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Halloween, at a Glance

Tri-Town Halloween Weekend

By Sam Bishop

Friday, October 31: Halloween Day

Marion: The Marion Council on Aging is hosting a spooky Halloween lunch event beginning at 12:00 pm at the Cushing Community Center. While eating, patrons can hear ghost stories from entertainer Rita Parisi.

Rochester: The Plumb Library is hosting a Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Take & Make Craft session from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you find the ghosts, you can earn a prize!

Marion: The Marion Art Center's Annual Halloween Parade. Starting at the Music Hall at 4:00 pm, the parade will weave its way back around town to the hall.

Mattapoisett: The Mattapoisett Police Department is hosting a costume contest and parade, beginning at 6:00 pm. The parade starts at Center School and goes through town, eventually ending at Shipyard Park, where the contest itself will be held.

Saturday, November 1

Mattapoisett: The Mattapoisett Lions Club is hosting their 9th annual Fall Free Family Fun Festival from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Shipyard Park. Hayrides. Pumpkin bowling, and more!

Rochester: The Plumb Library is hosting its continuing Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Take & Make Craft session from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you find the ghosts, you can earn a prize!

Writer's Cramp? How 'bout Brain Rot!

Rochester PTO Spooktacular

By Sam Bishop

Halloween draws near, and with that, Rochester

On the Cover: Congratulations to our Halloween Cover Contest winner, Vivienne Sanford of Marion. Vivienne's drawing garnered the most eligible votes in our online voting contest and will be rewarded \$100 cash! Thank you to all of our readers who submitted artwork this year. And to all those who voted. There were some truly "spooktacular" submissions! See all the entries on page 28, as well as in our photo gallery at www.wanderer.com/gallery.

Memorial School held their annual "Spooktacular" this past Saturday. Hosted by the school's Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), the event allowed students, both current and former, siblings, and local kids to come get in on some candy early.

Dinosaurs, Spiderman's (spider... men?), witches, karate kids, fairies, wizards, Beetlejuice's, princesses, and many, many others, descended on the RMS campus to wage a magical, epic battle over who could have the most fun and get some candy a week before Halloween!

Disclaimer: There was no real battle involved, but there was plenty of candy and other treats. Some

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food trucks, coffee and ice cream, also zoomed over. Tables were set up of various decorations: Candy Land, Jurassic Park (hence the dinos mentioned earlier), and even Brain Rot; more on that later. The tables were helmed by well-respected students, faculty, and parents. Sweets of all sorts were collected and taken to down the haunted trail through the woods, which also offered a scavenger hunt.

Finally, the kids could eat candy and use their internet-derived slang, courtesy of Kai Cenat and CaseOh. Here is all I learned from my exposure:

The first turn off Ohio Ave. and onto Skibidi Lane, we left the NPC's at home and got back to RMS for a Spooktacular time. Bet. No cap, candy's bussin'. Some showed up to rizz up the huzzz, but most showed up to mog their fits. Most slayed, but they all ate. Vice Principal West's aura was wild bro. Weird flex wearing sandals, but mad drip tho. Ws in the chat for the PTO. Cooked hard on this one. I'm sorry for this. It's giving cringe. It's total brain rot.

Now that every child in a square mile has cringed from these words being written, a job well done. An adult using Gen Alpha slang; truly the scariest thing imaginable this Halloween.

The event was a great success. No one left without a smile or without some sweet treats.

Bad Omens in Quebec

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, the army prepared as winter creeps ever closer. The newly created Continental Navy embarked on its first mission, with the *Hancock* and the *Franklin* sailing north to the mouth of the Saint Lawrence to disrupt British supplies. Washington and his generals vote against an assault on the fortified Boston, all while the British raze and destroy the town of Falmouth to the north, modern-day Portland, Maine. Militarily, things are heating up, all while temperatures dip and already minuscule supplies run low.

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Randolph is succeeded, again, by John Hancock. He is seldom spoken of, though he is incredibly important, being the first person elected to president of the free Continental Congress, and again for a second term. Somewhat relevant to us in southeastern

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Massachusetts, the Town of Randolph, situated just 45 minutes north, is named after him.

The news of Randolph's death, as well as the razing of Falmouth (Portland) would reach the camp in Cambridge the following days. Surely a busy meeting with much to discuss at the HQ, Washington writes back to Hancock, again President of the Continental Congress, regarding the British attack at Falmouth. He is maddened by the "barbarity and cruelty" of the attack, which destroyed nearly half the settlement's buildings just before winter. He informs Hancock, though asked by Falmouth's Committee of Safety (governing body), that he will be unable to support the town as his gunpowder is running extremely low. He also fears the attack at



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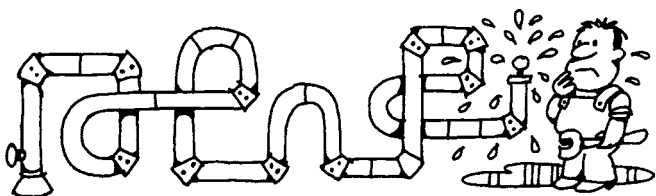
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Falmouth is one of many, saying he “expect(s) every hour to hear that Newport has shared the fate of unhappy Falmouth.” The British attack has successfully struck fear among the colonists, but also outrage.

On October 25, Washington is raising the price of peas and beans for soldiers in order to curb scarcity. The same day, he receives news from a recent

trip to Bermuda commissioned by Nicholas Cooke of Rhode Island. He said upon the inhabitants realizing the ship was from the colonies, treated him (Captain Whipple) with “great cordiality and friendship.” The ship would return with 600 tons of provisions, but the British would punish the island upon hearing of the complicit nature of the heist. He says the British “treated the islanders as rebels” and “reduced them to a disagreeable situation.” Cooke has plans to send Whipple to the island to both support the locals and retrieve more supplies.

The following day, Washington’s General Orders highlighted a serious issue: service time. Many officers have their last day as December 31. He instructs all men, without delay, state whether they will stay in the army another year in order to gauge his troop amounts before any mass-exodus occurs before the new year. He insists pay will be on time, monthly, and supplies will be regular, though in private he lacks confidence in supplying either.

On October 26 and October 27, Washington receives separate letters from Major General Philip Schuyler and Colonel Benedict Arnold, still not linked up in Canada. Schuyler writes of good luck, having recently



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won a small skirmish and secured some supply of powder by General Montgomery. He informs Washington that "heavy rains have carried away almost all the bridges between Fort George and Albany and rendered the roads impassable." Arnold has fared worse, being in the brunt of this.

He informs Washington the French locals "seem friendly" and there seems to be few British troops around Quebec. Following the good news, he states he has lost supplies fording near falls and rapids. Many men have fallen sick in the wet and cold, being sent back south. Currently, Arnold has about 70 men with him in various states. He still trudges north in order to surprise the British and resupply at Sartigan. He concludes, "Our

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march has been attended with an amazing deal of fatigue, which the officers and men have borne with cheerfulness. I have been much deceived in every account of our rout, which is longer, and has been attended with a thousand difficulties I never apprehended, but if crowned with success, and conducive to the public good, I shall think it but trifling."

Fall's Orange Icon

The Coastal Gardener

By Laura McLean

When a colleague requested donations of pinecones and acorns to support his wife's crafts, I got busy outside collecting pinecones. These sticky wonders



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are among my favorite ornaments made by nature. Still, fall would not be complete without – acorns, complete with their little beanies; kaleidoscopic



Indian corn; smooth, shiny chestnuts so cool to the touch; and pungent haystacks... and the one that tops all for festive fall curiosities: the pumpkin.

As I rode my bike around the village this past weekend, I noticed that they prevail. All of a sudden, they are everywhere, coloring the town orange, scattered like rogue soccer balls, or like some strange mutation invasion.

I liken them to nature's clowns – turned into playthings to be gawked at either for their size, shape or the art into which people turn them. I got mine the other day, feeling like a Halloween without a proper pumpkin is like an autumn without the crunch of leaves. As I left Rochester's Cervelli's stand (where every conceivable size and shape of pumpkin awaits), I watched as families were positioning their kiddies in front of a gigantic gory Halloween display replete with pumpkins. Ahh, fond memories flash through my mind of that excitement of the approach of Halloween.

In keeping with tradition this week, I will carve my purchase into a grinning jack-o-lantern – bumps and all. And yes, of course I'll roast the seeds!

If you are a New Englander, there is something poetic about these squat orange squashes against the backdrop of fall foliage. They add vitality to the festivities that we celebrate – even if it's just handing out candy to trick-or-treaters. In some cases, they feed the imagination. At age 4 our son Ian had a standard knock-knock joke that must have sprouted from seeing these sentinels. When we'd ask, "Who's there?" he'd answer "Pumpkinhead," and laugh hysterically.

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For my British-bred husband, the total Halloween experience was hollowing out a turnip – they didn't have pumpkins! They would carve a face and put a stub of candle inside and carry it around the streets. No trick or treat (back then)... the first time he knew how that worked he saw it on the television show *The Addams Family*. The practice did eventually catch on in the U.K. and now it's much about the candy and dressing up. I will have to ask my sister-in-law if Brits dress up their pets as many do here.

Fabulous legends surround the origin of the jack-o'-lantern. Some say that the flickering flame placed inside represents mischievous spirits or tricksters or creatures of ancient lore. And if a candle flame flickers on Halloween night, it's being touched by ghosts. The practice of carving scary faces began as a way to frighten the spirits away. Of course, such fantasies diminish with the daylight.

One of the amazing things about pumpkins is their diversity – shape, size and color are all factors in the selection process. Perfectionists will advise you to examine the roundness, the way it sits and the stem's viability. Hue is important, as is the absence of dents. I personally like a pumpkin with oddities – green veins and a little tilt give a jack-o'-lantern a more lifelike disposition. If you watch a child choose one, there is seemingly no science involved. They bond, and it's a done deal.

We don't always carve our pumpkins right away



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– but use them to decorate our lamppost beside a stand of corn stalks. In prior years to please my kids, I would fashion a scare crow as part of the scene. Sometimes it would be disconcerting as it looked human. Now I keep it simple, wrapping the decor around the orange globe – a metaphor for seasonal magic (think Cinderella) and a bit of hobgoblin fun.

“The yellow pumpkins lying beneath them, turning up their fair round bellies to the sun, and giving ample prospects of the most luxurious of pies.” – Washington Irving, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

What’s Up There?

Astronomy Update for November

By Sam Bishop

Well, it’s certainly getting colder out. The cool air should bring clearer skies, right? There’s another “super moon,” some meteor showers, and some good views of some gas giants.

