pond has been scheduled for September 30. She said Town Administrator Cameron Durant has instructed her to learn whether the contractor, Pond Solutions, would consider inspecting the town's other ponds as well, Snows, Leonard, and Hathaway. She will pursue this possibility with them, she said.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Heron Cove Executive Session Delayed

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

Following a moment of silence for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met Thursday, September 11 to discuss an upcoming and now-delayed executive session, as well as a public hearing for 1 Doran Way.

Despite technical difficulties accessing the meeting remotely via Microsoft Teams, Marion Building Commissioner / Zoning Officer Bob Grillo called Chair Cindy Callow's phone and participated in the meeting on speaker. The chair also mentioned the executive session to discuss Heron Cove is delayed until Thursday, October 2 due to a member's bereavement.

Next began the public hearing of Detlef Westphalen and Elizabeth O'Neil for their application for a Special Permit for the alteration of a non-conforming structure at 1 Doran Way. Callow mentioned the Planning Board, in their correspondence, had no comments on the permit request.

Representing the applicants, David Davignon of engineering firm Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Incorporated, presented the renovation work which would include an addition to the west side of the dwelling. "The first piece being a single-level addition, and the second piece being a multi-level addition, with a full basement," Davignon explained. There would also be a porch addition, that would serve as a new entry / landing. The property is around 8,000 square feet, with the house having been built in 1958 and currently sitting around 1,008 square feet.

The house, bulkhead, and addition would increase the dwelling's total square footage to 1,544 square feet, though subtracting the bulkhead makes the proposed addition add around 400 square feet, or a 40% increase in living space. There were no available comments from neighbors and abutters.

The Special Permit was granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals with a unanimous vote, and the project as presented was also approved with another unanimous vote.



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The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was not scheduled at adjournment.

Highway Building Construction Passes Site Plan

Mattapoisett Planning Board
By Marilou Newell

The third and final phase of the Mattapoisett Highway Department Building on Mendell Road received site-plan approval during the Planning Board's September 15 meeting.

Renovations, including OSHA and FEMA improvements, were recognized as absolutely necessary for the "town barn" to remain an acceptable and vital part of municipal services. Yet with an estimated price tag for the long list of mandatory upgrades in the millions of dollars, it was at times a hard sell. Now some seven years since discussions began regarding the building's needs, the final phase received the green light from the Planning Board.

The town's engineering representative since the beginning has been Field Engineering's Ken Motta. On this night, Motta told the board that everything from floor drains to a new fire service are part of the finished product. He said this final phase contained plans for a 2,222-square-foot addition, primarily new garage space and open spaces for employee breaks and office space.

The board was reminded that the Spring Town Meeting has approved a bond to cover construction expenses to the tune of \$4,000,000. The Select Board recently approved a larger bond from which the Highway project will be funded.

Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer said that a combination of certified free cash and the bond are the funding sources.

Motta said the location of the Highway Barn is a former gravel pit, that stormwater recharge is good with no adverse impact on surrounding properties was anticipated from the new construction. The plan as presented was approved.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, October 6.

Tackling Wording in MS4

Marion Planning Board
By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday for a continued public hearing on an amendment to the site plan and special permit request for Toll Brothers, Inc.'s



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work at 78 Wareham Road and further discussion on Marion's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) draft bylaw.

There was short talk on the Toll Brothers' development, the Wareham Road lot purchased from developer Matthew Zuker in July, and while seeking to continue development, there have been some proposed amendments to the plans. For instance, the new developer still wants the originally approved 48 dwellings, although now all would be single family, rather than containing 12 duplexes as was originally planned by Zuker last year. This public hearing was continued to Monday, October 6, per request from the Toll Brothers.

Discussion quickly moved on to the Planning



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Board's discussion and correction of their MS4 bylaw draft. Much of the talk at this revolved around environmental concerns, such as tree removals and water runoff. Chair Andrew Daniel said he wanted to ward against the "disturbance of vegetation" and to focus on a "minimalistic approach" in their landscape plans. This was not only to protect the local flora, Daniel said, but to maximize water absorption into the soil.

For wording, "maintenance and improvement" drew some concerns. This, according to the Planning Board, could be stretched to mean many different things, including tree removal if deemed necessary to maintain power lines or even road widening, both of which would negate water absorption and affect runoff. The board agreed there needs to be definitions for the words within the bylaw, such as to specify what exact maintenance can

be done.

Discussion and further examination remain of the draft bylaw. Daniel stated this will continue at the next meeting. He added that Town Counsel completed its review of the bylaw and had sent it back to the town with minor corrections.

For more information on Massachusetts' MS4 guidelines, you can visit the state's EPA page at: www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-small-ms4-general-permit. Per the town, for a mapped-out view of Marion's water and sewer resources, you can visit: stormwater.buzzardsbay.org/newmap.html.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department.

Snipatuit Brook 'Dry Run'

Rochester Water Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

In a room packed with residents and local experts, the Rochester Water Commission on September 10 hosted a "dry run" of the report presentation on Snipatuit Brook that is scheduled for an October 14 public hearing.

It's an important report because the brook flows to Snipatuit Pond, which connects to both Great Quittacas Pond (which supplies water to New Bedford) and the Mattapoisett River Valley watershed, a significant aquifer providing drinking water to the towns of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. That brook is now flowing north, away from where it is needed for the MRV's critical water needs, study research concludes, and Rochester officials want to find a solution.

With the assistance of a slide show presentation with maps and study graphics, Matthew Dunn, representing the consultant that compiled the study, started with the explanation that the brook inlet runs south to north and discharges through the North Avenue culvert. Testing was done both in the winter and in July. The goal of the study, Dunn said, was to understand the flow conditions. The key takeaway is that the water flows in a northern direction in some sections of the brook, he said. The water remains level between the brook

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and the pond until that northern direction starts. Dunn said the project's ultimate goal is to contain as much of that water within the Mattapoissett River as possible.

The study has concluded with five possible alternative solutions, Dunn said. The first of these is to repair or modify the bog dike flume structure at Snipatuit Pond Dam as a way to contain that water. He said this alternative would be low cost and quite effective and limit the flow by 6%.

Brad Chase of Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife, attending over Zoom, added that simply altering the boards at the Snipatuit flume dike seasonally would be a good solution. "I don't think you need an extensive review of this," he said. "You just need the property owners and the Conservation Commission involved."

Chair Fred Underhill and members questioned how the City of New Bedford and its Water Department would react over essentially seeing less water from Snipatuit. "My concern is the legal hiccup when their water goes away," Underhill said. "Rochester has no rights to its own water. Rochester is at a disadvantage. There are two water-rights attorneys in the area, and they have conflicts because of their affiliations with Assawompset Pond Complex people."

On the other hand, New Bedford may not even notice the water loss, Conservation Commission Chair Chris Gerrior countered.

"They're going to scream and yell," Underhill said.

"Shut the flow down, and maybe they'll have to talk to us," board member David Hughes suggested.

The commission ended discussion by agreeing to accept the study report as submitted, subject to the board's review and revisions up until October 14.

The Rochester Water Commission did not set up its next meeting before adjourning. The public hearing on the Snipatuit Pond report will be held on October 14, starting at 6:00 pm at the Council on Aging Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

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ORR Runners off to Sweeping Start

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys and girls cross-country teams had their first meet on September 10 against Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. ORR's boys won, 24-32, and the girls won, 15-50. Noah Robert-Howley placed first overall in the 5k race for the boys with a 17:35 time. Ryan Calderone ran an 18:50, securing third place, and Connor Villafranca ran a 19:09. Other notable times were Brady Maguire running a 20:22, and Padraig Murphy running a 23:10. For the girls, Annalise Milhench ran a 21:24, placing first, as Ella Milhench ran a 21:40, getting second. Avery White ran a

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22:33, Fiona Roveda ran a 22:38, and Emma Iappini ran a 22:48. The teams took 1-0 records into Wednesday's meet against Bishop Stang.

Boys Soccer

The Bulldogs played at Seekonk on September 10 and won, 2-0. Garrett Ignacio was named the player of the game, scoring two goals. Goalie Owen Harrington made six saves to secure the shutout. The Bulldogs took a 2-2 record into Wednesday's home game against West Bridgewater (3-0). ORR's junior varsity squad also defeated Seekonk, 2-1, on September 10, as Lazaro Rosa and Sidney Medeiros scored, moving their record to 1-1-1.

Girls Soccer

Old Rochester faced Seekonk on September 10 and won 4-2. Goals were scored by freshman Mia Balestracci, Amanda Ignacio, Kate Thomsen, and Gigi Duchaine. The Bulldogs took a 2-1 record into Wednesday's match at West Bridgewater (1-2).

Golf

The Bulldogs played Apponequet on September 11 and won, 237-251, in stroke play. August Herbert and John Bongiorno were named the players of the match, as both shot a 1-over-par 37. ORR took a 4-0 record into Wednesday's match against Bishop Stang (3-3).

Girls Volleyball

Old Rochester defeated Seekonk, 3-0, on September 10. The set scores were 25-9, 25-14, and 25-20. Maya Morrison had 18 assists and 7 aces, Stella Holbrook

had 9 assists, and Sadie Hartley Matteson had 6 kills. The Bulldogs took a perfect 5-0 record into Wednesday's match at West Bridgewater (3-1).

