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FROM ABOVE

Marion



The new Harbormaster building, still fresh and recently officially opened.

Mattapoissett



A view from Town Beach overlooking the wharfs and Water Street.

Rochester



Rochester Memorial School's nearly completed solar array built atop their rear parking lot.

Marion



A shot down Main Street. You can see the Town House, currently being renovated, the back of the Elizabeth Taber Library, some of Sippican School, and the harbor in the background with many boats still moored.

Mattapoissett



Most of the town center from above Town Wharf. Center School stands out with its clock tower's height.

Rochester



Above Plumb Corner with Friends Market to the right and Town Hall and the First Congressional Church to the left.

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Up, Up, and Away

The Tri-Town From Above

By Sam Bishop

If at the founding of Rochester in 1686, you showed the early settlers you could view what their town would become from hundreds of feet in the air, they would not believe you. If you were to show them, they might believe you, but they'd likely try you for witchcraft and burn you at the stake. Jokes aside, Rochester would split into the three towns we aptly refer to as the "Tri-Town" in the mid-19th century and with modern technology, it's fairly easy to get a bird's-eye view these days. Check out page two for the view from above.

National Fervor Showcased in Mattapoisett

Mattapoisett No Kings Protest

By Michael J. DeCicco

On October 18, Mattapoisett became one of the many communities across the commonwealth and the country to host a "No Kings Day" rally to demonstrate against what a large number of people call Donald Trump's authoritarian king-like rule as President.

The Mattapoisett rally began at the corner of Route 6 and North Street and marched to Shipyard Park. There, under bright, sunny skies, attendees representing a wide age-range filled the park to rest their protest signs and listen to speeches blaring from speakers inside the central gazebo as cars passing by on Water Street occasionally honked their support.

The first to speak were Bryan Winters, an Iraqi War veteran, former Rochester School Committee member Michelle Custolito of Authors *Against Banned Books*, and Andy Pollock, Executive Director of the New Bedford LGBTQ Network. Michael Kovachev of Mattapoisett then told the crowd his family are survivors of World

War II's dictatorial tyranny; his father spent tortuous years in a prison camp, and his mother lost relatives in the holocaust. Such tyranny must never happen again, he said.

"My mother and father right now are rolling in their graves at the sight of the slide the country is currently taking," Kovachev said. "Let us not look away at the signs of fascism. When we speak out, we erase the normalization of hate. Let us not be passive inheritors of the past; let us be active guardians of the future. Let us

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On the Cover: A view of Ned's Point from 250 feet about Mattapoisett Harbor. The sea is getting cooler, but there's still some time to take the boat out! Photo by Sam Bishop

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remember not just what has happened, but what never happens again."

Nicki Demakis, Chair of the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee that helped to organize the event, then introduced Frances-Feliz Kearns, the group's Vice-Chair and the Mattapoisett representative on the ORR Regional School Committee. She identified herself as a bio medical engineer who's learned that engineering systems need to be diverse to work together and as a Latino woman who learned a lesson of resilience and working hard from her family. Her words of standing up to the current administration ended with "This country



doesn't belong to strongmen or corrupt billionaires. And we say to this administration, we will return the power to the people. No kings yesterday, no kings today, and no kings tomorrow!"

Meanwhile, Custolito moved to manning a busy table within the park that collected signatures for the group "Mass Freedom to Read" in support of state legislative act S2328, which seeks "to provide explicit protections for student's rights to access books... protects librarians from retaliation due to their work... prevents the removal of books for political reasons" and require libraries to establish written policies for book

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challenges. "All very important right now," she said.

Demakis explained as the rally was winding down that organizing it was a joint effort between the Democratic Town Committees of Rochester, Mattapoisett, Marion, Fairhaven, and Acushnet and the 50501 Committee that helps groups organize anti-Trump demonstrations nationwide.

To elaborate on the mission of these rallies, she added, "We are in throws of an authoritarian takeover of every faction of our government. This brings people together against that. If this attracts five new people that would have never shown up before, we've given them the courage to show up again, and then again. We have to keep showing up and speaking truth to power."

Fall Foliage - The Last Hurrah

The Coastal Gardener

By Laura McLean

For those who love grand finales, fall in New England is among the best. It is one of nature's outstanding gestures and spectacular to behold.

Autumn's show can differ from year to year, but you can usually depend on that last hurrah. I'll take the muted colors of the current season - admittedly not as fabulous as past seasons, but lovely all the same. The stress from drought is to blame for the crispy edges of leaves, mellower colors, and early leaf drop. Processes shut down prematurely and so the vibrant purples, reds and oranges that we are accustomed to have been less impressive.



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Meanwhile, we in the states (and abroad) are having a mast year, meaning one with an unusually large crop of acorns from trees like oaks. "Mast" is a collective term for the fruits and nuts... a bumper crop in other words. This phenomenon occurs every few years and is an evolutionary strategy for trees to produce so many seeds that wildlife cannot eat them all, increasing the survival rate for their offspring. This abundance is also leading to consequences like more clogged gutters and a boom in wildlife populations that feed on the seeds.

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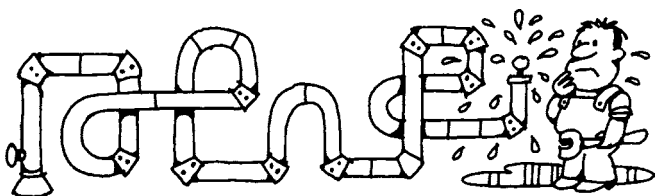
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new trees. It can likely result in a population explosion of seed-eating animals which in turn can benefit their predators, such as hawks and foxes, not to mention ticks.

I ruminate on this as I pick hundreds of privet seedlings by hand, to the point that my hand is numb. Does it mean next year there will be more? I spent nearly the entire weekend working on fall cleanup, not just raking leaves, but cleaning the entire understory of my woodland garden that runs a goodly length of the property. The upper story is made up of Eastern white pines and a Norway spruce which make for good windbreaks but also tend to shed needles and cones. Mid canopy is occupied by rhododendrons and mountain laurel and a Japanese snowbell tree, a trio of oak leaf hydrangea and one standard 'pink-winky' hydrangea. Below these are some native ground covers, patches of ferns and a swath of wildflowers that bloom in the spring.

Cleanup is a mixture of deadheading (we're talking thousands of spent rhody blossoms) the aforementioned elimination of many privet seedlings and light pruning. Along with the physical detailing, I'm checking for overall health as well as needed modifications. One established rhody is on its last trunks, so to speak... as I cut off one massive branch, I discovered borers; something that will have to be dealt with. The line of rhodies was planted astride a privet hedge the result is a long corridor between the two which forms a sort of

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secret garden. I haven't really been attentive to this area in a few years, but I made it a goal this year and it is taking me quite a bit of time to get it completed.

The floor of this woodland garden benefits from itself in that I spread it with pine needles, replacing them every few years. When you have a surplus of pine needles it makes sense to use it-- what better place than where the occupants thrive in acid soil. (You can actually use pine needles in most gardens as their acidity neutralizes as they decompose). The fresh needles are a lovely mix of gold and pale green, and they are light enough to serve as a weed barrier and also light enough that plants can

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make their way through in the emerge in the spring - epimedium, bluebells and lily of the valley as well as a variety of ferns and randomly placed hostas. The soft underfooting is another pleasure.

My husband is the commander of the hedge, but I control most of the woodland garden and it has come to my notice that I will need to show him the beauty of leucothoe when it's not trimmed back (something he's been doing of late). It is very pretty when it's left to drape in its natural way. I came to this realization while clearing the inner sanctum of a section of garden - feeling like a plant explorer in a new land. Well, not new, but



rediscovered for sure.

And, just like that, the weekend hours are fruitful and well spent.

The cycle of outdoor life likewise creeps to its conclusion - the presence of birds and small mammals are now visibly receding. For this reason, I use my Merlin bird identification app a lot to let me know who is still hanging around. The latest is a Carolina Wren and up close she is as pretty as her song.

During my childhood years, my grandmother took us on an annual pilgrimage to the Mohawk Trail to view the amazing foliage. We'd stop at panoramic vistas and tourist outposts to purchase maple sugar candy and view Indian artifacts. Upon our return my great grandmother would smile in her knowing way and say that there was plenty to see right in her own backyard. As always, she was right.

"The falling leaves drift by the window... the autumn leaves of red and gold." -lyrics by Jacques Prevert.

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A Razing in the North

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, army composition was standardized with there being a little over 20,000 soldiers around Cambridge. Black men were officially barred from entry into the army, however. Thomas Gage departed Boston to head back to Britain, having been relieved of his position in charge of British troops in North America. He was replaced by William Howe. Finally, the Continental Navy was legally established, merging the navies and few ships of the states.

Winter still approached, and cooler temperatures slowly creep upon the men. In his General Orders for October 15, 1775, Washington instructs men stationed in the region "to parade tomorrow morning at sun-rise upon Cambridge Common, to cut Fire-wood for the army." Firewood is being depleted, and it's all-hands-on-deck to replenish supplies.

The next day, Washington writes to Captains of the newly created Continental Navy, Nicholson



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Broughton and John Selmen, both from Marblehead. He informs the Captains of British transports down the Saint Lawrence to Quebec, and gives instructions to sail north, saying, "two north country brigantines of no force sailed from England some time ago for Quebec laden with 6000 Stand of arms a large quantity of powder and other stores. You are hereby directed to make all possible dispatch for the River St Laurence and there to take such a station as will best enable you to intercept the above vessels. Once they acquire the weapons and powder, they were to deliver the materials to the ongoing campaign in Canada.

The men would soon depart and would partake in the Raid on Charlottetown in Nova Scotia the following weeks. Their schooners were named after founding fathers: the *Hancock* and the *Franklin*.

On October 17, Samuel Goodwin writes Washington from Maine, informing the general he has given Bennedict Arnold maps of lakes, rivers, and other geographical features pertinent on the march into Quebec. Goodwin operates a general store and inn in Pownalborough, now Desden, Maine.

Beginning on October 18, Washington meets with Governors and representatives of the Continental Congress to go over and draft plans for the winter and for Boston. Benjamin Franklin is also in attendance as a representative from Philadelphia. Congress seeks to act fast and make a decisive blow against Boston before winter sets in. At his Council of War meeting the same day, all of Washington's generals, in some way, ward against an assault on the city. General Gates said it was "improper," General Green said it was "not practical," General Sullivan also said the timing was "improper," General Heath agreed it was "impracticable," General Puttnam "disapproved," and General Lee said it posed "too great a risk." Washington did not write his own

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beliefs in the meeting's minutes.

