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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Faith Ball shared a beautiful view from the Mattapoisett bike path.



Jane Louise from Mattapoisett waiting for Thanksgiving. Photo by Dan Lucas



The Creek on Angelica Ave in Mattapoisett on a cold, early November Day. Photo by Ruth A Griffin



At Mattapoisett Town Beach in the wake of King's Tide November 6. Photo by Rob Grant



Full Moon over Mattapoisett. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a terrific time learning about how some of our most common bugs survive the winter. From stink bugs to yellow jackets, caterpillars to grasshoppers, all have a plan to survive till next spring. Many thanks to Blake Dinius of Plymouth County Extension Service for a fun and educational program. Photo by Elizabeth Leidhold



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Feats of Friendship: Running for MS

By Marilou Newell

The Wanderer recently had the privilege of interviewing two women whose determination is astounding. You see, these friends are running hard to help others. Kristen Wingate and Jen Pease, Mattapoisett residents, are runners who have taken their joy of movement to the next level, running to raise money that will help Multiple Sclerosis research.

We caught up with these amazing women in between their busy schedules that includes being mothers with young children.

Wingate said, "Jen and I met through our daughters becoming best friends at daycare. We had both always been into running. After I had completed the 2021 Boston Marathon as a charity runner for the Joe Andruzzi Foundation, Jen decided, after having her fourth child, that she wanted to also run the Boston Marathon." Jen is also facing her own challenges as due to MS.

They would run the Boston Marathon for the Joe Andruzzi team. They raised \$20,000 in 2023. That began their marathon running journey. They would go on to run the 2024 Chicago Marathon and the 2024 New York City marathon. They also plan on running the Boston Marathon in April 2026.

Jen told us, "Kristen and I will both be running the Boston Marathon in April. She is running with her company, Brewster Ambulance, since they are a vendor for the race. I am running for the first time as an adaptive athlete since MS falls under ATAXIA, which is one of the impairment categories recognized by the Boston Athletic Association."

In discussing her diagnosis Jen said, "I have experienced numbness in my hands. My hands were fully numb from December of 2024 until August of 2025. My neurologist believes the numbness was caused by a new lesion on my spine, and since the spinal cord is so tightly packed, there was no room for my body to create a way around the scar formed there. Usually after the three-month mark, you kind of give up on your body figuring it out, but after nine months my feeling finally came back.

On the Cover: Jen Pease and Kristen Wingate at their recent run in Berlin where they raised funds for Multiple Sclerosis. Photos courtesy of Kristen Wingate

Exciting times in my world."

The runners answered a number of questions, offering insight into their busy lives and what keeps them pushing on. We asked what inspired them to travel in their quest to bring attention to MS.

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marathon majors," Kristen said. When Jen was diagnosed, their focus firmly became planted for MS fundraising. Jen added, "Once I was diagnosed with MS in December of 2024, we knew we found our driving cause." They both applied to run the Berlin Marathon and raised money for MS charities from Jen's hospital room. "From there we knew we were on this journey together," Jen emphasized. "MS is a great cause to raise money for because the research being done and new disease modifying treatments being discovered have a significant impact on individuals living with MS."

We learned that the pair have run many road races including: Mother's Day 5K, the Fourth of July road race, The Lions Club Triathlon, the New Bedford half Marathon, the USA Women's Half Marathon, Mattapoisett Mother's Day 5K, Mattapoisett Fourth of July Road Race, Mattapoisett Triathlon, the New Bedford Half Marathon, USA Women's Half Marathon in Key West, The Falmouth Road Race, DNRT Trail Run in Dartmouth, Frosty Runner 10.5 Mile Road Race in Rochester, Boston Marathon, Bank of America Chicago Marathon, TCS New York City Marathon, BMW Berlin Marathon, and the Colt State Park Half Marathon in Bristol, Rhode Island. They are also planning to participate in the Tokyo Marathon in 2027 for team MS-UK.

Regarding the issues raised by MS, Pease shared, "The biggest effect I notice personally is that my legs go numb when I overheat, specifically after running. I will be fine for my entire run, but the second I stop running the heat takes over, my legs go numb, and I am unable to stand on my own. Luckily, Kristen is the best running partner of all time and will catch me at the end of our runs and hold on to my arm until my legs regain feeling a minute or so later."

"Being a mother with MS means facing every day with as much positivity as possible," Pease said. "When it comes to being a mom, I haven't given up anything. I will fight through fatigue to be present for my children and try not to show any effects of my disability, so they aren't worried about me."

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enthusiasm to a race in Mattapoissett on December 6 at 9:00 am, called "The Santa Stampede."

We asked Pease how that came about. "Honestly, my eight-year-old daughter was the driving force in this race coming together. She saw the positive impact the Mother's Day 5K has had on local postpartum moms and she wanted to do something good for people living with MS."

Jen said, "Multiple Sclerosis is not a one-size-fits-all disease. Every day feels different, and it's a learning curve to realize when your body just feels a little off, and when you are experiencing a flare that may need medical attention. I never want people to be scared to ask me questions about it. I'm really open and willing to educate people about what I have learned so far on this journey. Living with an invisible chronic disease can be frustrating at times and can feel lonely in dealing with these symptoms, so it's nice to know there are people who care and who support me even when they can't outright see I am struggling."

We asked Jen what she would say to someone

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newly diagnosed. "My biggest piece of advice would be to stay positive. Multiple Sclerosis treatment has come such a long way over the past few decades that it is no longer a grim diagnosis leading to life in a wheelchair. Trust your body, speak up for yourself when something feels wrong, find the right treatment plan and team for you, and continue to live your life. I opted for a daily medication as my treatment, but there are so many options people can select that fit their life. My diagnosis inspired me to never stop moving and to use the MS community as a platform to have a positive impact in this world."

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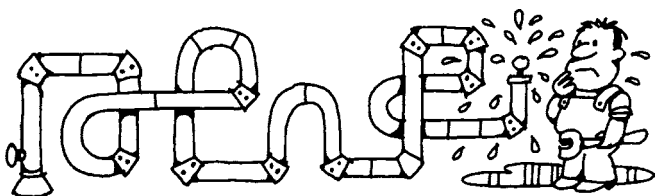
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Julie Gallagher of Mattapoisett Succeeds!

Ironman Pro Series – Update

By Sam Bishop

Mattapoisett's Julie Gallagher was in Marbella, Spain last week to compete in the annual Ironman Pro Series 70.3 World Championship. We caught up with Julie before the race, who said she was "definitely excited." She would add, "It's going to be fun! I can't wait."

The weather in Marbella, Spain, where the race took place, was mostly sunny with a high of 72 - surely a nice break from our diving temperatures. The race started at 7:50 am CET (2:50 am our time) and was a total of around 70 miles.