Football

ORR battled to the very end in another tight road game in the second week of the season but fell short, 19-17, at Bishop Stang on September 12. Looking to break into the win column, the Bulldogs (0-2) face a tough challenge on Friday night at 2-0 Fairhaven. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 pm.

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Correction

In the September 11 issue of The Wanderer, it was incorrectly reported that the Town of Marion secured 10 grants in August. Since joining the town staff in April, Grant Administrator Amy Jackson-Grove has helped the town apply for 10 state-sponsored grants, including one worth nearly \$3,500,000 that would fund a new water main supporting the proposed residential development at 78 Wareham Road.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

Democracy Belongs to All of Mattapoisett.

Expanding the Select Board isn't about politics - it's about rejecting fear, embracing inclusion, and ensuring every voice is heard.

The fight over expanding Mattapoisett's Select Board from three to five members should have been a straightforward story of democracy in action. The measure passed at Town Meeting, cleared the State House, and earned the governor's signature - a textbook example of local government working as it should.

Instead, it has been twisted into a spectacle of fearmongering and personal attacks, with a small but loud faction determined to turn a commonsense reform into a culture war.

"At its core, this isn't about politics - it's about whether Mattapoisett will choose representation over

exclusion, progress over paralysis."

This change is anchored in a crucial democratic truth: broader representation is essential for effective governance. More seats mean more perspectives, more accountability, and decisions that reflect the full spectrum of Mattapoisett's community.

Yet a small but vocal faction has chosen to distort this effort. Instead of debating the merits, they've resorted to personal attacks against the proposal's author and her family - accusing them of trying to "rule the kingdom of Mattapoisett" and even warning that the town will become "the new Ptown."

The latter is not only absurd - Provincetown is a thriving, inclusive community - but revealing. It says more about the accusers' fears and prejudices than about any genuine concern for local governance.

The subtext of these attacks is unmistakable: "You don't belong."

That message is not just offensive - it's un-American. The family at the center of this storm has lived in Mattapoisett since the early 1970s. They have contributed to the town's life for decades. They belong every bit as much as anyone else.

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The only reason this is being politicized is because a small group is afraid—afraid of change, afraid of losing control, afraid of a system that works for everyone, not just a select few. The author stands by this reform, and rightly so. Every resident—regardless of background, identity, or how long they've lived there—deserves a voice in shaping Mattapoisett's future.

That's not radical. That's democracy. Expanding the Select Board is not about consolidating power; it's about sharing it. It's about ensuring decisions are made with fairness, transparency, and respect for all.

Mattapoisett's future should not be dictated by fear, misinformation, or exclusion. It should be built on openness, representation, and the belief that the

community is strongest when every voice is heard.

"Show up. Speak out. And make it clear: in Mattapoisett, everyone belongs."

Sincerely,
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To the Editor;

The First Congregational Church of Marion would like to extend a huge thank-you to the residents of Marion and the greater South Coast community for your support of our Clock Tower Restoration Project.

From its inception a little over a year ago, our goal to restore Marion's beloved clock tower is now within reach. The Balzer Family Clockworks will soon be arriving in town to remove the clockworks, then whisk it off to their shop in Maine where it will live for approximately one year until it is ready to come home once again and ring joyfully across Sippican Harbor.

We are grateful for the community's positive vote at Town Meeting, all the financial support from private donations and the 325 people who attended the Irving Berlin Revue Fundraiser. With your generosity we are now within \$7,000 of our goal.

We look forward to providing updates while the restoration project is underway.

With thanks and gratitude,
Nicole Delima
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To the Editor;

After living here for over 50 years as a summer resident, I recently moved back here full time.

As I love Mattapoisett, I decided to get involved in the local politics to be sure that everything that is done is best for the community.

I have begun to attend the selectman's meetings and have been appalled to see how the residents that attend are treated. The chairman in particular has no respect for the attendees. At one point during a remark from the audience, he threatened to close down the meeting as he had the authority to do so.


The vote to have 5 selectmen in the future has



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been passed by a majority vote and has been ruled by our state government. It is final and the law now.

Those who are resisting the will of the people are causing an unnecessary expense of \$3500 for a special town meeting on October 4. There can be no change as a result of this meeting. This money could be better used for other town projects.

It is important to show up at this meeting to exercise your right as a town resident.

Do not be intimidated.

Sandy McGowan

Renaming Ceremony for Point Road Playground

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman is pleased to share that the Town of Marion is holding a renaming ceremony at the former Point Road Playground at 11:00 am on Friday, September 26.

The site, now known as Manuel and Felizarda Pina Recreational Park, is located at 983 Point Road, north of Route 6. The park features playground equipment, picnic tables, pickleball courts a basketball court, and tennis courts.

The property was once part of the many acres of land owned by Manuel and Felizarda Pina, who emigrated from Cape Verde in 1905 and later settled in Marion. The couple raised seven sons, six of whom served in World War II. In 1930, the Pinas sold or gifted the land to the Town of Marion, which later built the Point Road School, an elementary school that primarily served Cape Verdean students. The school building closed in the late 1950s and was eventually demolished.



The school may have closed in the late 1950s, but the playground continued to serve the community for decades. In 2014, the Town gave the space a significant refresh, adding new equipment and amenities over the

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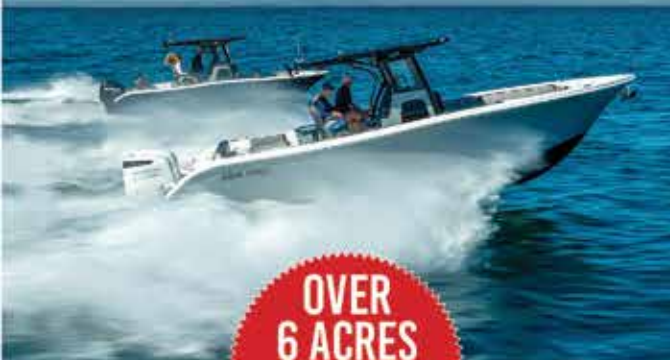


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following years. Most recently, in 2024, the site underwent a major transformation that included the addition of four pickleball courts.

That same summer, the Marion Select Board voted to officially rename the park in recognition of the Pina family's lasting impact on the community and service to the country.

The September 26 ceremony will feature remarks from family members, including great-granddaughter Rhonda Pina-Mendes, as well as representatives from the Town of Marion and the Sippican Historical Society. A U.S. military chaplain, Col. Paul Barnett, Jr., who is also a member of the Wareham Cape Verdean Community, will deliver an opening and closing benediction.

"This is such an honor," said Pina-Mendes. "I am collecting stories about my great-grandparents and about the school that once stood on the property and will include some of those in my speech."

She also thanked the Sippican Historical Society for supporting the community's research into the site's history and the Pina family's contributions.

"We look forward to our renaming ceremony for the former Point Road Playground, now known as Manuel and Felizarda Pina Recreational Park," said Town Administrator Gorman. "This is a recognition of the great contributions that the Pina family made to this community and this country. It is a fitting honor, and it also reflects the Cape Verdean-American history of the neighborhood. This is an amazing community celebration, bringing us all together, and we look forward to seeing everyone enjoying our newly renamed park."

Academic Achievements

Southern New Hampshire University congratulates **Samantha Grasso** of Marion and **Stephen Sauerbrey** of Marion on being named to the Summer 2025 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

College of the Holy Cross congratulates **Failenn Fitzpatrick**, of Marion, Class of 2027, **Joel Michaud**, of Mattapoisett, Class of 2025, and **Laura Pardo**, of Marion, who were named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2024-25 academic year.

Luke Oliveira of Mattapoisett, received the Elmira College Key Award for academic and community leadership. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the EC Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Invites New Members

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club invites local women who are interested in learning more about club membership to its 'welcome' luncheon on Thursday, **September 18** at 11:00 am in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Whether you are new to the area, a new mom, a stay-at-home mom, or newly retired, you are welcome to enjoy lunch and meet some fabulous women. Women from surrounding communities with ties to Mattapoisett are also welcome to join.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that executes fund-raising events such as "Taste of the Town", the biennial garden tour, and more. These events generate the funds to support scholarships for local high school students, as well as make financial gifts to charitable organizations throughout the south coast. In addition to sponsoring fundraising events, the Woman's Club offers small group



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activities focusing on the interests of club members, for example the garden group, great books, mahjong, and walking group. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in getting together with fun-loving women and supporting the mission of the organization.

We look forward to meeting you on the 18th. Philanthropy, friendship and fun await. For more information or questions please contact info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org.

Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee

The Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee has partnered with The New Bedford Democratic City Committee to host a Swing States Postcard Writing and Kindness Rock Painting Party on Wednesday, **September 24** from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Greater Southeastern Mass. Labor Council/ AFL-CIO located at 560 Pleasant Street, New Bedford.

This drop-in event pairs hands-on civic action with creative mindfulness activity. Supplies such as postcards, rocks and painting tools will be provided but feel free to bring your pens, stamps and acrylic markers if you have them. Can't stay long? Swing by and pick up a packet of postcards to mail on your own. Snacks and light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you then. For more details and to RSVP please go to mattdems.org.



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MAC Theater presents Proof

MAC Theater Presents Proof by David Auburn and directed by Rick Sherburne. The production will be at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant Street Marion.

