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Tri-Town Veterans Day Happenings

Rochester - The Tri-Town Veterans' Office in conjunction with The Friends of the Rochester Senior Center hosts its annual Veterans Dinner and Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, **November 11**, in honor of our community's veterans.

While seating for the dinner is limited due to space constraints, the ceremony will be livestreamed on Facebook beginning at 6:00 pm for all who wish to watch and listen. Our guest speaker is Connie Eshbach of the Rochester Historical Society and there will be remarks from Town Officials and community members. Please join us online as we pay tribute to Rochester's heroes, both past and present.

Marion - 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.

Later that day the Marion Council on Aging will host a luncheon at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center at noon for veterans, active-duty service members, spouses and guests. Please RSVP for the luncheon by November 7, 2025, by calling 508-748-3570.

Mattapoisett - The Tri-Town Veterans' Office with support from the American Legion Post 280 and the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on **November 11** at 10:45 am at the Mattapoisett Center School, 17 Barstow St, Mattapoisett. The ceremony will feature remarks from town officials and entertainment the Showstoppers and The Old Hammondtown Band. Veterans, families, and community members are encouraged to attend and take part in recognizing those who have served.

The event is free and open to the public. The event will begin outside of Center School on Barstow St.

***On the Cover:** American flag over Mattapoisett. Tuesday, November 11 is Veterans Day. Previously Armistice Day, signifying the end of The Great War, Veterans Day was first celebrated in 1954 to also incorporate veterans of World War II and other American military conflicts. Happy Veterans Day to those who have served and those who are serving.*

and after the ringing of the bells at 11:00 am the event will move inside for the remainder of the ceremony.

From the Tri-Town Veterans Office -Thees events honor the courage, service, and sacrifice of the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. "Veterans Day is a moment to come together as a community to express our gratitude to all who have served," said Chris Gerrior, the Tri-Town Veterans Service Officer. "It's also a reminder of the work we continue to do every day to support veterans and their families here at home."

If you have any questions about Veterans Day Events in the Tri-Town or any questions relating to state or federal veterans' benefits please reach out to the Tri-Town Veterans Office at 508-758-4100 x212 or veterans@mattapoisett.gov.

Marion Witches Cast Halloween Spells

Marion Art Center Halloween Parade

By Sam Bishop

On Halloween, just as the sun began to dip

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towards the horizon, it seemed the entire town came to show off their outfits for the Marion Art Center's Annual Halloween Parade. The MAC's very own volunteer witches guided the parade, which departed from the Marion Music Hall and hiked down Main Street, up Spring Street, and back down Cottage Street to the Music Hall finale.

Even with the wind and clouds (maybe that added to the spooky atmosphere), there was a huge turnout. Leading the parade was the Sippican School



drummers, helmed by band teacher Hannah Moore. Included in the drummer line, there was even a humongous dinosaur on the bass! The MAC witches followed just behind, pointy hats, magic, and all.

Sippican School teachers and staff stood outside the school at the parade's halfway-point, handing out candies and other goodies. When the parade column arrived back at the Music Hall, they were rewarded with treat bags conjured by the magical powers of the MAC witches!

It was a fantastic intro to Halloween, with kids departing on their way to trick-or-treat just after, already wired up with some candy.

From Mattapoissett to Marbella

Ironman Pro Series – Women's 70.3 World Championship
By Sam Bishop

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Marbella, Spain to compete in this year's annual Ironman Pro Series 70.3 World Championship. Gallagher qualified for this strenuous, multi-faceted race last year and has been training since.

She and her two daughters, Addie and Ansley, left our neck of the woods and headed to Spain on Monday night. The race itself is on Saturday, November 8, so here's hoping there's time for sightseeing as well as some last-minute preparations. For Marbella, the average temperature is around 64 degrees at the mouth of the Mediterranean. The family deservedly gets a warm reprieve from our cold, wet week.

The race starts at 7:50 am CET, so 2:50 am our time! It starts with a 1.2-mile/1.9-kilometer swim around the town's beach, Puerto Banús. Next, Gallagher will embark on the 56-mile/90.1-kilometer bike section heading north out of town towards the Andalusian highlands, or the Cordilleras Béticas. Elevation here is from sea level to about 1,750 feet. Circling back down to Marbella, for the last leg, the racers make two laps around town in a 13.1-mile/21.1-kilometer circuit, finally passing

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the finish line back at the beach after traveling 70.3 miles/113.1 kilometers through their own bodies' strength and determination.

"I'm definitely excited," Julie told The Wanderer. We caught her a few hours before she and her daughters departed! In being asked if she was nervous, she brushed it off and replied "It's going to be fun! I can't wait."

Gallagher's swim coach, Bodil Perkins, remarked that "her swimming and her dedication just amazes me!" Perkins coached Gallagher three times a week for the swimming section in the lead up to the race in Spain. She concluded, "She is an incredible inspiration and an amazing athlete."

On top of this race, Gallagher also recently



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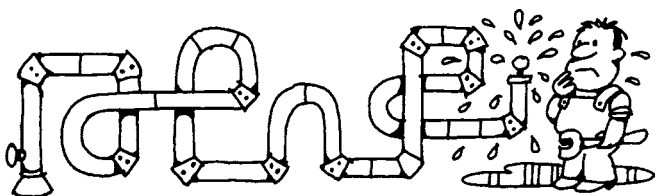
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qualified for the 2026 Ironman 70.3 World Championship in Nice, France. Another well-deserved Mediterranean getaway!

Best of luck to Julie from The Wanderer and your friends in the Tri-Town. We're rooting for you! ¡Pásalo bien!

November Reflections

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

November deserves the last flourishes of fall. Too many people go directly into Christmas from Halloween as though guided by commercialism.

Not me. "The trail doesn't end here," I tell myself. Yet some folks will skitter away, their energy flagging, their enthusiasm waning, their journey complete. November is upon us and so is the choice: to chill or not to chill.

Many have a tendency to turn inward. People begin to burrow, persuaded by the fading daylight and cooler temperatures. No doubt these nesting instincts are a reflection of nature as the animal kingdom recedes and the plant world winds down.

Yet there are those of us who would still like to venture out and be a part of this fabulous season. As I set out on my bike ride Saturday, I took in many similar-minded people; walking, cycling, even skateboarding. The life around me continues as before. The neighbor's children are heard in some outdoor game, and over the other side, my neighbor Jim is still tending his glorious gardens, just as energetically as he did in June; digging, potting, tending – making it look so easy and so worthwhile.

Of course, I can't pretend it's June, though one can have moments that are summery in the fall, depending on the day's disposition. Sunday was one such – spent sailing Buzzards Bay – like reenacting July... the sun kept us warm, apart from when the sails momentarily blocked it out. We returned home to the warmth of a blazing fire pit – a creature comfort that we will rely on through winter.

The inescapable inwardness will eventually

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happen – whether huddled in your eiderdown or outside in the bracing air. Fall invites reflection, even on a warm day. Personally, I prefer to experience it out in the fresh air – taking the wicked with the gentle. Fall is a season of textures and every one of them rekindles a memory...

The leaves underfoot take us back to those that we waded through in the schoolyard. It's a familiar pattern ingrained in us, magnified by their acrid, decaying scent. The noisy rustle they made as we raked them up high and jumped in is readily retrievable. Because we were children once, we dared touch everything and that left an impression that can still be tapped.

Aromatic pine needles and cones that blanketed the front yard are associated with pumpkin carving, as

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On the banks of ponds, the milkweed pods are bursting open to reveal their fluffy, silky, seedy floss that we used to scatter, then would watch it in fascination, floating through the air, unwittingly planting more in the process.

The tactile forces of nature abound: The velvety cattails out in the marshes, the showy seed heads of various ornamental grasses and the ubiquitous goldenrod

— now rather scrappy looking — which seems to have a reverse pointillism — the flowers become more defined as you get up close. Just think, these plants are the very descendants of our childhood landscape! We might not have known what they were called, but we took the time to notice them, to hold or pick them, as they were part of our dominion.



Even if we follow a hand's off approach, fall's motherlode of sensory details enlivens us. The muted colors of once vibrant asters and ferns indicate their expiration date, while the tangled shoots of untended roses resemble fiendish tentacles from a children's fairy tale. And hark, the sibilance of leaves coupled with the groan of a tree limb further animate the scene. You can be totally alone out on the trail and still feel the company of nature. Fall doesn't fade meekly away. Nor do I want it to.

I will continue to light the jack-o-lanterns for a few more nights and find a purpose to pursue out in the



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The Basics of Medicare

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Since we are in the Medicare "open enrollment" period, Oct 15-Dec 7, now is a good time for a quick review.

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Medicare Part D became available in 2006. It is optional and helps pay for prescriptions. You must sign up and choose a plan annually. Typical premiums run about \$50/month.

Because A and B only cover 80% of your medical bills, and these bills can mount up dramatically if you have a serious illness, most people pay for a supplemental policy to cover the 20%. These so-called "medigap" plans are offered by private insurers, not the government.

Part C, establishing what is now called Medicare Advantage, began in 1997. It gives private insurance companies a fixed amount per person per year to cover their medical expenses. The theory was that private health insurers would provide equal or better care and save the government money, a theory that has been proven wrong.

Medicare Advantage plans advertise heavily, and promise lower costs and extra benefits. At this time of year, you will be inundated with direct mail, phone calls and media blitzes trying to entice you to join an Advantage plan.

If you join such a plan, you must still pay your Part B premium, but typically will not have to pay for a medigap plan or Part D. Your monthly insurance premiums will usually thus be lower. There is, however, no free lunch. Under traditional Medicare A and B, you can be treated by almost every doctor and hospital in the country. This is not true for Advantage plans.

In return for the lower insurance cost, you will be restricted in the doctors and hospitals you can use and you will find that your doctors' recommendations are subject to the whims of the insurance companies. Most hospital care and any expensive test or medication will only be covered

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if the insurance company approves it. I do not have space here to cover all the issues, and strongly recommend you Google "John Oliver Medicare Advantage" (the 31 minute one) for a biting and humorous look at the problem.

People who sign up for Medicare Advantage when they are healthy can be fine if they stay healthy. If they develop a serious illness they may regret their choice, as they find that the doctors and hospitals they would like to use for their care are not available.

Switching back to traditional Medicare would seem like an option, but there is a catch. When you first go on Medicare, you have free choice of medigap plans. They cannot refuse you because you are in poor health. If you try to sign up for one of these plans later, they can refuse to cover you at all or refuse to pay for pre-existing conditions. Just when you would need that 20% covered, it will not be, so you are locked into your Advantage plan.

My strong advice is that if you can afford the extra cost, start and stay with traditional Medicare and a good medigap plan. Otherwise, if you choose an Advantage plan, stay healthy!

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

Thoughts on...