On Sunday, November 2, Daylight Savings Time ends, so remember to “fall” back an hour. Also early in the month, Saturn, “father time,” will have great visibility. Catch it south-east, near the moon.

Speaking of, November 5 sees our second “super moon” of the year. This full moon is called the “Beaver Moon.” This is due to this being an active time for the little mammals as they prepare for winter. It would also be the most popular time to hunt them for their pelts.

Thankfully, it’s a less common practice and the mighty Eurasian beaver was saved from near-extinction in the early 20th century. Where was I? Oh, November’s full moon is also referred to as the “Frost Moon,” “Freezing Moon,” or “Mourning Moon.”

A minor meteor shower, the Taurids Meteor Shower, peaks between November 4 and November 5. The brightness of the super moon will make it difficult, as will the 5-to-10 meteors-per-hour. Look for them in the sky near the constellation Taurus. The meteors are runoff of two separate bodies, asteroid 2004 TG10 and comet 2P Encke.

Jupiter will have great visibility this month. Look for it in the east just above the horizon in the evening.

Another shower later in the month, the Leonids Meteor Shower, will have slightly better yields at 15 meteors-per-hour. It also happens to peak on November 17 a few days before the New Moon on November 20. This will allow for darker skies and the ability to see more. The meteors are caused by the tail of the comet Tempel-Tuttle.

Finally, the Alpha Monocerotids meteor shower peaks on November 21. It has varying meteor rates and is difficult to predict. Typically low, it could have an extremely intense burst lasting around an hour. Emphasis on “could.” The meteors are produced by a currently unknown celestial body and can be seen around the constellation Monoceros.

Time to Say Goodbye to Benadryl?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Diphenhydramine, commonly known by the brand name Benadryl, has been sold since 1946. It is an “antihistamine,” meaning it blocks the body’s receptors for the chemical histamine, which is released in response to allergens.

Diphenhydramine works very well to lessen allergy symptoms and is used not only as the sole ingredient in Benadryl but as all or part of the makeup of some 300 mostly over-the-counter medicines.

Diphenhydramine crosses into the brain and makes us drowsy. This “side effect” has caused it to become a widely used sleeping aid. Most OTC sleep aids have diphenhydramine (or doxylamine, a very similar product) as their active ingredient.

The problem with using these older antihistamines for allergy relief is that they are sedating and may make users too drowsy to safely drive or do other tasks requiring attention. They can be especially problematic for older adults and have been linked to falls and auto accidents. Regular use has also been linked to risk of dementia.

They can also be a problem with small children, causing extreme sedation and even coma. Also, oddly enough, in some children they have a paradoxical effect of causing agitation.

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How about for sleep?

For very occasional use, diphenhydramine and other older antihistamines are probably OK. Like most sleeping pills, the sleep induced by antihistamines is not natural, with little REM sleep, and the sedation can linger well into the next day. It is not dissimilar to the sleep you get after drinking too much alcohol.

Better choices are melatonin or chamomile, which work immediately, or magnesium, which must be taken regularly and build up in your system. If you find yourself using an antihistamine to sleep more than 2-3 times a month, ask your doctor about alternatives.

So, yes, it is probably time to say adios to diphenhydramine, doxylamine and all the older antihistamines. Be sure to read the labels on OTC products before you buy them.

Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

Shields v. Enzo

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board met on Tuesday and began with the continued public hearing for the dog

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complaint concerning the dog Enzo at 116 Dexter Road, owned by Angela Brodeur. Vice-Chair John Hoagland said the board has received a record 15 letters from both sides of the argument. At the meeting, there were also discussions regarding the development at Heron Cove, various committee appointments, and updates regarding construction at the new Department of Public Works building and the Town House.

Greg Corbeau, acting as legal counsel for the town at this meeting, started by explaining the process for the hearing regarding the dog complaint. He stated the complaint, sent to the town in a letter by Shields, says the dog in question is a nuisance or a possible danger. The original complaint regards a possible dog bite that

occurred on August 22. The filer said the dog ran out and, unprovoked, lunged at and bit their "right buttocks and lower leg."

It was stated an altercation/argument ensued between the passerby and dog owner. They called the Marion Police Department within 5 minutes of the bite. The police referred the complaint to Animal Control. They also said, upon passing the home, the dog is frequently barking and behaving aggressively and anti-socially.

The original filer was not present, so next, in defense of the dog, owner Angela Brodeur spoke with her two daughters present in the room. She stated her dog never bit the person in this instance and that it was instead the filer that instigated. "I would one-thousand percent bet everything I have that he did not bite her." She also said the dog is "always on a leash."

She added that she contacted a trainer who purposefully agitated the dog but perceived no violent or aggressive reaction. "He's not aggressive. He's not a nuisance" she said, adding "I'm really frustrated by this."

The American Kennel Club also awarded Enzo a positive score and a ribbon on a behavioral evaluation, without the owner in the room. This evaluation showed reactions to both human and canine elements.

As a witness under oath, neighbor Dorothy Daren spoke and stated she had heard loud and aggressive barking from her front porch at the time of the incident. Though she only heard Enzo in this instance, she stated she has passed the house and witnessed loud barking and growling from over the fence.

The witness at 22 Wilson Road, who lives across the street, said he has 10 grandchildren who enjoy playing with the pup. "It's a dog. Does it bark? Yea, but it's not aggressive."

The Select Board then stopped hearing public comments and moved into internal deliberation. Legal counsel Corbeau said "you've heard two very different versions of events" and adding one side was a letter, and one was under oath.

Chair Randy Parker said "I hope this is a one-off" adding he believes the owner has done their due diligence. He only recommended a possible probation

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period, which was agreed by the other members. A six-month probationary period was ordered, wherein any complaint levied against Enzo would be counted as a second offense.

On to the next item, Chair of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals Cindy Callow spoke of the development at Heron Cove. Callow cautioned against the proposals by Heron Cove Estates LLC to lower the density of the original proposal. She also recommended an open, joint-meeting between the two boards to discuss proposed changes in the development. Callow said, referring to the ZBA, "They are anxious to hear your comments."

"We're gonna give 'em here tonight," Parker responded. Hoagland, however, was in support of a

separate joint-meeting. Member Norm Hills said he was indifferent to a separate meeting but believes any agreements regarding sewer or energy made by previous owners to the town. Parker and the Select Board said they'd go to the next scheduled ZBA meeting on Thursday, November 13 to discuss further.

Andrew Daniel, Chair of the Planning Board, represented his board and their comments regarding Heron Cove. He and his board were in agreement with the Select Board's comments that night. He added that he was concerned over zoning variances, to which Parker directed those concerns should be brought before the Town Council.

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in," Callow concluded.

Next, the Select Board granted two Water / Sewer Abatements: Saint Gabriel's Parish at 30 Main Street and the Fellens at 70 Main Street. The request from the O'Briens at 6 Ichabod Road was postponed until comments and findings from the Department of Public Works are brought.

For appointments, the Select Board approved Mary MacLeod to the Scholarship & Education Fund Committee, Jim Stewart as a Full Member of the Marine Resource Commission, Anita Allison as a Full Member of the Cultural Council, Deb Cohen as an Alternate Member of the Cultural Council, and Elizabeth Fallon as an Alternative Member of the Cultural Council.

The board then, after years of deliberation, approved the sending of letters to local government delegates concerning overflow permitting.

The board approved two committee charters: the 175th Anniversary Committee and the Fireworks Committee.

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman gave an update on the Department of Public Works building, saying there are slight delays, but he expects furniture to start moving in by the end of the week, with move-ins occurring throughout November.

Gorman said he recently walked through the Town House. He said framing has been completed with electrical and plumbing currently in the works. Overall,

the project is going forward mostly as planned, although he said the attic of the Town House Annex may need sprinklers, which were not in the original plans. Nothing regarding that has been planned yet.

After tackling numerous varying issues at their meeting, the members of the board then departed on a "field trip" to hold a lighting review at the Harbormaster Building.

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

Light Duty Night for Select Board

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoisett Select Board met on October 28 in regular session. However, with a light agenda before them, they sailed through the meeting.

The board discussed the changes to the position of Animal Control Officer that will now come under the leadership of the Police Department. It was explained that changes at the state level precipitated a move to have animal control duties aligned with the Police Department. The board said that interviewing for a new 40-hour position may include the services of an outside agency.

The board also discussed the upcoming Old Colony Regional Technical High School presentations that will showcase the schools plans for a new school built on the existing site and funded through local towns who are in partnership with the school and the Massachusetts School Building Authority. There will be a ballot question on this matter in Mattapoisett on November 18.

"November 18 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 8:00 pm our Old Colony member communities will be asked to vote on the proposed construction of a new Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School."

There are several dates and locations for the presentations. They are November 2, 11:00 am at Old Colony, November 5 at 6:40 pm at the Machacam Club in Mattapoisett, and November 6 at 6:00 pm in the Carver Police Station. Visit www.oldcolonybuildingproject.com for more details.

It was announced that Veterans Day observances will take place on November 11 at 10:45 am in Center School.

The Mattapoisett Police annual Halloween costume contest will begin with a parade from Center School stepping off on October 31 at 6:00 pm to Shipyard Park with contest to follow at 6:45 pm.

A public hearing was held with Eversource to discuss the need and plans for the installation of a new pole on Mattapoisett Neck Road to provide better service to the area. All were in agreement that the pole was needed.

Action items included acceptance of the resignation of Tyler Hathaway from the Conservation Commission. The board also appointed Ella McIntire to the Conservation Commission. Patrica Cooper was

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appointed to the Cultural Council.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo said that an unclaimed money list is available on the town's website. He said overpayments were likely the majority of the sums waiting to be claimed.

Lorenzo also announced that the Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on December 24 on the 25-percent design of the TIP project for Mattapoisett village street upgrades and repair. A draft of the proposed design is available on the town's website.

Last but not least, water flushing will be performed between November 3 and November 21. Check the town's website for details regarding your neighborhood.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 30 at 6:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Fire Station.

Two Garages Approved

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals on October 23 approved two garages that will be placed technically in their front yards.

The board granted two variances to allow the construction of a detached garage greater than the permitted 1,000-square feet in the front yard of 45 Williams Way after property owner William Flaherty



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explained his current attached garage is “maxed out.” He needs the larger garage for his hobbies, equipment, and vehicles. He elaborated he has no other place on his property to place the garage. Moving to the left or the right of his home would place it near his septic tank or his neighbor’s property lines. Placing the garage further back on the lot would encroach on his well area. “It will be stick built. It will look good from the road,” he promised.

Member Richard Cutler admitted Flaherty doesn’t have a big property but has a big setback. Board member Davis Sullivan noted that from a certain point of view the new garage is further back. The board granted the variances with the standard conditions of no residential use or human habitation, no animal habitation, and no commercial use.