Catherine has been dealing with a lot. For four years, she has been the sole caretaker for her father, Robert, a genius mathematician who was dealing with mental wellness. After his death, she's left wondering if her advanced penchant for mathematics indicates an inclination toward mental illness in herself. This concern is shared by her sister, Claire, who encourages her to leave her family home and live with her in New York. Along the way, Catherine becomes involved with Hal, one of her



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father's admirers and former students. Catherine is put in the position of proving that some of the mathematical genius left behind in Robert's office were actually her own work.

Catherine is played by Emma Peterson, and MAC regular Donn Tyler takes a turn as Robert, Catherine's father. Oliver Asker returns to the MAC as Hal, and Charlotte Baxter plays Claire. The play is stage-managed by Robert Mahowald, and the technical director is Steve McManus, with Jacob Sherburne as Set Designer.

The show dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from **October 10 to October 26**. Friday and Saturday curtain time is 7:30 pm and the Sunday matinee starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers. More information and bookings are at marionartcenter.org/events/proof.

Friends Meeting Yard Sale Donation Drop-Off

The Mattapoisett Friends Meeting (Quakers) will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, **October 11** from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, and donations will be much appreciated. They are looking for clean, sellable items in good repair including housewares, jewelry, collectibles, small furniture, and clean, ready-to-wear clothing. They are not taking large furniture, large appliances, electronics, or books at this time. Please drop off donations at 103 Marion Rd. (Route 6) on either of the following days:

Wednesday, **September 24** from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Saturday, **September 27** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Monday, **September 29** from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Saturday, **October 4** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Someone will be in the community hall (the building in the back) to receive you.

If none of the above times works for you, please email mattquakers@gmail.com in case something can be arranged.

A Conversation on Housing, Healthcare, Environment

Newly elected State Representative Mark Sylvia is

inviting residents to a community meeting that promises to be both engaging and forward-thinking. The event will take place on Tuesday, **October 14**, at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library. It will serve as a platform for open dialogue on the issues that matter most to local families, seniors, and workers.

"In many ways, housing is a key indicator of a healthy community," Sylvia said recently. With a deep commitment to responsible development, Sylvia will share his vision for expanding affordable housing across the South Coast - ensuring that growing families have room to thrive and seniors can age in place with dignity in livable, community-oriented neighborhoods.

But housing is just the beginning.

Representative Sylvia will emphasize the critical importance of prioritizing health care access and affordability. He will openly discuss ways to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure, ensuring it serves everyone more effectively.

Environmental stewardship will be another key theme of the evening. Sylvia is expected to outline his plans to preserve the region's natural beauty, combat overdevelopment, and confront the impacts of climate change.

Representative Sylvia will champion the local industries that define the region's identity - from fishing and cranberry growing to tourism.

This is more than a meeting. It's an invitation to shape the future of the South Coast together on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 pm, at the Mattapoisett Public Library, Mattapoisett.

All residents are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share their perspectives. Representative Sylvia believes that real leadership begins with listening—and this meeting is just the beginning. For more information, contact: lwvsouthcoast.org or Betty DeBenedictis at 617-722-2800 X 7962.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club

In the Fall Round The Bay Race on September 13 Glory And Surprise Win Their respective classes.

MYC hosted its Fall Round the Bay Race Saturday. Thirteen boats made up the 2 classes, spinnaker and non-spinnaker. The race started at Nyes Ledge in light air which continued most of the race. The 15-mile course went around Weepecket Island to Woods Hole and back to Nyes Ledge.

Glory, sailed by Barry Steinberg, won the Spinnaker division. Dragonfly, sailed by N. Thomas Williams, captured second place and Bogi, sailed by Eric Rosie placed third. MYC's Jim Barnes in Hamburglar was fourth and Migrant, sailed by John Ewing was fifth.

In the non-spinnaker class, MYC's Surprise sailed by Charles Churchill won, beating Morpheus, sailed singlehanded by Peter Schwebach by four minutes. No Quarter Given, sailed by Mark Thornhill placed third.

Other finishers were: 4th Steve Capone in Kinsail,



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5th Ryan Keenan in Family Ties, 6th Rich Gleason in Fir Na Tine, 7th Barry Feldman in Scarlet, and 8th Don Ross in Coconuts.

This race was part of the Buzzards Bay Trophy Series. With one race to go at Beverly Yacht Clubs' Hurricane Cup both classes are hotly contested for the series winner.

Marion Natural History Museum Afterschool Programs

Monarch Migration - October 1 - Did you know that some of the monarch butterflies that you see at your flowers this fall will fly all the way to Mexico to spend the winter? Come learn about the amazing migrations of Monarch butterflies. We will also create a symbolic monarch postcard to mail to students in Mexico who will watch over your butterflies for the winter and return them when spring migration begins. Please register here: marionmuseum.org/event/monarch-migrations.

Rescuing Terrapins - October 15 - Embark on an enlightening journey with our "Terrapin Guardians" program, led by Deb Ewing. Explore the efforts to protect the Diamondback Terrapin, a species facing significant threats. Deb and volunteers from New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) have been working to protect Terrapin hatchlings from predation this summer and we'll be hearing about those efforts and possibly meeting one of the foster Terrapin babies during this fun and hopeful

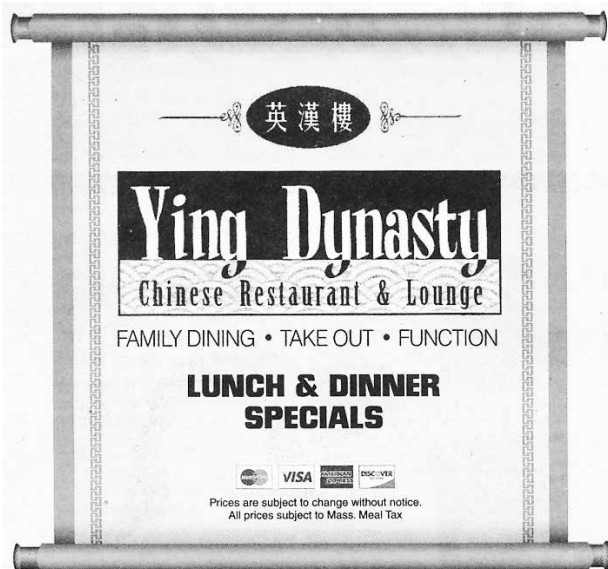
program.

Amazing Adaptation: How bugs survive cold weather - November 5 - Led by Entomologist Blake Dinius we will see how different insect species survive the cold winter months. We will have some fun looking at some examples of local insects from Blake's collection and possibly some live specimens as well.

Introduction to growing SE Mass cranberries - November 19 - Did you know our area is one of the largest and most historic for cranberry production? We will be welcoming an educator from the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association. We'll have a chance to try on and get a look at some of the gear and equipment used to harvest cranberries. We'll also learn how to tell a "good" cranberry from a "bad" one.

Introduction to animal tracks - December 3 - We will be focusing on our observational skills by looking at a variety of animal tracks. Let's look at how many toes, the presence of claws and the shape and size of the tracks to see if we can identify each species. We will be bringing home a plaster cast of a track to show others.

Annual holiday party - December 17 - Enjoy relaxing and getting creative with friends at our annual holiday party. Every year we work with natural and recycled materials to design new works of art for gift giving and decoration. Snacks and drinks are provided. Let's have some fun creating new works of art with our friends.



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All programs start at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Price is \$8.00/each members, \$10.00/each nonmembers. Location is at the museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA second floor. Please register at the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Mattapoisett Rail Trail

The Mattapoisett Rail Trail just received another embellishment on September 10. A new bronze plaque on the bridge over the Mattapoisett River recognizes Old Colony Regional Vo Tech High School, The Community Preservation Committee, the Town of Mattapoisett,



the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail, and The Bike Path Committee for the extraordinary collaboration that expanded a 6' wide utilitarian pedestrian bridge into the 14' wide bridge we use on the bike path today.

The bridge at Mattapoisett River was completed in 2015. Labor was provided by seniors in the Old

Colony Carpentry Program under the direction of Stu Norton, Carpentry Program Director. Pictured here with the installed plaque is Trent Arancio, grandson of Stu Norton. Materials and other costs were paid for by a grant from Community Preservation Committee and from the Friends of the Bike Path.

The bridge was built in stages: First laminated beams were prefabricated and shipped to Old Colony Carpentry Shop where railings were fitted and bolted in place. The beams (with railings) were trucked to Fairhaven then barged to the bridge site and installed on the existing train bridge abutments by crane. After everything was secured in place, the Old Colony students removed the old bridge planking and railings and installed the new, wider planking.

The community and region is grateful. The Friends gratefully acknowledge that every aspect of the popular path we enjoy today has been a product of dedicated staff and elected officials in Town Hall, especially Selectboard members who supported the project and the Town Administrators. Mike Bohtehlo, Mike Gagne, and Mike Lorenzo, who each managed different kinds of complexity for State construction and funding. We also acknowledge recent new plantings by the Tree Committee and the Highway Department.

World Class Musicians to Perform Benefit Concert

"Musical Belles - A Benefit Recital for the Restoration of the Clocktower" is a delightful concert featuring flutist Wendy Rolfe and pianist Deborah DeWolf Emery on Sunday, **September 28** at 4:00 pm, at the First Congregational Church of Marion. This musical offering will benefit the church's 1860 E. Howard Clocktower restoration project.