Medicine, Mansions and the Moon

By Dick Morgado

I am not a doctor, and I don't play one on

television. I don't write a medical column either, I leave that to the good Dr. Hoffer whom you can find elsewhere in this journal. But I do know a lot of doctors. Between the missus and me, we've had nearly a dozen. Six of them are mine alone!

In addition to our primary care doctor, I have a urologist, a gastroenterologist, an oncologist, an audiologist, and an ophthalmologist. I saw a cardiologist, but it turned out my heart works fine. I once visited a pulmonologist. My lungs were good, too. Then there are the anesthesiologists who made me forget the many surgeries I've had. I expect any day now I will have to see a rheumatologist for my arthritis.

She has a gynecologist, has seen a dermatologist recently and a nephrologist. (That's a kidney doctor. Everything was okay.) No doubt one day we'll both have to see a gerontologist. I call them all our "gist club." Those don't include our dentists, hygienists, our optometrists, the many phlebotomists who draw gallons of blood over the course of a year, assorted physician assistants and nurse practitioners. Some people have suggested I ought to see a psychiatrist, but I ignore them.

I probably should see a podiatrist... my feet hurt, and maybe an allergist because I am allergic to shellfish. Naw, I have enough doctors. If you are like me, the stress of just thinking about going to a doctor raises your blood pressure sky high.

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A group in Mongolia (yes, that Mongolia) called MARS-V, is planning to offer a Mars Retreat for tourists in the Gobi Desert. They say that "nowhere else in the world mimics climate and geography" of Mars than the Gobi. The landscape is red and pretty desolate. The temperatures range from minus-40 degrees Fahrenheit to 113 degrees. Sounds pretty hospitable, doesn't it.

The whole package, including three months of training, physical dexterity and mental tests, costs a mere \$6,000. (A lot less than the \$28,000,000 it would cost to go to the real Mars). All this to stay three months in a

"habitat" of tiny "pods" in a space suit. For your dining pleasure freeze dried, dehydrated Mongolian delicacies like dumplings and mutton stew will be served.

It might be better to consider some place closer. There is a mansion available in Newport. It's for sale for \$28,000,000. *Mmmm.* (Odd that it is listed for the same price as a trip to Mars.) Maybe I could just rent it. It has 60 rooms, 29 bedrooms, 18 bathrooms, 11 stone fireplaces. The place is big enough that my doctors will never find me. And, it has a grand, gilded-age ballroom.

I hear a grand, gilded ballroom is the "in thing" these days.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Finally, Some Good News

This Week in Revolutionary History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Never uneventful, last week, delegates from the Continental Congress met George Washington at his headquarters in Cambridge with discussions mostly centered on the General's plans to make it through the winter. Washington also received information from his troops regarding their desire to continue service into the next year in order to make further conscription preparations. Cambridge also received updates from Benedict Arnold and Philip Schuyler on their offensive campaign into Quebec, which is showing its first signs of disaster.

On October 29, 1775, Washington receives a note from his cousin and the manager of his estate/plantation, Mount Vernon, Lund Washington. Lund is about five years younger than George and has served as steward of the tract of land on the Potomac since the war's onset. He initially writes of some unfurling behavior by the General's wife, Martha Washington. Lund says she often departs with him being unsure of her exact whereabouts. He adds, "she has often declared she would go to the camp (Cambridge) if you would admit her."

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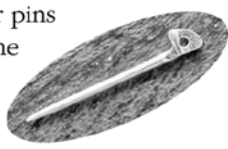
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He gets into the real message he wants to convey. He seeks counsel. Lund is unsure how to ensure the safety of the property in the case of a British assault, looting, or capture. The property was about 8,000 acres just off the Potomac River in northern Virginia. He recommends fortifications, and a series of walls and batteries to stop the British from disembarking. It is difficult terrain to build on, but Lund is evidently fearful of the highly vulnerable position of the property. Washington's reply was lost to time, but such fortifications were never erected.

On October 30, John Hancock writes with urgency and stress. "I confess I have great anxieties upon the subject," referring to the eminent possible retiring of up to half of Washington's officers at the end of the year. He hopes increased pay, better contract terms, and "a regard to their country" will retain some servicemen. Though the threat of a severely diminished army is a serious one.

That same day, Governor Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut writes from Lebanon (the city), ironically also fearing the fragile defensive position near the sea, similar to Lund's fears the day prior. Trumbull also suggests batteries, this time floating ones in the Long Island Sound. He fears New London is a prime target of the British. He is seeking recommendations from "skilled engineers."

Josiah Quincy of Braintree writes Washington on October 31 (they don't celebrate Halloween quite yet –

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sorry) with a potential strategic opportunity to get a leg up in Boston. When the delegates from the Continental Congress have come north last week, Quincy met with some of his friends, including Benjamin Franklin, and discussed the cruel "vengeance of a tyrannical government." He and his friends have devised a "scheme." In great detail, he outlines a plan to block the sea routes and starve British-held Boston of its maritime connections, thus isolating the garrison and making it an easy recapture. In speaking with Franklin, John Adams, and others, Quincy explains many possible methods for blocking the city. Including the construction of forts near the two channels into the city, the sinking of ships in said channels, or even the creation of "machines" to lay chains

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or barriers. "I doubt not, your Excellency will readily agree with me, that these are become objects of much greater importance, since the destruction of Falmouth (Portland, ME) demonstrates, the malicious resolution of our *barbarously civilized* enemies, to destroy all the rest of our maritime towns, if they can." He then invites Washington to have a view of the harbor with him, to better formulate plans.

Washington sends a response a few days later. The army has no supplies, and such a plan isn't near possible at the moment.

On November 1, Washington's General Orders again instruct officers to manage their finances. They are not to order coats if they do not have the essential shirts and shoes first. That same day, Washington received a letter from the recently displaced Bostonian merchant Gillam Tailer: "I beg leave to represent to you that I am a young person from Boston, where I have left my all. I have been brought up in the mercantile way but by reason of the unhappy situation of affairs am now out of employ, should esteem it a great favor if your Excellency would bestow some employ on me, that I may be of some little service to my Country, for which shall ever retain a grateful sense & am your Excellency's most obedient humble servant." Many share a similar set of circumstances, and Tailer would become an ensign in the 2nd Continental Infantry about a month later.

Finally in a lucky victory against the supply

shortage, on November 3, merchant John Brown of Providence informs Washington "a small quantity of powder" has just arrived from Suriname. Though little, it highlights a spark of hope and assistance from unlikely allies across the Commonwealth. On November 5, Washington also gets some more good news. This time, from Canada. Major General Philip Schuyler states Fort Chambly has been captured. The fort lies only a few miles east of Montreal. A great victory that Schuyler and Major General Richard Montgomery seek to capitalize on, pushing for Montreal and then Quebec City.

Disagreement Delays Appointment

*Mattapoisett Select Board
Mattapoisett Board of Health*

By Marilou Newell

Weeks of delays in achieving quorums necessary to hold a joint meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board and Mattapoisett Board of Health ended when, on October 30, the boards came together. They met to ostensibly make a final decision on who would temporarily fill the vacant seat on the Board of Health. A seat became vacant when Alexandra Nicolosi was compelled to resign due to her relocation to another town.

As has been the custom, when an elected seat of this board is vacated, the Select Board makes a temporary appointment after conferring with the remaining members of the Board of Health and accepting letters of interest from the public.

When the boards attempted to meet, the Board of Health failed to produce a quorum. There was some discussion about Douglas Schneider and Kathleen Eckland, the two residents who had expressed written interest in temporarily filling the seat.

Long-time Board of Health member and Chairman Carmello Nicolosi declined voting on a replacement and instead said, "take it to the ballot." He said he wanted to have the slot voted on rather than a temporary appointment being made.

Board of Health member Michelle Bernier wanted to discuss the choices, but Select Board Chairman Tyler McAllister said that was not the point of the meeting;

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that discussion had previously taken place, and they were moving on to pick between Eckland and Schneider. Bernier said that discussion had not taken place. But with Nicolosi declining to vote, opting instead to put it on a ballot, an impasse ensued.

In a follow-up with Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo, he said that the Select Board could call for a special election, but that no decision had been made.

\$1,000,000 Shaved off Fire Station

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The former Country Fair Grounds on Pine Street became the focus of two important issues at the Rochester Select Board meeting on Monday.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant gave the Finance Committee an update on the plans for the new fire station proposed for 65 Pine Street that included news of an approximate \$1,000,000 projected cost reduction. He said a cost estimate of \$20,500,000 in the initial design rendering stage has been shaved down to \$19,500,000 by eliminating parts of the design.

An elevator has been deleted from the plan on the assumption fire fighters physically fit to rescue fire victims will not need ADA compatibility per state exemption. The cost to purchase the equipment the current station already has, such as washers suitable for cleaning and detoxifying turnout gear, has also been eliminated. More savings will



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be realized by downgrading from curbing to Cape Cod berm.

Durant added, however, that additional engineering costs will come in the next step of the plan, the formal design phase. The next step will be the Public Safety Building Committee holding public hearings on the design, he said. The public's input will be pulled into the final proposal that will go to a spring or fall Town Meeting. There, residents will be asked to approve funds for a formal design contractor.

Finance Committee members' questions focused on where more savings could be found. One FinCom member asked if solar panels could be part of the design. Select Board Chair Adam Murphy said the town

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does not have all the design and engineering details. That is for the next step, Murphy said. Another FinCom member asked if the costs for equipment and furniture are part the estimate. Murphy said all soft costs are built in.

Also that evening, Durant announced New England Rodeo wants a license to continue its use of the former 18.6-acre Country Fair grounds at 65 Pine Street in 2026. He said the rodeos that the Pine Street property hosted from June to October of this year were very successful. The town earned a revenue of \$41,000 from the events this year. New England Rodeo wants to hold more rodeos than last year, Durant said. In 2025, the company held an average of two events per month. He said he is negotiating a new licensing agreement with the organization and will bring the results of that to a public hearing before there is formal approval.