Also on October 18, the British under Lieutenant Henry Mowat raze the city of Falmouth in Maine, today Portland. The inhabitants of the town were given little notice as the area was stuck with incendiary rounds and bombards. The assault lasted for nearly nine hours, leaving 400 buildings destroyed and 1,000~ out of 2,500~ homeless. Reactions to this attack would spread through the colonies and Britain, tarnishing Mowat's reputation.

Washington would write to the Falmouth Committee of Safety the next week, saying "The desolation, and misery, which ministerial vengeance had planned, and, in contempt of every principle of humanity, has been so lately brought on the Town of Falmouth, I know not, how sufficiently to detest."

Old Colony Vote Looms

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board Monday questioned Old Colony Vocational-Technical High School officials on the \$288 million plan to construct a new state-of-the-art facility on the North Avenue campus that could require a debt exclusion override to fund.

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Town Administrator Cameron Durant began the discussion with Principal Aaron Polansky, school Business Manager Sarah Griffith, and technical consultant Walter Hartley, Jr. by summarizing the two questions being asked by the community. What is the rationale behind repair versus new building? And what will new operational costs be for a new building?

The state School Building Authority's reimbursement for the new school's price tag is projected to be \$129M. But the share of the remaining costs among district members (Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester) is approximately \$159M. As

a result, in Rochester, two warrants will be up for a vote at the November 18 Special Town Election that will also be district-wide. One warrant will ask all district voters to approve the new building plan. The other will be the town's question seeking approval of a debt exclusion override to fund its share of the new construction.

Hartley responded to Durant by pointing out any renovations costing 30-percent or more of a municipal building's assessed value will require the entire facility be reconstructed to meet expensive full accessibility standards, and this will lead to the requirement that it meet all other modern building and safety codes. Old Colony's assessed property value of \$17,029,600 would trigger that. These upgrades would still be complicated and expensive.

Select Board Chair Adam Murphy then asked what he considered his most important concern. What if the district-wide question to build a new school doesn't pass? Is there an alternative plan to address serious building deficiencies? Will the current building have to lock its doors?

Hartley said the school will not have to close its doors, but the building doesn't have another 20-year life span. He said on November 19, a new planner for a new design will have to be found. Polansky agreed that district officials will have to figure out renovation and upgrade costs on November 19 if the building plan is voted down. There is no alternative plan, he said. He added that his first priority would be replacing the school's deteriorating water tank. Both men said this type of planning would be long, complicated, and just as expensive. Griffith described such planning as a matter of a lot of what-ifs and unknowns. Polansky said that while operational costs will certainly go up with a new facility, the school will be very 'collaborative' with district members over how these new plans will be made.

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Murphy then emphasized that Rochester voters need more information to make an informed decision on November 18. He strongly recommended that in time for the district-wide election official prepare a visual presentation of the timeline for a new building and/or necessary renovations, and the costs to the town and the taxpayer. Polansky said he could do that. He noted Old Colony will host a presentation of the plan at the school on October 27 and has visited area senior centers with that presentation.

In other action, the board approved the contract to repair the Highway Barn to Lepage and Sons Roofing for \$128,750. Durant noted this is good news because the annual town meeting appropriation for this use was \$200,000.

Durant announced the SEMASS PILOT payment for September 2025 is \$423,634.

Durant's noted his FY27 Budget Letter to department heads will ask a deadline to receive all budget proposals of December 5.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, November 3 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Zero-Dollar Energy Bill?

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Town officials know of a nationally-known Massachusetts resident with no electric bills and zero carbon emissions coming from his home.

The Marion Energy Management Committee (MEMC) met on Monday at the Maritime Center and are gearing up for author David Green to speak at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on October 29 at 6:30 pm.

Committee member Alanna Nelson confirmed that there are still seats available for the presentation,

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which will also include a question-and-answer segment. The event will last one hour and is free. Doors open at 6:10 pm. Nelson noted that given the size of the Music Hall, there should be seating available for attendees and parking is also free.

David Green is the author of *Zero Carbon Home*, which touches upon how heat pumps, triple-paned windows, and solar panels can help save money for homeowners.

At an August MEMC meeting, committee members talked about booking a talk from Green.

His presentation, according to the MEMC, will be

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Green, who works and lives in Dover, has found ways to cut his home's carbon emissions and energy bills to zero, according to web reports. His work has been featured on national news broadcasts and on the websites of the U.S. Department of Energy, Zero Energy Project, Cool Effects, and the Green Home Institute, according to Green's website.

Also at Monday's MEMC meeting, committee members talked about meeting with the select board about the recent state Green Communities report. The MEMC has been brainstorming ways to use solar and other renewable energy sources for the town.

On that note, Marion was selected to be part of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's (MassCEC) On-Street Charging Solutions Program, according to Nelson.

"The program's goal is to expand access to Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment. On-street chargers, such as pole-mounted, streetlight or curbside charging stations, have become increasingly appealing to municipalities looking to ensure all residents have sufficient charging options," Nelson said in an email after Monday's meeting.

"Under the program, Marion will complete a

planning support and feasibility study *at no cost* using MassCEC's consultants."

The MEMC will meet again next month, though the exact date has not been scheduled.

Long-Delayed Solar Array Approved

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

After a hearing split between meetings over several months, Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday endorsed the Notice of Intent for work within wetlands to construct a floating and ground-mounted solar array at 53 Dexter Lane.

The project, whose hearing attracted the attendance of multiple concerned abutters over that time, was approved quietly Tuesday with no public resistance after project consultant Sarah Stern of Beals and Thomas Engineering updated the commission on her firm's responses to comments from the town peer review engineer and the Planning Board. She said both are satisfied with changes made in response to that input. The height of the panels is being reduced by two feet and monitoring protocols are being increased.

She acknowledged there had been concern from a Planning Board member about the solar panels' "lake effect," i.e. the problem that birds will mistake the dark panels for water and kill or injure themselves diving into them. Member Matthew Bache noted that since these panels cover less than 50-percent of the water surface, the Dexter Lane array will not cause that problem, and the other commission members agreed. Another Beals and Thomas representative noted the "Lake Effect" occurs with desert arrays where dark panels are surrounded by white sand. That effect won't happen on Dexter Lane, he said.

The meeting began with a continuance. The commission continued to its November meeting its hearing on the request for a negative Determination of Applicability for a proposal at 756 Snipatuit Road to relocate a drainpipe that currently runs under the house and level a backyard within the 100-foot buffer zone of a vegetated wetland.

From there it moved quickly to approvals. The commission issued a Certificate of Compliance with the Order of Conditions for the roadway work to complete the second and final phase of the Connet Woods housing development. It then granted a Certificate of Compliance with the Order of Conditions for the work to complete the solar array project at 109 Neck Road. Conservation

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Agent Merilee Kelly endorsed both motions after her own inspections of the sites. "Everything looks done," she said of the Connet Woods project.

The commission then granted a Certificate of Compliance with the Order of Conditions for the construction of a garage within 100 feet of wetlands at 148 Braley Hill Road, and it approved an abbreviated Notice of Resource Delineation at 0 Walnut Plain Road.

Before the latter approval, Walnut Plain Road abutter Pam Souza raised concern about what construction there will do to her water table. Acting Chair Mike Gifford explained no specific construction project

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has been proposed yet. This approval was simply to agree with where the wetland lines are located.

Lastly, the commission continued to November its Notice of Intent hearing on the construction of a single-family home within the 200-foot riparian zone to a perennial stream at 0 Robinson Road.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be November 4 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

One-Hundred-Sixty Trees To Be Felled

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett's Tree Warden Chris Nadeau came before the Mattapoisett Planning Board on Tuesday, October 20 in a public hearing for the removal of 160 trees in the town's easement. The trees are located in various locations from deep in the heart of the village to along forested areas including those designated as scenic byways. All the trees that were noted in his removal application were deemed storm damaged, diseased, or victims of boring insects. Nadeau cautioned all 160 trees were in danger of crashing to the ground causing havoc, property damage, and possible injuries to passersby.

Chair Tom Tucker was a bit miffed that no one representing Eversource, a partner in the application, was present to speak on behalf of the utility. Nadeau stated he had inspected all 160 trees and agreed removal was needed. Since all parties were in agreement Eversource did not need to be present. It was further noted by Nadeau that of many trees marked for removal were threatening power lines in many locations.

During the public hearing, several residents spoke to the need for the trees to be removed including outspoken tree advocate Sandra Hering. Also speaking to the danger the trees in question were Margaret DeMello, Mike Daigle, Anne Fenton, Chrystal Walsh, and Nancy Souza, Chair of the Mattapoisett Tree Committee.

Nadeau was asked by board member Karen Field if replanting was part of the plan. Nadeau responded that a number of the trees were in forested easements and would hardly be noticed come spring.

There was no debate as all parties in attendance including the board members agreed to have the trees removed.

In other business the board once again delved into the writing of a new bylaw for "cottage" style developments which they plan on presenting to voters during the Spring Town Meeting.

The draft bylaw describes the structures as "...a cottage style housing development, an alternate form of detached housing. It further states "...it is a crucial component of the town's comprehensive housing strategy."

The draft goes on to say, "To provide housing styles and types that are responsive to changing household demographics, sizes, ages, and interests. To encourage the creation of more usable open space and promote the efficient layout of dwelling units to reduce the development footprint and infrastructure costs. Also



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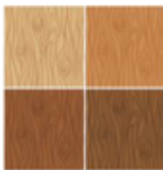
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to ensure that the overall size bulk and mass of cottage styles of cottage structures and developments remain smaller causing less visual impact than standard single style family dwellings.”

Particulars such as the square footage of these dwelling units were also discussed. Gross floorplans could be 975 square feet, with a main floor measuring 900 square feet. Minimum distance between units may be proposed to be 25 feet in the front, 10 feet on the sides, and 15 feet in the rear. Minimum distance separating structures will be 10 feet minimum, and private open space 200 square feet per unit.

Tucker said that two yet-to-be-scheduled public hearings will be held to vet the new proposed bylaw with the public. In the meantime, the public may get a draft copy from the Planning Board office.

Earlier in the evening Tucker announced that the hearing for a site plan review for 92 County Road, property owned by Krishi Krishan Corp for the expansion of the existing motel, that would include two rows of 12 units each, was continued to November 17 at the petitioner’s request. Tucker pointed out that the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing for a Special Permit on October 16 had been continued, thus the Planning Board could not



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be heard. Tucker said the hearing was continued to a date to be announced in November. Tucker said that without a zoning board decision on the Special Permit being pursued a site plan review was not possible.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for November 3.