We heard from Julie's swim coach, Bodil Perkins, who told us that Julie had finished the race with a time of 5:48:44. She placed 63rd out of 308 contestants in her age group (40-44). Her daughters, Addie and Ansley, were there in Spain to root her on and watch her cross the finish line. We were rooting from here too, even though it was still dark out.

Next up, Gallagher has also qualified for the 2026 Ironman 70.3 World Championship in Nice, France. Julie has certainly made us all proud and excited to be on the SouthCoast. Thanks for your dedication and awe-inspiring hard work. Us at The Wanderer can't wait to see all the other races you'll crush!

Marion Honors Its Veterans

Marion Veterans Day

By Michael J. DeCicco

Marion celebrated Veterans Day 2025 in high style despite frigid conditions. At Old Landing Veterans Park, Front Street, with snowflakes starting to fall, Town Administrator and retired Navy Commander Geoffrey Gorman introduced an invocation from Rev. Eric Osterday of the First Congregational Church of Marion, then the "Pledge of Allegiance" led by Marion Girl Scouts, then the "National Anthem" performed by the Sippican School Band led by Music Teacher Hannah Moore.

The snowflakes had stopped by the time Select

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Board Chair Randy Parker introduced Planning Board member, former Select Board member and retired Army Colonel Jon Henry, whose words as guest speaker marked a highlight of the ceremony.

Henry, whose time in the army featured tours in Germany, Korea, and Vietnam in the Engineering Battalion, pointed to the recent experience that revealed the appreciative attitude Americans have toward veterans today. He said he took an Honor Flight, which flies veterans to Washington, D.C. at no cost to visit their respective service memorials, with 135 fellow veterans including a Rhode Island veteran who was 106 years old.

Early in the morning at T.F. Green Airport in Rhode Island when the group met for their flight to D.C.,

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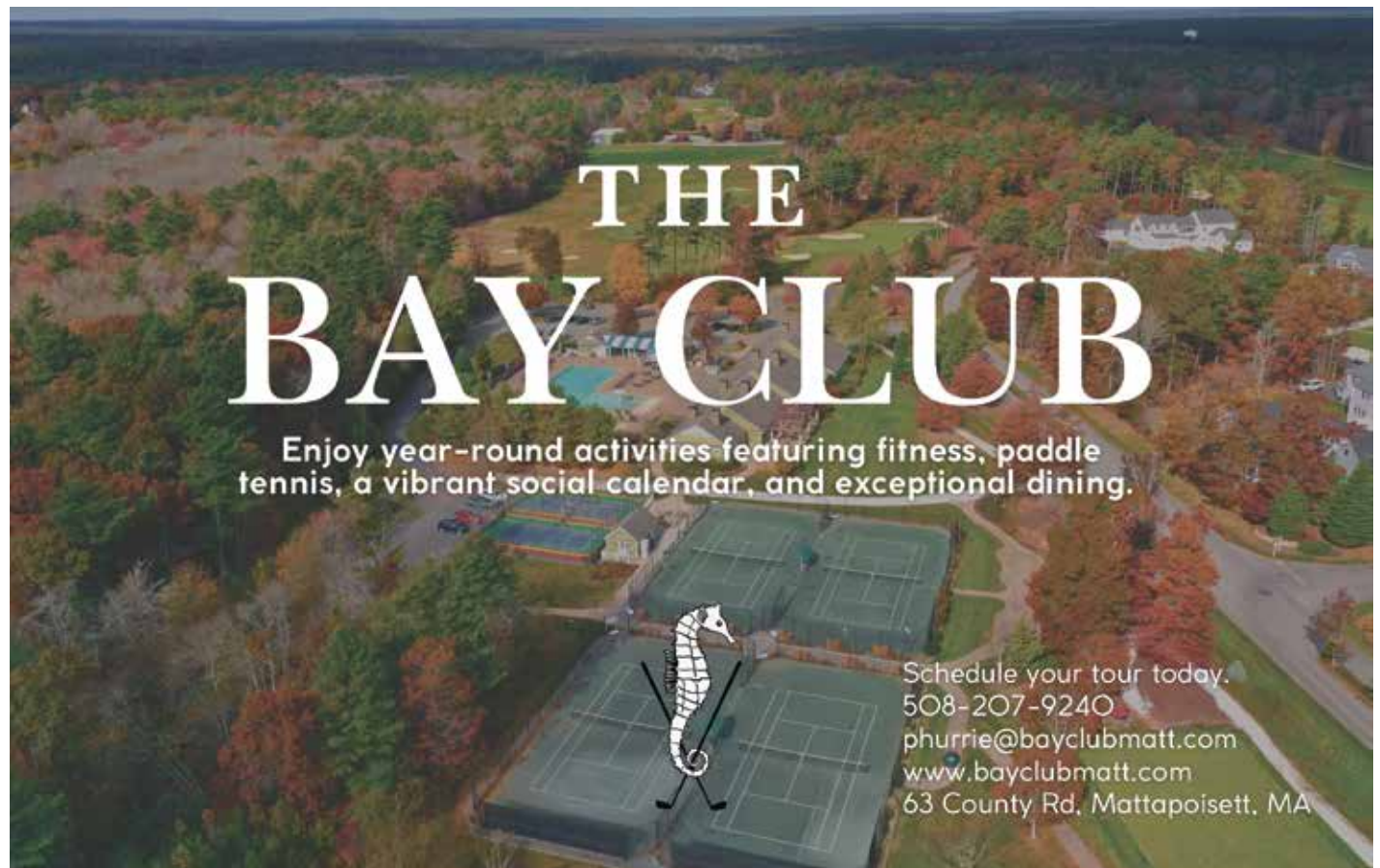
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"There were 1,000 people sending us on our way," he said. "And if I had any doubts about how the veterans look in the eyes of the public they were resolved at that moment, because it was really sensational."



At the time of the flight back, Henry said, the welcome wasn't as sensational, but it was good. "There must have been hundreds of people if not 1,000," he said. "We got the same kind of reception we got when we were sent off. Every time you do something like that you have more friends than when you started out. I was proud to be a member of that."

Then came reflections on his career that included graduating from Taber Academy and designing the stage for Bob Hope's USO show in Vietnam. "Not bad for a jocket from Marion," he said.

"One thing I learned is to love every level of the people I worked with from patrol officers all the way up to platoon engineering group," he concluded. "I felt a fatherly affection for them all."

After his talk, the ceremony ended with "President Day Parade" from the Sippican School Band, who, Moore said, has performed for the ceremony for decades. Then came a benediction from Rev. Osterday and finally the band's rendition of "Grand Old Flag."

As if the skies knew it was over, snowflakes re-appeared only as attendees were exiting the park.