The board's next big agenda item was hearing an update from Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School officials on the \$288,900,000 plan to construct a new state-of-the-art facility on the North Avenue campus that could require a debt exclusion override to fund. Murphy asked for more data on how a new school will add to Old Colony's operational costs and the town's part of the Old Colony budget. Old Colony representatives answered it will cost the five-member district (Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester) \$5,000,000 more between now and 2033. School Business Manager Sarah Griffith was quick to add that a



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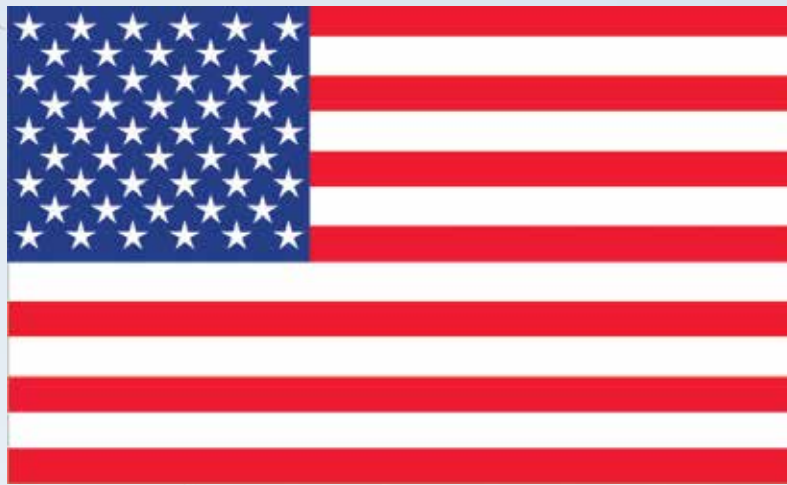
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lot of assumptions are being made with these calculations projected into a long-range future.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority's reimbursement for the new school's price tag is projected to be \$129,000,000. But the share of the remaining costs among district members is approximately \$160,000,000, to be assessed according to each town's annual student enrollment. As a result, in Rochester, two warrants will be up for a vote at the November 18 Special Town Election that will also be held on a district-wide basis. One warrant will ask all district voters to approve the new building plan. The other will be the town's question seeking approval of a debt-exclusion override to fund its share of the new construction.

In other action, the board appointed Daniel Girard as a new full-time Rochester Police Department patrol officer, as recommended by Police Chief Michael Assad, Jr. "I had the distinct honor of directly supervising then-Detective Girard during my previous tenure as detective sergeant with the Mashpee Police Department, and I can personally attest to his professionalism, integrity and unwavering commitment to excellence," Assad said when introducing Girard to the board.

The board approved a new Verizon New England utility pole on the west side of Vaughn Hill Road.

The board designated grant writer Marcia Kessler as a special employee for the town; she is also on the Board of Assessors.

The board approved the new road name: Arrowhead Lane (off County Road).

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, November 17 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Town Concerned over Lack of Up-Front Money

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday for a list of action items that also included preparations and scheduling for 2026.

The meeting began with confirmation of the 2026 Planning Board meeting schedule, available on the town website: www.marionma.gov/783/Meeting-Schedule. "My mind doesn't work that far in advance, so I'm going to say it looks good to me," Chair Andrew Daniel joked. The schedule was confirmed with a unanimous vote.

Next was the continued Public Hearing on the Site Plan and Special Permit for the Toll Brothers property at 78 Wareham Road. Daniel began by commending the representatives from Toll Brothers on sending revised plans with little notice following a discussion with engineers. "I don't think I've ever seen that on the Planning Board," Daniel added. Jeff Heidelberg, representing the Toll Brothers, accepted the thanks from the chair. Heidelberg and a representative from Crossman Engineering went through the revised plans and presented CAD files and drawings. Most of them initially spoke on changes revolved around water piping, sewage, and fire hydrant conformity.

The representative detailed the customizability of the proposed properties, saying the houses should be sold before they are completed, allowing the new owners to pick certain colors and materials before completion.

After much discussion on the new plans, Chair Daniel stated, "obviously we have to send this to (Town) Counsel, and we have to ask him some questions." He stated additional changes will be necessary following that process. Daniel was also concerned over the lack of money to the town upfront, saying it leaves the town "a little bit unprotected." He noted that Toll Brothers had not

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fully closed on the purchase of the property at this stage. Daniel stated further discussion is necessary before the next meeting. The Public Hearing was continued.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board will be Monday, November 17 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

BBC Gets Green Light to Restore Bog

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday approved the Buzzards Bay Coalition's Notice of Intent proposal to ecologically restore a former 240-acre cranberry bog at 0 Walnut Plain Road by issuing the plan a positive Order of Conditions with special conditions.

The plan here includes removal of berms, culverts and irrigation lines, and filling and re-grading bog surfaces and ditches to the goal of creating "recreational improvements" and returning the land to its natural state. BBC Project Representative Sarah Gonsalves said the independent peer review of the plan has been completed and no significant concerns were raised. "We are taking the property back to its natural state and hydrology," she said. Project Engineer Alex Patterson elaborated that the peer review's comments were only on minor details of design. "No significant issues," he said.

Conservation Commission member Michael Gifford noted his take on the comments was that they were asking BBC whether the plan would make the property better or worse. "Their consensus seemed to be it will be an improvement of the habitat there," Patterson countered. "Trees will grow in their natural condition."

Before the approval vote, Russell and Wendy Keeler of Walnut Plain Road and the Rochester Land Trust praised the plan. "I am grateful they (the BBC) are coming to town," said Russell Keeler. The special Order of Conditions the board set for its approval include requiring a notice of the start of work and the commission to be continuously notified as each phase of the project begins.

In other action, the commission judged a plan to construct a 25x40-foot metal building at 15 Wolf

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Island Road that will sit partially within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone as not needing wetlands-protection permitting. The board did so by issuing it a Negative Determination of Applicability but with conditions including the installation of silt barriers at the wetlands' edge.

The board issued a Certificate of Compliance for the construction of a single-family home with attached garage and driveway at 527 High Street, work that occurred within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone and an existing cranberry bog. This vote came after Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported successful completion of the new home and lawn.

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Compliance for the construction of a single-family home with attached garage and driveway at 490 High Street, work that occurred within the 100-foot buffer zone of an existing cranberry bog and within the 200-foot Riverfront area. Here, too, Kelly reported that house and lawn were complete and looking good.

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

The commission continued to its December 2 meeting the Notice of Intent hearing for the construction of a single-family home with associated grading at 0 Robinson Road, within the 200-foot riparian zone to a perennial stream.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

SMEC Clarifies Finances

Marion School Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion School Committee met on Thursday, October 30 for a brief meeting. Chair April Nye began the meeting by greeting, via Zoom, Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Assistant to the Superintendent and the

School Committee Melissa Wilcox.

Superintendent Nelson invited Catherine Cooper, executive director of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC), to speak regarding her proposed amendment to the SMEC Capital Reserve Account. The amendment would primarily be that of a language change, with Cooper saying, "The purpose of this amendment – is pretty much just clarification language, making it more clear." Another change would be to increase the maximum potential balance in the account. She asserted this was not a request for more funds, but a grammatical clarification and increase of the stated maximum dollar amount. The current maximum is \$500,000 with the increase pushing it to \$2,000,000.

"We do not have anywhere near that amount of money," she added. SMEC is looking for state funding and would need the increased maximum to have a place to put the money, if awarded. The account was established in 2015 and was previously amended in 2019, with this being the second amendment.

The committee unanimously approved the proposition, though SMEC still needs approval from other school committees it serves.

Next, Doctor Leslie J. Sattler, associate professor at the School of Social Work at Bridgewater State University, presented her plan to conduct research examining the effectiveness of comfort dogs, namely being the Plymouth County Comfort Dogs Program dog Norman with his handler Marion Police Officer Jonathan Tracy. The superintendent spoke of his and the administration's support for the program, though he said Sattler wasn't available at the time of the meeting. Regardless, the research proposition was approved unanimously by the committee.

Next, the committee approved various donations: \$1,000 from the Ludes Family Foundation for Project Grow, from eight to 10 "Thankful Boxes" from the First Congressional Church of Rochester with food items for families during Thanksgiving, two to three Thanksgiving dinners for Sippican families from Girl Scout Troop 67041 of Marion, 18-20 holiday wish-list gifts for Sippican families from the Friends of Jack Foundation, and four books in memory of Leslye Ribeiro from Sue Bender and other retired teachers. All donations were accepted with a unanimous vote of approval and much thanks.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, at Sippican Elementary School. The next Joint School Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, in the ORR Junior High School Media Room.

ORR Playing for Spot in Elite 8

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls volleyball team played Shawsheen Tech (12-9) in the Round of 32 of the MIAA Division 3 state tournament

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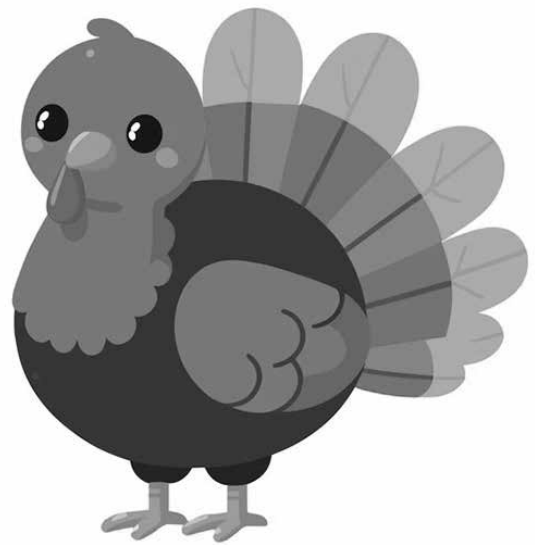
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on November 1, and the Bulldogs advanced with a 3-1 victory (set scores 25-16, 25-17, 19-25, and 25-14). Erin Root had 14 kills, Maya Morrison had 37 assists, and Piper Newell had 4 blocks. They were all named the players of the match.

The fifth-seeded Bulldogs took a 17-4 record into Tuesday's Round of 16 match on home court against 12th seeded Blackstone Valley. A victory would send ORR into the quarterfinals against the winner of another Tuesday match between a pair of 18-2 teams: fourth-seeded Lynnfield (ORR would be away) and 13th-seeded Lynn Classical (ORR would be home). Date and time to be announced by the MIAA.

Football

The Bulldogs hosted St. Mary's High School (Lynn) on October 30 and fell by a 14-7 score, snapping a win streak. Seeded 13th, ORR (3-5) now heads into the MIAA Division 6 state tournament, opening at fourth-seeded Wilmington (6-2) on Friday, November 7, at 7:00 pm.

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Turning a New Leaf

The leaves they do fall from the east to the west,
To rake all of them is surely a test.
From the north to the south then they do come,
Pushing my patience and leaving me numb.

Each day I do rake them, and the reason is why:
If I put down my rake, they'd be ten feet high.
There's a sigh of relief when I think they're all gone,
But then I see Mr. Oak with all his clothes on.

What say you, Mr. Oak, other leaves are all down,
Must I climb high in your branches and rake them all
down?
What is your answer, slow Mr. Oak,
Is my presence before you only a joke?
You stand there so tall, strong and so steady.
Do you laugh at me saying, "I'll shed when I'm ready."

But then through the wind I heard his reply,
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God has ordained this way it should be.
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So, I'll sit on my lawn chair and patiently wait
And question no more why Mr. Oak is so late.

By George Smith, Rochester

To the Editor;

Veteran's Day. A time to reflect, remember, and honor all veterans. We should honor past veterans, present veterans, and those veterans yet to come.