New Funding and Security Measures

Marion Affordable Housing Trust

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Affordable Housing Trust Clerk Susan Miller proposed a novel idea for spending affordable housing trust funds – improved security cameras for homes within Sippican Woods, where there recently has been some car

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break-ins.

Miller at the October 14 meeting at the Police Station conference room said that some alleged burglars have learned to conceal activity on ring cameras. She said maybe the AHT could finance improved security and stop some break-ins.

The AHT made no decision on that idea but indicated it might be a conversation for a future meeting.

Prior to Miller's proposal, AHT Chair Terri Santos said the 78 Wareham Road condominium development has decided not to develop affordable housing there but will pay the town in lieu of affordable units. The project is still in the permitting phase and is proposing 40 detached units.

Santos, citing her conversation with Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman, said that estimates reveal the town could receive as much as \$150,000 from the developer.

Trust members asked what the Affordable Housing Trust should do with the money.

"That's what we have to figure out," Santos said. She said the earmarked money is not as restrictive as Community Preservation Committee money.

Santos said money can be funneled toward mortgage assistance programs and funding toward first-time homebuyer programs. The AHT will investigate Miller's idea of whether it can help homeowners with better security measures.

In other business, the AHT mentioned a makeover to the web site and is mulling over whether it should hire a professional or look for a college intern.

Santos at first resisted the Chair position, saying she will be out of town for some meetings, but AHT members agreed to help run meetings when needed. Toby Ast volunteered and was voted in as the Vice-Chair, and he will also continue to serve as the Community

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Preservation Act representative for the AHT.

Associate Member Roberta Dunn Tracy was elevated to full member status so now the board is seeking an additional associate member. Members said that applications have come in so they should fill that role soon.

The next meeting of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

Equipment and Budget Concerns

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Marine Resources Commission often has to borrow equipment from other departments and private entities. Meanwhile, sales of old equipment often go back to the General Fund and can't be used by the MRC for its own capital improvement needs, according to MRC members at the October 15 meeting at the Marine Maritime Center.

The MRC spent the majority of the meeting discussing this financial conundrum for the marine division.

Harbormaster Adam Murphy prefaced the issue by mentioning that the Capital Improvement Committee last year did not approve requests from the MRC for some needed capital improvement items, such as floating concrete docks.

Murphy noted an accounting issue, which stretches beyond Marion and MRC issues. When outdated MRC equipment is sold by the town, it returns to the general treasury and can be allocated to other sources – per state law.

MRC members questioned the fairness of such a move. For instance, the MRC has a new patrol boat and is auctioning off the old boat, revenue from which might not

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return to the MRC budget.

"The new patrol boat was an eye opener for the public," Murphy said. "If we want something we need to raise fees, and it can't be on the back of taxpayers. The old patrol boat will go to the general fund. It doesn't directly come back if we sell."

Murphy referenced two outdated trucks that the MRC is using. He said the MRC for this year has asked for a new patrol truck but erring on the side of caution, will maintain one older pickup truck.

Murphy said the latter truck does not respond to emergencies and will have some use for the town for at

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Murphy said one vehicle could be sold and money could be used by the MRC but would only return to the general treasury and can be allocated in any manner.

However, the MRC often has to borrow equipment from the town's Department of Public Works and from local commercial boating centers at times.

MRC chairman Vin Malkoski mentioned the potential liability of such borrowing.

We rely on local boat yards for help, but this can be problematic," Malkoski said. "If something happens,

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that becomes problematic."

"We are relying on other people's equipment to operate our business," Murphy also said.

MRC members said they hope that at a meeting later this month, they can review the fee schedule, which could help bolster revenue.

MRC members also discussed the ongoing issue of boaters not being allowed to park in grassy open space areas, adjacent to the Island Wharf, when other entities have done just that.

Members also said that this issue is fairly new, as boaters parked there in the past, but the popularity of the local summer concerts has raised concerns from the public.

The Marion Marine Resource Commission's next meeting is October 27, where they will review numbers. Later this fall, they will review MRC membership, as there are potential alternates looking to join the group.

Commissioners also brainstormed how sales of old MRC equipment could be returned to MRC funding accounts to help pay for capital and other items.

Spikers Roll with New Contributions

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's girls volleyball team played at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on October 15, and won 3-0 by set scores of 25-19, 25-17, and 25-11. With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 14-3 and 10-1 in the South Coast Conference. Sophomore Eve Skomal was named the player of the match, as she made her varsity debut and recorded 15 service points, along with 7 aces. The Bulldogs played a Wednesday's home match against Joseph Case.

Girls Soccer

The Bulldogs played at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on October 15 and won 1-0. Kate Thomsen scored the only goal of the game, assisted by Mia Balestracci. Old Rochester was looking to build on a 12-4 record heading into Wednesday's game against winless Case (0-10).

Football

Old Rochester defeated Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech 41-0 on October 17. The Bulldogs' next game will be on Friday night, October 24, against Dighton-Rehoboth (3-3).

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Correction

In the October 8, 2025, edition article entitled, "Five-Member Select Board Upheld," Paul Criscuolo should have been identified as Co-Chair of the Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee, but that the Committee took no vote or official action on this petition, and he acted solely as a citizen petitioner. Criscuolo

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believes expanding the Board could dilute accountability, create slower decision-making, and complicate consensus-building on complex issue and will not bring chaos as reported. While others may have contended that the May Town meeting results were flawed, Mr. Criscuolo has never made those claims.

Mattapoisett Historical Commission

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Phase Two of a multi-year community-wide survey of historic and cultural resources has been completed by Lynn Smiledge, Preservation Consultant. The survey was funded by a grant from the Community Preservation Act, and includes the documentation of three areas: Antassawamock, Cannon Street, and Homestead Court, as well as Barlow Cemetery. Sixty-five historically significant buildings were also documented.

The completed forms have been posted to the Town of Mattapoisett website under the Historical Commission: Inventory-Areas and Street Listing. They are also in the process of being added to the Massachusetts Historical Commission database and can be accessed through the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information



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The Historical Commission is also delighted to announce that Phase Three is underway thanks to a FY 2026 grant from the Community Preservation Act. The Commission is privileged to again be working with Lynn Smiledge.

Mattapoisett has a rich and diverse history beginning with the indigenous people that called the area home for thousands of years. Agriculture, shipbuilding, and tourism evolved to share the story of Mattapoisett.

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission was established in 1973 by Town Meeting under MGL 40, Section 8D to identify, evaluate, and preserve and protect the historic resources of the Town. Understanding the existing historic resources, and their context and significance, provides the basis for short-and long-range planning. This knowledge allows a community to grow, adapt, and thrive, all while maintaining those historic aspects that make the community a unique and desirable place to live, visit, and work.

Fall Family Fun Day

The Old Rochester Early Education program invites the community to its Fall Family Fun Day on Saturday, **November 8** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School.

This family-friendly event will feature animals, crafts, food, and more, offering an afternoon of seasonal fun for all ages. Highlights include pony rides, face painting, hayrides, and other fall favorites designed to bring the community together in celebration of the season.

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Nasket Bird Club Meeting

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Please submit your interest and any helpful information by email to: Christine Richards, crichards@mattapoisett.net; and Paul Criscuolo (Chair), paultcriscuolo@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. It is our plan to determine the outcome by **December 15**.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Honors Veterans Day

On Tuesday, **November 11**, Mattapoisett Congregational Church will participate in our nationwide ringing of the bells to honor all armed forces veterans. This bell ringing tradition began on Armistice Day in 1918, signaling the end of World War I. It has become an annual Veterans Day event to recognize the service and sacrifices made by U.S. military veterans.

Residents of the Tri-town area are invited to

gather on the church front lawn at the corner of Barstow St. and Church St. at 10:45 am to hear a brief message followed by the 11:00 am ringing. Afterward, everyone is invited to attend the Mattapoisett Veterans Day Commemoration at Center School held by the Tri-town Veterans Office, in conjunction with the American Legion Post 280.

Trunk and Treat

The Marion Police, Fire/EMS and Harbormaster's Office will host a Trunk or Treat event on **October 15** from 3pm to 5pm at Island Wharf Marina. Join us for a spooky, fun night filled with music, pumpkin painting, games, and so much more. Don't forget to wear your best costume.

Marion Veterans Day Ceremony

The Annual Marion Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at Old Landing Veteran's Park on Front Street on Tuesday, **November 11** at 11:00 am.

Our guest speaker is Colonel Jonathan F. Henry, U.S. Army (Retired). The Sippican School Band led by Mrs. Hannah Moore will perform selections of patriotic music. Please join the Town of Marion as we honor our Veterans. The Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, the Marion Council on Aging, will host a luncheon on November 11, at 12:00 pm noon for veterans, active-duty service members, spouses and guests. Please RSVP for the lunch by November 7, by calling 508-748-3570.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 5**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning

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Mattapoissett Museum Holiday Craft Fair

On Saturday, **November 8**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Mattapoissett Museum will host its annual Holiday Craft Fair at 5 Church Street, Mattapoissett. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

This beloved community event will feature nearly 20 local artisans offering a diverse selection of handmade goods, including jewelry, leatherwork, fine art prints, knitwear, handblown glass, and custom-dyed clothing. Shoppers can find one-of-a-kind pieces while supporting the creativity and craftsmanship of local artists.

Live music by "Guitar Dave" Sterenchock will fill the Meeting House with cheerful holiday spirit. Guests can enjoy cookies and cider as they browse, creating a festive atmosphere that has become a cherished seasonal tradition.

"We look forward to welcoming the community back to the Holiday Craft Fair," said Connor Gaudet,

curator and administrator of the Mattapoissett Museum. "It's a chance to support local artisans, enjoy time together, and celebrate the holiday spirit in a truly special setting."

For more information, please contact Connor Gaudet at curator@mattapoissettmuseum.org or visit www.mattapoissettmuseum.org.

Hello from Plumb Library

It's almost Halloween and we'll be celebrating the Spookiest Season here at the Library with some special activities for kids.

In addition to our usual weekly challenges of Scrambled Word and indoor Seek-and-Find, we will have a special Halloween Scavenger Hunt running from October 27 to November 1. Come in and find all the hidden reading ghosts to earn a special prize. Halloween themed Take-and-Make Crafts will also be available all week. These activities are geared to school-aged kids, but younger children can participate with help of their grown-ups.