With the same conditions, the board then approved a variance to allow a proposed three-bay garage greater than 1,000 square feet in the front yard at 447 Neck Road. Property owners Chris and Molly Fournier said right now they don’t have a garage at all. They need this garage for their cars and other storage. The garage will have a second floor that will also be built for storage but additionally as a deck for a view of the water. They noted they have a non-conforming house built circa 1952, and they have no room in their back yard. “This seems like the only place to put it,” Molly Fournier said.

The board agreed with the Fourniers’ arguments as it voted for its approval. Cutler noted that the lot was

subdivided before there were town bylaws “The self-imposed hardship doesn’t count here in my mind,” he said. “There’s no other place to move it,” member Davis Sullivan added.

In other business, the board welcomed new ZBA Associate Member Keith Riquinha.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will be Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Complex Filings Heard

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The October 27 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission found the members plugging away at technical documents and procedures for nearly 3-hours.

Cases ran the gambit, from your average, Request for Determination of Applicability, to questions around whether or not a new pier would encroach into a shared channel over a mostly underwater property line, to concerns over digging foundations in jurisdictional areas.

Regarding the pier project filed by Thomas Holt, 39 Mattapoisett Neck Road, for this evening’s meeting, the agenda stated the filing was for the demolition and reconstruction of a single-family dwelling. That, however, was not the main discussion. The main discussion was regarding a proposed extension of an existing pier with associated boat lift.

Abutters were concerned that if the boat lift as proposed was allowed, precious footage needed to exit and enter the channel would be compromised. Discussion asserting the need to take available space into consideration was debated. Neighbors said a small pier was acceptable but not a boat lift. Holt’s representative David Davignon of Schneider Davignon and Leone confirmed that the pier extension included removal of existing pier structure, work within a salt marsh, the need to comply with standards issued by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and other agencies.

It was further disclosed that the Mattapoisett Harbormaster had voiced his concerns about navigable



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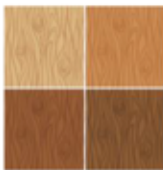
passage in the channel especially during low tides. After considerable discussion Chairman Mike King allowed Holt to continue the hearing to receive more guidance from the Harbormaster and comments from the MDMF as well as time for the residents impacted by the project to attempt resolution of differences.

Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering presented a Notice of Intent filed by David McIntire, Jr., 0 Nicky's Lane for the construction of a single-family home off Old Slough Road. Tonight's hearing centered around the need for culvert repair/replacement. The culvert in question served an intermittent stream. A new planned culvert would consist of a new 48-inch metal pipe with concrete headwalls. The project was conditioned.

A Notice of Intent filed by the town of Mattapoisett for the repair and reconstruction of a pier was once again not heard. It was noted that the engineer of record, Childs Engineering was a no show.

A 30-panel solar array planned by Craig Orn of 6 River Road bumped along to acceptance after it was determined that the location of the panels as shown on earlier plans was the only viable location for them to be placed. An alternatives analysis had not been prepared which the commission took exception to. The site had been visited by the commission and its agent. The project received a negative determination.

A Request for Applicability filed by 8 Dyer Road Nominee Trust for improvements to a driveway,



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resurfacing of a driveway, scraping, and native plantings, as well as the installation of two geothermal wells was given a negative determination.

A Notice of Intent filed by Deborah Chapman Living Trust was conditioned after abutters expressed concerns over area flooding and damage to existing foundations. They also expressed displeasure that the plans included FEMA regulated structural height requirements. King stated that wasn't any "wobble room," that the project had to comply with FEMA directives. The project was conditioned.

A complaint filed against 11 Seamarsh Way for unpermitted activities that included a seawall, plantings, and the need for a Chapter 91 license was represented by landscape contractor Andrew Langlois. Langlois explained that he was new to the project, that boulders

and rocks moved within the site in question had taken place before his company was hired. The commission reminded him that permits were needed for planned work and that an after-the-fact filing was now required. The complaint became a mandate that proper permitting be filed by January first.

A Notice of Intent filed by Colin Labrie, represented by Civil and Environmental Consultants Inc, for property located at 7 Hollywoods Road was continued due to new plans being received only hours before the commission meeting began.

The updated plan was discussed and now showed areas previously cut without permits would be allowed to regenerate. New plans include a wildflower meadow and native plantings. The new plans as presented were noted as not being in line with work verbally agreed upon when the commission made a site visit. Labrie was told that an impact analysis was needed. Labrie commented that he was trying to give a neighbor a view. The filing was continued.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, November 10 at 6:30 pm in Town Hall.

Condo Plan Encroaches Eversource Easement

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Plans for a 48-unit condominium development still might be tweaked a bit based on peer reviews from Field Engineering and other town sources, according to the developers' presentation at the October 22 Marion Conservation Commission meeting in the town Police Station conference room.

Toll Brothers Inc. representatives Mark Bamburak and Jeff Heidelberg said that Field Engineering, which represents both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, said part of the property at 78 Wareham Road encroaches upon an easement from the utility company Eversource.

Heidelberg said the developers are proposing a retaining wall and might relocate one unit unless Eversource agrees to a deal to waive that easement for the

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Heidelberg also said Field Engineering asked for wider access areas so backhoes can access the water detention basins. Field Engineering also asked that the developers widen an existing grass trail, and TBI is "amenable" to that request.

Bamburak said that the state Division of Fisheries & Wildlife determined there would be little or no impact to the nearby aquatic habitat.

Some commissioners asked if there would be any changes to the project before final deliberations from the ConCom and other town boards.

Heidelberg said that there might be some minor alterations and that TBI was not expecting a decision at the October 22 meeting.

"There might be a change, but it likely would be minor in detail at this point," Heidelberg said. "The intent was to keep you in the loop."

Commissioners continued the public hearing to November 5 to further discuss the project.

In other Conservation Commission news, Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee said an oil spill was reported by a homeowner receiving a delivery of heating oil. Guey-Lee said the homeowner was seeking to dig 10 feet around the property to find the oil and remediate it.

The town planner said the leak was caught early, so officials believe that the leak is not deep within the ground or far from the home. However, the Conservation Commission granted an Emergency Order to dig and remediate around the home.

Also at the meeting, commissioners deliberated over some local items, taking no issue with the proposals.

Jerry Frates, of Converse Road, proposed constructing a lap pool but said plans revealed that his initial drawing would encroach upon sewer piping. Commissioners agreed to allow Frates to relocate the lap pool closer to a neighboring property.

Millie and Paul Seeberg, of 13 Edgewater Lane, received permission from the Conservation Commission to eradicate phragmites through environmentally friendly chemicals.

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The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department.

Solar Projects All Around

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

An informal discussion of another proposed solar project in town started Rochester's Planning Board meeting Tuesday.

Project representative Sarah Sterns of Beals and Thomas Engineering reported the plan is for two ground-mounted solar arrays at 0 High Street with frontage off of

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both High Street and Mayflower Lane. The discovery of a box turtle habitat in the area has changed the developer's original plan, she said, placing a permanent conservation restriction on some of the land. The developer shrunk the size of the arrays for that reason. "We are here to go over the project before we submit our formal application," she said.

Project attorney Greg Sampson added that the multiple lots being combined for this project are under different ownerships complicating what appropriate frontages the project will have. Chair Arnold Johnson responded that this factor is his main concern. He said the lots required for this project should be combined first. "Your project spans multiple lots with multiple owners.

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Meets and bounds will have be determined, and that will be costly. It would be better if you had it one lot. Some lots would be land-locked. You've got a lot of work to do." Sampson and Sterns agreed to incorporate this suggestion they work to file a formal application.

Next, after months of continued hearings on the project, the board came closer than ever to approving the Site Plan Review and Special Permit for plans for a floating and ground-mounted solar array at 53 Dexter Lane. The panel endorsed the list of permit waivers being requested. It agreed to draft a decision. It continued the hearing to the board's next meeting and extended the project's decision deadline to the end of December.

Before the continuation vote, Member Ben Bailey recommended the unique permit condition that it be immediately reported if any waterfowl is found to be injured by the panels. He said birds will dive toward the dark panels mistaking them for water, what he called the project's "lake effect," maiming or killing them. He would vote against the project for that reason. Technical Consultant Matt Swanberg argued the "lake effect" only happens at desert solar arrays, where the panels contrast with the sand of the terrain. The Dexter Lane arrays will cover only 25-percent of the water surface, and the panels will have an anti-glare paint coating. Nonetheless, Johnson agreed to add Bailey's condition to the draft decision.

In other action, the board continued to its next meeting its hearing on the Site Plan Review application filed by Afonso Built Home for a Townhouse development within Rochester Crossroads after a brief discussion with project representative Philip Cordeiro, on what final comments the board may have before the approval vote. The plan here is for a total of 15 buildings and a total of 44 units in a series of three-unit and two-unit buildings, with a drive-under garage and driveway parking spots.

The board continued to its next meeting the Site Plan Review hearing for a 68-unit age 55 and over senior living apartment building proposed for 22 Cranberry Highway within Rochester Crossroads.

The board also again continued until its next

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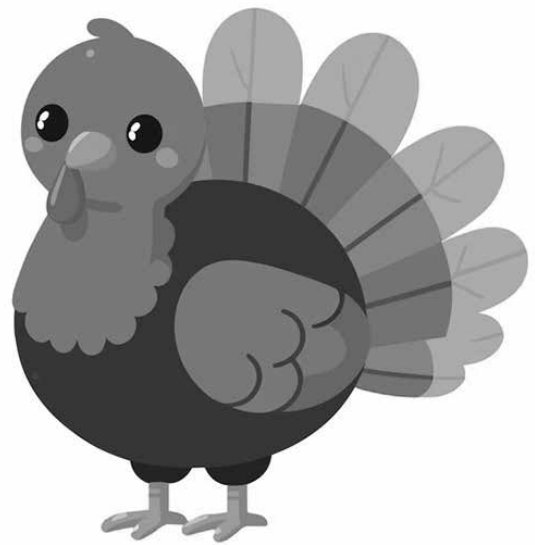
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meeting the Special Permit and Site Plan Review hearing for the proposal from Logging Swamp Solar dba ReWild Renewables to install a solar panel array on 49 acres in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road, and it extended the project's decision deadline to November 30.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Toll Brothers Seeks Deal With Eversource

Marion Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee met at the Town Hall Annex's meeting room on October 23 with the hope of synthesizing some regulations and making them more user friendly to applicants.

Committee members for consecutive weeks have waded through the regulations and some of the October 23 talking points included whether to impose steeper penalties on those who tamper with fire hydrants or public water in general; how to deal with delinquent customers; and the timeframe for when the Water & Sewer Commission should shut off water due to emergencies or delinquent customers.