Wars and conflict that never should have happened lost the lives of thousands and scarred so many who live with memories all the time. Their wars never end; their peace never comes.

Veteran's Day is not just a holiday to have a day off from work or school, it's a day to give thanks for our freedom; a day to thank and honor all veterans.

For those who choose not to serve their country, thank the veterans who have given you your freedom.

In memory of my brothers James Pinto and Robert Pinto, U.S. Army and Marines. Miss you both.

From brother David Pinto

To the Editor;

A neighbor-to-neighbor appeal for Tri-Town students.

My name is Sheilah Sullivan. I've lived in Marion for 32 years, raised my children here and had

the outstanding experience of teaching at Old Rochester Regional High School for 25 years. Working together with students – and sometimes with their families – in the community I live in was a privilege.

Over the years, I saw how often a student's biggest challenge wasn't in the classroom, but at home: when the oil tank ran low, when a parent lost work, or when a child needed new glasses their family couldn't afford. Those needs, when unmet, make it hard for any student to thrive.

In 2010, my family and I started William's Fund, named after my father, to quietly and quickly help students and families in moments of crisis. Growing up on the Cape in the sixties, I learned that neighbors look

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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

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8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
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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
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2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
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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
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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 8, 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
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9:30 PM A Conversation with...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday November 9, 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
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1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
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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 10, 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
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10:30 AM A Conversation With...
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12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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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 11, 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 12, 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
6:30 PM Pete on the Street
7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra
9:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music

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9:00 AM Marion Affordable Housing
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
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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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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
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6:00 PM ORR District School Committee
7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
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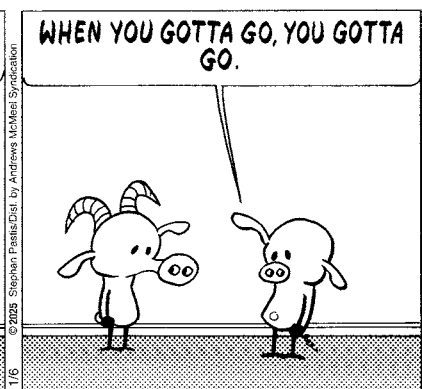
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8:00 AM Bulldog Pride Alumni Association
8:30 AM RMS Chorus Concert
9:30 AM RMS 6th Grade Promotional Ceremony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports
1:00 PM Cable History of Old Colony
2:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Marshfield
3:00 PM ORR 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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Confidential referrals for assistance are made by the school social workers. The district does not benefit financially in any way.

If you're able, please consider a tax-deductible donation to help our local students stay safe, warm, and ready to learn.

You can donate online through our secure website (www.orrwilliamsfund.org) or by check to William's Fund, Inc., c/o Sheilah Sullivan, 39 Lewis Street, Marion, MA 02738.

A letter with necessary information for tax-deductible donations will be provided.

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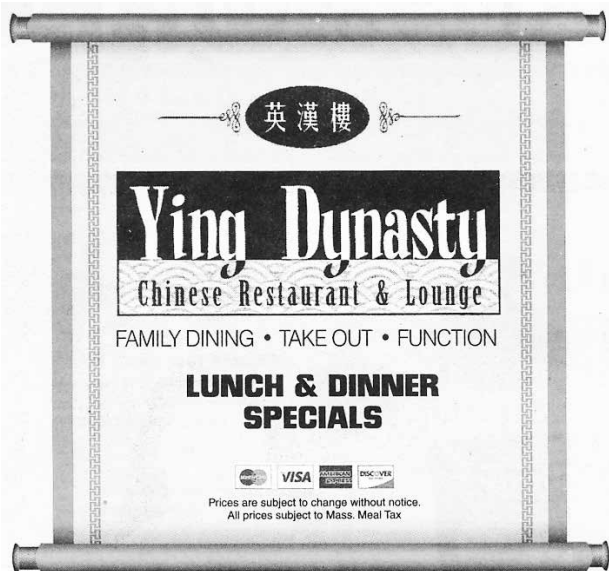
With gratitude,
Sheilah Sullivan

ORR Launches enVision Math Program

The Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 recently launched the enVision Math Program at four elementary schools during an informative event and celebration for families.

The school system announced enVision as the new math program at Center, Old Hammondtown, Rochester Memorial, and Sippican elementary schools.

Families and students gathered on Wednesday, October 29 at the Old Rochester Regional High School



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cafeteria for an informative and engaging evening, which served as an introduction to the enVision Math Program.

Attendees learned about the school system's new Kindergarten to Grade 6 enVisions Math Program, by Savvas Learning Company.

"Strong math skills are built over time through curiosity and engagement," said Center School Principal Dr. Linda Ashley. "enVision Math offers lessons and activities that help students understand concepts and apply them in meaningful ways."

An overview presentation kicked off the evening, and grade-level stations were set up for a more comprehensive look into what students will experience each school day during a math lesson.



"This was a family event," said Shari Fedorowicz, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning for Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55. "This school year, we are excited to fully implement the enVision Math program for all K-6 students. Teachers will receive ongoing support throughout the year from Looney Math Consultants, a DESE-approved professional development provider."

Parents also had the opportunity to participate in brief lessons.

"We want to thank our Elementary Math Committee and all the dedicated K-6 teachers who spent months reviewing and piloting programs to find the best fit for our students," Fedorowicz said. "Their hard work ensures that students across all three towns receive clear, consistent instruction that prepares them for success in Grade 7 and beyond."

High School student Ambassadors were also

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The librarians brought The Wizard of Oz to life at their Halloween party Thursday evening at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Photo courtesy Joan Hartnett Barry



Emmitt dressed as a lion at the Marion Halloween Parade. Photo by Shawn Sweet

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present Wednesday, engaging in fun activities with younger family members during the presentation portion of the evening.

"A special thank you also goes to our towns and community members for supporting our schools and this new math program," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "Your investment helps provide high-quality education and opportunities for every student to thrive."

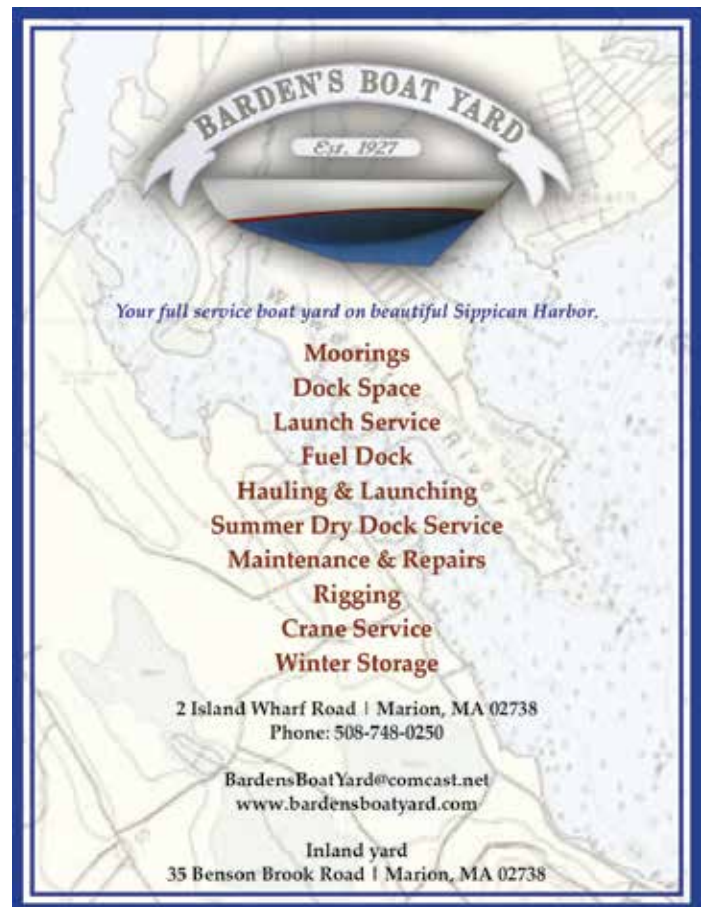
ORR Unified vs. Tri-Town Police Basketball Fundraiser

Save the date. Join us for the Annual ORR Unified vs. Tri-Town Police Basketball Fundraiser on Tuesday, **November 18** at 6:00 pm. ORRHS Gym, tip-off is at 6pm. Cost is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for students. There will be a concession stand and raffle for Celtics ticket. All proceeds benefit Unified Sports.

ORRHS Drama Club Presents 'Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll are proud to announce that the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will present "Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery," a comic murder mystery with a storyline that features a play-within-a-play.

The comedic play will be performed at the Old



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OBITUARIES



Jacqueline Ann Whitney, 93 of Rochester, Massachusetts and Barefoot Bay, Florida passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on October 24, 2025.

Born on November 4, 1931, in Beaumont, Texas, she was the daughter of the late Mary Hart Jones and Oscar Colquitt Reece.

Jackie married the love of her life, the late C. Mansfield Whitney, who she met while attending high school in Japan. Together they built a beautiful life centered around faith, family and love.

Jackie along with her husband, Mansfield owned and operated W.H. Dimali Transportation School Bus Company for 20 years, serving Middleboro and Lakeville. She later retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Though she experienced the loss of many dear friends over the years, her heart never closed. She had a rare soul that she continued to make new friends wherever she went. There was always a seat at her table for anyone who needed one, a place filled with warmth, laughter, and love. She cared deeply for others and made it her mission to nurture every relationship she held dear.

She loved the simple joys of life: playing cards and bridge with friends, baking cookies, and tending to her garden. Above all, she cherished time spent with her family.

She is survived by her three daughters, Colleen McDonough and her late husband Mark McDonough, Marie Whitney and her husband Allen Demers, Laurie Whitney-Lawrence and her husband Glenn Lawrence. Along with her five beloved grandchildren, Bonnie McDonough and her partner Tim Ouellette, Kelly McDonough and her partner Mitch Buckley, Mark and Chelsey Lawrence, Gary and Samantha Lawrence, and Sara and Tim Desrosiers. Also, along with her eleven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, who all brought her endless joy. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary Charlene O'Toole of Florida.

She also leaves behind an exchange student who lived with them for a short time, Saichay (Bibi) and her husband Boontai Chantavy. Many dear friends and extended family members who loved her deeply and will cherish her memory forever.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 am on Sunday, November 16, at Arch at the Meadow in Rochester, Massachusetts, followed by a luncheon where family and friends are invited to share memories, laughter, and love in her honor.

Her love, kindness, and gentle spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to a charity of your choice.

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Ward Reynolds "Renny" Maier, M.D., 83, of Marion, Massachusetts, died of multiple myeloma on Sunday, October 26, 2025, under hospice care at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. He was the loving husband of Christine Walker Maier, with whom he shared 61 years of marriage.