Also, keep an eye out for some Special Guest Storytimes happening on Fridays in November. These will be Family Storytimes, perfect for kids up to age 5. More

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Thursday October 23, 2025

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 - Peggy Repass
9:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - An Ancestor Search
10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - The History of Marion's Portuguese, Azorean, and Cape Verdean Community
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 MAC Jazz Jam
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 ORR Girls Soccer vs Fairhaven
9:30 PM ORR Girls Field Hockey vs Apponequet
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday October 24, 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 Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
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 - Peggy Repass
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Mehetabel Chandler Colt
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animal Ambassadors
7:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM 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 October 25, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
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 - Peggy Repass
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Mehetabel Chandler Colt
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 October 26, 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 Marion Art Center - Proof Promo
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 ORR Girls Field Hockey vs Apponequet
5:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Fairhaven
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 October 27, 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 October 28, 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 Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
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 - 100 years of the Herreshoff H-12
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 October 29, 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

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion School Committee
10:00 AM Marion Board of Health
10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Marion Water and Sewer Commission
1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
3:30 PM Marion Planning Board
4:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
5:00 PM Marion Open Space Committee
6:30 PM Marion Stewards of Open Space
8:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
10:00 PM ORR District School Committee
11:30 PM Marion Board of Health

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
10:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:45 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM ORR District School Committee
3:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
6:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:00 PM Rochester School Committee
10:30 PM ORR District School Committee

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Daily Schedule

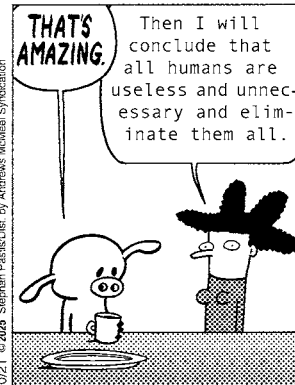
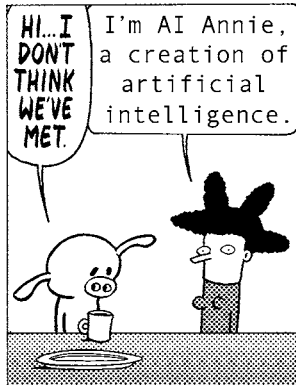
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports
8:00 AM Bulldog Pride Alumni Association
8:30 AM RMS Chorus Concert
9:30 AM RMS 6th Grade Promotional Ceremony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports
1:00 PM Cable History of Old Colony
2:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Marshfield
3:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Fairhaven
4:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Case
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Bulldog Sports
7:00 PM ORR Class Olympics
8:00 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet
9:30 PM ORR Football vs Dartmouth
11:30 PM ORR Football vs Medway

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



information and registration requirements will be posted to our online Events Calendar as the dates get closer.

Upcoming Events for Adults: Author Talk with Matt Davis "Do Not Take Selfies with the Fluffy Cows. Visiting America's National Parks."

Ongoing Events: Knitting Group, COA Bookclub, Books & Babble Bookclub, and Writers Group. More information and links for registration can be found on our Events Calendar on our website www.plumblibrary.com. Want to stay up-to-date on monthly Library happenings? Ask to be added to our Newsletter email list, or check out our Events Calendar, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

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Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

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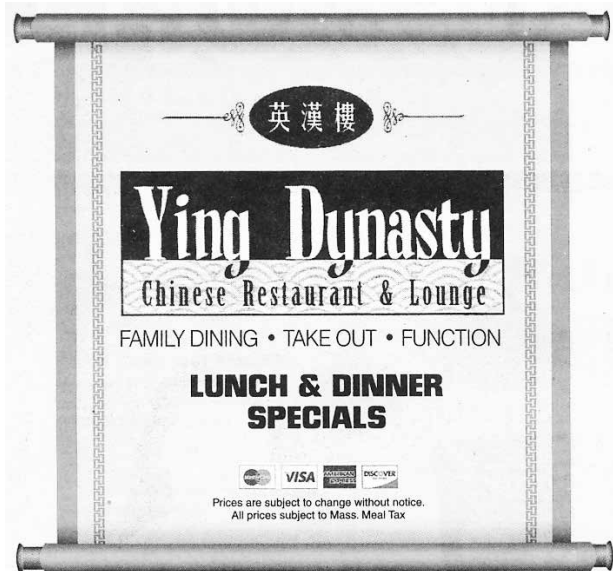
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carved pumpkins, please.) and return it to the library by **October 27** to be entered into our Great Pumpkin Contest. Grab your pumpkin while supplies last.

School is out early on Thursday, **October 23** and Friday, **October 24**. You can join us for Early Dismissal Lego Days from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm both days. Participate in our building challenges or free build.

October 25 at 10:30 am - Fall Adult Craft Drop-in. Stop by to create a book pumpkin, cross stitch a pattern, or paint a fall scene. No Registration Required.

Starting Monday **October 27**: the Haunted Library returns. See what ghosts and goblins are hiding in



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On Monday **October 27** at 3:00 pm, use our kid-safe Chompsaw to make a custom cardboard mask. This event is open to students grades K-6.

Join the library Thursday, **October 30** starting at 6pm for a Halloween costume Karaoke party.

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, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

Salty's Silvery Moon Soiree

Join us on Saturday **October 25** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for an evening of fun, family-friendly, fall activities. The soiree takes place at Dunseith Gardens park on the corner of Route 6 and North Street in Mattapoisett (aka Salty the Seahorse Park). We will have music by Jeff Dunn, storytelling by Karen Chace, a toasty bonfire, and plenty of s'mores making materials. Our latest Storywalk

will also be posted at the park: "Owl Moon" by Jane Yolen

Please park in the village and walk, do not drive, to the soiree; there will not be parking available at Dunseith. Bring a flashlight with you to find your way back to your car at the end of the night.

You won't want to miss this quintessential autumn evening. All are welcome.

The Marion Art Center's Halloween Parade Returns

The volunteer witches of the Marion Art Center have been brewing up plans for their annual Halloween Parade around the town on Friday, **October 31**. Costumed characters of all ages are invited to join in for this fun family event. Participants should meet in front of the Marion Music Hall (we'll line up on Cottage Street) at 4:00 pm. Under the direction of Hannah Moore, the Sippican Elementary School drummers will lead the parade of witches and princesses, goblins and ghouls, wild animals,

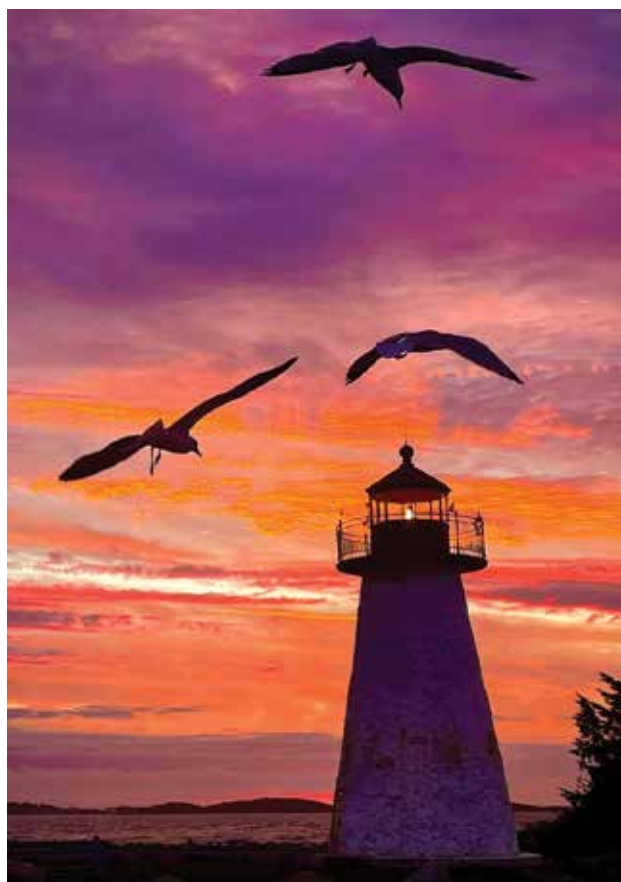
TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



A beautiful dawn at Ned's Point. Photo by Amy Laurendeau.



Ruth Griffin shared this photo of a juvenile gull soaring over the Mattapoisett Wharf.



Steve Chicco shared this photo of Ned's Point at sunrise.

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and spooky spirits. The parade route will head south on Front Street, up Main Street, north onto Spring Street and back down Cottage to the Music Hall. Don't forget to pop by the Music Hall at the end of the parade route for your treat bags, made with love by the good witches of the MAC. "Teal Pumpkin" goodie bags are available for those with allergies or food sensitivity. All are welcome - Don't miss the fun!

From the Land to the Shore: The Wampanoag of Mattapoissett

On Thursday, **November 6** at 6:00 pm, the Mattapoissett Museum is proud to unveil its new, permanent exhibit entitled "From the Land to the Shore: The Wampanoag of Mattapoissett." Curator and Administrator Connor Gaudet acted as coordinator, curator, and facilitator of the exhibit. Aquinnah Wampanoag historian Linda Coombs was the consultant, curator, and primary author of the text, who writes in her voice from her perspective - that of a Wampanoag person. Steven Peters of SmokeSignals Indigenous Creative Productions in Mashpee, MA, designed the exhibit panels.

This exhibit explores the history and culture of the Wampanoag People who have continuously inhabited this part of New England for at least 12,000 years. It follows the story of the Early Contact Period and Colonization through King Philip's War, and its outcomes on the Wampanoag culture and community as they exist today. The exhibit weaves in local, Tri-Town-Area-related examples of broader historical narratives whenever possible.

The topics that will be covered in the exhibit include: the early history and traditional life of the Wampanoag, the Great Dying, the contact period and early European settlement and colonization, causes and impacts of King Philip's War, historical erasure, and the Wampanoag today. Featured will be an authentic diorama depicting a Wampanoag summer village. It was created in the 1990s by the Old Rochester Regional High School art teacher and students and has recently been completely restored.

Mattapoissett-specific Wampanoag history has been difficult to find because of the impacts of colonization and indigenous displacement after King Philip's War. What has been found, and some of what will be explored in the exhibit, are examples of erasure of the Wampanoag presence from the Town's physical landscape as well as the historical record.

Coombs began her museum career in an



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internship at the Boston Children's Museum and later worked there in the Native American Program. Coombs also worked for 30 years in the Wampanoag Indigenous Program (WIP) of Plimoth Plantation, now called Plimoth Patuxet, including 15 years as WIP's Associate Director, and 9 years at the Aquinnah Cultural Center. Presently, she does independent museum consulting and cultural presentations.