Right now, the town has a \$300 fine for those who tamper with fire hydrants. Per regulations, only fire personnel can tamper with hydrants. WSRRC members said that they know of instances in which landscapers have used hydrants to hydroseed a property. WSRRC members noted whether a more strict penalty should be considered or whether another penalty from water and sewer officials would supersede other ordinances.

Members also discussed enforcement for those whose water encroaches upon other properties or people



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Right now, such action is prohibited but there is no enforcement mechanism in place. They deferred those matters to the town's counsel.

WSRRC members mentioned that there is no interest charged to those who are more than 30 days late with payments but traditionally receive certified letters and after a certain amount of time, the delinquent customer receives a threat and deadline to pay or have the water shut off.

WSRRC members debated the timeline of when a shutoff should begin, especially with an appeals process in place. Members talked about what constitutes a hardship for some customers, which included illness, employment issues or a life tragedy. Members also said that no matter what is finalized, the Water and Sewer Commission would make that determination. However, the committee seeks more information from counsel as to reasonable expectations for a payment plan once a customer's hardship has ended.

The WSRRC said that the town should offer a payment plan and help the customer delve into options for paying outstanding water and sewer bills. They mentioned that the same rule should apply to commercial customers as well.

WSRRC members were in agreement that if a homeowner is delinquent on a water or sewer bill and then sells a home, it should not be the burden of the next homeowners. They noted that such an issue would likely have to be finalized by both parties during closing. However, if such a matter is not finalized, the town should continue legal action against the former homeowner and encourage the new one to start a new application for water services.

WSRRC said that any new occupant of a home should not be charged until the water is turned on and the application is finalized in the new party's name.

The seven-member committee is charged with reporting final recommendations to the Select Board by January 6. The Select Board acts as the town's Water and Sewer Commissioners. The next meeting of the Marion

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Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee was not scheduled at adjournment.

Unified Hoop Holds off Somerset

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's unified basketball team played at Somerset Berkley on October 20 and won 55-54. Michael Hogan earned player of the game, as he was the game's leading scorer and sealed the victory with a game-winning layup off a clutch steal and assist from Ben Wesoly. Moments before, Hayden Perry hit a huge three-pointer set up by Wesoly to cut the deficit to one with 40 seconds remaining.



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"Though we lost our first-half lead, we never lost our fight. From start to finish, every player gave their all and played for one another through physicality and adversity. It was a true team win," said ORR Head Coach Emma Fenton.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to host their Senior Night against Bourne on Wednesday.

Girls Volleyball

The Bulldogs hosted Joseph Case (16-2) on October 23, and won 3-0 by set scores of 25-7, 25-16, and 25-23. Case defeated Old Rochester the day before, as the Cardinals are currently the Number 3 seed in Division 3 with ORR currently seeded fifth in the same bracket for the upcoming state tournament. In the match, Molly Franco led the Bulldogs with 11 kills, 12 digs, 11 service points, and 3 aces, while Aubrey Griffith had 17 service points and 5 aces – both shared player-of-the-match recognition.

"Strong leadership by the seniors and captains led the Bulldogs to victory," said ORR Head Coach James Oliveira.

The Bulldogs finished the regular season on Wednesday at Barnstable.

Football

Old Rochester played at Dighton-Rehoboth (3-4) on October 24, and won 42-6. The Bulldogs have won three consecutive games after starting the season 0-4. Benji Baptiste was named the player of the game, scoring

two touchdowns. Their next game will be played on Thursday, October 30, against St. Mary's of Lynn. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:00 pm at David S. Hagen Stadium on the ORR campus.

ORRHS Bulldogs Win Golf State Championship

The Old Rochester Regional High School Bulldogs are MIAA Division 3 Golf State Champions!

The team finished its regular season undefeated for the second straight year at 15-0, while remaining unbeaten in South Coast Conference competition for the last five seasons. The team has also earned South Coast Conference and South Coast Conference Tournament Championships.

"Old Rochester Regional High School has a really incredible group of golfers this year," said Athletic Director Chris Carrig. "The Bulldogs were unrelenting out there on the links. They worked hard, played hard, and really made us all very proud."

The Bulldogs include the following student golfers - Chase Almeida, Captain, senior; Ben Bartholomew, freshman; John Bongiorno, junior; Drew Butler, sophomore; Owen Cooney, sophomore; Jack Czerkowicz, Captain, junior; Gavin Estevez, sophomore; Robert Flynn, sophomore; Brendan Fuller, junior; August Herbert, junior; Jacob Iappini, senior; Hunter Johnson, freshman; Paxton Jones, junior; Riley Karo, senior; Brady

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Mills, senior; Luke Pierre, Captain, junior; and Luc Silveira, sophomore.

Behind coaches Chris Cabe and Erich Carroll, the team qualified for the Division 3 South Sectional Tournament at Foxboro Country Club on October 14. The Bulldogs took first place by 19 strokes, posting a team score of 318 for the top four golfers, an average of 79.5.

Jack Czerkowicz was the low medalist with a score of 76, which qualified him to compete in the Individual New England Tournament at Foxwoods, on Sunday, October 26. Teammate Luke Pierre finished one stroke behind with a 77.

The Division 3 State Tournament was postponed due to weather from its original date of October 20, to October 27, at Blissful Meadows Country Club in Uxbridge.

Again led by Jack Czerkowicz (77) and Luke Pierre (77), the team posted a team score of 323, winning the State Championship by eight strokes. Brady Mills (83) and John Bongiorno (86) were the other contributors to the Championship total.

"With only two returning starters from last year's State Finalist team, this year's team had four players step into the starting lineup and outperform their opponents each and every time they stepped onto the golf course," Coach Chris Cabe said. "This shows the resilience of this young team to gel together and compete for one another, the true meaning of TEAM."

"Congratulations to an unbeatable group of golfers, on their Division 3 State Championship!" said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "They've worked very hard to earn their spot at the top of the Division, and they deserve this esteemed title."

From here, the team awaits a potential invitation to the National Championship, which takes place late in the spring, once spring postseasons in 49 other states conclude.

"No team works harder than our Golf team and I'm very proud of them for this achievement," said Principal Devoll.

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8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Carol Sanz
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 Boys Soccer vs GNBVT
9:30 PM ORR Football vs Somerset Berkley
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday October 31, 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 - Carol Sanz
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Political Polarization
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 November 1, 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 - Carol Sanz
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Political Polarization
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animals Ambassadors
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM 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 November 2, 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
11:30 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
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs GNBVT
5:00 PM ORR Boys Football vs Somerset Berkley
6:30 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Westport
8:00 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Apponequet
9:30 PM ORR Football vs Dartmouth
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday November 3, 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
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
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 November 4, 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 November 5, 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
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
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7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra
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9:00 AM Marion Affordable Housing
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion Planning Board
12:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
2:00 PM Marion Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
5:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
6:00 PM Marion Stewards of Community Open Space
7:30 PM Marion School Committee
9:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 PM ORR District School Committee

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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
1:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
3:00 PM Rochester School Committee
4:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
6:00 PM ORR District School Committee
7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 PM Rochester Select Board
10:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

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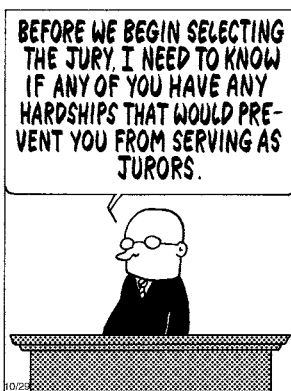
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports
8:00 AM Bulldog Pride Alumni Association
8:30 AM RMS Chorus Concert
9:30 AM RMS 6th Grade Promotional Ceremony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports
1:00 PM Cable History of Old Colony
2:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Marshfield
3:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse 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



Letters to the Editor

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To The Editor:

The "No Kings" protests have surged across the country, with tens of thousands flooding city and town streets, their voices reverberating off marble facades, glass towers, and small-town intersections. On that crisp autumn day, Americans stood united, rejecting the slow erosion of democracy and the rise of unchecked power. It was a breathtaking moment, one that felt like a reckoning.

But here is the hard truth: without action, this moment will fade. If the energy in those streets is not channeled into strategy, the "No Kings" movement risks becoming a beautiful, fleeting memory, powerful in image, powerless in outcome.

Marches do not dismantle systems. Hashtags do not pass legislation. And outrage, no matter how righteous, means little if it does not translate into votes,



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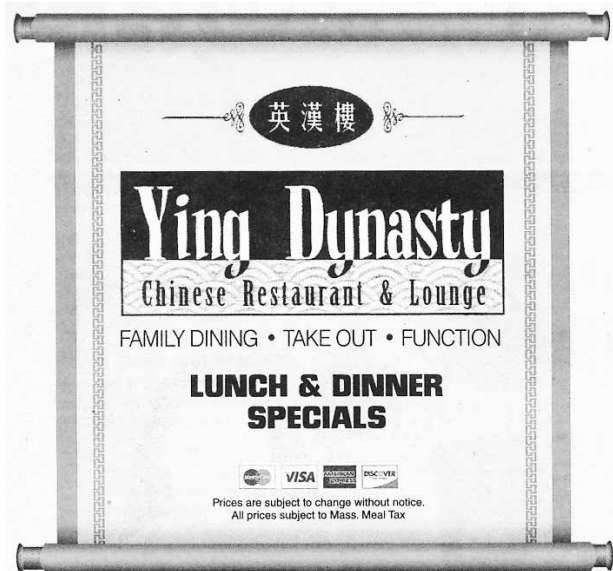
policy, and sustained civic engagement.

So, the question is not what we are angry about; we know that. The question is: what now?

Is there a plan for the midterms? Are we cultivating candidates, not career politicians, but everyday citizens, who will carry the "No Kings" ethos into office? Are we building the infrastructure to turn protest into policy, to hold power accountable?

And what do we do in the meantime? Wait for the next election and hope for the best? Or do we build something lasting, something that cannot be ignored, bought, or co-opted?

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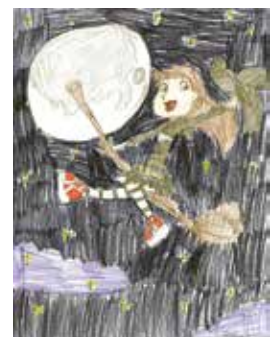
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spectacle; it was a declaration. The Boston Tea Party ignited a revolution, challenging the idea that power could be inherited or unaccountable. It was bold. It was followed by action.

America was born from those who believed the people have the power. Today, as we march under "No Kings" banners, we stand at a similar crossroads.