Past and Present, Rochester's Veterans

Rochester Veterans Day

By Sam Bishop

On Tuesday night, residents, service members, and veterans came to the Rochester Council on Aging for The Friends of the Rochester Senior Center's annual Veterans Dinner and Recognition Ceremony. The event was hosted by the Tri-Town Veterans Office.

The event, which was also livestreamed onto Facebook, saw many come to pay their respects and honor the community's veterans. It was also a dinner and a venue to tell stories and reminisce on the past.

Following the dinner and with dessert served, Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31 brought forth the flag and members of The Showstoppers sang the Pledge of Allegiance. Following their performance, the two singers spoke and said: "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is a pledge to the ideals of our forefathers and the men who fought and died in building this great nation. It's a pledge to fulfil our duties and obligations as citizens of the United States and to uphold the principals of our Constitution. Last but not least, it's a pledge to maintain the four great freedoms cherished by all Americans: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, and freedom from fear."

Old Rochester student Esther Ebert then read the Governor's Veterans Day Proclamation. There was then a period of raffle drawings, with the oldest veteran in the room, an unnamed 88-year-old, drawing the first ticket. Ironically, the evening's guest speaker was the winner of the first pull.

Rochester Select Board Chair Adam Murphy then delivered his remarks. He thanks everyone for putting the event together and for those attending. Of veterans, he



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said "Our local heroes. Here in Rochester, we are blessed with many veterans in our community. They are our neighbors, our coworkers, our friends, and our family members. They continue to lead, to volunteer, and to strengthen the very fabric of our town."

State Representative Mark Silva then spoke, thanking veterans and also highlighting the strength of family members.

Finally, the event's guest speaker was Connie Eshbach, Chair of the Rochester Historical Commission and Vice President and Program Director of the Rochester Historical Society. Eshbach remarked that she had also spoken in Mattapoisett earlier in the day. She then moved on to the importance of the next year, being the

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250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Her work recently has revolved around uncovering information about Rochester's Revolutionary War veterans. She said there is a list, but much is still unknown. She also highlighted the importance of Rochester's involvement, stating more men had enlisted from the town proportionately to other similar sized towns in Massachusetts.

"The idea is to make these names people" she said, in showing the purpose of their mission. Eshbach spoke of the importance of remembering, and that the study of history and connection to the past is crucial in our understanding of the present.

Following her speech, a list of current Rochester

veterans was then read. After the lengthy list, the room held a toast to Marine Beckett Kernan who passed February 5, 2018, from an aggressive bacterial infection.

With that, a night of high-praise and remembrance was over.

Acknowledging Veterans Through The Decades

Mattapoisett Veterans Day

By Marilou Newell

The 2025 Veterans Day event held annually in Mattapoisett featured a special guest speaker. Connie Eshbach is well-known for her commanding knowledge of local history, more specifically the history of the tri-towns once collectively known as Rochester.

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, Eshbach briefly explored the Tri-Town's impact on events leading up to that war.

Eshbach began, "I'm going to talk about Rochester and by that, I mean *old* Rochester that included Marion and Mattapoisett." She said Rochester played a significant role in the history of the three towns and the Revolution.

Eshbach said a statement made by the principal orator in 1879 at the 100th anniversary celebration of Rochester noted that the region had sent more men to fight in the Revolutionary War than any other community of its size. It wasn't a partisan statement she noted and pointed to history for clues.

In 1768, the Boston Committee was working against Great Britain and for independence. Eshbach stated The committee called for a Convention at Faneuil (at the time it was not called Faneuil Hall but simply Faneuil) to pass resolutions against the taxes being imposed by the King of England. They wanted area towns to send delegates. She said as a whole Plymouth county was apathetic to all messages being sent out by the committee. James Warren told Samuel Adams (and Eshbach quoted), "Plymouth county towns could not be raised except by a power that would wake the dead."

"Rochester was the exception," Eshbach reported.

In April 1774 a large group of Rochester men marched through Wareham picking up others along the way as they headed towards the Barnstable County Courthouse in

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to be unbelievable. Thus 12-year-old Abraham Holmes was dispatched to Middleboro to gather information. Eshbach noted that he did so on foot. He brought back the confirmation that the war had begun.

Three Rochester militia companies headed to Roxbury at the behest of Lexington. Eshbach concluded, "Put all this together and you can see why so many Rochester men would have enlisted."

Eshbach, whose historical research brings vividly to life soldiers whose graves dot the landscape in the Tri-Town, told the assembled that one soldier stands out, one Nathan Haskell.

Haskell enlisted in the Continental Army and rose to the rank of major. He stayed with the Army as the fighting moved to other areas such as New York and New Jersey. He would become an aid to General Washington. Eshbach said, "If you go to the Capitol in Washington there is a large painting of the surrender of British General Burgoyne on the dome."

Eshbach's parting comment was to thank all veterans then and now.

Should you Drink Raw Milk?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

RFK Jr and his choice for the next U.S. Surgeon General, Casey Mean, are fervent advocates of drinking raw (unpasteurized) milk. Should you listen to them?

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The taste issue is false – it is impossible for most people to taste any difference. Pasteurization has minimal effect on the nutritional value of milk. A few vitamins may be decreased by pasteurization, but these are not in high content in milk in any form.

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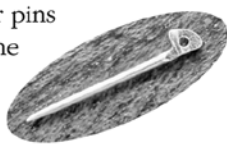
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Guy Fawkes Day Celebrations

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. Last week, there was finally some much-required good news at a bleak moment in our national history. George Washington received an update from his cousin and estate-manager, Lund Washington, regarding the fortification of Washington's 8,000-acre estate on the Potomac. Other areas see planning for the liberation of Boston from its defending Red Coats. Josiah Quincy was formulating daring and expensive plans for a cut-off. Finally, merchants contracted in weeks prior have returned from a voyage south British possessions in the Caribbean. They bring gun powder and ammunition, a crucial boost to the Continental Army as the cool air creeps south from Quebec, which itself happens to be another theater of battle.

On November 5, 1775, Washington issues his General Orders the same as every day. But this day is Guy Fawkes Day. Short history lesson: Guy Fawkes was an Englishman in the late 16th-century who converted to Catholicism at a young age and moved to Spain. There he fought in the Spanish army and using support he gained, tried to get Spain's support in a Catholic uprising in England during the Eighty Years' War. Eventually, Fawkes had a plan to assassinate King James I of England and restore a Catholic-based monarchy. The "Gunpowder Plot" saw the rigging of Westminster with explosives to kill the king and cripple the government. On November 5, 1605, Fawkes was caught guarding the explosives and

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was eventually sentenced to death. So, November 5 marks "Guy Fawkes Day" not to celebrate the man, but his capture and the preservation of the Anglican King.