In her latest book, *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story*, Coombs aims to educate students about the Wampanoag perspective of the European colonization of New England. It was published in September of 2023,



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Lissa "Lisa" A. (Sylvia) LaBelle, aged 76 passed away on October 13, 2025 at the Royal Skilled Nursing Facility in Fairhaven, MA from Alzheimer's. She was the daughter of the late Grace Hammond and Ernest Sylvia. Predeceased by her sister Donna Sylvia of Palm Harbor FL. She is survived by her sister Patricia "Patty"

Dearth and her husband Lee of Palm Harbor FL. She leaves behind three children Billy "Shawn" LaBelle of Rochester MA, Daniel "Danny" LaBelle and his wife Maria of Mattapoisett MA, daughter Deborah "Debbie" Charette of Wareham MA. She was aunt to Samanth "Sam" Freeland of Oldsmar FL and Andrea "Andy" Davison of Tampa FL. Grandmother to Amber LaBelle, Christopher "Chris" LaBelle, and Ava Hardy.

Lisa's early years were spent in Clearwater, FL, where she graduated from Dunedin High School and attended beauty school. She later moved to Southeastern Massachusetts and worked in retail. Lisa enjoyed dancing, swimming, Disney movies, trips to the zoo, and family holidays. She was happiest when playing on the floor with her grandchildren during their younger years.

Lisa was a gentle soul who always held a deep longing to return to her childhood hometown. At a future date, private services will be held, and her ashes will be returned to her hometown to be spread in the gulf.

Her children extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Nemasket Healthcare, The Royal Healthcare of Fairhaven and Trinity Hospice Services for their dedication, compassion, and support throughout her final years.

Her services will be private. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Wilfred F. Demarais Jr., 79, of Mattapoisett, MA passed away at Tobey Hospital on October 13, 2025 surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Will was born in Greenfield, MA on April 15, 1946 to Roseanna (Chagnon) and Wilfred Demarais, Sr. He was brought up in Colrain, MA and graduated from

Arms Academy in 1969.

He joined the U.S. Air Force and his love of traveling began while being stationed in several states and Thailand. In 1971 he married Nancy (Webb) who he met in 1962 at a Grange square dance in Williamsburg, MA. They were married in Silver Spring, MD and later moved back to Northampton and Easthampton, MA.

Besides his wife he is survived by his daughter Tanya Rottler and her husband, James, granddaughters Abigail and Hannah and great grandson Jason. He also leaves two sisters,

Cecile Carr (Joel) and Marie Jardine, and several nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents and his grandson, Daniel Rottler.

Will retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Leeds, MA in 2008. In 2010 he was given a new life with a kidney transplant, donated by Nancy, and was able to start traveling again. He loved visiting new places, especially in Arizona and Florida and any cruise port. His favorite cruises were to Alaska and the Panama Canal. He also enjoyed crafts, fishing, reading and playing with Jason.

His Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 11:30 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett, followed by burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the organization of your choice.



Dora Kate (Vollgraff) Doubrava, 96 of Mattapoisett, MA, died peacefully at her home on August 25, 2025. A joint memorial service for Dora Kate and her late husband Joseph Doubrava will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals at 50 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



William "Doc" J. Doherty passed away on Monday, October 6, 2025. He was 84 years old. Doc was born in Brockton, MA, on August 21, 1941, and was the cherished son of the late William J. and Claire (Burke) Doherty. He was a graduate of both Portsmouth (Priory) Abbey in Portsmouth, RI, and Georgetown University Business School, Class of 1964. Doc began

his career as a commercial real estate broker with Charles Noyes & Co. in New York City. After the family relocated to Marion, MA, he spent several years with Codman & Co. in Boston before opening his own commercial real estate business. Doc enjoyed golf, was an avid reader, and was well known for some memorable one-liners. He especially got a kick out of his grandchildren, always telling them to "shake the envelope" before opening their birthday cards. Doc was predeceased by his devoted wife of 55 years, Mary Weldon Doherty, and his sister, Paula Lehan, of Brockton, MA. He is survived by his sons, William J. Doherty, Jr. of Fairhaven, MA, and Joseph Burke Doherty (Jaime) of Dedham, MA, and his grandchildren Will, Jake, and Madison Doherty. He

as one of five titles in Penguin Random House's Race to the Truth series of similarly themed stories intended for middle grades. She is also co-author (with Mark Skipworth) of *The Massachusetts Chronicles: The History of Massachusetts from Earliest Times to the Present Day*, published in 2020 in partnership with Plymouth 400. It aims to provide a new way of looking at Massachusetts history, incorporating perspectives from both the English settlers and the Indigenous people.

Because the Museum could never fit everything into the panels, a scrapbook that expands on the information in the panel "blurbs" will be included for those who want to dive deeper into various topics and learn about primary sources.

This exhibit was supported in part by grants from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, the Marion Cultural Council, and the Rochester Cultural Council, local agencies which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information, please contact Katherine Gaudet at katherinegaudet52@gmail.com or visit www.mattapoisettmuseum.org. Additional imagery can be found here.

The Rochester Haunted Grange Returns

Join Troop 31 Saturday, **October 25** for its 2nd Haunted Grange Halloween Event. This is an all ages, free event, which will take place from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Rochester Grange, located at 205 Hartley Road in Rochester. Along with laughs and scares, there will be snacks and drinks. Parking is limited and the line last year was around the building, so come early.

This event is 100% designed and executed by the youth Scouts of Troop 31 and if your child would like to

join in our shenanigans, please see one of the leaders at the event or reach out to us at 774-564-6939.

Marion's 175th Anniversary

In 2027, the Town of Marion will proudly celebrate its 175th Anniversary, and we want you to be part of the festivities. The Marion Select Board is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join the 175th Anniversary Committee.

The committee will be responsible for planning and organizing events throughout the year to honor Marion's rich history, vibrant community, and bright future. Whether you're passionate about local history, event planning, arts, or simply love Marion, your ideas and energy are welcome.

Interested in volunteering? For more details, reach out to the Select Board Office at 508-748-3520 or dhemphill@marionma.gov. The Volunteer Application is available at the Marion Town House Annex at 14 Barnabas Road or online at www.marionma.gov/277/Vacant-Board-Commission-Committee-Seats-.

Let's make 2027 a year to remember.

OBITUARIES

also leaves behind his nieces, nephews, and many loving cousins. Calling hours were held on Saturday, October 18th at Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals at 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett, MA. A private burial immediately followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Marion, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Manomet Conservation or Gnome School of Surf. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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***Queens of the Dead*. Starring Katy O'Brien and Jaquel Spivey. Directed by Tina Romero. Running time: 100 minutes. No MPAA rating. Opening in select theaters October 25.**

Few horror fans are as done with zombie movies as I am, but I'm always open to exceptions. Jim Jarmusch's *The Dead Don't Die*, for instance, or Tina Romero's *Queens of the Dead*. Romero is the daughter of the late George A. Romero, who pretty much invented the zombie genre as we know it (*Dawn of the Dead*, several others). Tina Romero has made a fun, flashy tribute to her father's work, and it packs the usual scares and flesh-eating while incorporating a bit of autobiography. The plot takes off from Romero's experience working as a DJ on New York City's queer nightlife circuit. Dre (Katy O'Brien) DJs at a club having a big party. She deals with no-shows, diva attitude among the drag queens, and her bigoted brother-in-law. Soon she also has to deal with an onslaught of the undead.

Familiar to some from the queer noir *Love Lies Bleeding*, O'Brien has a mix of soft and sharp features atop a strong body; she's perfect as the tough but vulnerable action lead. For a while, *Queens of the Dead* plays on an almost sitcom level as Romero's camera follows the articulately bitchy queens around and various comedians (Riki Lindhome as Dre's nurse wife, Margaret Cho as a butch would-be savior) turn up. That's not a bad thing, just a little lighter than some horror buffs may want. Give it some time, because — as in *Shaun of the Dead*, another evergreen exception to the "zombies are played" rule — as the undead menace moves forward from the background, the characters, introduced as borderline nelly/snarky caricatures, develop into actual pained humans.

That's the area where Tina does her dad proud. He, too, knew how to bring on simple-seeming anti-heroes and then give them shadings, so that we valued the lives they were defending. I wasn't crazy about George being given a shout-out in dialogue, suggesting that the movie is set in a world where Romero's zombie movies exist, and not set in those movies' reality. (Tina makes up for it by getting Tom Savini, George's zombie-effects magician all those years, to deliver that dialogue.



From him, it comes across as a warm joke about his old friend, who left us in 2017. Pay attention near the beginning and you'll also spot *Dawn of the Dead*'s Gaylen Ross as a doctor in the hospital where Lindhome's character works.)

A lot of *Queens of the Dead* focuses on queer identity, its tangled nature in a world where queerness is othered and demonized, until one finds one's people, usually in the city. There's an intriguing emotional connection between Dre and Sam (Jaquel Spivey), who used to perform at Dre's club as "Samoncé" before he panicked one night at a major event at the club and flaked. There's zero romantic feeling between them; they're friends walled off from each other by her disappointment and his shame. Romero and co-writer Erin Judge construct the movie as a build-up to the moment when Sam lets Samoncé out again. By that point, we know that moment is coming, but it means more than the standard decimating-the-zombies climax, which Romero also gives us.

It has its sobering bits and its spooky bits, but the movie really runs more on comedy than on horror. Romero leans away from the usual zombie aesthetic of ugly, mottled, gnarly flesh; once zombified, the queens and queers here just look like themselves only lightly made-up for a Halloween party, which the movie pretty much is. A cross between grim and glam, then. Romero fills the screen and even, apparently, the crew with queer folk of every stripe: gay, lesbian, bi, asexual, nonbinary, trans women, trans men. In times of less terror pointed at the community, *Queens of the Dead* might present as less of a defiant call to defense and insistence on the right to exist than it does now. Kings no, queens yes. An accident of timing brings this monster mash to an audience that may embrace it gratefully. But the timing might also make it seem heavier than it was designed to be. Here's to a near future where the movie doesn't feel so much like a lifeline.

Marion Special Fall Town Meeting

The Marion Special Fall Town Meeting will be held on Monday, **November 24**, at 6:45 pm in the Sippican School Multipurpose Room.

The Select Board and Planning Board will hold an informational Special Town Meeting Warrant Review on Monday, **November 17**, at 6:00 pm in the Music Hall. The public are invited to attend.

How to Slash Energy Costs

The Marion Energy Management Committee welcomes David Green on **October 29** to learn from his experience saving thousands of dollars annually on energy bills. The event will provide actionable, independent advice for achieving significant financial returns while cutting carbon emissions.