Will this generation rise to the challenge, or let the moment dissolve into nostalgia? Will we forge a movement, or settle for a memory?

Because power yields nothing without pressure, slogans mean nothing without strategy. Marches mean nothing without votes.

If we believe in "No Kings," we must act like founders of our own future. That means organizing locally, voting in every election, and demanding integrity from those in the U.S. Congress, those in power. It means building a movement that does not wait for permission.

"No Kings" is more than a chant; it is a call to reclaim democracy. The world is watching. History is listening. The next chapter is ours to write.

Eileen J. Marum

Marion

Marion Institute Expands Grow Education Program

The Marion Institute is proud to announce the expansion of its Grow Education program into two new schools within the Old Rochester Regional School District & MA Superintendency Union #55: Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett (serving 4th graders) and Rochester Memorial School in Rochester (serving 3rd graders). With this exciting milestone, Grow Education



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"At its heart, Grow Education is about connection - to our food, to the land, and to one another," said



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Liz Wiley, Executive Director of the Marion Institute. "We're thrilled to bring this opportunity to students in Mattapoisett and Rochester, helping them understand not only where their food comes from, but how they can be part of building a healthier, more resilient community."

Through a partnership-driven approach, Grow Education works directly with school districts, food service departments, and community organizations to create thriving school garden programs that serve as

living classrooms. Each garden becomes a space where students explore earth science, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture through hands-on learning. Teachers receive professional development, access to standards-aligned lesson plans, and ongoing support to seamlessly integrate these lessons into their core curriculum.

"By bringing the Grow Education program to Old Hammondtown and Rochester Memorial, we're giving students the chance to engage with the natural world in

OBITUARIES



Dr. Adel Yousif Shamoon, 85, of Marion, MA died October 19, 2025 at St. Luke's Hospital.

He was the husband of Samira Jamil (Shaman) Shamoon.

Born in Bagdad, Iraq, son of the late Yousif Shamoon and Regina Habba.

He was raised in Baghdad and Kut, Iraq.

He lived in Scotland, England, California and Long Island before moving to Marion in 2001.

Adel attended the Medical College of Baghdad in Baghdad, Iraq. He worked as an Orthopedic and General Surgeon in Kut, Baghdad, and Busra, Iraq before leaving the country. He studied and worked in Edinburgh, Scotland and Coventry, England before immigrating to the United States with his wife and three young daughters. He obtained a Masters in Public Health from San Diego State University in 1985. He then moved to Long Island and worked at Coney Island Hospital as well as Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY until his retirement in 2005.

Adel enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his three grandchildren. He also enjoyed having a Chippi Lite coffee daily and testing his luck on scratch tickets and lottery.

He is survived by his wife Samira; 2 daughters, Dr. Saba Shamoon-Michaud and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Michaud of Mattapoisett, and Dr. Suhair Shamoon of Marion; 3 grandchildren, Mira Cristina Michaud, Joel Shamoon Michaud and Ava Regina Shamoon; 3 brothers, Montaz, Mofaq, and Nasret; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was the father of the late Rasha Shamoon and the brother of the late Badre, Akobe, Evelyn, Mary, Suad, Saadie, Nazhad, and Hannah.

His visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, November 5th from 6-8 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. His Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 6th at 9 am in St. Anthony's Church 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Marion. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to "Plant Trees In Remembrance" below in his memory.

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Christopher R. Parker, 59, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Born in New Bedford, son of Janet (Pacheco) Rego and the late Robert L. Parker, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

Chris was a graduate of Fitchburg State University and was an Industrial Arts teacher in the New Bedford Public School system for 35 years. He taught at New Bedford High School and Trinity Day Academy where he and his students excelled in robotics. They traveled throughout the United States competing against other schools in underwater competitions and won many.

Brought up on the water at a young age he enjoyed captaining or working deckhand on many lobster boats, even his own. He especially loved bay scalloping. He enjoyed gardening and was an avid Cowboys and Red Sox fan. Game days were a must as well as his daily 4:00 visits to the Drake family.

In 2015 Chris received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen for his sole effort in saving a person who fell from their boat into Mattapoisett Harbor.

Survivors include his children, Hunter and Alexis Parker; his mother, Janet Rego (and the late Joseph Rego, Jr.); his brother, Daniel and his wife Karin and niece Marisa; his partner Gina Bourassa; Michelle and Jeff Munroe, Michael and Louisa Rego and many long-time friends.

His memorial visitation was held Sunday, October 26, 2025 in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. His Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett. Burial will be held privately at a later date. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

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a meaningful, educational way,” said Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of the Old Rochester Regional School District. “These outdoor classrooms will help cultivate curiosity, environmental awareness, and a lifelong appreciation for healthy living - all while reinforcing what students are learning in the classroom.”

The Grow Education model goes beyond gardening - it's a community-building tool that strengthens family engagement, encourages cross-sector collaboration, and sparks early interest in STEM and food systems careers. As the program continues to grow, so does its impact on youth leadership, ecological literacy, and community resilience throughout Southeastern Massachusetts.

Teen Advisory Board Pizza Party at the Mattapoissett Library

The Mattapoissett Library invites students in grades 9-12 to join us for a Teen Advisory Board Pizza Party on Tuesday, **November 4**, at 6:00 pm. This event promises delicious pizza and the opportunity to have a powerful impact on your community.

Our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) plays a key role in shaping the library's programs, services, and resources to meet the needs and interests of young adults. In short, TAB is where student voices shape what happens here - from events and book recommendations to summer reading and more. This pizza party is an excellent opportunity to join a vibrant group, share your ideas, and make a positive impact on your community. The meeting is more than just food and fun - it's your chance to take part in exciting library projects and build lifelong friendships with others who share your love for learning and community service.

Teen Advisory Board members can also earn: volunteer hours for their service, valuable work experience, and recommendation letters, if they serve an appropriate amount of time. Mark your calendars and bring your ideas. No registration is required. If you have any questions, contact Amanda Lawrence at alawrence@sailsinc.org or by calling the library.

BBAHFH Seeking Wheelchair Ramps

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) is seeking metal wheelchair ramp donations for their Ramp Donation Program. According to Executive Director Christine Lacourse, “When we first started our Ramp Donation program last year, we were not sure what the need for ramps would be here on the South Coast. Turns out it is huge. There are so many people that need wheelchair ramps but cannot afford them, so they go without and live in unsafe conditions. Our Ramp Donation program is transforming people's lives who need our help.”

BBAHFH has installed nineteen ramps to date this year for elderly and disabled individuals. “We have

spoken to several people who have not left their home for a year or more because they could not get down their outdoor stairs,” explained Lacourse. “Some could only leave if the police or firefighters could come carry them down the stairs. There were times they missed important meetings or medical appointments because they literally could not leave their home. What a difference a ramp can make for an individual and their family.”

Ramp recipients have ranged in age from 17 to 95 years old. As one recipient's daughter enthused after her 72-year-old father got a ramp, “He can now get safely in and out of the house without falling down the stairs or someone having to go over to help him. He has so much more quality of life. He can sit outside on the front bench or the lawn, instead of being stuck inside and getting depressed. We've noticed a huge difference in his attitude.” According to the daughter of another ramp recipient, “It is so very helpful to have a ramp, and now we can get our father to dialysis. It has been so beneficial, and we are so very thankful.”

BBAHFH formally introduced the Ramp Donation program last year giving low-income homeowners the accessibility they need to remain safe in their homes. Ramps are expensive, often needed on short notice, and frequently needed only temporarily. When a family no longer requires the ramp, it is picked up by BBAHFH and then loaned to another low-income family in need. The Ramp Donation program helps those



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MOVIE REVIEW

This Is Not a Drill

By Rob Gonsalves
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***A House of Dynamite*. Starring Idris Elba and Rebecca Ferguson. Directed by Kathryn Bigelow. Running time: 115 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now streaming on Netflix.**

Watching the pre-apocalyptic (maybe) thriller *A House of Dynamite*, in which Chicago possibly faces nuclear annihilation, one's response to what happens right before the end credits may either be "Where's the ending?" or "This is the only relevant ending." Or one's response may, like mine, be divided. I understand why *A House of Dynamite* concludes the way it does, but it's still more than a little undramatic. Like the military defense here, the movie — directed by Kathryn Bigelow (*Zero Dark Thirty*, *The Hurt Locker*) — tries something that doesn't really work. Since the only consequence for a storytelling gambit that doesn't work is an unsatisfying story, and not a smoking hole where a city used to be, Bigelow's coming up short is more forgivable.

A lot of *A House of Dynamite* is engaging, even electrifying, particularly the first segment — there are three, each telling the story from a different viewpoint — in which we learn that a nuclear missile has been fired at us. We don't know where it came from or who did it; we only know that it'll be arriving in fifteen minutes. We watch various hyper-competent people deal with the situation; at first their immediate response is to handwave it as a mistake, a glitch easily resolved. As that possibility recedes in favor of a far more catastrophic one, we watch those people go green around the gills as they realize that this is not a drill, and that they can personally do everything right and observe every protocol and we might still be doomed, if mechanical errors are sufficiently dire.

Bigelow might like us to think about how the world came to find itself in this potential scenario. But the structure of the narrative (the script is credited to Bigelow and Noah Oppenheim) keeps resetting its focus and our attention. Part 1 follows Captain Walker (Rebecca Ferguson) as she monitors the situation in, well, the Situation Room and has tense conversations with people. Part 2 follows Bareington (Gabriel Basso), an advisor who attempts frantic negotiations with the



Russian foreign minister. Part 3 introduces us to the President (Idris Elba), seen but not heard in the first two parts, who seems completely blindsided by the "insane" reality he finds himself in and the choices set before him.

I'm not sure why the movie couldn't have integrated all this into a coherent narrative crosscutting between people and places. We have well over a hundred years of narrative cinema to prove that movies do that sort of thing better than most any other medium. Perhaps Bigelow was wary of her film playing too much like *Fail Safe* or even *Dr. Strangelove*. But this film doesn't really add a lot to the shelf of earth-shattering-kaboom art. It seems that the biggest distinction *A House of Dynamite* has going for it is its level of uncertainty; we're not even sure if the bomb will detonate properly once it lands, or if there are more missiles coming, at us or at others, or what.