The performance will highlight flutes and music from around the





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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Webb
9:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - Cemeteries, Genealogy & The Revolutionary War
10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music
4:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM NolanFest 2025
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday September 19, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:30 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Inc ADU Presentation

2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - JJoan Thacher Tiffany
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women's Involvement in the History of Preservation in New England
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animal Ambassadors
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday September 20, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
10:30 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
12:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Webb
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women Involvement in the History of New England
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animals Ambassadors
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz - with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation With...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday September 21, 2025

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
11:30 AM For your Health
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift on Europe
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM NolanFest 2025
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
8:30 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Swing Band
10:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Jazz Through the Decades
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday September 22, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift on Europe
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Money Matters
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
6:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women's Involvement in the History of Preservation in New England
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animal Ambassadors
10:00 PM The Collective Chat
10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday September 23, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Historical What If's with Kirt Mead
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday September 24, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Building the Future
6:30 PM Pete on the Street
7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra
9:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music

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9:00 AM Marion Planning Board
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Marion School Committee
1:00 PM Marion Open Space Committee
2:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health
5:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
6:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
7:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Commission
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
10:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 PM Marion Planning Board

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Daily Schedule

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7:30 AM Rochester Conservation

Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
1:00 PM ORR School Committee
3:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
5:30 PM Rochester Select Board
6:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 PM Rochester School Committee
11:30 PM ORR School Committee

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Daily Schedule

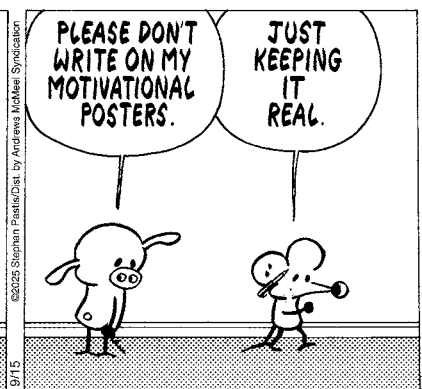
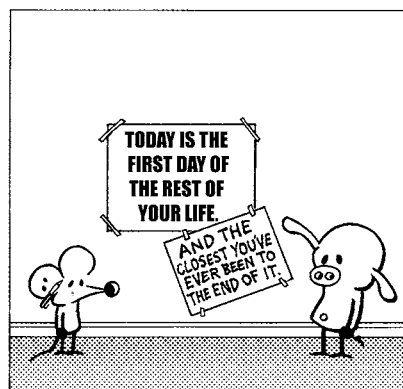
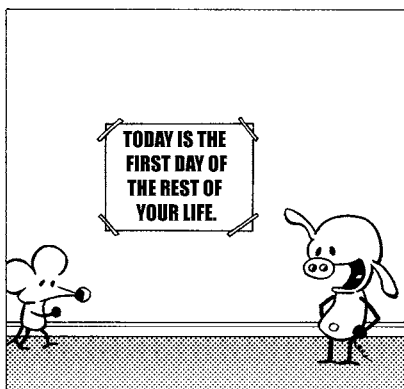
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11:00 PM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Cardinal Spellman
1:30 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Dighton Rehoboth
2:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Seekonk
3:30 PM ORR Baseball vs Apponequet
5:00 PM Old Colony 8th Grade Exploratory Day
5:30 PM ORR Promenade
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet
8:00 PM ORR Theater Class Barbie and Ken's Shakespearean Adventure
9:30 PM ORR Girls Softball vs Wareham
11:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Plymouth North

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



globe including Brazil, Hungary, Germany, and more. The selections range from lively dances and tunes to stirring romantic virtuoso melodies.

Wendy Rolfe is Professor of Flute at the Berklee College of Music. She has toured the United States with a Solo Recitalist Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and has been a guest artist at festivals in Brazil, Ecuador, China, Finland, and more. Pianist Deborah DeWolf Emery has just returned from performing with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood. She often appears with the BSO at Symphony Hall and performs with musicians from all over New England. Wendy and Debbie have been collaborating since they were classmates at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and have recorded together including their CD, "Images of Eve", released on Odyssey Discs.

The First Congregational Church is located at the corner of Main and Front Streets in Marion, MA, and is handicapped-accessible. Tickets are \$25 for the benefit of the Clocktower restoration, and are available at The First Congregational Church Office, Penny Pincher's Exchange (Marion), The Marion General Store and online at marionfirstchurch.org. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

Jimmy Fund Walk

Eight residents from Rochester will participate in the 2025 Jimmy Fund Walk Sunday, October 5.

Donna Tocci, Kathy Shea, Lisa Pelletier, Michelle Munroe, Brenda Spearin, Denis Pelletier, Steph Galary, and Mia Galary along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk will aim to raise \$9.5 million this year in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer.

"For 36 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has been a cornerstone of support for lifesaving cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber," said Caitlin Fink, vice president of The Jimmy Fund. "Every participant contributes directly to advancing lifesaving research and critically important cancer care. Walk Day is more than just an event—it's a celebration of hope and the shared commitment of the Jimmy Fund community."

The Jimmy Fund Walk takes place along the famed Boston Marathon® course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K walk (from Dana-Farber's Longwood Medical Campus); 10K walk (from Newton); Half Marathon walk (from Wellesley); and Marathon walk (from Hopkinton). Walkers who prefer to participate virtually can complete their chosen distance from any location.

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call 866-531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS

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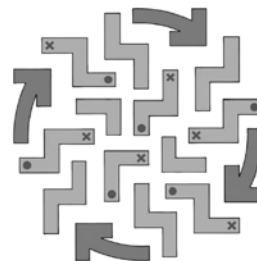
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MOVIE REVIEW

Number's Up

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***The Long Walk*. Starring Cooper Hoffman and David Jonsson. Directed by Francis Lawrence. Running time: 104 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

Based on an early Stephen King novel — his first, actually, written when he was a college freshman, then published years later under the pseudonym Richard Bachman — *The Long Walk* may be one of the goriest movies to leave us feeling sad and desolate. It's set in a dystopian, post-war future where the economy is bad enough that late-teen boys from all across the country volunteer for a competition called the Long Walk, whose winner is guaranteed untold wealth and one wish. Fifty boys are selected, one from each state. There are other rules, but there's only one that matters. The boys must keep walking, day and night, rain or shine, until only one is left alive on the road.

That means 49 boys "get their tickets" — get executed by rifle-toting military following them to make sure they maintain a pace of three miles an hour. This, like the number of walkers — 100 in the novel — is but one of several significant changes from King's book. It all still works well to streamline the film, whose budget can't have been big; towards the end, the presence of a crowd of spectators is suggested more than shown. The biggest star is probably Mark Hamill, chewing on a gruff, hammy performance as the Major, the military dude who oversees the Walk. We get to know a few of the boys, starting with Ray Garraty (Cooper Hoffman), whose traumatized mom (Judy Greer) drops him off at the starting line.

Hoffman displays some of the amiability and capacity for despair of his father Philip Seymour Hoffman, and he's matched by David Jonsson as the good-natured but wounded Peter McVries, who befriends Ray. These two provide a central warmth that convinces us the world of the film is worth the walk. JT Mollner's screenplay keeps some of the character quirks from the novel while simplifying their language; the book's teenage boys tended mostly all to sound like, well, Stephen King, a little too erudite for belief. (The movie does retain one funny King-ism when one Walker uncharitably and vulgarly assesses another's strategy to win.) The story, both gritty and emo, was all too believably conceived by a fellow teenage boy, and I enjoyed it as a reader about their age at the time and would have been destroyed by the movie. Now, though, I'm older and more callous, and existing in a country



where a Long Walk doesn't seem too far away.

Many have tied the Walk thematically to the Vietnam War, which was in full swing when King wrote the book. Away from that, it plays as more of a metaphor for surviving not the future but the present, a place where people give up their bodies, time and lives for the promise of money until they get their tickets. King's conception is far more nihilistic than the movie; more than once, a character theorizes that the reason they all signed up was because they wanted to die. Or, at least, to die in pursuit of enough riches to set themselves and their families up forever. The movie points out that *every* able-bodied boy volunteers for the Walk, because what else are they going to do? The Walk is posited as their only way out of grinding poverty — much like the military, which is definitely a point King was trying to make when he was sweating over whether his number would be called. We remember that in the film when Walkers who fall off pace get warned by their numbers. "Warning! Final warning, 47!" the soldiers call out over a metallic-sounding loudspeaker.

Directed by Francis Lawrence, who does a fine meat-and-potatoes job with a potentially visually dismal narrative, *The Long Walk* doesn't fuss around much. Some of the story has been mildly Hollywoodized in a way that reminded me of the movie Keith Gordon made of Robert Cormier's bleak YA novel *The Chocolate War*. Gordon acknowledged that he had veered from the book's ending but that the movie's ending was dark in a different way, and so it was. That's also true of *The Long Walk*. Sometimes boredom pulls vaguely at our attention — there are only so many ways Lawrence can film a decreasing number of guys walking — but for the most part the killings and the dramatic acting moments are distributed evenly enough that we stay with the story. It's probably as sharp and alert a movie as could be made from this legendarily "unfilmable" King book. But films about endurance tests like the Walk have one big problem: we're not at all sorry to see them end and to escape into the fresh air.

for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt. You can also sign up to volunteer on Walk day.