He will draw from personal experience, having cut his own home's carbon emissions and bills to zero and powering his house for 24 hours with his Ford F150 Lightning during an outage. The presentation will also cover subsidies in the Inflation Reduction Act (available through 2025) and Massachusetts programs that can make heat pumps free or deeply discounted for many homeowners.

A past attendee praised his talks, stating, "Minute-for-minute, point-for-point, one of the best webinars I have ever attended. Thank you." Green's advice is completely independent, as he has retired from a successful career in biotechnology and does not work for any installer or manufacturer of energy products.

David Green is the author of two books on cutting carbon emissions, endorsed by Bill McKibben and Paul Hawken. He holds a BA in physics from Oxford University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. All attendees of the webinar will receive a complimentary copy of his book, Zero Carbon Home.

The Energy Management Committee invites the wider community to the Marion Music Hall on **October 29**, 6:30 pm. RSVP encouraged at: bit.ly/48CXiue.

Sippican Woman's Club

The magic of our Holiday by the Sea House Tour doesn't end when the doors close - it continues all year long through the good we're able to do together. Thanks to the generosity of our community and the success of last year's tour, the Sippican Woman's Club is proud to continue distributing proceeds to local organizations that make a difference every day.

Our recent giving includes support for the Taber

Library, helping bridge the gap created by recent budget cuts so this cherished community resource can remain a center of education, entertainment and exploration. We're also helping Marion Recreation enhance accessibility with new handicap-accessible equipment, ensuring everyone can enjoy the town's recreational spaces.

Our philanthropy extends to Anchor Academy, a special education therapeutic day school providing vital support and opportunities for students with unique needs. We're excited to support the Rochester Council on Aging, which enriches the lives of local seniors and is preparing for expansion, and we continue to support the General Store's Family Fund, which partners with school nurses to assist local families in times of need.

Each of these contributions reflects the heart of who we are - a community of women dedicated to making Marion and the surrounding towns a better place. When you join us for the Holiday by the Sea House Tour on **December 13**, you're not just celebrating the season - you're helping us create meaningful change right here at home all year long.

All women are welcome to join us. Membership in the Sippican Woman's Club is open to anyone who shares our spirit of friendship, community, and service

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MARION

Log highlights Oct 12 – Oct 18

- Water St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Randall Rd – Disorderly person
- Front St – General service
- Village Dr – MV complaint
- Abels Way – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – Road hazard
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Gas leak
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Gifford's Corner Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St - Fraud
- Delano Rd – General service
- Front St – MV stop/citation
- Hiller St – General service
- Hastings Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Bass Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Julian Rd – Suspicious person
- Bayview Rd – MV collision
- Shady Ln – EMS/medical
- Nokomis Rd – Noise complaint
- Front St – MV collision
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Ichabod Ln – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Oct 12 – Oct 18

- Tinkham Ln - Complaint
- Marion Rd – Open door
- North St – Animal control
- North St – Health/welfare
- North St – 911 call
- Randall Rd – Health/welfare
- Holly Ln – General service
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Avenue A - Vandalism
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious MV
- I195 East – 911 call
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Main St – Parking complaint
- County Rd – Suspicious persons
- Pine Ridge Dr – General service
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Brant Beach Ave – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Chaple Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – MV crash
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- North St – MV violations
- Randall Rd – Assist citizen
- Neds Point Rd – MV crash
- Upland Way – Domestic disturbance

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Oct 12 – Oct 18

- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Stevens Rd – B&E
- Bowens Ln – 911 call
- Neck Rd - Fraud
- North Ave - Medical
- Ryder Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Dexter Ln - Harassment
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Braley Hill Rd – Erratic MV
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Erratic MV
- Paulines Way – Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- North Ave – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Bernards Way – Animal control
- Bates Rd – General services
- Mattapoisett Rd – General services
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Well-being check
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Vaughn Hill Rd -MV lockout
- Pine St - Medical
- Forbes 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, Oct 27: Cheese tortellini w/chicken & lemon, ricotta parm sauce, vegetable medley, wheat roll, orange

Tuesday, Oct 28: Pot roast w/ gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, pudding, diet: fruit

Wednesday, Oct 29: American chop suey, whole grain pasta, vegetable medley, wheat bread, apple

Thursday, Oct 30: Pork w/apple chutney, polenta, mixed root vegetables, cornbread loaf, banana

Friday, Oct 31: Tuscan white fish, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, fig newton, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 27: Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Oct 28: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar

Wednesday, Oct 29: Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

Thursday, Oct 30: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 31: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Oct 27: Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Oct 28: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar

Wednesday, Oct 29: Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

Thursday, Oct 30: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 31: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Oct 27: Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Oct 28: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar

Wednesday, Oct 29: Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

Thursday, Oct 30: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 31: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct 27: Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Oct 28: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar

Wednesday, Oct 29: Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

Thursday, Oct 30: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 31: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 27: Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Oct 28: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar

Wednesday, Oct 29: Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

Thursday, Oct 30: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 31: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Oct 27: Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll

Tuesday, Oct 28: Hot dog, baked beans & fries

Wednesday, Oct 29: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread

Thursday, Oct 30: Appetizer sampler & carrot sticks

Friday, Oct 31: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

with a connection to Marion. To learn more about what we do - and how you can be part of it - visit SippicanWomansClub.org.

St. Anthony-St. Rita Christmas By The Sea Bazaar

Mark your calendars and save the date. Please join us for the annual "Christmas By The Sea Bazaar" on Saturday, **December 6** from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's parish, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett.

Seasonal handcrafted gifts, decorations, and stocking stuffers will be offered by local vendors, including wooden and leather wares, honey, ornaments (including the 2025 parish ornament designed by a local artist), seashell art, all types of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted items such as stuffed animals, hats, mittens and bags, carved wooden birds, jewelry, and much more.

When you arrive, you will be greeted with live festive music. As always, the Bazaar will offer a huge assortment of decorated wreaths and greens arrangements, gift baskets raffles, a grand raffle (1st prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize: \$500, 3rd prize: \$250), a toy shoppe with toys, cookie decorating, and games, and a large bake sale with all types of wonderful baked goods.



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There will be refreshments as well, filling the hall with festive aromas. Refreshments will include: malasadas and coffee, "Friendship soup" (recipe to be provided), popcorn, hot chocolate bar, and more. There will even be a special appearance from Santa himself.

All proceeds will benefit St. Anthony- St. Rita parish initiatives, including providing college book scholarships to local high school seniors. Please find, like, and share our event on Facebook. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Silvia at katsa06@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

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- 1 Direct applause toward
8 Finder's cry
11 April follower
14 Mimic a bird
19 Singer Patti
20 Take by force
22 Capital on the Red River
23 Art studio
24 Phases
25 "Tiny Dancer" singer John
26 Start of a riddle
29 Booming jet of old, in brief
30 Inseparable
31 Spike of corn
32 Olive bugged by Bluto
33 Prefix with light or night
35 Part of AOL
39 Thing with rungs
44 Riddle, part 2
48 Zac of 2017's "Baywatch"
49 German linking word
50 Org. for teachers
51 "Sure, we should do it!"
52 Desperate, as a situation
54 Syrian president

- 58 Auto racer's warm-up circuit
61 Riddle, part 3
64 In-vogue thing
65 Brand of fuel additives
66 Forearm bone
67 Crew tool
68 "You folks," in the South
70 West of "Diamond Lil"
73 "General" of Chinese cuisine
74 Riddle, part 4
78 Museum overseer
82 Golfer Sam
83 Eighth parts of circles
84 Redding of soul
85 Sly laugh sound
87 Gp. with merit badges
89 On a cruise
90 End of the riddle
97 "Strut" singer Easton
98 Affirm strongly
99 Flying geese formation
100 High peak: Abbr.

- 102 "No more details!," in texts
103 Sushi tuna
105 Archer's skill
108 Riddle's answer
116 Really virile
117 Apollo 7 astronaut
118 Annals, as a law
119 Resilient strength
120 Certain support group for adolescents
121 Lay out for printing
122 Gather bit by bit
123 Ad. — (improvise)
124 Zig's reverse
125 Rind-shaving tools

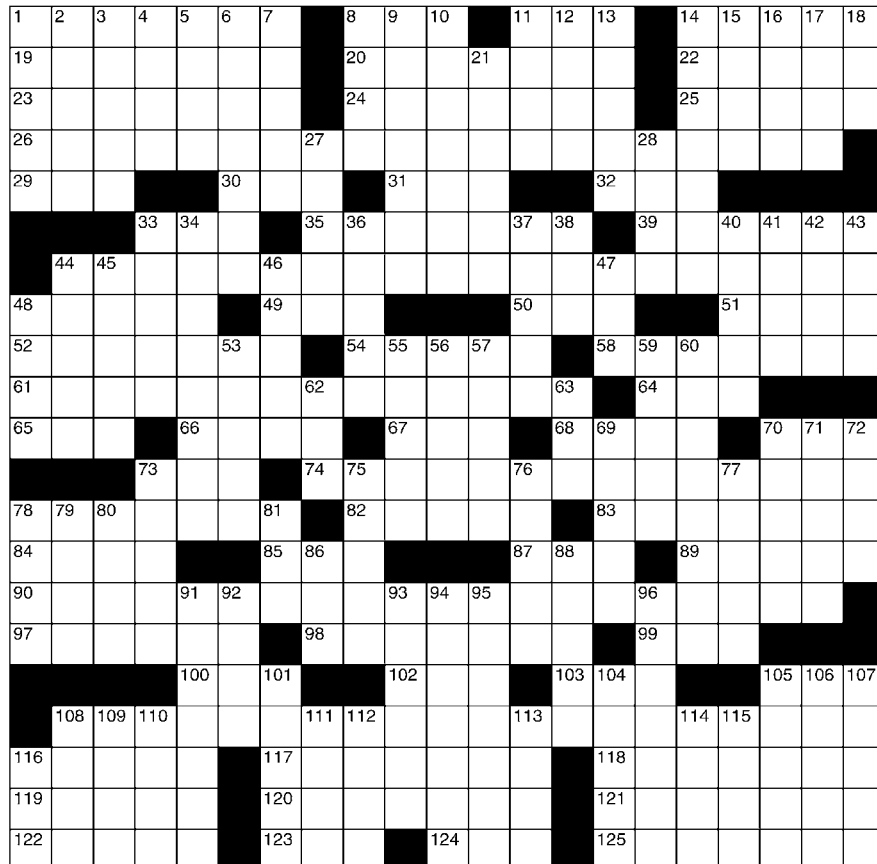
DOWN

- 1 Feline nails
2 Trellis strips
3 Skip — (flutter, as the heart)
4 Bombard
5 French policeman, informally
6 Butterlike product of beef fat

- 7 Air again
8 Many a prep sch.
9 Star of the past
10 Shows up
11 Part of 102-Across
12 Johnson of old comedy
13 Simple kind of question
14 Place with beakers, in brief
15 Disease-free
16 Engrossed by
17 Building top
18 Wrestling win
21 Game of falling shapes
27 Find out
28 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" heroine
33 Rosebush sticker
34 Hurricane hazard
36 Win gold, say
37 Rice of Bush's Cabinet, informally
38 Prop- or hex- ender
40 Meted
41 Mano-a-mano fight
42 "At Last" singer James

- 43 Filing tool
44 In progress
45 Common baby ailment
46 Scheduled to arrive
47 Interval
48 Ice cream brand
53 Inuit dwelling
55 Feel faint from ecstasy
56 Divide up
57 Vital blood line
59 Insurer with a duck icon
60 Sch. with a Fresno branch
62 Univ. dorm supervisors
63 Thesaurus word: Abbr.
69 Score — (earn some points)
70 Minister's residence
71 Modify
72 Anna's sister in "Frozen"
73 Eat a bit of
75 "Poppycock!"
76 "Sounds likely to me"
77 Unglossy photo finish
78 Simple beds
79 Neighbor of Colorado
80 Initiation, e.g.