It also seems we've seen this "run up to the apocalypse" story before. What happens after? The end of Annie Jacobsen's disquieting 2024 nonfiction book *Nuclear War: A Scenario* briskly outlines a dark, revolting post-apocalypse no sane person would want. *A House of Dynamite* doesn't confront us with anything so ghastly. After a while in each of the three segments, Bigelow defaults to people making those last I-love-you phone calls or succumbing to despair. Her feelings on the subject are implied in the movie's title, which comes from the President's private observation that living in a world with this many nuclear weapons is like living in a house made of dynamite. The frustrating structure aside, there's nothing much here you haven't seen or read before. At best it's a new ensemble of good to great actors asked to convey how they might react to an impending existential lights-out. If you approach it without looking for more than that, it might offer more satisfaction.

with existing accessibility issues, temporary injuries, or those who are checking out of a rehabilitation facility with hopes of returning home.

Through ramp donations and purchases, BBAHFH has built an inventory available that can be loaned out and installed by volunteers when needed by a family. BBAHFH is running this program throughout Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport, and ramps are installed at no cost for families. This project is funded in part by grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the Executive Office of Aging & Independence and Coastline Elderly Services, the Area Agency on Aging, through Federal Title-III funds.

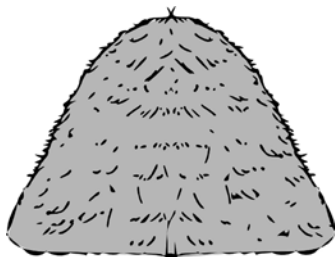
BBAHFH is currently looking for ramps to help additional families, as well as low-income applicants in need of a ramp. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, ramp donations are tax deductible per the IRS code. In addition to tax deductions, donors benefit from the removal of the unwanted ramp and can feel good about helping another in need.

For more information on BBAHFH's Ramp Donation program, contact BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com, or call 508-758-4517. Tax-deductible donations to support the program may be made at www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org or by sending a check to BBAHFH, P.O. Box 1584, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

My sister lives in a small town in western Massachusetts in the hills outside of Amherst. For many years they had only a nighttime police force. When the police officers clocked out of their day jobs, they were on call for any police activity that occurred. This left the town open to house break-ins (often committed by ne'er-do-wells from Springfield) during the day as daytime coverage was left to the State Police who were responsible for covering a large area. The break-ins were a problem until one burglar struck late in the afternoon when an armed officer was available. The officer shot the robber in the course of arresting him. News of this incident spread and the break-ins subsided.

Not that long ago Rochester had a much smaller police force. When Walter Pierce was Chief, his wife fielded police calls from their home with radio phones in every room, so she could answer quickly while doing her housework. Policemen patrolled in their own cars and for many years there would only be one officer on duty at night and that tour often ended around 10:00



pm.

Several years ago, when the Museum exhibit featured Fire and Police, I remember reading one newspaper article where one of the first officers to have a ride-along police dog said how he welcomed the company as driving through Rochester (a very large area for one man to cover) at night with the fog rising off the bogs was basically spooky.

This all leads to this article's main story. At one time an important piece of a Rochester police officer's equipment was a chainsaw. There was a time when bigger mischief than trick or treating could happen on Halloween. On just such an evening, Chief Pierce was the one officer out and about when he got a call for a downed tree. He went to investigate and checked out the tree. Returning to his car to go for help (remember this was a time without cell phones or pagers) with tree removal, he found that another tree had been felled, making it impossible to leave.

The hooligans/vandals took advantage of the situation and celebrated Halloween by torching any haystack they could find in town. Without a chainsaw in the trunk, the Chief was trapped and so they became standard equipment in any car used to patrol Rochester. Times have certainly changed with enough officers to patrol all of Rochester in fully equipped police vehicles which would make any tricksters rethink Halloween mischief. Happy Halloween and celebrate responsibly.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Oct 19 – Oct 25

- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Pleasant St – Animal complaint
- Pitcher St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Mill St – MV collision
- Spring St – General service
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Front St – General service
- Field Stone Ln – Animal control
- Pine Grove Ln – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Mill St – MV collision
- Beach St – Suspicious MV
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Water St – EMS/medical
- Ichabod Ln – EMS/medical
- Hammett's Cove Dr – General service
- Pleasant St – MV complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Benson Brook Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Holmes St – EMS/medical
- Abels Way – Found property

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Oct 19 – Oct 25

- Water St – Parking violation
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Angelica Ave – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – Suspicious person
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Hitching Post Rd – MV theft
- Water St – Harbormaster emergency
- Gosnold St – General service
- Lebaron Way – MV crash
- Hammond St - Notification
- Golf Cottage Way – 911 call
- Grand View Ave - Medical alarm
- Railroad Ave – MV lockout
- Harbor HB Rd – Serve warrant
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Water St – Suspicious MV
- Port Way – General service
- Crook's Way – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Hawthorne St – B&E/MV
- Crystal Spring Rd – Animal control
- Randall Rd – Animal control
- Brandt Island Rd - Threats
- Tallman St – Assist citizen
- Uncas Way – General service
- Wildwood Ter – MV violations
- Holly Ln – Medical assist
- North St – B&E/MV
- Shagbark Cir – MV crash
- River Rd – MV crash

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Oct 19 – Oct 25

- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Kings Hwy – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Paradise Ln – Fire alarm
- Stevens Rd – 911 call
- Stuart Rd – Fire alarm
- Braley Hill Rd – Road hazard
- Walnut Plain Rd – Erratic MV
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Paradise Ln – Fire alarm
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Earls Ct – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Hathaway Pond Cir – MV collision
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Stevens Rd – Civil complaint
- Rounseville Rd – MV collision
- Stevens Rd - Larceny
- Mattapoisett Rd – Erratic MV
- Cushman Rd – Well-being check

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

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ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Nov 3:

Chicken & white bean chili w/shredded cheese, green beans & peppers, whole grain buttermilk biscuit, orange

Tuesday, Nov 4:

Unstuffed pepper bowl w/beef, white rice, mixed vegetables, cornbread loaf, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit

Wednesday, Nov 5:

Chicken alfredo, whole grain pasta, broccoli,

dinner roll, banana

Thursday, Nov 6:

Shrimp w/tomato caper sauce, polenta, carrots, wheat bread, chocolate chip cookie

Friday, Nov 7: Italian

sausage w/peppers & onions, mashed potatoes, green peas, wheat roll, peach cup

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SIPPICAN SCHOOL

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OLD COLONY

REGIONAL

Monday, Nov 3: Ramen bowl

Tuesday, Nov 4:

Popcorn chicken, fries & steamed carrots

Wednesday, Nov 5:

Bagel pizza & side salad

Thursday, Nov 6:

Linguica sandwich, baked beans & fries

Friday, Nov 7: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries for its final exhibition of the 2025 season, Small Works + Holiday Shop. This annual juried/invitational show features original works of art, all under fourteen inches, plus a curated selection of handmade goods including jewelry, textiles, ceramics, woodworks, gifts, and more. Any artist who has previously shown at Arts in the Park, or any other juried MAC exhibition (this excludes members' shows) is invited to participate and does not need to apply or be approved by the exhibitions committee.

Artists are invited to submit up to four pieces for this juried/invitational exhibit, the final show of the season. Works should be no larger than 14" in any direction, including frame. Both 2D and 3D works will be accepted. All works must be ready to install (framed, wired, etc.) and available for sale. The show runs **November 22 through December 19**, with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, November 22 from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm. Shop for yourself or find the perfect gifts for others. All pieces may be removed from the galleries upon purchase for this cash and carry show.

To apply to the Small Works show, use the form at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit to submit images. All new applications are due by November 10th. For more information, visit marionartcenter.org/events, call the MAC at 508-748-1266 or email info@marionartcenter.org

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with "Small Works" in the subject line.

After School Creativity with "The Maker Club" - The Marion Art Center announces new sessions of our Art In The Afternoon "The Maker Club" geared for ages 6-12. In this hands-on art club, kids have access to a wide variety of arts and crafts materials, tools, and textures each week. From paint and paper to recycled bits, fabric, wire, and more—every session is an invitation to explore, invent, and make something uniquely their own. With creative prompts to spark ideas and a supportive instructor to help guide their process, students are free to experiment, tinker, and express themselves in a relaxed, imaginative environment. Whether they're building, drawing, gluing, or sculpting, Maker Club is all about

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12 Test version
16 Aykroyd of "Coneheads"
19 Small wine or oil container
20 "Fighting" NCAA team
21 Epochs
22 Logging tool
23 * Fourth-day gifts in a Yuletide song
25 * Warming Yuletide drink
27 Earthen cooking pot
28 Bedazzled
29 Suffix with art
31 President Reagan
32 * Flying Yuletide team
34 * Leafy Yuletide door decoration
37 Tooth: Prefix
38 Fashion flair
40 Shared by us
41 Soften
45 Fed, e.g.
47 High trains
48 Ill. neighbor
49 Religious branches
50 Figure skater Dorothy
54 Some toy batteries
- 55 * Much-anticipated Yuletide visitor
57 * Yuletide tinsel, ornaments and lights
59 Wray of "King Kong"
60 Circular square dance maneuver
61 Actress Reid
62 Keeps pelting
64 Eat away (at)
66 Backup strategy
68 * Plant hung up for Yuletide
70 Jessica of "King Kong"
75 Roaring cat
77 Bombardier's attack
79 Paper pack
80 Quality evoking pity
84 In time past
85 * Phrase from the Yuletide carol "Silent Night"
87 * What "it's lovely weather for" in a Yuletide tune
90 NFL scores
91 To a huge degree
92 Church cries

DOWN

- 93 Nav. leader
94 Be litigious
95 Buddy
96 Zesty taste
97 Intl. 1940s conflict
98 Misstep
100 Edge along
105 * Yuletide tree, e.g.
108 * Time off for Yuletide, say
110 "Scram!"
113 Office tel. add-on
114 — fire under (stirred up)
115 Make — for it (try fleeing)
116 * Scrooge in a Yuletide classic
119 Apt phrase spelled out by the first letters of the answers to the starred clues
122 Spock's pointy part
123 Toon frames
124 Tough trial
125 Capital of Ghana
126 Seeded loaf
127 Jenner of reality TV
128 Subtle distinction
129 Detested
- 36 Word before while
39 Brewing fungi
42 Brazilian juice berry
43 Kind of poker
44 Canadian gas station name
46 Smooth but unconvincing
49 Meanie's look
50 URL opener
51 Asia's — Sea
52 Actress Sorvino
53 One-named supermodel
54 Once more
55 More reasonable
56 Oral health org.
58 Pixar title fish
59 Book leaf
63 Rocket part
64 Targets
65 Astrophysicist — deGrasse Tyson
67 Online journals
69 Wall Street worker
71 Circle parts
72 In tidy order
73 Chutzpah
74 TV trophy
76 "Sorta" (Hitchcock film)
78 Opera queen
80 Jr.'s exam

SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) "Careful" is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your private life can be a problem this week as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction that you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You should be your usual sunny self these days as you bask in the admiration that you adore.

Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you. It'll all be worth it!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way in a few weeks.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Good news! You finally get to the bottom of a pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break their silence.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so that you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

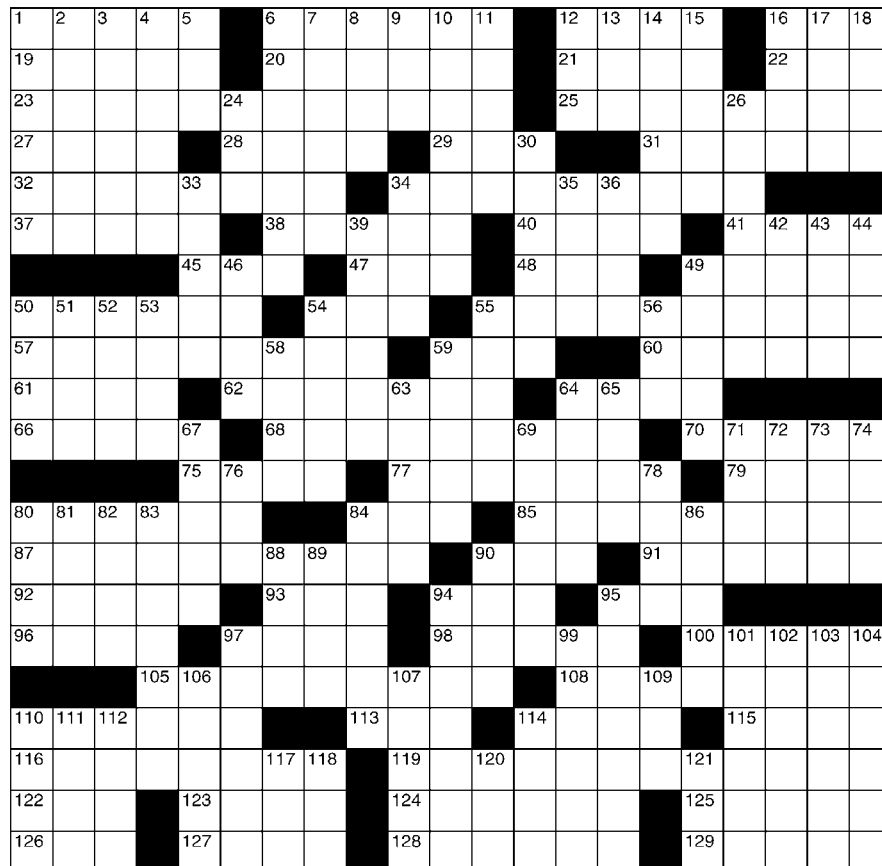
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it!

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

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"The Maker Club" meets on Fridays from **November 7** through December 19. There are two options - an hour class or a one- and one-half hour class. The longer option allows another half hour for creation and exploration and bit more time for guardians to arrive for pick up.

For member families the 1-hour option is \$145, and the 1.5-hour option is \$215 for the six classes. For non-member families, the 1-hour option is \$175, and the 1.5-hour option is \$255 for the six classes. More information and registration is available at marionartcenter.org/art-lab

November Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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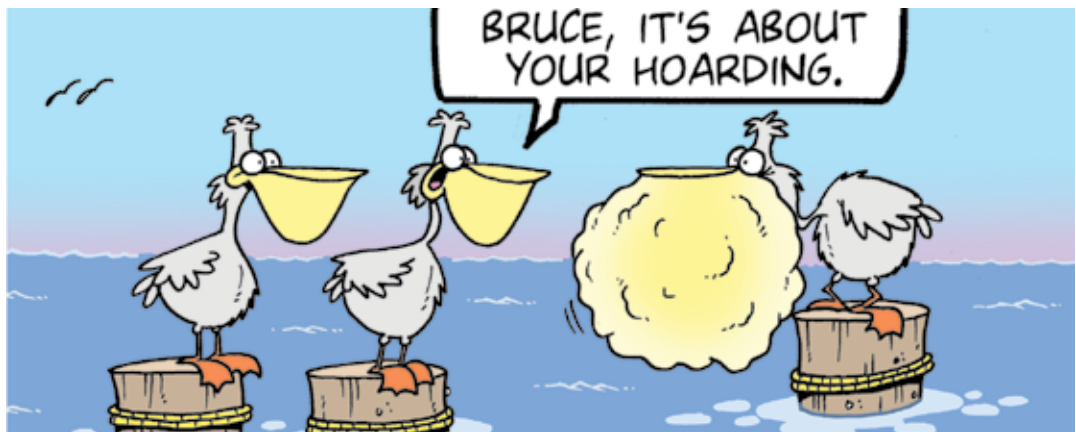
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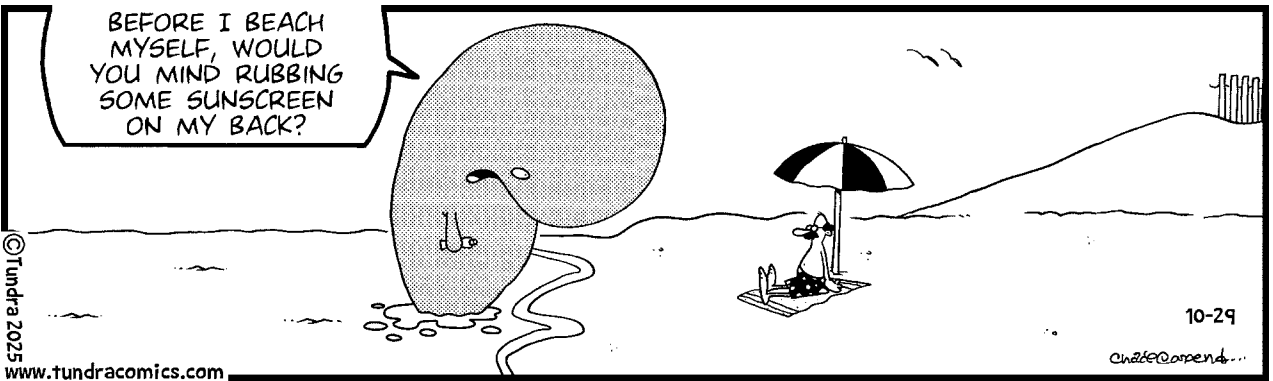


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Amber Waves

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our Teen Advisory Board Pizza Party kick-off on Tuesday, **November 4**, at 6:00 pm. This event promises delicious pizza and the opportunity to have a powerful impact on your community. Stop by for a slice and find out more — no registration required.

Need a break from school chaos? Join us for Sticker and Chill at the library on Wednesday, **November 5**, at 3:30 pm. Relax, get creative, and build your own 3D sticker scene with one of our soothing sticker kits - yours to customize and keep. For ages 13 to 17.

The library will close at noon on Friday, **November 7**, for staff first-aid, CPR, and AED training. We will reopen regular hours on Saturday, November 8, at 10:00 am. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Our Silent Book Club returns on Sunday, **November 9**, at 2:00 pm in the upstairs Reading Rooms. Participants will enjoy delicious treats, tea, and quiet time to read. Relax with friends, acquaintances, and strangers while learning about your next favorite book. The event is for patrons ages 16 and up - no registration required.

The library will be closed on Tuesday, **November 11**, in observance of Veterans Day.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 12**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the

Friends.

The Friends are still accepting jewelry donations for their December sale. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, the Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk by November 16. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

ZMakesBeads will be at the library on Sunday, **November 16**, at 1:00 pm for an expressive arts workshop that teaches participants the basics of beaded jewelry making. Semi-precious stones and other natural jewelry materials will be used. The workshop atmosphere is a tranquil, meditative, interactive space that encourages participants to be present and at ease while creating. This event is for patrons ages 13 and up; it is not suitable for children. Space is limited and registration is required. Please see the library's website to sign up.

The Sunday Book Club will meet on Sunday, **November 16**, at 2:00 pm. We'll be discussing "The Lost Wife," by Susanna Moore. Copies are available at the library. Please contact librarian Robbin Smith at rsmith@sailsinc.org with questions.

Join us at our next Board Game Club on Tuesday, **November 18**, at 6:00 pm. This month's pick is "Art Society," an art collection game where players bid on art, arrange it, and try to create the most fashionable collection. Recommended for 2 to 4 players, but teams

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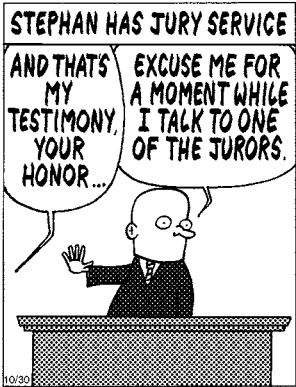
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TOWN OF ROCHESTER BARN AND KENNEL INSPECTIONS PUBLIC NOTICE The Rochester Animal Inspector has commenced barn and kennel inspections as of October 1st, 2025. Please contact the Animal Inspector should you have any questions at 508-649-9813. 10/23, 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 Spirllet, Chairman 10/23, 10/30 -----	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 -----	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 ----- <i>Continued on page 42</i>

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



can be formed to accommodate more. Space is limited. Register on the library's website to save your spot. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to review the rules if you've never played before.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **November 25**, at 6:00 pm in the Large Meeting Room. We will discuss "Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America," by Hampton Sides. New members are always welcome. No registration required.

In celebration of Thanksgiving, the library will close at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, **November 26**. We will reopen with regular hours on Saturday, November 29, at 10:00 am. Have a bountiful Thanksgiving, everyone.

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Rochester Historical Museum Hours

The Rochester Historical Society Museum at 355 County Rd. will be open from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sundays throughout the Fall, so that interested people can view our exhibit: "The Tools and Industries That Made Rochester". We also have fresh cranberries for sale and are always happy to open by appointment. It's a good idea to double check with Sue 508-295-8908 or Connie 617-750-2818 to make sure we have docents available.

Donation Days

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library encourage community members to donate GIFT worthy books, puzzles, games, & DVDs (no textbooks, please) starting **November 17**. Donations will be accepted until December 3.

A selection of our festive Gift Basket Raffles will be on display and tickets available for purchase beginning November 8 at the library.

The Holiday Book Sale & Gift Basket Raffles begin with a Preview Day on December 4 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Enjoy light refreshments while purchasing sale items. On December 5 the sale is from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The last day of the sale is December 6 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street, Marion MA. If you have any questions, please call the library at 508-748-1252. Library hours are M/W/F: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, T/Th: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Sunday: Closed. All

NOTICE TO MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing will be conducted from 11/3/2025 until 11/21/2025.

Flushing will begin 11/3/2025 at 7:30 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. in the Acushnet rd. and North Street areas.