Jumping 170 years into the future, the day would still be celebrated in various forms. However, the rowdy Continental Army soldiers' methods were not to General Washington's liking. Washington received word that the men were going to do "that ridiculous and childish custom of burning the effigy of the pope." he wrote in his orders. This was not uncommon, especially with the English's main rivals being Catholic nations, anti-Catholic fervor ran deep. Washington draws out the reasoning for his banning of this practice quite plainly, without much hesitation. He highlights the poor timing of this and how

crucial it is to not display anti-catholic sentiments, "at a time when we are soliciting, and have really obtained, the friendship & alliance of the people of Canada, whom we ought to consider as brethren embarked in the same cause." In other words, "we are trying to win over the predominantly Catholic Quebecois, please do not make the army seem too overtly anti-Catholic."

Speaking of Canada, Major General Philip Schuyler writes from the north on November 7. He informs Washington of the recent capture of Fort Saint-Jean on the Richelieu River in Quebec. The defenders laid down their arms to General Richard Montgomery about a week earlier. This puts the army dangerously close to Montreal.

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Avoid bending directly over the oven door to lift the turkey. Pull the oven rack out, crouch and use your legs and knees to avoid stress on your low back. Also, have a space ready to put the bird, so you're not awkwardly balancing your 25 pound main attraction while clearing space for it.

When preparing food or washing mountains of dishes, put one foot up on a small step stool. Switch feet occasionally. You can also open a cabinet door and put a foot on the ledge to accomplish the same thing. This puts less stress on your spine while you're standing.

If you're going for a long drive to visit friends or relatives this Thanksgiving, make sure to take a break from driving and get out of your vehicle to stretch. This helps restores normal posture.

The same is true for watching hours of after-dinner football. Get up during commercials and move.

When loading your car for a trip (or from the grocery store), make your bags smaller, lighter loads

Make sure your children have a head rest or a child-sized neck pillow so they don't strain their necks falling asleep in the car. Without support, your child's head can flop forward and sideways which affects their breathing and misaligns vertebrae.

Mostly, have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. And give us a call at (508) 748-6632 if you stressed your spine during the holiday!

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That same day, the Royal Governor of Virginia, Lord John Murray of Dunmore, who currently holds nominal power in the province by appointment of the king, offers "A Proclamation." Dunmore declares martial law, and also, famously, states, "I do hereby further declare all indentured servants, negroes, /or others, (appertaining to rebels,) free that are able and willing to bear arms, /they joining His MAJESTY'S troops as soon as may be." This proclamation leads to upwards of two-thousand slaves to flee their plantations and join the British army in search of freedom. This, and similar propositions over the following years, would lead up to 20,000 enslaved peoples to enlist into British service.

On November 9, the situation in the north seems to be progressing toward disaster. Though Washington had received good news from Schuyler, he gets a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Roger Enos. He begins, "I am on my return from Colo. Arnold's Detachment." He goes into detail of the supply disaster facing Arnold's army. Provisions are dangerously low, and the army is told to march on into the unknown. Enos states his column only had a few days of provisions left, and with Arnold carrying on ahead, Enos decided to turn back to Cambridge. Enos would arrive back in Cambridge on November 25, where he would be arrested and court martialled.

On November 10, Washington's General Orders thanks Colonel William Thompson of Ireland for a

successful skirmish outside Boston. He remarks of the battle, "Yesterday, in pushing thro' the water, to get to the enemy on Letchmore's Point (now Lechmere Square)." The battle was a trudge through the icy waters north of Boston.

That same day, Washington receives a note from John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress. With Hancock's note are three resolutions that was passed by the congress that day. One of which is to raise two battalions of Marines, and another is to use said troops to launch a sea-bourn assault on Nova Scotia. When supplies are critical, morale is low, and temperatures are dropping, it is amazing to think a naval landing on Nova Scotia was not only on the table, but passed.

Putting the Garden to Bed

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

It's hard to believe we're here - time to let go. Well, it's nearly time.

If you are standing there waiting for the ground to harden, all I can say is "not just yet." There are still some important garden tasks you can do.

Now is the ideal time for soil preparation, whether you're digging a new bed or trying to modify soil that is either sandy or clay. The soil is warm, and the microbiological activities are at an all-time high. The moisture content is between extremes, making this an ideal time to work the soil.

If you are planning a new border, dig the whole area roughly and leave it exposed to the weather. Frost will break heavy soil into a fine, crumbly texture, making planting and sowing easier in the spring. Leaving the soil rough reduces overwintering pests and diseases, while improving soil structure, and allows organic matter time to break down. It also allows birds and mice to pick grubs and weed seeds from the area.

Organic material can be layered on now and worked into the ground to provide sustenance for microorganisms. We use what is available, composed of chicken manure mixed with shredded leaves and garden waste. I thought about the good that comes from our

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chickens as I cleaned out their coop yesterday, although eggs production has waned - they are giving us some organic material for good use.

Fallen leaves are upon us, and these can be put to good use. While dropping off brush at the Mattapoisett Transfer Station we noted that it's high season for people disposing of their leaves to the ever-growing mountain of compostables. It might be something to rethink - leaves can actually help shelter wildlife in your yard resulting in a healthier ecosystem. Leaves are a natural source of fertilizer which is why mulching them as you mow makes good sense. Rather than automatically bagging your leaves, use the mower to chop them and then distribute them in the vacant garden beds and a designated area for composting (along with green weeds and vegetable waste). Your plants (and the





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earthworms) will love it.

I recommend adding lime to nutify the soil now. Lime contains calcium, which all plants need for strong cell walls. Winterize your lawn with lime (in pelletized form) and fertilizer designed to work on the roots. Lime helps improve the soil pH and helps the fertilizer work more effectively. I always advocate a safe organic lawn fertilizer- a better choice than synthetic options because they avoid harsh chemicals and pesticides.

Same goes for trees and shrubs to which you can use a slow-release fertilizer and bar feeding using organic fertilizer spikes that will help build a nourishing environment promoting beneficial microbial action at the roots. As trees shed their leaves, the plant's energy



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has gone underground. Roots are active and will be for three or four more weeks. Newly transplanted or divided plants can also use a dose of slow-release fertilizer.

Since we don't know exactly what the winter will bring, (the Farmer's Almanac says to expect a "wild ride") it is best to empower your trees and plants with all the armor possible.

The Cottage Gardener's Companion recommends several tasks to properly put your garden to bed for the winter, including the following:

- Protect borderline hardy plants with a good blanket of straw, fern or conifer fronts, peat substitute, bubble plastic or fine mesh horticultural netting.

- Continue pruning trees and shrubs where desirable. Avoiding evergreens and spring-flowering shrubs, winter is the best time to thin out unwanted or badly placed stems from trees and shrubs to improve their balance or general appearance.

- Cut back dead stems of perennials and tidy borders by removing dead leaves and weeds, then lightly fork over the surface of the borders to incorporate any previously applied mulch and break up any surface crusting. Alternatively, leave until spring and enjoy the shapes and colors of the stems and seedheads, and the contribution they make to the winter garden.