Hello from Plumb Library

Welcome to September. After a very busy summer (thank you so much to everyone who helped make our Summer Reading Program a success), we are looking forward to a number of upcoming fall events and programs.

Fall Storytime with Ms. Fuchsia. Baby Storytime 10:30 am Tuesdays beginning **September 30**. Perfect for littles from 6-24 months. Sign up for the whole session via the Events Calendar on our website. Session runs from September 30 through November 25. Family Storytime 10:30 am Wednesdays beginning October 1. Great for ages 2-5 years, younger siblings are welcome. Sign up by the week via the Events Calendar on our website. Session runs from October 1 through November 26.

The Friends of the Library Fall Booksale. 10:00 am to 4:30 pm Friday **September 26** and 10:00 am to 1:30 pm Saturday **September 27**. Books for all ages, puzzles, games, DVDs, CDs, all at bargain prices. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, who help us provide you with programs, special events, guest speakers, special

library collections, and more. Donations for the sale can be dropped off during regular Library hours through September 24.

Boards and Cards: Games for Adults. Are you a grown-up gamer? Join us for a social get-together from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, **October 11**. Bring a game to share or play one provided by our game masters. If you have a special interest in Magic: The Gathering, you should definitely stop by.

Want to stay up-to-date on monthly Library happenings? Ask to be added to our Newsletter Email List.

Library hours: Monday/Thursday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday/Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; closed on Sundays and Holidays. Contact us: call 508-763-8600 or email at info@plumblibrary.com during regular hours. Check our Events Calendar, Newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram pages for information, upcoming events, and more.

Library cards are required for checkout. September is Library Card Sign Up Month. If you have lost your card, or it's damaged, see us for a free replacement all this month.

OBITUARIES



Kevin W. Taylor, 59, of Rochester, passed away after battling a long illness on Monday, September 8, 2025. He was the loving husband of Louise (Mattos) Taylor for 37 years.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late Muriel Taylor, he lived in Rochester most of his life.

Kevin was a strong, dependable, and loving husband and father who devoted his life to his family. He was always there when you needed him—whether it was fixing something around the house, offering wise advice, or teaching his sons life lessons that will stay with them forever. Kevin had an off the cuff sense of humor that those close to him could appreciate. His quick wit often brought joy, laughter, and unforgettable moments to his family and friends. Family meant everything to Kevin. Every year, he hosted Thanksgiving dinner, a tradition that brought everyone together and filled the home with love, laughter, and gratitude. He found joy in the simple things—time spent camping, talking on his CB radio, and pursuing his passion as an avid gun collector.

For nearly 30 years, Kevin worked at Onset Bay Marina, where his unmatched ability to fix anything made him not only a trusted worker but also a friend to many. His hard work, steady presence, and willingness to help others reflected a life lived with purpose.

Though Kevin will be deeply missed, we take

comfort in God's promises: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). And we find hope in the words of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25). Kevin's legacy of love, strength, and devotion will live on in his family and in the countless lives he touched. He has fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7). Until we are reunited, his memory will forever be a blessing to us all.

Survivors include his wife, Louise; his children, Joel Taylor and his fiancée Muriel Carle of Acushnet, Jeffrey Taylor and his wife Kate of Fairhaven, and Ryan Taylor of Rochester; his brother, Christopher Taylor and his wife Rebecca; his grandchildren, Wesson Taylor and Liam Taylor; his best friend Mike Cifuni; many nieces and nephews; and his loyal dog Snoopy.

His visiting hours will be held on Monday September 15, 2025 from 4-7:30 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. His Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 am in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Sept 7 – Sept 13

- Joanne Dr – General service
- Converse Rd - Lockout
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Village Dr – Follow up investigation
- Brigg's Ter – Mental health assist
- Washburn Park – Found property
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – General offense
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Found property
- Zora Rd – Animal bite
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Olde Knoll Rd – Suspicious person
- Barnabas Rd – General service
- Village Dr – Juvenile offense
- Zora Rd – Follow up investigation
- Bayview Rd – Family disturbance
- Pitcher St – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Smoke investigation
- 105 off ramp – MV collision
- Point Rd – B&E/arrest
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Parking enforcement

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Sept 7 – Sept 13

- Cannon St – Lost property
- Pearl St – Health/welfare
- Route 195 East – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd - Complaint
- Pine Wood Way – 911 call
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – MV crash
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Beach Rd – Officer wanted
- Chapel Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Richard III's Ln – Larceny/forgery
- Route 195 East – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – MV crash
- Maplewood St – Suspicious persons
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Jowick St – Property returned
- Snow Fields Rd – Animal control
- Holly Ln – Medical assist
- Church St – 911 call
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Oliver St – Animal control
- Water St – Parking violation
- Church St – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Barstow St – Parking complaint
- Holly Ln – General service
- Acushnet Rd - Trespassing

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Sept 7 – Sept 13

- North Ave – MV collision
- County Rd – MV theft
- Walnut Plain Rd – Burglar alarm
- Kings Hwy – 911 call
- North Ave – Animal control
- Parlowtown Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- Marys Pond Rd – Lost animal
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Woodland Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – MV collision
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well-being check
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Hartley Rd – Assist other agency
- Mill Pond Rd – Road hazard
- North Ave - Medical
- North Ave – Erratic MV
- Earls Ct – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy - Threats
- Snows Pond Rd – Assist other agency
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- North Ave – Civil complaint
- Paradise Ln – Noise complaint
- Snows Pond Rd – General services
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Suspicious activity

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Sept 22: Beef stew w/ buttermilk biscuit, green beans & peppers, applesauce

Tuesday, Sept 23: Rosemary & garlic chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, pudding, diet: fruit

Wednesday, Sept 24: Herb crusted fish w/lemon wedge. Rice pilaf, broccoli, dinner roll, banana

Thursday, Sept 25: Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, chocolate chip cookie

Friday, Sept 26: Italian sausage w/peppers, white rice, green peas, cornbread loaf, peach cup

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 22: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 23: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 24: Whole grain waffles, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup, maple syrup

Thursday, Sept 25: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 26: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Sept 22: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 23: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 24: Whole grain waffles, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup, maple syrup

Thursday, Sept 25: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 26: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Sept 22: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 23: Loaded tater

tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 24: No lunch served – early release

Thursday, Sept 25: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 26: Appetizer Basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served with warm marinara sauce

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Sept 22: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 23: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 24: Whole grain waffles, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup, maple syrup

Thursday, Sept 25: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 26: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 22: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 23: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 24: Whole grain waffles, tater tots, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup, maple syrup

Thursday, Sept 25: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 26: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Sept 22: Build a burrito bowl

Tuesday, Sept 23: calzone, fries & steamed carrots

Wednesday, Sept 24: Bagel pizza & side salad

Thursday, Sept 25: Waffle & chicken sliders with tater tots

Friday, Sept 26: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

Mattapoisett Library Children's Department

After a very busy summer, we are excited to share our upcoming fall events.

Next week we have a stress ball workshop for ages 8 and up on Thursday, **September 25**, from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm. We will be using colorful balloons to make stress balls, which are perfect for squeezing during anxious or frustrating moments. Due to limited supplies, registration is required. Our Graphic Novel Book Club, for ages 9 and up, is also making a return this week, starting on Friday, **September 26**, at 3:30 pm.

To register for our events or for more information, please check out our website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, or give us a call at 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

After writing about the dances at Dewey Park, I started to think about how important dances have been to the Rochester community and its residents, especially young people. In the mid to late 1800's, some of the places where teenagers (I don't think they called them that back then) could socialize were harvest festivals or "Singing and Spelling Schools" where people gathered in competitions. J. Augustus Johnson says in his memoirs that a brave youth might ask a girl if he "might have the



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pleasure of seeing her home", from one of these occasions.

By the 1900's, dances at places like the Women's Club and Grange brought young people together, often to participate in square dances. Annie Hartley Gurney kept a diary in her 18th year and in it she makes frequent references to attending dances that were held almost every weekend at one Grange or another. Freetown's had dances every two weeks and there were frequent dances in Rochester Center and of course, the Rochester Grange hosted square dancing. Annie got to know Ralph Gurney at these dances and they were married in 1924, 4 years after she started her diary.