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Flushing will be continued through 11/21/2025 during the daytime hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

A Fire flow test will be conducted on 11/5/2025 at 9:00 am at the Housing Authority

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Darrell Charron, 15 Wolf Island Road, Rochester, MA 02770, Map 3, Lot 5C, for the construction of a 25' X 40' metal building partially within the 100-foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.
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Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson. 10/30

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request of Applicability submitted by Dennis Mahoney & Sons, 1 Industrial Drive, PO Box 417, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to clear and site preparation of land to use as a nursery. The project is located at 0 Aucoot Rd, and is further identified as Lot 3.0 on Assessor Map 52.0.
**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 10/30

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc., 12 Resnik Road, Suite 1, Plymouth, MA. The proposed project is to construct a stone revetment; cut dead/dying trees, overgrown vines, and invasive vegetation; create walking trails, and maintain existing manicured lawn and view corridors. The project is located at 0 and 84 Angelica

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Avenue, and is further identified as Lot 3, 56, and 57 on Assessor Map 1.
**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 10/30

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. COMICS: What is Thor's home planet?
2. LITERATURE: Which of Charles Dickens' novels has a character named Miss Havisham?
3. ANATOMY: What is the largest muscle in the human body?
4. MOVIES: In the movie "Zombieland," what sweet treat is Woody Harrelson's character searching for?
5. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon of Jupiter?
6. TELEVISION: How does George Costanza's fiancée die on "Seinfeld"?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a quahog?
8. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries does the Amazon River and its tributaries flow through?
9. ENTERTAINERS: Where is Elvis Presley's home, Graceland?
10. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?

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- Answers
1. Asgard.
2. "Great Expectations."
3. Glutens maximus.
4. Twinkies.
5. Canymede.
6. Poisoned by licking cheap wedding invitation envelopes.
7. Type of clam.
8. Nine (Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana).
9. Memphis, Tennessee.
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You are invited to join us to celebrate during the month of November on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Be sure and stop by often to view our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. Gift Certificates will be available for your shopping needs. Cash only please.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Rochester Parent Teacher Organization hosted "Spooktacular" at Rochester Memorial School on Saturday. The event saw hundreds of students, their siblings, and other kiddos come give their Halloween costumes a trial-run and get some candy at a trunk-or-treat. There was also a spooky woodland scavenger hunt, some food trucks, gaga ball pit, raffles, and tons of treats. Photos by Sam Bishop



The Marion Natural History Museum's after school group had a fun time learning about the type of habitat terrapins need to survive and some of the hazards they face while they're on land. From nest destruction and predation from coyotes and raccoons, and accidents when people and dogs are unaware of their presence, these animals need all the help they can get. Thankfully, Marion resident Debra Ewing and New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NEWCA) volunteers such as Gia Goodwin are there to help them get safely to the water. Many thanks to the Marion Cove group of volunteers led by Debra and the NECWA group for their efforts to protect these marvelous creatures. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Neimad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. The meeting will address important community concerns. The evening will also feature light refreshments, a cash bar, and open conversation among community members. Please visit Facebook.com/MattapoisettGOP for information on our scheduled monthly speaker.

"This meeting is about working together to protect our local voice and ensure citizens are represented fairly," said Paul Criscuolo, Co-Chair of the Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee. "We encourage all residents to join the discussion and learn more about these critical issues."

For more information, please contact: Paul Criscuolo, Co-Chairperson Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee Email: PCMattyGOP@proton.me.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

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

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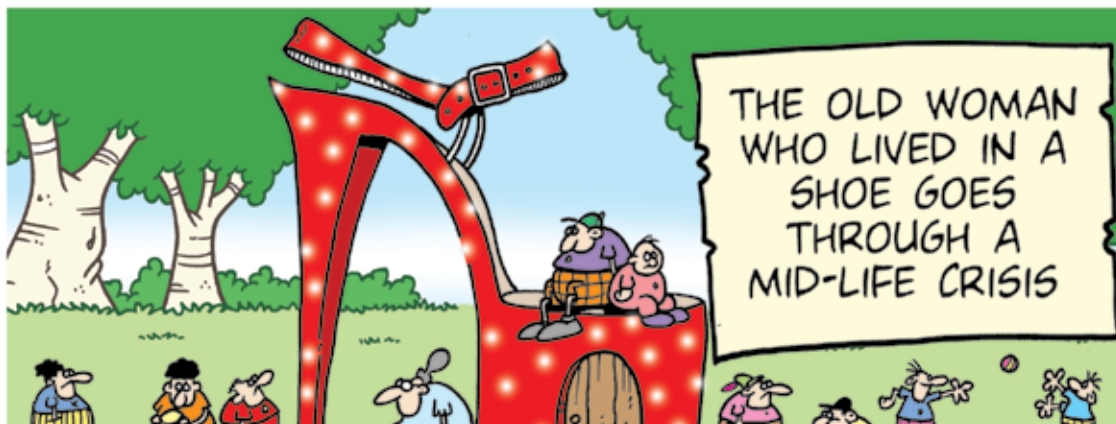


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Joey Rosa	November 3
Justin Taylor	November 3
Kaitlyn Mello	November 3
Lisa Hubbard	November 3
Nicholas Bergstein	November 3
Colin Carroll	November 4
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Kobe James Alferes	November 4
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caregivers can join Miss Macy for stories, songs, rhymes, and movement activities designed to foster early literacy skills.

Afternoon Activities also return on Tuesday, **November 4**. Kids grades K-6 are invited to participate in a different activity every week between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Our November activities include creating art with bleeding tissue paper, a Lego zip line challenge, and designing your own board game.

Wednesday, **November 5** is the full moon. Kids ages 3+ and their grownups can join us to celebrate the Beaver Moon at our full moon party from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Learn how beaver tails work, watch a beaver cam, and create a beaver puppet.

November 4 at 6:30 pm, discover the Wildlife of Costa Rica's Cloud Rainforests with Joy Marzolf. Costa Rica's cloud forests, often misty and rainy, are a haven for the resplendent quetzal and fiery-throated hummingbird. In this lush environment, birds are active by day while bats feed on flowers at night, learn more at this free program. Registration requested.

The Cozy Cup Book Club is meeting on **November 12** at 11:00 am to discuss this month's read "Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers" by Jesse Q. Sutanto. As always there is free tea and coffee. Copies are available at the circulation desk in the Library. Registration requested.

Ongoing in November- Spice Pantry free recipes and spice packets available all month long.

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.

The Nemasket Group

The Nemasket Group is proud to announce its 40th Anniversary Celebration and Grand Reopening Ceremony, to be held on Tuesday, **November 4** from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at its main location: 107 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett.

For four decades, The Nemasket Group has been a cornerstone of support and advocacy for individuals with disabilities and their families throughout the Greater New Bedford area and beyond. This milestone event will honor the organization's rich history and unveil exciting new developments, including the renovated day services site and a brand-new community space designed to foster inclusion, engagement, and growth.

Highlights of the event include:

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 2:30 pm, guided tours of the newly renovated space, a special "History of The Nemasket Group" exhibit, and the official launch of our new 3-Year Strategic Plan, outlining a bold and inclusive vision for the future.

Executive Director Jenny Duval shared her enthusiasm:

"This celebration is not just about looking back—

it's about moving forward. We're thrilled to unveil a space that reflects our values and our commitment to person-centered supports. Our new strategic plan will guide us in expanding opportunities, deepening community connections, and continuing to elevate the voices of those we serve."

The Nemasket Group invites community members, partners, families, and friends to join in this celebration of legacy, progress, and possibility.

Church of the Good Shepherd Weekly Free Meal

The Good Shepherd's Table at the Church of the Good Shepherd on 74 High St. in Wareham serves a free in-person meal, which is open to the public, every Thursday at 4:30 pm. All are welcome to the church's dining hall- come as you are and enjoy free dining and fellowship. The November menu is November 6, Pork Roast Dinner; November 13, Chicken Wings Dinner; and November 20, Kielbasa on Bun Dinner. On Thursday, November 27 a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal will be served at 1:00 pm.

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

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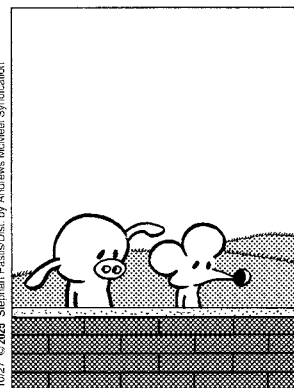
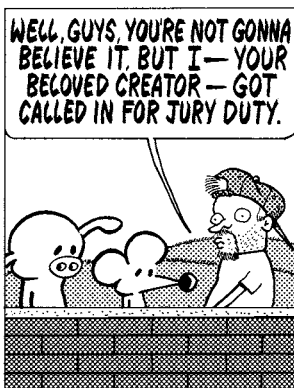
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



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 System (MACRIS). The Mattapoisett Public Library has hard copies of the documents available.

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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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.

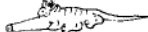
Machacam Club

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 another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, November 3, 2025. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS				See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com	
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Bleazard, William Bleazard, Lynne M	Killian, John T Killian, Susan J	16 Pine Ridge Dr	Mattapoisett	10/08/2025	2,600,000.00
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Buzzards Bay Coalition Inc	Zora Enterprises Inc	Olde Knoll Rd Olde Meadow Rd	Marion	10/10/2025	210,000.00



Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	November 10	11:40		4:24	6:26
Tuesday	November 11	12:11	12:41	5:27	7:56
Wednesday	November 12	1:11	1:41	7:14	8:58
Thursday	November 13	2:12	2:40	9:08	9:45
Friday	November 14	3:12	3:40	10:06	10:19
Saturday	November 15	4:11	4:35	10:48	10:41
Sunday	November 16	5:03	5:24	11:20	11:02
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		November 5th	
		Last Quarter		November 12th	
		New Moon		November 20th	
		First Quarter		November 28th	



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 23, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 39

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Patron; 2. Rupture;
3. Credit; 4. Solder

Today's Word
DROPOUT

Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi

off the mark



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Coffee **\$7⁹⁹**

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Oats **\$4⁹⁹**

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Hood
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Kayem
Fenway Franks **\$7⁹⁹**

14 oz. Pkg. Mixed Meat
Kayem
Fenway Franks **\$6⁹⁹**

12.5 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Skinless Beef Franks **\$7⁹⁹**

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
London Broil Roast Beef **\$16⁹⁹ lb**

Deli Sliced, Imported
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Egg Salad **\$10⁹⁹ lb**

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Sliced Pepperoni **\$3⁴⁹**

8 oz. Pkg.
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Havarti Cheese **\$5⁹⁹**

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