- Put out water for birds. It's best if put in a shallow container wide enough to allow birds to bathe, which is vital to keep their plumage in good condition to insulate against the cold.

- Make sure that a small area of water in the garden pond is kept clear of ice so that gases from rotting vegetation can escape or fish may be poisoned.

- Lift dahlia and begonia tubers, bedding gladiolus and pelargoniums and store in a frost-free shed or garage.

When the hard frost sets in you can sit back and appreciate the way it etches every twig, leaf and berry. And rest assured that you've done your groundwork for spring.

"The sun is lower in the sky, casting long shadows, and the afternoon light is golden, spread like honey over walls, roofs and hedges." -Clive Lane, *"The Cottage Gardener's*

Companion."

The Great Buoy Tree

Marion Select Board

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Select Board passed on a chance to procure solar panels right now for the newly constructed Department of Public Works building but gave the green to a new tradition - a holiday buoy tree to raise money for a local food pantry.

These were two items discussed at length at the November 4 Select Board meeting at the police station conference room.

Members of the Energy Management Committee told the Select Board that if the town were to place solar panels on a portion of the roof, it would power the entire DPW's electricity costs and could generate revenue for other town electric costs. They said if they were to do it before a June deadline, the town would be eligible for a 30-percent federal tax credit, decreasing the upfront costs from \$90,000 to \$67,000.

EMC member Jennifer Francis said the federal tax credit is expected to end in June. She said even without the tax credit, it would only take the town a little over six years to pay off the initial costs. Without the credit, it would take around five years, Francis said.

Select Board Chair Randy Parker said that it is not a possibility to pay for that in the middle of the budget cycle and without Town Meeting approval.

Though Parker said he is not against the idea, he said there were risks involved, including maintenance such as snow removal.

EMC members and other officials said that there is little to no maintenance and snow removal is not necessary. Citing her own home, she said that the panels produce energy with snow on them and there is no leakage or other issues on many of the arrays on residential homes.

Select Board members John Hoagland and Norman Hills spoke in favor of it, saying it would help the town financially.

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and it is not going to change. We know the sun is going to be there and it's not going to change," Hoagland said, adding it would be a legacy for town officials to approve this project, saving money for future generations.

Hoagland agreed with Parker that paying for the upfront costs in the middle of a budget season is not a possibility. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman also agreed that the timing was not right.

The Select Board recommended that the EMC go before the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and get it approved to be on the May Town Meeting warrant.

Francis also told the Select Board that the town has made over \$1.1 million through its ownership in wind turbines. She asked the town to start a revolving fund and use that money to improve energy efficiency in town buildings, as well as other energy saving initiatives.

Parker said because that request was not on the agenda the board could not entertain any vote on it.

Francis said she and the EMC will report to the next Select Board meeting on November 18 for that request.

Tabor Academy students Morgan Karvonen, Taylor Karvonen, and Deming Dwyer received approval for a new tradition - a wooden tree with 300 buoy ornaments on them. The three high school juniors said they have started a non-profit and have raised \$5,000, which will go to a food pantry in Wareham.

The tree, which will be lit, will be near the town Music Hall and to the left of its civil war monument.

Taylor Karvonen told the Select Board that the location is in the center of town and is close to an electric supply outlet.

Chris Karvonen, the father of Morgan and Taylor, said it will be approximately 10 feet high with a five-foot base. He said it will be built so it can be easily taken apart and put up. Morgan and Taylor Karvonen, as well as Dwyer, said they have been selling pre-painted buoys and plain ones so townsfolk can decorate the tree. The non-profit group has sold \$400 worth of painted ornament buoys and \$275 in plain ones. The group has also relied on local businesses for support and hope to have the tree up by Thanksgiving.

The Select Board approved the project.

The Select Board also met with the Board of Assessors and agreed to keep the town at a single tax rate because 94 percent of tax revenue is residential.

Assessors said that the Department of Revenue has approved that rate.

The Select Board members also met at length with members of the Old Rochester Cable Television representatives.

ORCTV representatives said that with cable revenue cut in half in recent years, ORCTV has had to work with fewer staff and work harder to maintain community programming, which include government meetings for Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, as well as school-based programming. So far, there is no plan to



cut programming, but ORCTV representatives said they are hoping a legislative bill on the table will help generate revenue for local access cable across the state.

In other news, Gorman reported that the new DPW building is almost complete and will be move-in ready by the end of the month.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board will be Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department.

Floating Array Decision Delayed

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday moved



closer to approving the Site Plan Review permit for a 68-unit age 55-and-over senior living apartment building proposed for Rochester Crossroads by agreeing to draft the permit decision.

Project consultant Joseph Sandu met with the board to report the town's peer review engineer had "mild comments" on the plan for 22 Cranberry Highway, and he asked for board members' final comments. As they had no comment, they approved a short list of permit waivers requested by the applicant and moved to draft a permit decision in time for the next meeting.

Before and after this decisive action, however, came a series of big project continuances. Upon the petitioner's request, the Site Plan Review hearing for Afonso Built Homes's plan for a Townhouse development within Rochester Crossroads was continued to December 16, and the board extended its decision deadline for the project to January 31, 2026.

The Definitive Subdivision permit hearing for a three-lot subdivision on an 8.67-acre parcel at 19 County Road was also continued to that date and the board's decision deadline extended to January 6.

The Special Permit and Site Plan Review permit hearing for the proposal from Logging Swamp Solar dba ReWild Renewables to install a solar panel array on 49 acres in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road was continued to December 16 and the project's decision deadline extended to January 15.

Lastly, the board delayed its decision vote on the permit for the 53 Dexter Lane floating solar array project to December 16 and its decision deadline to December 17. This came after a lengthy debate on its draft decision. At the last Planning Board meeting, Member Ben Bailey recommended the unique permit condition that the petitioner monitor whether any waterfowl, who may mistake the array for the water surface, are injured or killed by the panels. Bailey complained on November 10 that the resulting permit condition in the permit has no teeth. Property owner Jim Rezendes promised he will monitor for such occurrences. Bailey wanted stronger language to that effect or to take the condition out. Chairman Arnold Johnson said the board needed more time with the draft and would not render a decision that night.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Toll Brothers Plans Progress

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Conservation Commission took no issue with the Toll Brothers Inc. proposed 48-unit condominium development at the November 5 Conservation Commission meeting at the town police station conference room.

At the previous hearing on October 22, TBI representatives Mark Bambauk and Jeff Heidelberg said that Field Engineering, which represents both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, said part of the property, at 78 Wareham Road, said that plans would be revised after a review from Field Engineers, which represents the interest of the town.

TBI also sought feedback from other town sources, including the Fire Chief and the Marine Division Director.