Many people wrote in the Rochester Journals about dances. According to Ruth Fuller. "We built the

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25 Blows gently
26 NHL great Bobby
27 Dot in la mer
28 Candied nut given to a kid to quell a tantrum?
30 Advice for Fonda when she has a grievance?
35 Finds a new purpose for
36 Saudi export
37 Adele's vocal range
38 Without remuneration
41 Big cheese
44 RBI, e.g.
45 "Lily White" novelist Susan

- 46 Colo.-to-Ga. direction
49 Present, as the whole group
51 Small car manufactured in Poland's capital?
54 Optimal nutrient amt.
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57 Suffix with hero or opal
58 Common brown rodent
59 Give praise to sellers of stolen goods?
63 Regarding
64 Like the horse favored to win
65 Units of gold purity
70 Zest or Dial
73 Fighting between Dracula and Lestat?
80 Puts into operation
85 Partner of neither
86 Land of Lima and llamas
87 "So that's it!"
88 Halt hubbub?
91 Is scornful of
93 Pork product

- 94 Ocean trip
95 Oolong and Darjeeling
97 List details
98 Isn't truthful with
99 Orch. section for timpani, triangles, etc.
100 Jet to JFK, once
101 Tater Tots maker
104 Give solace to actor Mike?
109 Win the contest?
113 — Grande
114 Meadow
115 From Havana, e.g.
116 Noting the differences between cutting utensils?
121 Nuclear trial, in brief
122 Respectful tributes
123 Hint-giving columnist
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- 1 Part of YMCA: Abbr.
2 Computer support whiz

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4 2,100, to Caesar
5 "— you in?"
6 Communal
7 Vodka brand, familiarly
8 Suffix with 6-Down
9 Abbr. for those with only one given name
10 "Gee, I would never do that!"
11 Perez of film
12 Elevator company
13 "— asking?"
14 Big Apple mail abbr.
15 "I do so suffer!"
16 Slimy shore deposit in some spa treatments
17 Sleeve ends
18 Bandleader Shaw
19 Takes it easy
24 — Work ("Down Under" band)
29 Industrial city in southern Poland
31 Pal of Tigger
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- 33 "The Hunger Games" star, in tabloids
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42 "Battle Cry" actor — Ray
43 "Kapow!"
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75 "Li'l ol' me?"
76 For the time being
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- 78 "Excuse me"
79 Fling
81 Mishaps
82 Ripped into
83 Tall birds
84 "The Power of the Dog" co-star Kodi — McPhee
89 Spanish for "bear"
90 Spongy ball
92 Teeny-tiny
96 Oak nut
98 Enzyme in fat breakdown
99 Thick soup
100 Dracula creator Bram
101 Philosopher with a "razor"
102 Way to travel
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105 Correct
106 "Blue Suede Shoes" singer
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor new romances for unpaired Ewes and Rams. Already paired Arian twosomes might experience renewed harmony in their relationships. Money matters also take a bright turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Use your strong Bovine determination to help you keep the faith with your convictions while you move through a period of uncertainty. Things begin to ease by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to your intuition. It could be alerting you to be more careful about accepting a "statement of fact" that is simply based on trust. Don't be shy about asking for more proof.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Concern for the well-being of someone in need is admirable. But don't forget to take care of yourself as well. Ask a family member, close friend or colleague to help you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's OK to focus on the demands of your career. But try to avoid misunderstandings by also reaching out to family and friends. Your sharp intuitive sense kicks in by midweek.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Keep a rein on the green-eyed monster -- jealousy is counterproductive. Instead of resenting a colleague's good points, concentrate on developing your own abilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Spending time on a creative project during this high-energy week can pay off -- both in emotional satisfaction and in impressing someone who is glad to see this side of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Now is a good time to start planning a trip you've put off because of the demands on your time. Be sure to choose a destination that is new and exciting!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An upbeat mood during the first part of the week makes you eager to take on new ventures. A more serious note sets in later to help you assess an upcoming decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A high energy level gives the Goat the get-up-and-go to finish outstanding tasks before deadlines, leaving time for well-earned fun and games with friends and family.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with disappointment is never easy. But the wise Aquarian will use it as a vital lesson and be better for it. Meanwhile, a close friend has something important to say.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your best bet is not to get involved in an argument between colleagues until you know more about who started it and why. And even then, appearances could be deceiving. Be alert!

BORN THIS WEEK: You have creative gifts that inspire those who get to see this sometimes-hidden side of you. You should let it out more often for the people who appreciate it.

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Grange with card parties and dances." The last line on the postcard that my grandmother sent to her mother at the start of her



teaching career here in 1914 was that she was just home from a social evening (dance). As a newcomer to town, it's no doubt how she eventually met her husband to be, Jim Hartley.

Dances sparked romance for other couples. Bob and Harriet Sherman's began when Bob saw her at a Rochester Grange square dance. He invited her to the Mattapoissett square dances held in the summer at the town wharf. There he taught her all the various steps and turns and that led to 70 years of marriage. The square dances were going strong in the 60's when I was a mother's helper in Mattapoissett and took my charges to the wharf to watch the dancers.

I'm sure somewhere there are still square dance groups, but their popularity has diminished over the years. It's interesting to note that one part of the Rochester Bicentennial celebration was a square dance demonstration. I wonder if dances continue to be popular



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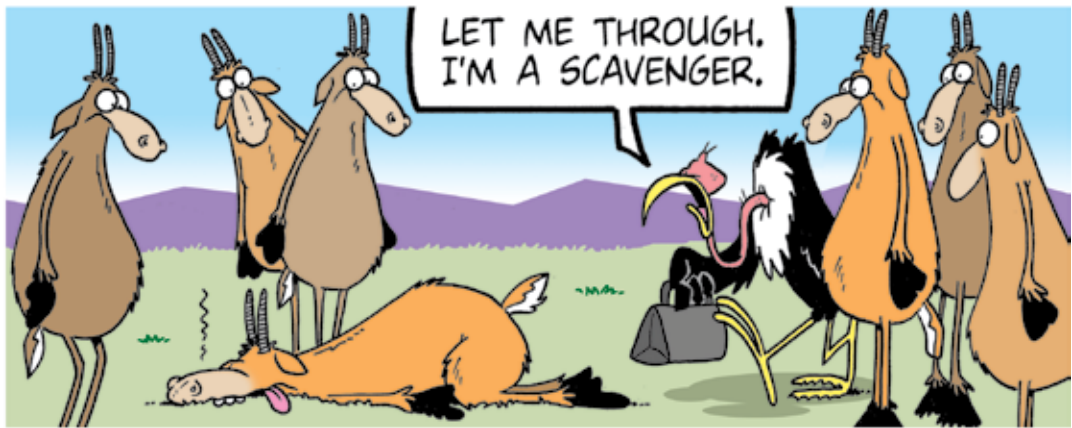
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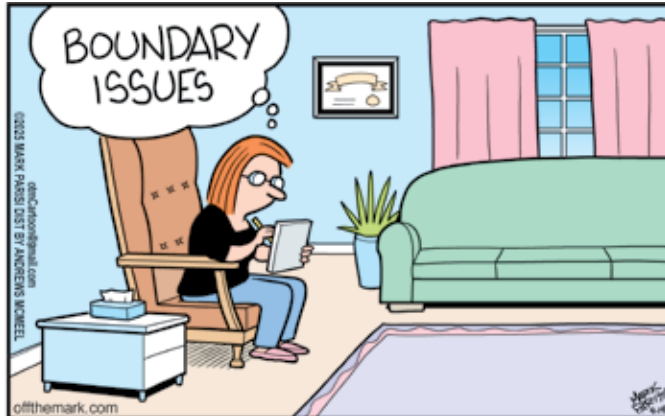
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in this age of social media. They will always be a good place for actual person to person interaction.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Limited spots remain in our free woodcarving workshop on Saturday, **September 20**, from 10:00 pm to 1:00 pm. All materials are included, call the library to register.

Did you participate in any of our grant year workshops, or create something in our new makerspace? Consider loaning one of your projects to the library to display in September and join us to celebrate the conclusion of our craft year on Thursday **September 25** at 6:00 pm.

The Cozy Cup Book Club will meet on Wednesday **September 24** at 11:00 am to discuss Murder on the Page by Daryl Wood Gerber. Please call the library to register.

Kids ages 8+ can register for our needle felting class that will be held on Friday, September 19 at 3 PM. Pop-Up Art School will teach the basics of needle felting and participants will needle felt a squirrel. Space is limited, so call the library today to register.

It's baby time at the Library. We have a lapsit story time designed for babies 0-24 months on Monday mornings at 10:30 am and our parachute playdate program designed for babies who aren't yet walking on

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Come meet other families with babies and engage in fun, early literacy activities.

Mark your calendars - we'll be hosting author Gwendolyn Wallace for a reading and author talk on Saturday, **October 4** at 1:00 pm. Gwendolyn is the author of picture books Joy Takes Root, The Light She Feels Inside, and Dancing with Water. This program is best for kids ages 5+ and their grownups. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to create papercrafts at our YA Open Makerspace Hours, Thursday **September 18** from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

The Elizabeth Taber Library will close as 12 on Friday, **October 3** for an all-staff meeting.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion. 508-748-1252.

Back-to-School Bus and Bicycle Safety Reminders

As the 2025-26 school year gets underway, Superintendent Michael S. Nelson reminds families, students, and community members to keep safety as their top priority when traveling to and from school.

The Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 is providing safety tips for students who take the bus to school, along with their families, in addition to precautions for all those

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who ride a bicycle.

"As we embark on a new school year, I want to recommend that parents, guardians and students talk to each other about what we can do to improve safety on the way to and from school," said Superintendent Nelson. "By reviewing these important safety reminders, we can better ensure the safety and success of our students throughout the rest of our time together in 2025 and 2026."

The National Safety Council (NSC) provides the following tips for students and parents to get to school safely:

Walking to school:

- Always use the sidewalk, if one is available. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

- Stop before crossing streets: look left, right, then left again.

- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the road and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections

- Stay alert - never text or wear earbuds while crossing streets. Better yet, never cross the street while using any electronic device.

Biking to school:

- Ride with traffic, single file, on the right side of the road.