Born in New Britain, Connecticut, Renny was the son of the late Joseph Ward Maier and the late Elizabeth Reynolds

Maier. Renny attended Phillips Academy Andover and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1964. In 1969, Renny received his medical degree from the University of Virginia. He interned in Surgery and Medicine at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia and completed his residency in Anesthesia at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. He spent a fellowship year at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Biomedical Engineering. Following his training, he served as a major at Scott Air Force Base for 2 years in southern Illinois under the Berry Plan.

Renny then spent 42 years living in Belmont, Massachusetts, honing his electrical, building and masonry skills, all the while being a devoted father to his son Robby and daughter Sally. During this time, he was on the Anesthesia staff at the Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. After 25 years there, he continued practicing at the Massachusetts General Hospital starting in 2001. Renny retired in 2016 to Marion, joyfully continuing his early interests in boating and building.

In addition to his wife Chrissy, Renny leaves behind his son Robert Coburn Maier and his wife Jennifer of Marion, and his daughter Sarah Maier Friedewald of Boston. He leaves four cherished grandchildren: Owen Hobbs Maier, Charles Travers Maier, Eleanor Wright Friedewald and William Reynolds Friedewald. Burial will be private. A reception in his memory will be held in Marion at Tabor Academy's Hoyt Hall, 245 Front St. on Saturday November 22nd from 2-4 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445 dana-farber.org/gift or to the Southcoast Health Nicole Podkova Patient & Caregiver Fund, 141 Page Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 in memory of Ward Maier. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Rochester Regional High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm on **November 20 to 22**, as well as 2:00 pm on **November 23**. General admission is \$12 per ticket, and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased in advance by scanning the QR code on the event flyer or by visiting this Eventbrite link.

Set at the fictional "Murder Mystery Playhouse," this fast-paced and hilarious whodunit written by playwright Brian D. Taylor follows a troupe of actors rehearsing a delightfully corny production called "Putting A Little Southern On It."

But when the lights go down during a scene and come up on a very real corpse, the performers find themselves caught in a real-life mystery. As police investigators, critics and playwrights descend upon the chaos, the actors must replay the scene again and again — each time with another shocking "victim."

What follows is a play-within-a-play filled with outrageous accents, theatrical satire, and a mind-bending finale that turns the murder-mystery genre on its head.

Leading roles in the Old Rochester Drama Club production are being played by a cast that includes Tessa Ripley, Lincoln Fauteux, Charlotte Cook, Amanda Tomasso, Tenley Lane, Gianna Annunziato, Raegan Correia and Luca Cabral. Max Chace is serving as student stage manager for the production.

Old Rochester Theatre Director Brayden Fanti will direct the show, with help from Vanessa Medeiros, the drama program's new assistant director.

"This show is a perfect blend of mystery, comedy and meta-theater," said Director Brayden Fanti. "Our students are having a blast bringing this script to life, especially when it comes to the challenge of playing actors who are themselves trying to solve a murder. It's a smart, funny play that's full of surprises. Audiences are going to love it."

"Old Rochester's theater program continues to amaze us with its creativity and professionalism," said Principal Devoll. "This production gives our students a chance to show off their comedic timing, stagecraft, and teamwork in a really fun and clever way."

"The arts are such an important part of the Old Rochester experience," said Superintendent Nelson. "We're incredibly proud of our drama students and staff for continuing to create performances that engage, entertain, and inspire our school community. We look forward to the curtains going up and seeing what's in store."

Mattapoisett Library Children's Department

The Children's Department has some dinosaurs on the loose. All month long, we will be running a Dino-venber Scavenger Hunt. See if you can find all 12 dinosaurs and win a small prize. We will also be having a Dino-venber Storytime on Saturday, **November 15**, at 10:30 am. Wear your best dino clothes and costumes and enjoy some dinosaur stories, songs, and a craft.

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Speaking of Storytime, our set of Fall Family Storytimes and Fall Baby Storytimes, on Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30 am, will be wrapping up on **November 21**, but stay tuned for some special Winter Storytimes soon.

Every Saturday afternoon in November, we will be hosting our Creative Storytelling Workshop from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Then join our creative storytelling workshop to learn. We will learn about different parts of a story and all the tips and tricks to unleash your creativity. Registration is encouraged but not required. Recommended for ages 8-12, all kinds of writing styles welcome.

On Saturday, **November 8**, from 10:30 am to Noon, we have a Cider & Cozy Crafts Day outside on the library lawn (if it's raining, we will be inside.). Enjoy some warm cider, origami, paper crafts, rock/shell painting, and more. No registration necessary, just come on down and enjoy.

Graphic Novel Book Club continues this month with *Meanwhile* by Jason Shiga, which is a choose-your-own-adventure book. The book club will be meeting on Friday, **November 14**, at 3:30 pm - registration is required, and we have extra copies of the book available to check out.

On Thursday, **November 20**, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, we will be running a Beaded Corn Craft. Get in the Thanksgiving spirit with a fun fall craft. No registration



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MOVIE REVIEW

Barely Alive

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Frankenstein. Starring Oscar Isaac and Jacob Elordi. Directed by Guillermo del Toro. Running time: 149 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in select theaters; streaming on Netflix starting November 7.

There are many sexy Draculas, but not nearly as many sexy Frankenstein's monsters. There's Michael Sarrazin in *Frankenstein: The True Story* (before he starts to rot), and perhaps Srdjan Zelenovic in *Flesh for Frankenstein*, and that's about it ... until Jacob Elordi in Guillermo del Toro's disappointing new *Frankenstein*. Elordi stands 6'5" and is physically right for the Creature, and he gives a performance rich in rage, incomprehension, wonder, innocence and loss of same. But his make-up as the Creature doesn't disfigure him; it makes him look like a fan-favorite character on a *Star Trek* show, and when the Creature grows long dark hair he's like a rock star in his enormous cloak and hood.

Del Toro runs hot and cold with me, and his *Frankenstein* is, sadly but decidedly, cold. It's full of senseless changes to Mary Shelley's story, which would be all right if they worked to make a distinct and excellent vision. But a lot of the movie feels scattered and incoherent, as if certain scenes and even entire plot points were shiny things del Toro had wanted for years to put on film and finally got the clout to do, whether or not the result is any good. And some of it is just second-rate and junky. If you're going to do a whole scene involving vicious wolves, you might want to make sure those digital wolves are convincing in motion, and when they're attacking equally awkward digital sheep the movie becomes depressing.

The basics are sort of still there. Victor Frankenstein (Oscar Isaac) still wants to defeat death and create life. He does, with the help of a moneybags arms manufacturer (Christoph Waltz) who just seems to be in the movie to explain where Victor gets the money for all his mad-scientist stuff. This character features in no other version of *Frankenstein*, certainly not Shelley's. (Hell, Mary's husband Percy is given more respect when the Creature reads aloud from "Ozymandias.") Yes, this was always what *Frankenstein* needed — a subplot that makes obvious points about merchants of death bankrolling scientific "advance." Waltz looks faintly bored, as if he too never figured out why his character exists.



Then there's Elizabeth (Mia Goth), whose identity never seems to stay the same from *Frankenstein* to *Frankenstein*. In the Kenneth Branagh version, for instance, she was Victor's adoptive sister but was engaged to him anyway. Here she's the Waltz character's niece, who is engaged to Victor's younger brother William. Mia Goth's appeal for many horror fans continues to elude me, and her Elizabeth is around to flirt briefly with Victor, read about insects, and take pity on the Creature, whose gift of a leaf she embraces to her bosom for ever. The gothically inclined who love doomed dark romance may appreciate this *Frankenstein*, and I wish I could join them. I wish it worked for me.

Instead, it comes off as cluttered with half-baked ideas and some downright cheese. When the Creature has to escape the burning castle, he slides down a long run-off gutter just ahead of a fireball. It's the sort of thing you'd expect to see in one of the later *Die Hard* sequels. The Creature is also big on throwing people into walls or into campfires, which is kind of funny until it gets tired. Meanwhile, Victor gets thrown into a rock by an explosion (so much fire in this thing), breaking his leg clean off, so that he has to stomp around on a 19th-century prosthetic. Why? Maybe for that obsessive Ahab vibe. Past a certain point I just tossed up my hands and stopped expecting the movie to make any internal or external sense.

Something about *Frankenstein* has defeated many a fine filmmaker. Branagh's attempt was terrible, and del Toro's isn't much better. Some Canadian producers wanted body-horror master David Cronenberg to make a version back in the early '80s; he was sensible enough to realize he'd been making his *Frankenstein* all along, and passed on the idea. Del Toro has been making his *Frankenstein* for over 30 years now, and that might be part of why an actual *Frankenstein* with his name on it feels been-there-done-that.

required, recommended for ages 4 and up due to the size of the beads.

Lastly, this one's for the parents and teachers - on Saturday, **November 22** at 10:30 am, Dr. Marty Epstein will be running a workshop on the best ways to teach counting and math to young children by showing attendees the best teaching tools, methods, and children's books. We are excited for this fantastic opportunity to run a program for adults this time around.

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

Rochester Land Trust

The Rochester Land Trust will hold its Annual Meeting at Red Barn Farm on Sunday **November 9** at 11:00 am. The Farm is located at 157 Vaughan Hill Road in Rochester.

We will conduct our usual business meeting and then introduce two very special guests: Mark Rasmussen, President of the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC), and Gary Garretson, owner of the Slocum-Gibbs Cranberry Company, who recently sold his sprawling 1652 acre operation, much of it in Rochester, to BBC. Both Mark and Gary are passionate, engaging speakers who are amazing stewards of the natural landscape in Rochester and the surrounding region. Coffee and Cervelli Farms cider donuts will be served. All are welcome to attend. You won't want to miss it.

For those who are interested, we will first host a walk on the property and surrounding lands, over 200 acres, all under permanent conservation. The walk starts at 10:00 am and will last under an hour.

For more information, call Wendy at 774-454-4418.

November Food Drive at Mattapoisett Library

Give Back and Clear Your Fines. Through **November 30**, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is partnering with the student Community Service Club of Old Rochester Regional High School to collect donations for a local food pantry.

For each non-perishable, non-expired item donated and brought to the library, the library will waive \$1.00 in overdue fines (up to the total amount owed). Suggested donations include canned and boxed food, diapers, baby formula, pet food, toiletries, and paper goods. Donations must be non-expired and unopened. In addition, donations apply only to overdue fines and not to fax, copy, print, or lost/damaged item fees.

We can partner to support local families this holiday season. Every can, box, and bottle helps.

For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, browse our website at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Autumn Walk with MLT and Queer Hikes at Brandt Island Cove

Join Mattapoisett Land Trust and Queer Hikes on Saturday **November 8** at 10:00 am for a casual walk on MLT's Brandt Island Cove District trails. Wander the woodland trail south along the saltmarsh, stopping at the observation platform to see if there are any osprey or tree swallows still around. The walk will continue to the southern tip of the woods where the view opens up to Hammond and Brandt Island Coves and out into Buzzards Bay.