- 81 Pi-sigma link
86 Very bad grades
88 Scandinavian "Salut!"
91 1986 #1 hit for 19-Across and Michael McDonald
92 Vow
93 Revel at a really hoppin' party
94 "Carlos" star Edgar
95 Neighbor of Ethiopia
96 Sinister gaze
101 Like some congestion
104 Rival of Avis
105 Demean
106 Lazybones
107 Ship spars
108 Postmarked pieces
109 Zapzyt target
110 Perlman of "Cheers"
111 Roman 651
112 "Moby-Dick" captain
113 Zingy flavor
114 Smartphone games, often
115 Cross paths
116 Soup flavor enhancer, for short



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Caution dominates the Sheep's monetary aspect this week. Rams and Ewes might want to shear their big spending plans until a more favorable financial picture begins to emerge by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Thrift counts both at home and at work. So, you might want to rethink major purchases or investments. Also, be wary of a so-called revelation about a previous business decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Both household budgets and workplace accounts might benefit from some judicious trimming of unnecessary expenses. Meanwhile, a business partnership could lead to an unexpected challenge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A previously overlooked opportunity could reemerge with a new travel-related matter. Check this out carefully to see if it's what you really want before you decide one way or another.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be the start of a new career-changing phase, so start marking down your many accomplishments for those who need to know how much you have to offer. Good luck!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's not too early for the sometimes procrastinating VIRGO to start making some long-distance travel plans. The sooner you decide where to go, when to go and how to go, the better.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Financial matters once again figure in any major action you might take regarding career, travel or other endeavors. You'll want a ready reserve to help you back up your moves.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Trying to resolve a problem in a personal relationship could be more difficult than you'd expected. Look into the possibility that someone might be interfering for their own reasons.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A workplace project you once rejected might be more attractive because of changes that you feel you can now work with. The weekend is especially favorable to family matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good week for the gregarious Goat to enjoy being with the people you care for. You might even want to show off the creative kitchen skills you're so adept at.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague might think your attitude is patronizing, or even outright insulting. True, but this might be their problem. Still, you might want to take some reassuring steps anyway.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to jettison old concepts about a family matter that you might have been holding on to. This will help make room for a new and more enlightened way of dealing with it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to analyze a puzzling situation before you try to resolve it. This makes you excel at getting things done the right way.

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Community Preservation Act Application Funding

The Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee will be accepting project funding applications for Committee consideration and presentation at the Spring 2026 Annual Town Meeting. The Project Application and guidelines will be available on the Town Website and in paper form at the Select Board's Office on October 6. Submit Completed applications by **November 7**, to: Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee, c/o Mattapoisett Select Board Office, PO Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Each project request must be submitted to the CPA Committee using the Project Application Form. Nine (9) copies of the application package must be provided to the Committee. For information and questions email cwmccullough@comcast.net.

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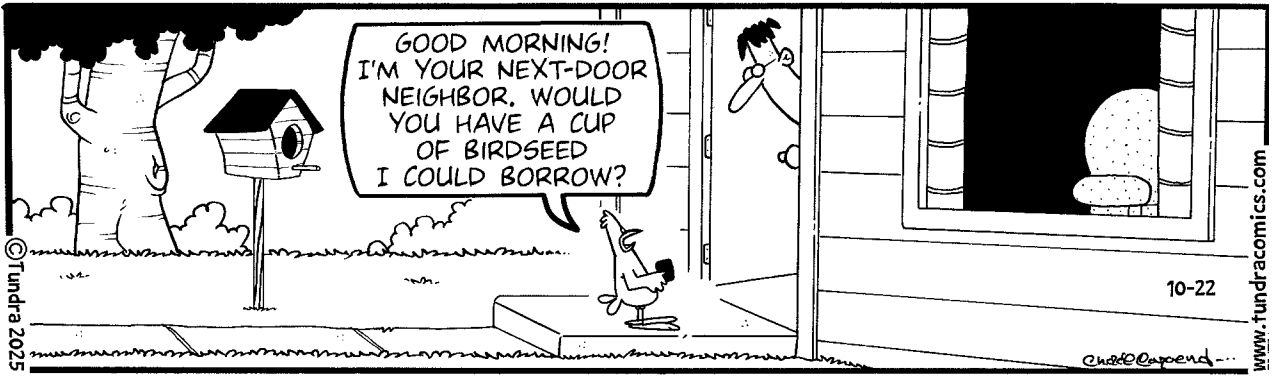
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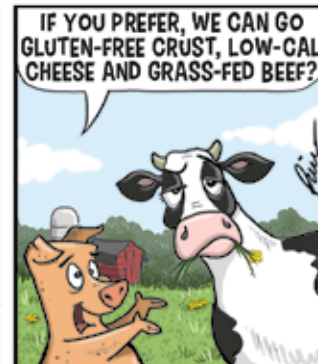


Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Friends of the Mattapoisett Library to Host Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Fall Book Sale on Saturday **October 25**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will also be accepting book donations on Friday, October 24, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library, funding programs, events, and resources that enrich the Mattapoisett community.

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library at friendsofmattapoisettlibrary@gmail.com.

Marion Historical Commission

The Marion Historical Commission is pleased to

share the announcement of Preservation Massachusetts' 2026 round of the Massachusetts Historic Preservation Matching Grant Program. Funding for this program is provided by the 1772 Foundation, which has made \$125,000 available for preservation projects in the Commonwealth for 2026.

The 1772 Foundation, in cooperation with Preservation Massachusetts, is making available 1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000 for exterior preservation projects, such as painting, finishes and surface restoration; repair to/restoration of porches, roofs, and windows; foundation and sill repairs; and masonry repairs and chimney repointing on historic buildings owned or leased by eligible non-profit organizations. Buildings must be listed in the MA State Register of Historic Places or receive local historical commission verification of their significance in order to participate. National Register districts and local historic districts are included in the MA State Register. Active religious and school organizations are not eligible to apply.

For the full announcement, important dates, criteria, and program details, visit the website of Preservation Massachusetts at: www.preservationmass.org/ma-hp-grant-requirements-details. Questions

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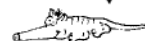
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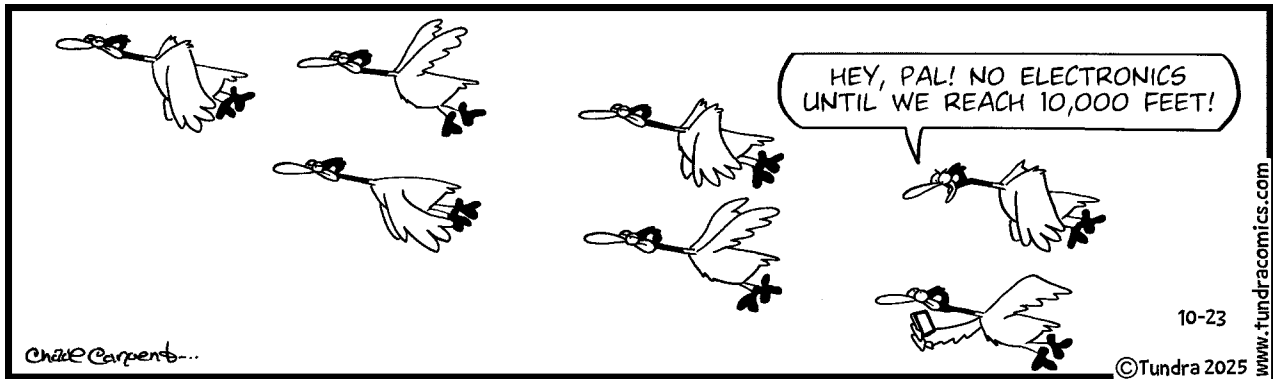
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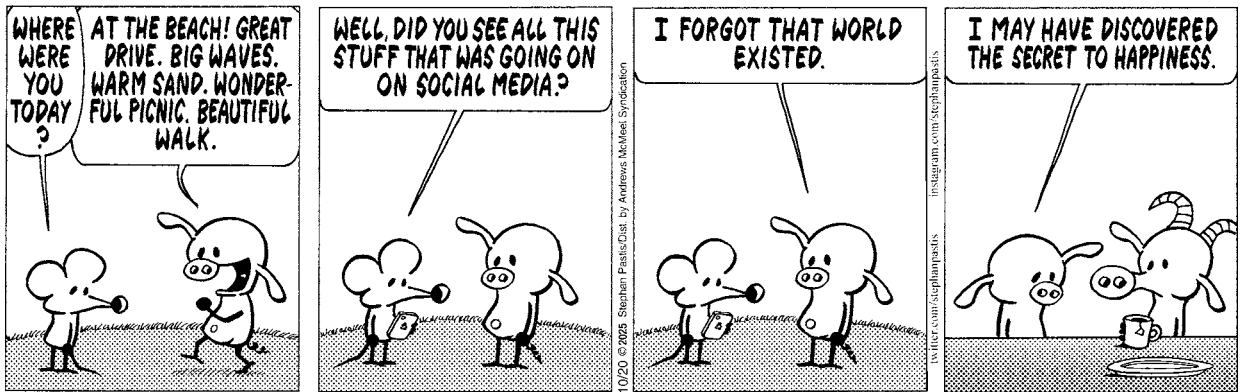