- Come to a complete stop before crossing any street and walk your bike across.

- Stay alert and avoid distractions while riding, such as phones or earbuds.

- Wear bright or reflective clothing so drivers can see you clearly.

- Helmets appropriate for bicycling should be worn by everyone — adults and children — on every bike ride, regardless of the ride's length.

- Use hand signals when turning and make eye contact with drivers whenever possible. Aside from using hand signals, keep both hands on the handlebars.

For additional safety tips and recommendations for riding a bicycle to school, go to MassBike for a full rundown.

"It's critical that every student who rides a bike takes responsibility for their own safety and follows the rules of the road," said Superintendent Nelson. "Following these important safety tips can make all the difference."

Riding an e-bike:

- An e-bike is defined as a bicycle or tricycle that is equipped with fully operational pedals and an electric motor of 750 watts or less. The motor can only power the e-bike up to 20 miles per hour. More powerful motorized bikes require registration and a driver's license or learner's permit.

- Always wear a helmet, no matter what.

- Use front and rear lights even during the day and wear bright or reflective clothing.

- E-bikes are not permitted on sidewalks,

highways, or natural trails that are meant for non-motorized traffic.

- Operate e-bikes only on roads and designated bike lanes, following the same rules of the road as bicycles.

- Ride in the same direction as traffic, single file, on the right side of the road.

- Always obey stop signs, red lights and lane markings.

The same as when you ride a regular bicycle, use hand signals when turning and make eye contact with drivers whenever possible. Again, aside from using hand signals, keep both hands on the handlebars.

"As e-bikes become more common, students and families should be aware of these important rules and safety guidelines," Superintendent Nelson said. "While e-bikes offer convenience they also come with extra risks because of their speed and power. We encourage families to talk with their children about these rules and to make sure every e-bike ride is a safe one."

Taking the bus to school:

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus

Arrive at the bus stop early and wait at least six feet — or at least three giant steps — away from the curb.

- If crossing the road in front of the bus, first walk 10 feet ahead of the bus, so the driver can always see you.

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4. MOVIES: What are the villains in the movie "Transformers" called?
5. LITERATURE: Hercule Poirot is a detective featured in more than 30 of which author's novels?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many olfactory receptors are in a dog's nose on average?
7. MUSIC: When did the Woodstock Music and Art Fair take place in rural New York state?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear of speaking in public called?
9. U.S. STATES: In which state is the Rocky Mountain National Park located?
10. LANGUAGE: What is the most commonly used letter in the English alphabet?

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- Answers
1. The Atlantic Ocean.
 2. Red and blue.
 3. South Atlantic Ocean.
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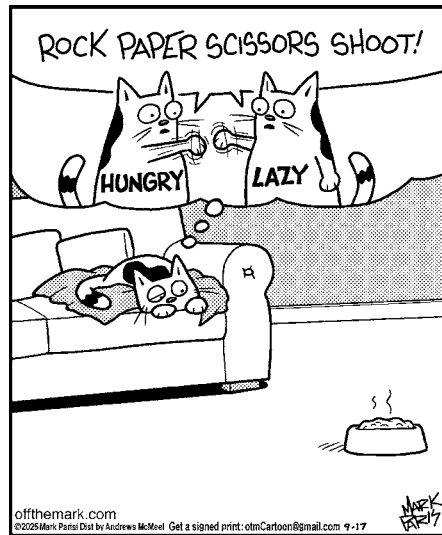
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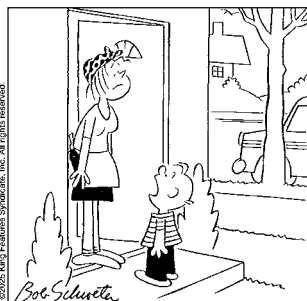
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safe behavior when helping their student get on or off the bus.

Driving your child to school:

- Eliminate distractions and stay alert.

- Follow posted school zone speed limits and your school's drop-off procedures.

- Watch for students crossing the street and make eye contact with them before proceeding.

Motorists must remain alert while driving, particularly in school zones and residential neighborhoods. Children can be unpredictable and may ignore hazards and take risks. The NSC provides the following tips for motorists:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.

- Always stop and yield to pedestrians in school zones and at crosswalks when lights are flashing. And always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.

- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.

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- Remember: the 10-foot area around a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Give them space to enter and exit safely.

- Leave at least three feet when passing a bicyclist and take extra care when turning. Children may turn suddenly without warning.

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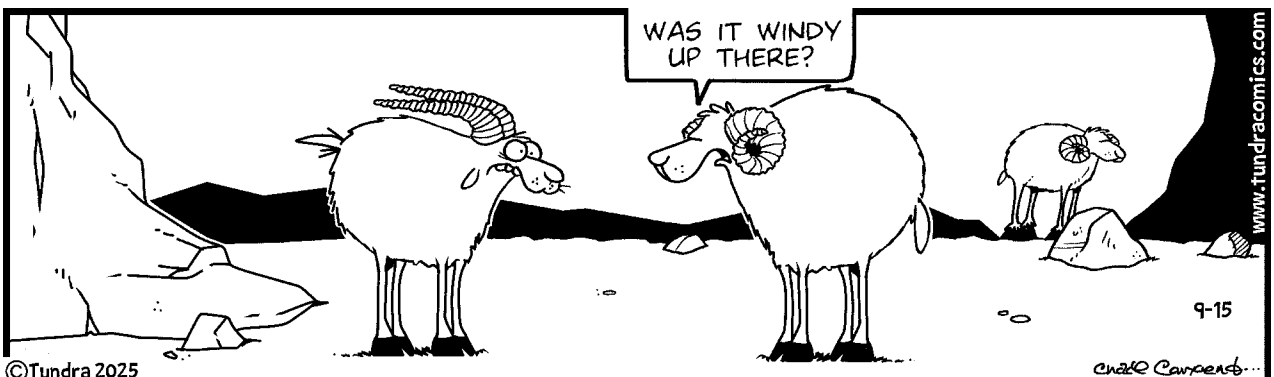
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"What we hope for above anything else is to have a safe school year," said Mattapoisett Police Chief Jason King. "To accomplish this goal, it is paramount that parents, caregivers and our students review and discuss these important safety tips and guidelines for travel to and from school. Please be responsible and stay safe in your travels."

"We'd like to wish all of our student and families a safe and happy school year," said Mattapoisett School Committee Chairperson Carly Lavin. "It's so important that all of our families make it a priority to review these important safety tips and guidelines in order to reduce the chance of accidents on the way to and from school."

"Student safety is a responsibility we all share," said Superintendent Nelson. "Whether you're a parent, a guardian, a driver, a bicyclist, a neighbor or a school employee, we all play a crucial role in protecting children on their way to and from school. Thank you for partnering with us to make this a safe and positive start to the school year."

Navigating Dementia by Dr. Edward Hoffer

Join Dr. Edward Hoffer at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street on Tuesday, **September 23** at 6:30 pm as he discusses Navigating Dementia: what it is, when to suspect it, the tests your doctor should perform to investigate it, the available therapies, and how to prevent it.

Dr. Hoffer resides on the SouthCoast. He earned his undergraduate degree at MIT, received his MD from Harvard, and completed his residency and cardiology fellowship at Mass General Hospital. He was in private practice for 40 years, combined with research on medical informatics at MGH. Dr. Hoffer continues to work part-time at the MGH Lab of Computer Science on AI, aiming to assist doctors in making more accurate diagnoses. He is the author of the book "Prescription for Bankruptcy" and a frequent contributor of topical and helpful medical articles to The Wanderer.

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To celebrate the alumni of ORR, the ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA)--for the third consecutive year--will organize alumni events around the annual Homecoming game. The parallel events will be held on Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18.

The program of events is open to all ORRJHS and ORRHS alumni and friends of ORR... an inclusive



experience that hopes to bring together the common alumni experience spanning over seven decades from the Class of '64 to the Class of '24.

Save the dates:

Friday, **October 17** - "ORRHS Homecoming Football Game", kickoff 6:30 pm.

Join us at a dedicated alumni area behind the end zone. Gather to learn about what you can do for the ORR community through the efforts of the BPAA. Please note that to enter the grounds, all attendees are required to purchase a ticket. The BPAA is not involved in ticket sales for the game.

"Friday Night Lights" Social - Join us to celebrate the Bulldogs at The Stowaway in Mattapoisett, an alumni-owned business. The event starts immediately following the game. Complimentary light refreshments will be served. Special cocktails will be on the menu, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the BPAA. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. No entrance fee.

Saturday, **October 18** - "BPAA 3rd Annual Alumni Homecoming Celebration", 7:00 pm. Saturday's celebration is to be held at alumni-owned The Bitter End in Fairhaven, featuring live music by Dave Dunn. Complimentary refreshments will be served. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. No entrance fee.