The group will meet at the Anchorage Way kiosk on the corner of Anchorage Way and Tara Road. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and dress warmly - walking by the saltmarsh can be cold and windy. Please reach out to manager@mattlandtrust.org with any questions.

The MAC Holiday Show

The MAC Theater is once again featuring a holiday play by popular playwright Tom Dudzick and directed by returning director Jennifer Palmer.

Andy has a sweet Catholic mother, a sour Catholic father and an intellectually disabled younger sibling named Mickey. When he brings his Jewish atheist fiancé to meet the folks on Christmas Eve, his worst fears about family blow-ups are realized. But when Mickey, whose entire vocabulary has been limited to "oh boy" and "wow," suddenly spouts the word "Greetings," the entire

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MARION

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- Village Dt – EMS/medical
- Wareham St – General service
- Beach St – Health/welfare
- Front St – MV collision
- Mayflower Ridge Dr - Transport
- Beach St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Indian Cove Rd – Follow up
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St – General service
- Old Indian Trl – Smoke investigation
- Park St – General service
- Front St – General service
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Stoney Run Ln – General service
- Point Rd – Noise complaint
- Island Wharf Rd – General service
- Bay Rd – Road hazard
- Joanne Dr – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Jenney Ln – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Washburn Park Rd – Larceny/past

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Oct 26 – Nov 1

- 195 East – MV violations
- Long Plain Rd – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Brandt Island Rd - Vandalism
- Reservation Rd – Officer wanted
- Pico Beach Rd – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Melissa Ann Ln – General services
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Marina Dr – Officer wanted
- Mechanic St – MV crash
- North St – Parking complaint
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Tallman St – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- 195 West – Suspicious MV
- Cannon St – Medical assist
- Stoney Hill Rd - Disturbance
- Pearl St – Restraining order
- Water St – Open door
- Long Plain Rd – Assist citizen
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV crash
- Waterman St – Medical assist
- Chris' Pl – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Water St – General service

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Oct 26 – Nov 1

- Mattapoisett Rd – Burglar alarm
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Woodland Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Medical alarm
- Pierce St - Medical
- Snipatuit Rd - Harassment
- Snipatuit Rd - Threats
- Marion Rd – Inside gas leak
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Woodland Rd – Animal control
- Pine St - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Road hazard
- Neck Rd – MV stop/citation
- Sarah Sherman Rd- Animal control
- County Rd – Mv collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Follow up
- Vaughn hill Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – Follow up
- Bowens Rd- Animal control
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious item
- Alley Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Public assist
- High St – Outside investigation
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Road hazard
- Cross Rd – Noise complaint
- Alley Rd – 911 call

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Nov 10: Beef chili w/ shredded cheese, mixed root vegetable, whole grain cornbread bowl, orange

Tuesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No meals served

Wednesday, Nov 12: Tuscan chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner roll, pear cup

Thursday, Nov 13: Meatloaf w/gravy, white rice, broccoli, Hawaiian roll, shortbread cookie, diet: fruit

Friday, Nov 14: Honey garlic salmon, orzo, green beans & peppers, wheat bread, chocolate pudding, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Nov 10: No school
Tuesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school

Wednesday, Nov 12: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, Nov 13: Creamy mac & cheese, garlic breadstick, steamed carrots, applesauce cup, garlic breadstick

Friday, Nov 14: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Nov 10: No school
Tuesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school

Wednesday, Nov 12: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, Nov 13: Creamy mac & cheese, garlic breadstick, steamed carrots, applesauce cup, garlic breadstick

Friday, Nov 14: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Nov 10: No school
Tuesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school

Wednesday, Nov 12: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, Nov 13: Creamy mac & cheese, garlic breadstick, steamed carrots, applesauce cup, garlic breadstick

Friday, Nov 14: Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Nov 10: No school
Tuesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school

Wednesday, Nov 12: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, Nov 13: Creamy mac & cheese, garlic breadstick, steamed carrots, applesauce cup, garlic breadstick

Friday, Nov 14: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Nov 10: No school
Tuesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school

Wednesday, Nov 12: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, cheese stick, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, Nov 13: Creamy mac & cheese, garlic breadstick, steamed carrots, applesauce cup, garlic breadstick

Friday, Nov 14: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Nov 10: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll

Tuesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school

Wednesday, Nov 12: Grilled cheese & tomato soup

Thursday, Nov 13: Steak & cheese sub w/peppers & onions, tater tots & green beans

Friday, Nov 14: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

family's belief system is turned upside down. For it seems an ancient, wise and witty spirit who is set upon healing the family's wounds has borrowed Mickey's body.

The show's cast includes Arturo Ferreiro, Bethany Lamoureux, Michele Letourneau, Tristan McCann and Frank Mitchell. The Stage Manager is Marisa Biever, Steve McManus is the Technical Director and the set construction is ably handled by Ron Biever.

The show opens on **December 5** and runs on **December 6, 12, and 13** at 7:30 pm and on December 14 as a Sunday matinee.

More information and tickets are available at marionartcenter.org/events/greetings.

Notice to Veterans

On **November 11** the students at Rochester Christian Learning Center will honor veterans at 9:00 am, in the fellowship hall at First Congregational Church of Rochester, located in the center of Rochester. Please join the students who will be serving coffee and donuts to the veterans as one of their community service projects. Please RSVP by calling 774-395-1013 so a headcount can be estimated.

Mattapoisett Seeks Volunteers for 4th of July Celebration

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We're calling on community members of all ages to volunteer for this year's July festivities. We have several ideas that are being considered to present a Small-Town Celebration of The USA on the 250th birthday. The celebration will begin on the evening of July 3 and conclude possibly on Sunday, July 5. The programs are designed so as not to interfere with the annual road race or the parade in Marion. This will be family friendly and give us all chance to mark this big national celebration.

There will be a meeting for anyone interested to help on **November 12** at 6:00 pm at the legion hall on Depot street. We can share our ideas which are pretty simple but will take many volunteers to make happen.

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6 Command
11 Duel weapon
16 Blind — bat
19 Fiji neighbor
20 Acai, for one
21 Peel remover
22 Scanned ID on a pkg.
23 "Is that something that ought to worry me?"
25 Rembrandt or Rubens
27 Arafat's gp.
28 Thurman of the screen
29 With it, once
30 "I Got a Name" singer Jim
31 Patient information document
38 Be a thespian
39 Discount vouchers
40 ER "PDQ!"
41 Wanna- — (copycats)
43 Coll. dorm overseers
45 Spanish "a"
46 Young miss
48 "I'm stepping away for just a sec"
52 Actress Bingham

- 55 "... boy — girl?"
58 Gut-punch response
59 On the whole
60 Embarrassed oneself while singing, in a way
63 Rubs clean
64 Spinning, archaically
65 Peru's — Picchu
66 Suffix with 29-Down
67 Fifth-cen. pope
68 What "etc." means
72 City sections
77 Oversee
79 Android, e.g.
80 Some steel girders
81 Wise up
85 Always the wrong way to go about it
89 With 49-Down, miraculous biblical staff
90 Singer Yoko
91 Science advocate Bill
92 Spa treats for feet, for short
93 Felled
96 Tip of a boot
98 Org. for a periodontist

- 100 Pigs' hangout
101 Female pig
102 Slithery fish
105 Left on one's plate
108 In what way
110 More so
114 Grads
116 Lyricist Kahn
117 Slugger
118 Actor Stephen
119 Psyching-out activities
122 Time to sing the tune suggested by the starts of 10 long answers in this puzzle
127 Co. name abbr.
128 Lott of politics
129 Highly skilled
130 Sporty car roofs
131 Stretch (out)
132 Threescore
133 Harbors
134 Perception

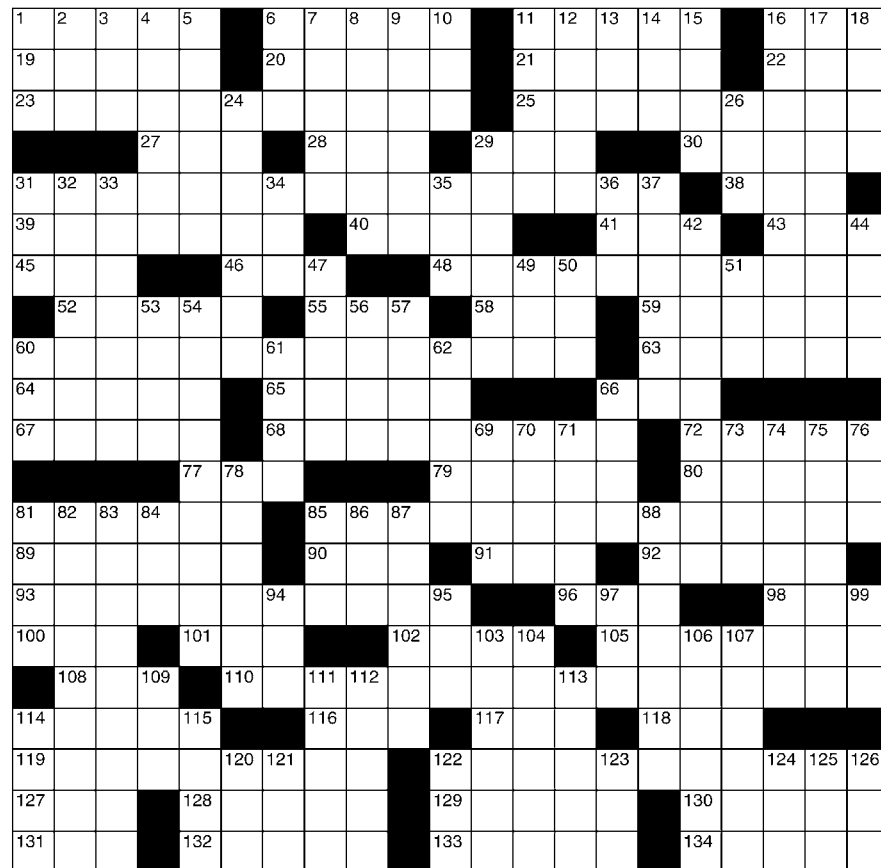
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- 1 Twisty letter
2 Oom- — band
3 "I think," to a texter
4 Add juice to, as an engine

- 5 Peruvian city near Lima
6 Honshu sash
7 Mow again
8 Serious plays
9 Straying
10 Bread type
11 Do a satire of
12 "Where's —?"
13 Munic. law
14 Sleep-stage acronym
15 Storied vampire, for short
16 Dictators
17 Striking thing to behold
18 Unit of area
24 Carrying out the task
26 Span. lady
29 Falling star
31 Prefix with puncture
32 Bend out of shape
33 Bicker
34 Hush-hush govt. org.
35 Hailed ride
36 1993-2020 Supreme Court justice, for short
37 Dr. Oz's first name
42 Over the entire shop, as a sale