TBI representatives on November 5 said one fire hydrant would be moved, per the review of the fire chief, while some areas would be sloped at different angles to

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The Fire Chief also asked that the development refrain from harboring gas storage on site but residents can have gas storage for smaller, recreational purposes within their homes.

At the October 22 hearing, Heidelberg also said Field Engineering asked for wider access areas so backhoes can access the water detention basins. Field Engineering also asked that the developers widen an existing grass trail and TBI is "amenable" to that request.

Also at the October 22 hearing, Bamburak said that the state Division of Fisheries & Wildlife determined there would be little or no impact to the nearby aquatic habitat.

Commissioners and Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee noted that one Conservation Commission condition requires each roof to have its own storm water system but agreed that the condition is superfluous given that the development has a stormwater management system in place.

Also on the Conservation Commission's light November 5 agenda was a request from the Barrett family at Blackhall Court to remove an existing deck within a wetlands zone and replace it with a new deck.

That drew new opposition from the Conservation Commission. The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19.

Marion Joins the Shared Table Program

Marion Board of Health

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Board of Health at their November 5 meeting took one step toward making school lunches safer for children and roads safer for pedestrians at night.

At the police station's conference room, the board approved town schools becoming a member of the state's Shared Table program, which requires more training for staff and more requirements to keep food fresh and safe for consumption.

In a separate move, the board agreed to purchase 400 reflective vests for walkers and joggers who

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sometimes walk during the night hours. Member Edward Hoffer said he found a bulk deal so the town will spend less than \$500 and then run a campaign for people to obtain the vests from the town's health office.

Hoffer admitted that he nearly struck a pedestrian walking a dog at night and people should be wearing reflective gear.

The vests will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Public Health Director Lori Desmarais proposed that the board approve the town becoming a Shared Table community. She noted that school staff are educated on various allergies and families are educated on what foods should be allowable in school.

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However, whole pieces of fruit with an edible peel, such as apples and pears, must be rewashed unless wrapped.

Students can consume unopened milk, if immediately stored in a cooling bin maintained at 41°F or below.

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with no cooling mechanism in place.

At the busy Board of Health meeting, the board also discussed how accessory dwelling units will factor into homes that have private septic systems.

The state has approved ADU in light of escalating housing prices and encouraging families to build small ADU units that are attached to homes.

Board Chair Albin Johnson said many ADU proposals are in North Marion, which are on private septic systems, which now by law are the more expensive denitrification systems.

Desmarais said the accessory homes should not require a separate septic system or tie-in and should be treated as an expansion to a regular home.

Board members tabled action on whether to include more regulations for home demolitions, such as a rodent inspection before a home is demolished.

Earlier this year, a home on Crapo Street was demolished and a resident in that area told the board at the November 5 meeting that the neighborhood was infested with rats and mice. She said neighbors worked together and used their own financial resources to eliminate the rodents.

There is another Crapo Street home scheduled for demolition and Desmarais told the board that some communities require notifications or other regulations to protect neighbors.

Johnson said he usually is not in favor of more regulations, but board members said they would continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, November 20 at 4:30 pm at the Marion Police Department.

Gridders Save Best for Last

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School football team played at Wilmington (6-2) in the MIAA Division 6 state tournament Round of 16 on November 7 and won 47-39 in a triple-overtime thriller. The Bulldogs entered as heavy underdogs, as they were the 13th seed and

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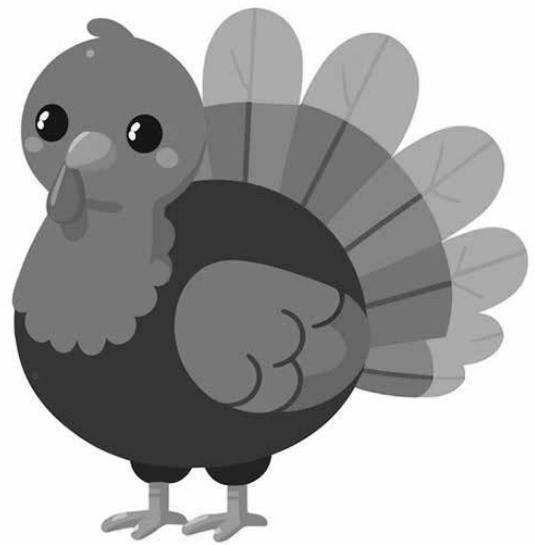
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Quarterback Connor Nelson scored three touchdowns including the game winner. Tucker Roy, Cam Pepin, and Benji Baptiste all had rushing touchdowns. Brody Hiles caught a touchdown pass from Nelson. Defensively, Hiles led the team in tackles, as Owen Pelland had some big tackles as well. Pepin broke up a potential touchdown on third down, as Roy made the play of the season tackling Wilmington's tight end on fourth-and-goal in the third overtime to seal ORR's victory.

"After starting the season 0-4, the players have rallied and are playing inspired and motivated football. Benji Baptiste had a monster of a game running and catching and set up almost every score," said ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault.

The Bulldogs will play at Hudson High School (7-1) on November 14, in the quarterfinals.

Boys Soccer

The Bulldogs played North Reading (13-2-2) in the MIAA Division 3 state tournament Round of 16 on November 8 and won 2-1. Grady Oliveira scored two goals with assists from Tyler Porto and Garrett Ignacio. Old Rochester advanced to the quarterfinals against Norwell (18-0-1) on Wednesday.

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ORRHS Celebrates AP Capstone Diploma Recipients

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Principal Michael Devoll, Assistant Principal Lauren Millette, and Director of Guidance Christina Cioffi are proud to announce that eight students from Old Rochester Regional High School have earned the AP Capstone Diploma during the 2024-2025 school year.

To earn the AP Capstone Diploma, students must earn scores of 3 (out of 5) or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional Advanced Placement (AP) Exams of their choice.

This prestigious distinction signifies that students have developed high-level skills.

"The AP Capstone Diploma program helps our students develop critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are essential to academic and career success," said Director of Guidance Christina

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Cioffi. "Our AP Capstone students explored a variety of advanced subjects through scholarly research throughout this impactful, multi-year program."

The following students received AP Capstone Diplomas: Ella Bartholomew, Nolan R. Bushnell, Alden D. Cole-Vieira, Elizabeth A. Feeney, Xavier G. Pateakos, Scarlet O. Patnaude, Scarlett L. Sylvia, and Emily S. Wyman.

"Congratulations to all of our AP Capstone Diploma recipients for their hard work," said Assistant Principal Millette. "Their hard work has helped them develop foundational skills for research and scholarship. This experience will be something they can always draw upon as they pursue success in college and in their professional careers."

"Earning an AP Capstone Diploma is a tremendous accomplishment and we congratulate all of our recipients," said Principal Devoll. "Their hard work has helped them build foundational skills in project management, presentation, collaboration, and research that will contribute to their success in college and in their professional careers."