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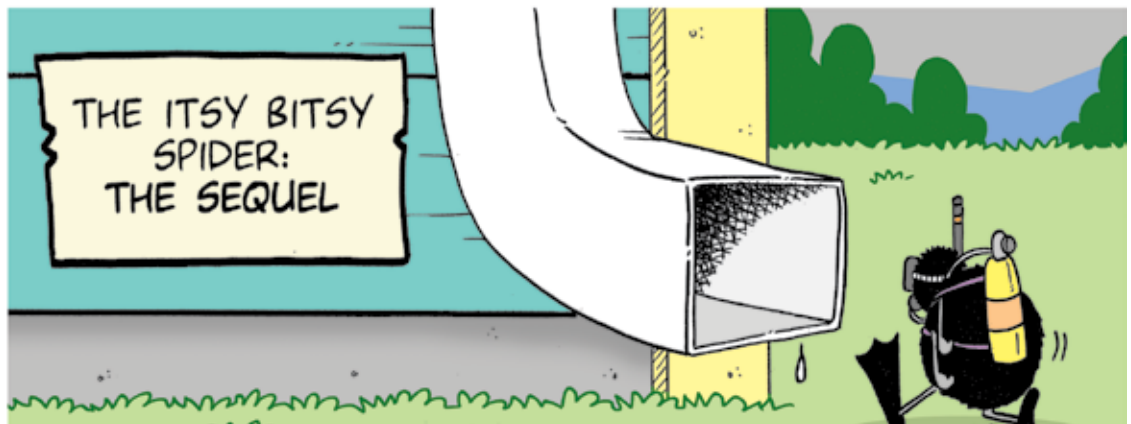
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Holyn Anne Turner	September 19
Kyle DeCicco-Carey	September 19
Muriel Alexander	September 19
Bob Lapointe	September 20
Daniel Fealy	September 20
Owen S. Harrington	September 20
Ralph Perry	September 20
Xavier Perez	September 20
Edward Lopes	September 21
Jessie Hodges	September 21
Joanella Deery	September 21
Lilah Mello	September 21
Mike Lake	September 21
Molly Lanagan	September 21
Olivia Mello	September 21
Olivia Wadsworth	September 21
Hannah Reese	September 22
Jaci Barnett	September 22
Jack Gonsalves	September 22
Jack Tallman	September 22
Rosemarie Holmes	September 22
Stephen Hughes	September 22
Virginia O'Brien	September 22
Zachary Medeiros	September 22
Cedar Jay Maloney	September 23
David Rousseau	September 23
Donna Dunn	September 23
Franck Tebou	September 23
Lorraine Lake	September 23
Seth Phillips	September 23
William Clay Evans	September 23
Haley Vaites	September 24
Sheldon Rezendes	September 24



to help us in our fundraising efforts to demonstrate our school pride for ORR. For the Class of 2024, the ORR BPAA sponsored three awards, totaling \$5,000. For 2025, the BPAA is committed to not only awarding a similar amount but also plans to launch a grant program for student groups, totaling over \$7,000 in financial gifts from small and large donations, earned primarily through the fundraising efforts during Alumni Weekend. This will allow BPAA funds to reach the wider ORR community by supporting projects and experiences for students.

Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2025 is an opportunity for past students and graduates of ORRJHS and ORRHS to gather in proud support of our schools, and to establish an outlet for alumni and friends to volunteer and contribute resources in service to students, teachers, and staff. School pride is the nexus for our efforts, and we know that graduates of ORR are immensely proud of their bulldog experience.

For further inquiries, reach out to the BPAA at bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com. Go Bulldogs.

The ORR BPAA is a recognized charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and operates as a section 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations to the BPAA are tax-deductible.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

Mattapoisett Cultural Council invites grant proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs until **October 16** at massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/. Grants are available to support cultural projects and activities in and around Mattapoisett -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. These programs promote the availability of rich cultural experiences for Mattapoisett residents.

Eligible applicants include individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations or groups with a nonprofit purpose, public schools (including teachers, student groups and parent groups), libraries and other municipal agencies, and religious organizations or for-profit organizations under certain circumstances.

Applicants are encouraged to review local funding priorities at <https://www.mass-culture.org/mattapoisett>. Applications will be evaluated with respect to how well the program meets local priorities, community support and involvement, evidence of track record, evidence that a public benefit will result from the project, financial need, and demonstrated planning.

Recently funded projects included: theatrical, literary, and science programs for children and adults at Mattapoisett Free Public Library, concerts by Sippican Choral Society, SouthCoast Children's Chorus, and Tri-County Symphonic Band, programs and exhibits at Mattapoisett Museum, and in-school and summertime arts and science programs sponsored by the Mattapoisett PTA, Mattapoisett Recreation, Mattapoisett Land Trust,

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and New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, among others.

To contact Mattapoisett Cultural Council directly with questions, please email us at chrisbrennan1955@comcast.net.

Showstoppers Performance Troupe Seeking Local Talent

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe is seeking talented youth for its 24th season. Boys and girls in grades 2 to 12 with singing ability are encouraged to apply.

Candidates are asked to submit 2 audition videos, one ballad and one upbeat song, for review. Call backs will be in person by appointment. Submissions do not need to be professionally done and can be recordings of solos in previous school productions. We are looking for kids with great potential.

Successful candidates will rehearse one day per week for 1 1/2 to 2 hours and will have the opportunity to perform with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra in December. They will also make an impact on their community by providing musical entertainment to the elderly at nursing homes, senior centers, and assisted living facilities throughout the Southcoast. The troupe also performs for the community at-large through a variety of private and public venues, including fairs, festivals, schools, malls, charitable fundraisers and other

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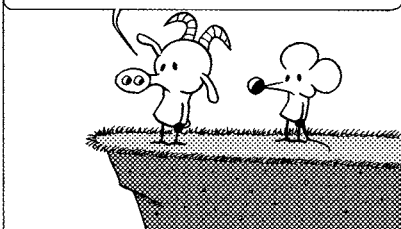
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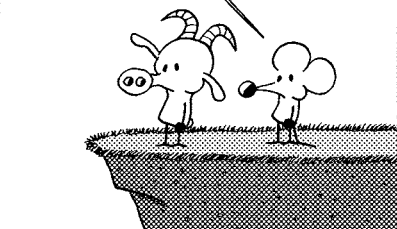
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis

ISN'T IT AMAZING TO BE ALIVE AT THIS MOMENT OF TIME WHEN SO MANY TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS ARE OCCURRING AND WE KNOW MORE THAN WE EVER KNEW BEFORE?

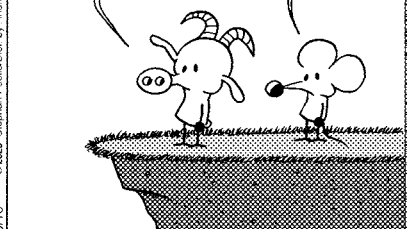


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Marion Cultural Council

Marion Cultural Council is excited to receive online grant applications for individuals and organizations for art and STEM-related projects that will help to enrich the Marion community. The Mass Cultural Council has set an **October 16** deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities and proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs in the community. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Marion-- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Marion Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For questions regarding the Marion Cultural Council, contact marionculturalcouncil@gmail.com. Online application forms, a full list of priorities and guidelines and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program and a list of the council's priorities are available online at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Marion>



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Marion Democratic Town Committee

The Marion Democratic Town Committee will meet at 5:30 pm, **September 18**, in the Community Room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street. The group will discuss and decide upon its priorities for activities through December. All Democrats residing in Marion are welcome to come, participate and share their ideas in order to create meaningful events for the fall. Any questions may be directed to the chair, Sharon Matzek – sharonmatzek@yahoo.com.

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **September 18**, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Neimad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. The meeting will address current local community concerns.

The evening will also feature light refreshments, a cash bar, and open conversation among community members.

"This meeting is about working together to protect our local voice and ensure citizens are represented fairly," said Paul Criscuolo, Chair of the Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee.

"We encourage all residents to join the discussion and learn more about these critical issues."

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	September 18	5:59	6:32	12:33	12:11
Friday	September 19	6:51	7:19	1:08	12:52
Saturday	September 20	7:38	8:01	1:34	1:28
Sunday	September 21	8:20	8:40	1:55	2:05
Monday	September 22	8:59	9:17	2:19	2:43
Tuesday	September 23	9:37	9:53	2:47	3:21
Wednesday	September 24	10:13	10:30	3:19	3:58
Thursday	September 25	10:49	11:08	3:53	4:35
Friday	September 26	11:26	11:48	4:28	5:13
Saturday	September 27		12:07	5:04	5:53
Sunday	September 28	12:33	12:53	5:44	6:43
Monday	September 29	1:22	1:44	6:32	7:59
Tuesday	September 30	2:13	2:38	7:37	9:41
Wednesday	October 1	3:09	3:36	9:00	10:40
Thursday	October 2	4:09	4:39	10:18	11:21
Friday	October 3	5:11	5:37	11:18	11:56
Saturday	October 4	6:05	6:29		12:08
Sunday	October 5	6:54	7:16	12:31	12:55

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	September 21st
	First Quarter	September 29th
	Full Moon	October 6th
	Last Quarter	October 13th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the September 11, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 49

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Lackey
2. Space;
3. Lumber;
4. Sordid

Today's Word

BICYCLE

Sudoku Answer

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8	3	1	7	6	9	5	2	4
9	2	4	5	3	1	8	7	6
1	9	5	4	8	2	7	6	3
4	6	8	1	7	3	2	9	5
3	7	2	9	5	6	1	4	8
5	1	3	6	9	7	4	8	2
2	4	7	3	1	8	6	5	9
6	8	9	2	4	5	3	1	7

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