- 44 "The — the limit!"
47 Lindsay of "Get a Clue"
49 See 89-Across
50 Stipulations
51 Youth org. with dens
53 "Permit Me Voyage"
54 Food dyes
56 Shipping dept. stamp
57 "Horton Hears —!"
60 Notes after mis
61 Tax evasion agt.
62 Very unusual
66 Analogy part
69 Tooted thing
70 Online auction site
71 Thesaurus compiler
73 Place — (participate on 70-Down)
74 Glow with joy
75 German city
76 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs
78 Final result
81 Chatters idly
82 Alternative to AOL or NetZero

- 83 Unit equal to about 31 grams
84 Astros, on scoreboards
85 Tacit "yes"
86 Rocker Brian
87 People taking oaths
88 From 1968 on, for tennis
94 A pair of
95 Born, in Nice
97 "Days of — Lives"
99 Pantry pest
103 Texas city of song
104 One packing things away
106 Puts forth
107 One little bite
109 Nuke, e.g.
111 Intermediary
112 Like hurricanes
113 Cairo's land
114 Lady friend, in Le Havre
115 Mil. bigwigs
120 Meyers of "Dark Horse"
121 Tex- —
122 Brief sleep
123 Martians, e.g.
124 History unit
125 Corp. execs
126 Suffix with Siam



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with a special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it's the right thing to do.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Never-mind letting misunderstandings repair themselves. Consider speaking up while the healing process can be shorter and sweeter, and it will leave fewer scars.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is easily awakened in the GEMINIAN heart, especially around the happy holiday season. So, go ahead and make plans with a special someone!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children can glow with their own inner light as the holiday season magic takes hold.

It's a very special time for **CANCERS** and **LIBRAS** together. Enjoy!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you fabulous Felines to take pleasure in your special gift for, well, taking pleasure! Look for this holiday season to give you every reason to purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to let others who are in your life get a little closer to you. You'll both find out what you've been missing for far too long.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Open up your eyes and see some welcome surprises that you've missed or overlooked for too long. What you find can lead to other favorable changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you expect to be potentially troublesome might simply be especially challenging and well worth your efforts to check out. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship might not seem as trustworthy as you'd like. This is OK. Ask your questions, get your answers, and settle the matter once and for all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family situation moves into a new area because of (or maybe thanks to) some decisions you might have felt you could not avoid making.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be cutting it very close if you hope to make holiday plan changes in time to avoid problems. Get a friend or family member to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends show how important you are to them. Keep these precious relationships thriving. They affect much that will happen to the fabulous Fish in the new year.

BORN THIS WEEK: Time spent at home alone nurtures your mystic self, while spending your time with others nurtures them. Your presence is a gift.

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Hello from Plumb Library

The Library will have some special guest visitors this month for both kids and adults and we hope you'll join us.

Up first, we are hosting two special Friday Family Storytimes. "Feelings are Friends" with Morgan Browning, grad student. 10:30 am to 11:30 am Friday, **November 14**, story and craft activity ; "Red Nose Reader" with Rickrack the Clown. 10:30 am to 11:30 am Friday **November 21**, kindness through literacy. These sessions are geared toward kids ages 4-8 years. Families must register online as space is limited. More information and registration are posted to our online Events Calendar at www.plumblibrary.com.

Secondly, we're pleased to welcome back travel author Matt Davis. He will be presenting his talk "Do Not Take Selfies with the Fluffy Cows. Visiting America's National Parks" from 12:00 pm noon to 1:30 pm Saturday **November 22**. Matt will take questions after the program and will have books for sale and signing. This talk is for adults 18+ and registration is required, as space is limited. This program will be held in our Downstair Program Room, which is accessible via a lift. Please sign up on our Events Calendar at www.plumblibrary.com.

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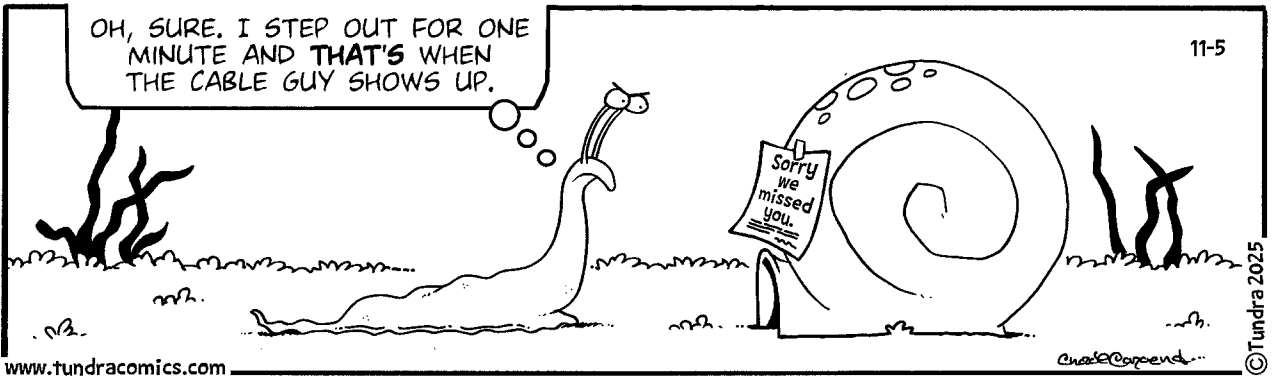


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AGAIN.



Tundra
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by Dave T. Phipps



6:30 pm Monday, **November 10**; Friends of the Library

6:00 pm Thursday, **November 13**.

Ongoing Events: Knitting Group 6:00 pm every Monday; COA Bookclub 1:00 pm Tuesday **November 18**; Writers Group 6:30 pm Thursday, **November 20**; Books & Babble Book club 6:30 pm Monday, **November 24**.

November Holiday Schedule: Closed all day Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day; Closing at 12:00 pm noon Wednesday, November 26 for carpet cleaning; Closed all day Thursday and Friday November 27-28 for Thanksgiving.

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Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **November 10** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The public and new members are welcome. We

look forward to seeing you there.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Recently there was mention of early talk of separation between the town of Rochester and the Mattapoissett section of town. The 1736 organization of the second precinct was about the creation of a Second Church of Rochester and had no change in the governmental structure of the town. However, at this period of history very little of Rochester's infrastructure was carved in stone.

It's interesting how much was fluid in the early Rochester area. Road names came and went with both names and boundary changes that would confound many cartographers. A lot of the descriptions of new roads being created relied on the property under a specific owner's name. Also, deeds and roads often relied on impermanent markers, such as trees, stones, and small streams.



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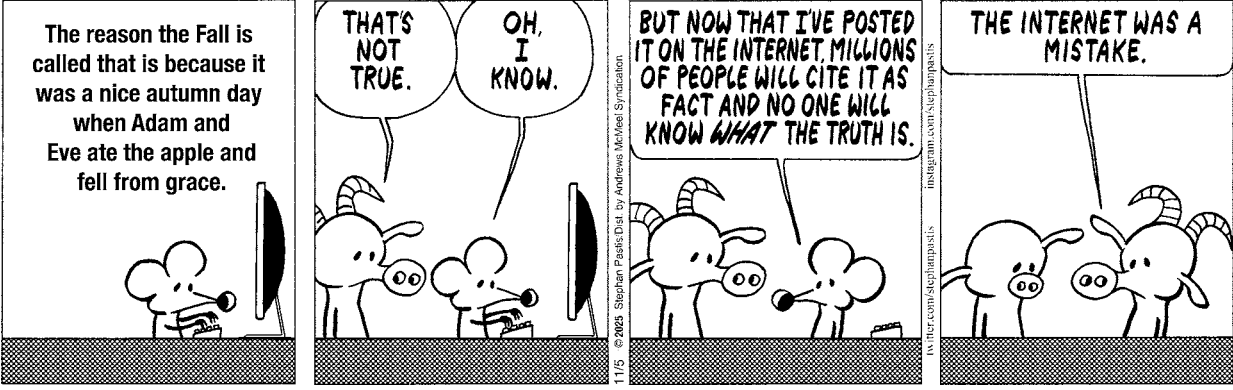
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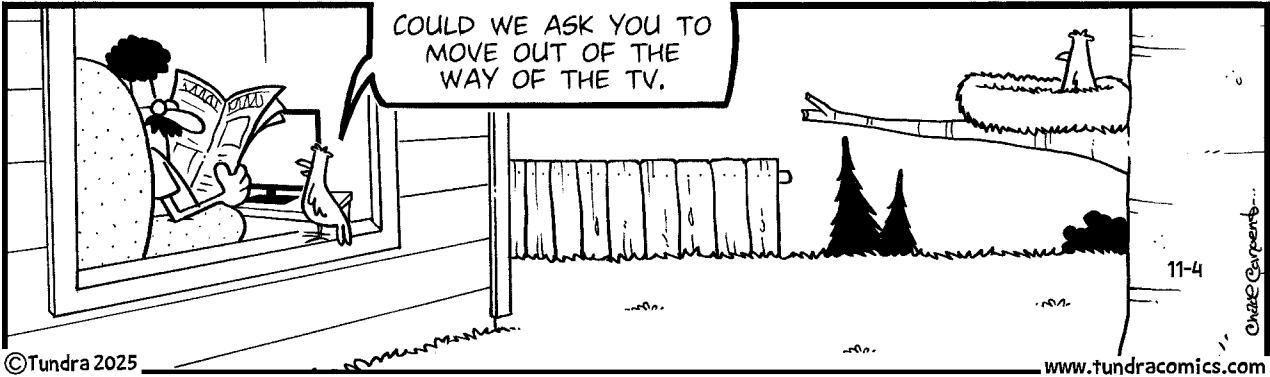
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Some of those streams seem to have come and gone.

In 1699, it was "voted that the meetinghouse shall be sit on the westerly sid of the long Bridg". This has puzzled many looking back at old Rochester as it has not seemed possible that there was any "long Bridg" in the center of Rochester. Additional study has determined that there was a trout brook behind houses which are today on Rte. 105. Possibly, there could have been a bridge in that area. While that area may have been wet enough to need a bridge, by the 1800's, the land was dry and arable.

Even the town of Rochester went from being in Barnstable County to Plymouth County without moving at all. Most know the story of the homeowner who lived in three towns without moving from his house. Mr. Abiel Robinson petitioned the state in 1826 to change the Rochester town line from being in Rochester, Plymouth County to Fairhaven, Bristol County. His reasons for the move were based on the fact that he worked at the Registry of Deeds in Bristol County, sold real estate there and the schools were less crowded. Amazingly, the set off was granted. Then, in 1860, the town of Fairhaven was divided with Acushnet being set off which then placed his house in Acushnet.