"With the help of dedicated teachers, eight students from Old Rochester Regional High School have earned the AP Capstone Diploma for the 2024-25 school year," said Superintendent Nelson. "This meaningful college readiness program will serve our students well after high school. We'd congratulate them all on this

extraordinary achievement."

UCCRTS to Receive Capital Skills Grant for Culinary Arts Program

Superintendent Roger D. Forget is thrilled to announce that Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School has been awarded a \$400,000 Skills Capital Grant for its Culinary Arts Program. The funding will support the purchase and installation of state-of-the-art technology and equipment to enhance hands-on learning for students.

On October 20, 2025, the Healy-Driscoll Administration announced more than \$13.5 million in Skills Capital Grants to 66 educational and workforce organizations across Massachusetts. Upper Cape Tech is pleased that \$400,000 of those funds will directly benefit its Culinary Arts Program. Planned upgrades include new mixers, combi ovens, a pizza oven, and an espresso machine along with other professional-grade kitchen equipment designed to align with industry standards. Additionally, the interior of the restaurant will be renovated and updated including an expansion of the outdoor dining area. This equipment and renovations will augment restaurant operations in the school's Canalside Dining Room, a popular lunch destination for our local community.

"STEM starts now - in every classroom, lab, and after-school program where students are encouraged to ask questions, explore, and create," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.

Upper Cape Tech's Culinary Arts Program continues to flourish as one of the school's most popular technical programs, with graduates going on to open their own restaurants and businesses, pursue successful culinary careers at prominent establishments, or continue their studies at post-secondary institutions focused on culinary arts.

"The Skills Capital Grants help to ensure students and adult learners access modernized infrastructure, equipment, and technologies - critical to fueling our future talent throughout the Commonwealth's innovation economy," said Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Lauren Jones. "Building a strong, skilled

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workforce includes expanding hands-on learning opportunities and leveraging investments through these grants to empower future workers and, in turn, drive the state's economic competitiveness."

Other Upper Cape Tech programs that have recently received Skills Capital Grants include Environmental Technology and Electrical.

In addition to Culinary Arts, Environmental Technology, and Electrical, Upper Cape Tech offers a wide range of technical programs, including Automotive Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Engineering Technology, Health Technology, Horticulture, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning, Information Technology, Marine Technology, Plumbing and Heating, and Veterinary Science.

The Skills Capital Grant will assist Upper Cape Tech to continue providing students with hands-on, state-of-the-art training that prepares them for successful careers and further education.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

Farmers need a break. Farming is a risky business due to unpredictable weather, commodity prices and cash flow. Now, US tariffs have sharply increased our farmers' operating costs, cutting into their profits. Those exporting their harvest take an additional hit from retaliatory tariffs imposed on US farm goods, resulting in lost sales. At the same time, new immigration policies have driven many farm workers into hiding, leaving some farms without enough hands to get the job done, so crops are

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9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
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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 16, 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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2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Durfee
5:30 PM ORR Volleyball
7:00 PM ORR Football vs GNBVT
8:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
9:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday November 17, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
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6:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
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8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Early Life of Humpback Whales

10:00 PM The Collective Chat
10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday November 18, 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
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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 19, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Fairhaven
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Building the Future
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10:30 PM Mattapoisett Womens Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
11:00 PM Classic Movies

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8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Marion Marine Resource Commission
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1:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition
3:30 PM Marion School Committee
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 Board of Health
8:00 PM Marion Planning Board
8:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:00 PM ORR District School Committee
11:30 PM Marion Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee

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10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board

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11:00 AM Rochester Public Safety Facility Building Committee
12:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
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2:00 PM Rochester School Committee
3:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
5:00 PM ORR District School Committee
6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 PM Rochester Public Safety Facility Building Committee
10:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
11:30 PM Rochester Select Board

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7:30 AM ORRHS 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
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10:30 AM OC 8th Grade Exploratory Day
11:00 AM ORRHS Drama - Alien Invasion!
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
3:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Buddy Thomas
3:30 PM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR
4:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Durfee
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony
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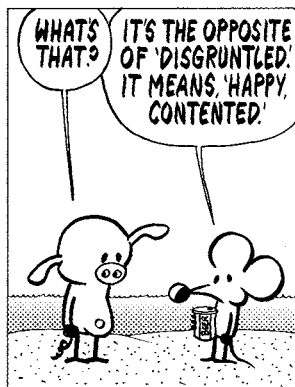
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



left rotting in the field. In addition, cuts to USDA and USAID eliminated critical revenue for farmers providing food for their local schools and food pantries, or for famine relief. These cuts also left farmers on the hook for money they personally invested in projects supported by federal grants, which were cancelled without notice. The consequences have been devastating.

The American Soybean Association said their farmers were "on the edge of a financial and trade precipice." The National Corn Growers Association said that "elevated prices of fertilizer and other inputs are approaching disastrous levels." US farm bankruptcy for January-March 2025 has already exceeded totals for all of 2024. New federal policies are squeezing our farmers while also raising food prices for the rest of us (if you've recently pushed a grocery cart you know this).

America needs prosperous farms to feed our nation. Rochester Democratic Town Committee supports local farmers. We call for an end to tariffs, restoration of federal agricultural funding and humane immigration policies to secure our borders and let our farm workers live with dignity.

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Friends Of The Mattapoisett Library Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will host their annual Jewelry and Accessory sale at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, next



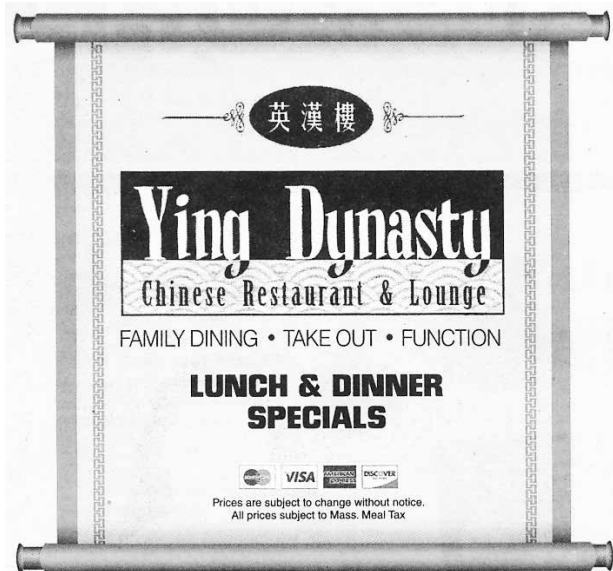
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month. This wildly popular event kicks off with a Friends members-only preview sale on Thursday, **December 4**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Not a member? Not a problem. Pick up a form at the circulation desk any time before December 4, or join on the evening of the Preview Sale.