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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held upon the petition of EVERSOURCE to replace one pole and install guy anchor and install one new pole and guy anchor in the Right of Way of Mattapoisett Neck Road, Mattapoisett. This work is required for system reliability with direct benefits to both residents and businesses. The Hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Board meeting is also available via ZOOM. Sign on information is on the town website. R. Tyler Macallister Jodi L. Bauer, Jordan C. Collyer 10/16, 10/23 ----- TOWN OF ROCHESTER BARN AND KENNEL INSPECTIONS PUBLIC NOTICE The Rochester Animal Inspector has commenced barn and kennel inspections as of October 1st, 2025. Please contact the Animal Inspector should you have any questions at 508-649-9813. 10/23, 10/30 -----	TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1227 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Francis and Sandra Jones, for property located at 309 Neck Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 40, Lot 1A, who are seeking a Variance for frontage pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.16 (e.2.), of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, November 13th, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 10/23, 10/30 ----- TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Justin Barrett, for the replacement of an existing deck at 2 Blackhall Court. The site is further identified as Lot 4D on Marion Assessors' Map 8. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 10/23 -----	TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #835 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 13, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of JCM/VWN Nominee Trust, for a Variance under section 230-7.4C(4) of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of a pier as an accessory use on a property that is short the minimum lot area requirement. The property, located at 4 East Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lots 72 and 73. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 10/23, 10/30 ----- TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #836 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, November 13, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Thomas A. Beaudoin and Denise George Beaudoin, for a Variance under section 230-5.1 of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of an accessory garage less than the minimum side setback. The property, located at 166 Allens Point Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 6 as Lots 35B and 35C. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 10/23, 10/30 ----- <i>Continued on page 42</i>

Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



about the program may be directed to scaplanson@preservationma.org.

Letters of Inquiry are due **November 1**. Full applications are due February 20, 2026. Grant awards will be made in May 2026.

Fall Free Family Fun Festival

The Mattapoissett Lions Club Annual Fall Free Family Fun Festival will take place at Shipyard Park in Mattapoissett on Saturday, **November 1**, from 12:00 pm noon until 4:00 pm, rain date Saturday, November 8.

Fall Free Family Fun Festival will include hayrides around town, goody bag and pumpkin for each child, pumpkin patch, pumpkin bowling, pin the nose on the pumpkin, face painting, positive fortune telling, coloring station, music, Mattapoissett Fire Department fire truck and fire fighters, refreshments, and more, all free No registration required.

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 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 non-members. More information and bookings are at marionartcenter.org/events/proof.

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Marion Natural History Museum Afterschool Programs

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.

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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #837

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 13, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Toby and Rebecca Ast, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1E of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of an addition on the south west elevation of the existing non-conforming dwelling.

The property, located at 11 Quelle Lane, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 19 as Lot 148.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 10/23, 10/30

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 4:40 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance request submitted by Landmark Site Design, pertaining to the property located at 701 Mill Street, further identified as Map 26, Lot 20. 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater: Request a variance to install the bottom of the soil absorption system three feet above the maximum seasonal high groundwater rather than the five-foot requirement.

Albin R. Johnson III, Chair 10/23, 10/30

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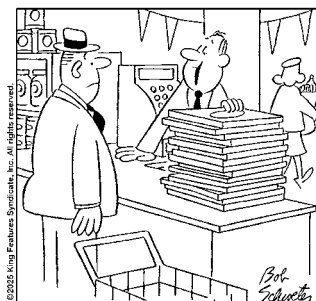
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By Fifi Rodriguez

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2. **LITERATURE:** Which famous author used the pseudonym Richard Bachman early in his career?
3. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the national animal of France?
4. **MATH:** What is the sum of the interior angles in a triangle?
5. **HISTORY:** Who was the first American president to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
6. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu?
7. **ACRONYMS:** What does the computing acronym API stand for?
8. **MOVIES:** What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
9. **MUSIC:** Which musical instrument has 88 keys?
10. **TELEVISION:** Which television sitcom character is famous for saying, "Did I do that?"?

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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.

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Videos and/or video links should be sent to ShowstoppersME@gmail.com. Email for more information or call 508-758-4525.

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The group meets on the 4th Friday of each month 10:15 am to 12:15 pm at the Mattapoisett Library's basement-level Community Room, 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.

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The Marion Board of Health would like to let residents know that they still have flu and COVID-19 vaccines available.

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The Marion Art Center's Arts & Crafts instructor Aylin Cetik is offering birthday parties in the MAC Studio. Parties for ages 4 and up will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays, with 15 to 20 minutes reserved at the end of the party for a sweet treat. Available times are 10:00 am to 11:30 am or 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Suggested party themes include: mermaids, fairies, outer space, pirates, art and science, or custom. The cost is \$275 for up to ten guests and \$15 for each additional child with a maximum of 15 children. Add-on options include outdoor lawn games or other activities by request, for an additional fee. For more information and to inquire about dates, email aylincetik@gmail.com.

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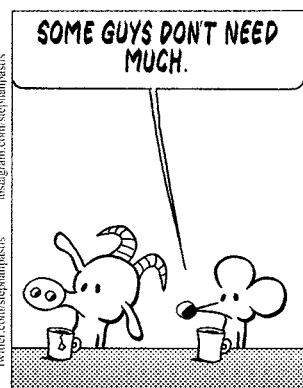
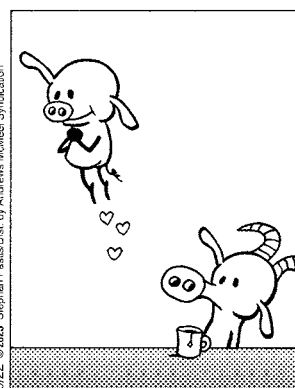
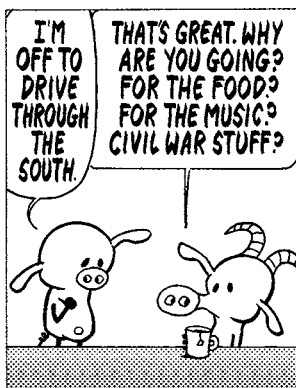
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This is the perfect time to think about and prepare for emergencies and disasters as Massachusetts faces a variety of hazards – weather-related or otherwise throughout the year.

If you feel that you would require assistance in an emergency, we would like to have a discussion with you so we can prepare a plan that will be ready to go when needed. If you rely on medical equipment at your residence that requires electricity. If you would require transportation to a shelter when such a need arises or live in a known flood zone. If you have a communication-related disability, we need to know the best way to communicate in an emergency state. If you take medications, we need a list.

If there is any other targeted assistance that you may need.

Please call the Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 so we can compile this information which will be reported to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We want to be prepared.

We encourage residents and family members who may reside out of town to sign up for E-alerts from the Town of Marion (visit: marionma.gov/subscribe).



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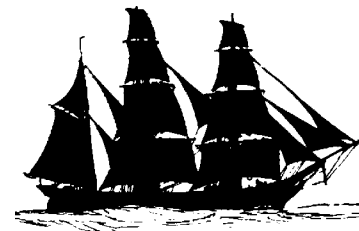
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Tri-Town Against Racism

Tri-Town against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help to identify how to best support the Tri-Town Region. The incident report can be completed online, either on a computer or mobile device, anonymously if preferred. Community members can also choose to identify themselves to TTAR in the report. Their personal identifying information will never be shared outside of TTAR. The incident report allows for individuals or families to share their stories to inform local change. Completing the form and sharing your experiences with TTAR will help to make a positive impact. The incident report can be found by visiting this link: forms.gle/UGEsEmjBCZTEYKX56.

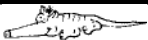


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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Costa, Brian Oliveira, Kristi	Demaris, Charles W Demaris, Annette S	3 Riverside Dr	Mattapoisett	10/01/2025	734,000.00
Prince, Jessica M	Rocky Acres Nom Trust Dougall, Cornelia TR	651 Point Rd	Marion	10/01/2025	749,000.00
Robinson, Alex Robinson, Taylor	Yahweh Properties LLC	611 Delano Rd	Marion	10/03/2025	625,000.00
Campo, Tyler Campo, Jessica	Grace, Charles A	55 North St	Mattapoisett	10/07/2025	910,000.00
Grace, Charles A	Reed, Kathleen Tr By Atty Reed, Sean W Atty Kathleen Reed Trust	21 Antassawamock Rd	Mattapoisett	10/07/2025	1,200,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	October 23	9:40	10:00	2:44	3:34
Friday	October 24	10:14	10:37	3:21	4:11
Saturday	October 25	10:51	11:17	3:58	4:48
Sunday	October 26	11:31		4:36	5:26
Monday	October 27	12:02	12:19	5:16	6:10
Tuesday	October 28	12:53	1:11	6:01	7:09
Wednesday	October 29	1:45	2:05	7:01	8:31
Thursday	October 30	2:39	3:00	8:21	9:39
Friday	October 31	3:35	3:58	9:46	10:27
Saturday	November 1	4:34	4:59	10:53	11:08
Sunday	November 2	4:32	4:57	10:47	10:49
Monday	November 3	5:25	5:50	11:37	11:30
Tuesday	November 4	6:16	6:41		12:26
Wednesday	November 5	7:05	7:31	12:14	1:18
Thursday	November 6	7:55	8:23	1:00	2:11
Friday	November 7	8:47	9:15	1:49	3:04
Saturday	November 8	9:41	10:11	2:40	3:56
Sunday	November 9	10:39	11:10	3:31	4:55
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter New Moon		October 29th November 5th November 12th November 20th	



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 October 16, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 28

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Cradle; 2. Mentor;
3. Escape; 4. Parcel

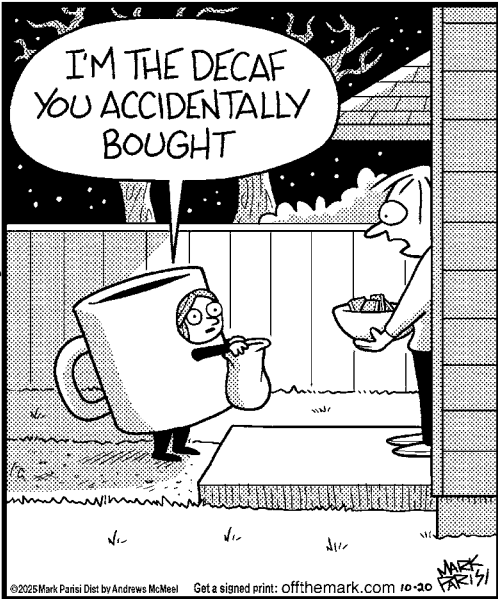
Today's Word

SEPARATE

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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6 oz. Pkg.
Raspberries

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lb

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