When the towns of Marion and then Mattapoisett separated from Rochester, changes to boundaries and street names were made. While many were happy with the changes, there was one Rochester resident who was adamantly against any change. Capt. David Lewis was Captain of a small sloop and a man well thought of in his community. At the bequest of his "fellow townsmen" he took charge of the town's "poor farm". He moved into 269 Marion Rd. (the last house before Marion) and ran the poor farm for four years. After that, he was the agent for the poor and at one time he was the Town Clerk.

In 1850, Capt. Lewis was appointed to a committee formed to consider Marion's separation from Rochester. He was strongly opposed to the idea of separation and though he lived closest to what would be the new town line, he was reported as saying, "I was born in Rochester and in Rochester, I mean to live and die."

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

On Monday, **November 10** school may be out, but mad science is in session. Join us at 2:00 pm for a fire and ice show presented by Mad Science of Southern MA and RI! This program is for kids grades kindergarten and up. Please register via our website.

November is international games month and on Saturday, **November 15** you can play a life-size version of Chutes and Ladders at the Library. Stop by between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm to try your luck and see who wins.

On Saturday, **November 15** at 11:00 am, join Miss Macy for a Saturday Storytime.

The Cozy Cup Book Club is meeting on

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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.

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proposes adding twenty-four motel units at the Hillside Motel site at 90-92 Marion Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1 and 3.1.2 and Section 3.9 of the Mattapoisett By-Laws. The property is further described as Plot 5, Lots 142 & 143 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District GB – General Business. It is recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book #32499, Page #162.

CASE #1576 Petition of Jeffrey & Julie Hayward – 79 Grange Park, Bridgewater, MA 02324. RE: 18 Nashawena Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 111 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District W30. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 40420, Page 51. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and as provided by Paragraph 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.7. The applicant proposes constructing a 2-story garage with an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) above the exact general location of a 165 sq. ft. accessory shed, which will be demolished. The proposed living space floor area of the ADU will be 384 sq. ft. or 50% of the living space of the primary house (768 sq. ft.), the remaining 448 sq ft of the 2nd story.

CASE #1577 Petition of Benny Enterprises, LLC – 74 Walter Drive, Raynham, MA 02767. RE: 3 King Phillips Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 49. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 23966, Page 136. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to demolish the existing near-ground-level cottage (1st fl. E1 = 14.24) to construct a 2-story single-family dwelling in compliance with FEMA and Mass Building Code for construction within the Velocity Flood Zone. The dwelling will be built on a concrete column foundation with its bottom of beam set at elevation 21.1 (5.1 ft. above the base flood level).

CASE #1578 Petition of The Estate of Ella M. Gibbons c/o Joannella Cannell. PO Box 53 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 7 Pearl Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 10, Lot 136. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 801, Page 91. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to remove a 335 square foot "triangular-shaped" strip of the northerly portion of the property known as 7 Pearl Street, to convey said parcel to the property known as 9 Pearl Street. The purpose of said conveyance is to create a standard lot line that is nearly perpendicular to the sideline of Pearl Street, vs.

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the approximate 7-degree clockwise rotation that currently exists.

CASE #1579 Petition of Water Street Property Management, LLC. 26 Olde Fort Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107. RE: 6 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 182. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 57453, Page 345. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to construct a 2-story porch addition along the westerly side of the building. The 1st floor will have a 7'x18.67' enclosed porch with a 7'x4' landing on the north side. The 2nd floor will be 7'x27 and constructed over the new landing and existing brick porch/steps (located southerly). The roof will have a 12' overhang.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours.

Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chair
Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues
11/6, 11/13

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., at 181 Ballardvale Street, Suite 202, Wilmington, MA 01887 on behalf of the Town of Mattapoisett Highway Department at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The project proposes to replace a failing stone masonry culvert that conveys flow from an unnamed perennial stream south beneath Water Street and a parking lot at Barstow Wharf to Mattapoisett Town Beach and Mattapoisett Harbor. The project is located at 30 and 37-39 Water Street and the Water Street Public Right of Way and is further identified as Lot 193 and 163 on Assessor Map 9. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined at the Town Hall Conservation Commission Office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. 11/6

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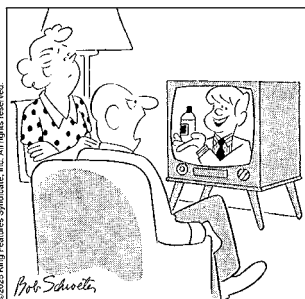
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Banned Book Club's next meeting has been moved to Tuesday, **December 9** at 6:00 pm. Join us to discuss Laura Esquivel's Like Water for Chocolate. No registration required.

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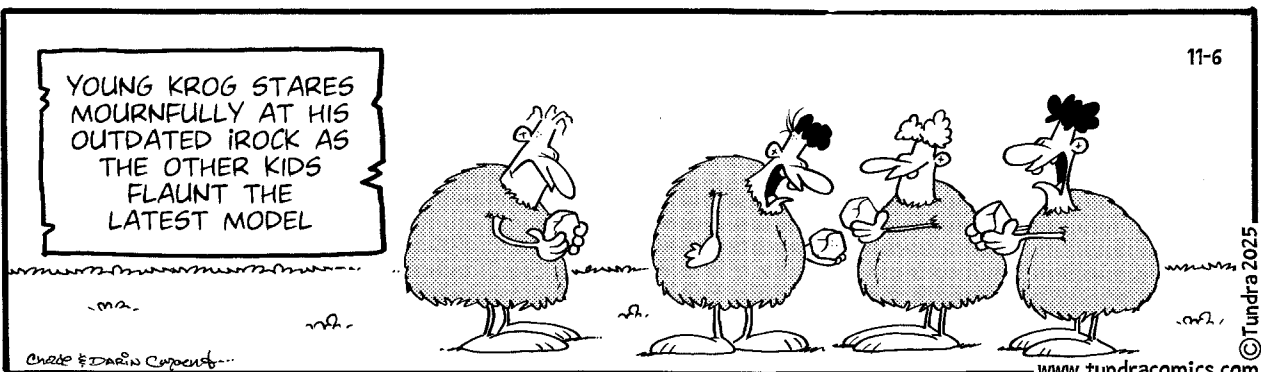
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November 22 through **December 19**, with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, November 22 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Shop for yourself or find the perfect gifts for others. All pieces may be removed from the galleries upon purchase for this cash 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 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 the joy of creating without pressure - where the process matters more than the final product. Perfect for curious minds who love to explore and make art in their own way.

"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.

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 proceeds benefit the library.

Church Mouse Thrift Shop First Anniversary

Rev. Jude Thaddeus Osunkwo, pastor of St. Isidore parish, is happy to announce this anniversary with a special thank-you to the many people who have so generously supported us this past year including our patrons and donors and our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who strive to make this budget friendly shopping experience a delight.

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.

Come and find your treasures in our year-round Christmas shop, clothing shop with many high-end men's and women's designer labels. Our children's clothing section, books and toys, kitchen wares and pet section complete our offerings.

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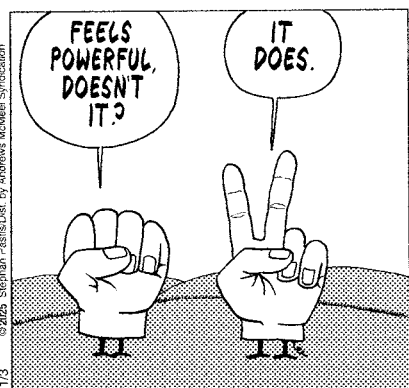
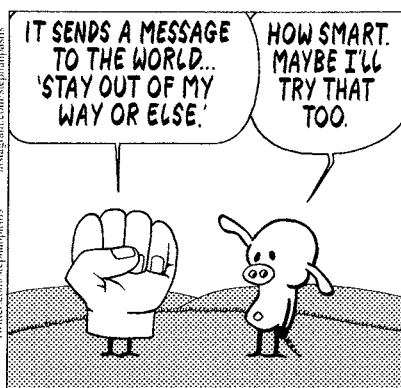
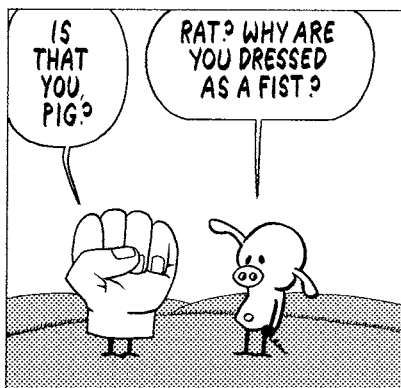
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Items that are always in need of at the pantry include: jelly, hearty soups, crackers, cookies, cereal, pasta sauce, juice, mayo, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, and nonperishable items. No glass jars please. Thank you for helping to support our community.

For more information about scouting or Scouting for Food please contact marioncubscouts@gmail.com.

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;



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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.

Admission is \$5 per person (cash only), with all proceeds supporting the Old Rochester Early Education program and its ongoing enrichment activities for young learners and future educators.

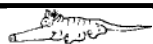
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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	November 6	7:55	8:23	1:00	2:11
Friday	November 7	8:47	9:15	1:49	3:04
Saturday	November 8	9:41	10:11	2:40	3:56
Sunday	November 9	10:39	11:10	3:31	4:55
Monday	November 10	11:40		4:24	6:26
Tuesday	November 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
Monday	November 17	5:48	6:06	11:50	11:29
Tuesday	November 18	6:27	6:45		12:22
Wednesday	November 19	7:04	7:22	12:01	12:58
Thursday	November 20	7:39	7:58	12:38	1:37
Friday	November 21	8:13	8:34	1:17	2:16
Saturday	November 22	8:48	9:12	1:57	2:54
Sunday	November 23	9:26	9:52	2:37	3:31
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		November 12th November 20th November 28th December 4th	



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).

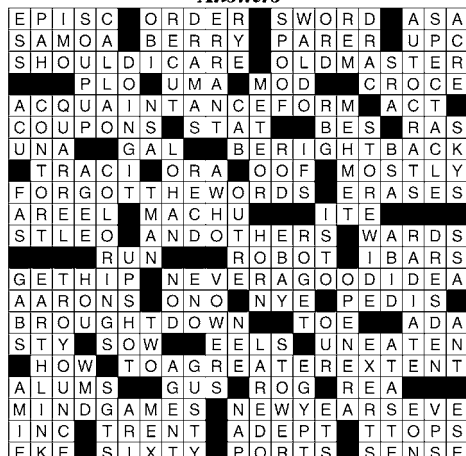
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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In the October 30, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 2

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Answers



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1. Lounge; 2. Spine;
3. Vanish; 4. Deceit

Today's Word
NOTHING

Sudoku Answer

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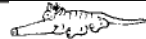
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