Sale dates for the general public are Friday, **December 5**, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday, **December 6**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Find lovely pieces you can wear or gift to friends and family for the holidays while helping the library. Proceeds from Friends fundraisers support the museum pass program and several children, teen, and adult programs. Now is a good time to join or renew your Friends of the Mattapoisett Library membership to take part in their preview sale.



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OBITUARIES



John Thomas Gray, age 100, of Trumbull, CT peacefully passed away November 5, 2025, at his residence at Middlebrook Farms surrounded by family. A member of The Greatest Generation, he was born on September 23, 1925, in New York City, NY to the late William Alexander Gray and Mildred (Holden) Gray. He graduated from Pelham Memorial High School in 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served during WWII from 1943 to 1946 and was an Ensign aboard the USS Defense in the Pacific Theatre. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1947. He loved “The Big Green” and was proud to be the first of three generations of graduates. He married Doris Moore Gray at Huguenot Memorial Church in Pelham Manor, NY and they were together for 70 years prior to her passing in January 2025.

John worked in marketing and advertising for Booz Allen Hamilton, BBDO New York, Best Foods, the Guild Bascom Bonfigli agency in San Francisco, Ralston Purina in St Louis, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Mama Mary’s Pizza. John was a former Elder and Sunday school teacher at Huguenot Memorial Church. He was also a member of Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Mattapoisett, MA, and former member of Toastmasters International.

John was an avid golfer and enjoyed sailing, writing poetry, reading, playing Bridge, sudoku and other games. He also loved to sing and dance, and played harmonica and piano. He most enjoyed spending time with his family. His pride and joy were his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and pets.

In addition to his parents and wife he was predeceased by daughter Susan Leslie Gray Cmejla, her grandson Craig S. Lancaster, his three brothers Duncan Gray and wife Jean (Campbell) Gray, William Gray and wife Joan (Blanchard) Gray and James Graham Gray and wife Joan (Fitzpatrick) Gray.

Survivors include his devoted children William Alexander Gray (Lynnette Cubeta Gray), Linda Gray Connolly (Jay Connolly), Karen H. Gray (Tracy Djerf), his brother-in-law Harvey M. Moore, Jr.(Vicki Moore), loving grandchildren, William, John and Lauren Gray, Kelsey Connolly Crawford (Ben Crawford), Ian William Connolly, Keith Lancaster „Jenny Cmejla Herbst (Gregg Herbst) and Jeff Cmejla, his cherished great grandchildren Charlotte and Jack Crawford, and Caylin and Ashlyn Herbst, numerous nieces and nephews and his cat Penny and granddogs Lincoln and Silas.

There will be a celebration of life and military service for John on Saturday, November 15 at 11:00 am at Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Interment will take place at a later date at Huguenot Memorial Church, 901 Pelhamdale Ave. Pelham Manor, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to Moby Kit Rescue (Mobykitrescue.org) or Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Arrangements in care of the Cyril F. Mullins Funeral Home, 399 White Plains Rd. Trumbull, CT. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit mullinsfh.com



Walter L. Reid Jr., 85, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on November 5, 2025 at WestView on Main in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, alongside the shimmering waters of Buzzards Bay.

Amid his lifelong focus on empirically grounded truth rather than convention, he did not bother to attend his graduation ceremonies at Manasquan High

School in New Jersey or Lehigh University where he secured a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering. He focused instead on envisioning, designing and building things: A beautiful Dutch colonial house in Mattapoisett that he designed and built mostly with his own two hands and a little help from local friends. A reliable yet cheap expendable bathythermograph commissioned by the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office, enabling crucial real-time data collection at low, low cost. Dozens of patented golf-related inventions for the Acushnet Company – where he spent the bulk of his career, including as Director of Engineering for Titleist & Footjoy Worldwide – from ball core and dimple designs to manufacturing equipment and even a method for matching a golfer with a specific golf club, golf ball or style of play. It’s probably fair to say that legions of golfers who find joy in the sport have been blithely clueless about his contributions to their enjoyment. That was the point. Walter’s effective yet typically unseen creative labors were a feature, not a bug.

Even during his retirement, devoted principally to curating and piloting a succession of recreational motor boats, Walter collaborated with his eldest son Brian on the invention and garage-built assembly of a reliable ultra-low-cost automated water sampler for the study of Patagonia’s ecosystems.

He leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Madeline, and three children – Brian (Anna) of Chilean Patagonia; Susan of London, UK; and Robert (partner Cheryl) of Austin, Texas; as well as two grandchildren – Karel and Tomás. He also is survived by his sister Barbara Richert (Steven Lipsitz) of New York, NY and Worthington, MA, and his brother Robert (Bonnie) of New Jersey and Paradox, NY. He was predeceased by a panoply of beloved tail-wagging companions, from Susie (after whom his daughter was named) to Cindy, Marnie, Lily and Tess.

By some estimates, Walter reached a lifetime peak

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Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting

The Nasketucket Bird Club will host Counting for Conservation: Stories and Trends from the Massachusetts Christmas Bird Count on Wednesday, **November 19** at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St, Mattapoissett.

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OBITUARIES

of maintaining 37 things with motors. He leaves behind a workshop and shelves full of power and hand tools that were actually used with great precision for their intended purposes, as most DIYers could only dream, as well as a Chock-Full-O'Nuts can filled with screws, a broad array of nails, machine parts, epoxies, caulks, brushes and other implements and instrumentalities of craftsmanship that now attest in their dusty silence to a productive life well-lived.

A man of few words, he especially eschewed swearing and never adopted the Massachusetts custom of lobbing offensive epithets at fellow drivers on New England's impossible roads. He just drove faster than everyone else.

A father of his era, he entrusted almost all elements of child-rearing to his beautiful wife Madeline, and mostly was involved in all the fun stuff – teaching the kids, to varying degrees, to ride bikes, ski (on snow and water), somersault and cartwheel, build and deploy rockets and Pine Wood derby cars, fish, snorkel, explore tide pools and spot centuries-old Wampanoag arrowheads on the pine-needle strewn ancient ways of Tinkham Forest. He also taught driving the old-fashioned way, using the Dennis Mahoney's parking lot on slick days to demonstrate what not to do – specifically, the results of slamming the brakes while speeding. And he (mostly) uncomplainingly tolerated each of the kids' efforts to learn to play musical instruments, from piano to trombone, clarinet and even drums.

May he now rest ever in peace.



Henry David Oberlander of Norwood, MA passed away on November 5, 2025 at the age of 29 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Beloved son of David and Beth Bruno Oberlander of Mansfield, MA, Henry is also survived by his brother Cal Oberlander of Queens, NY, his grandparents Ann Bruno of Mattapoisett, MA and Robert and Anita Oberlander of Rehoboth, MA, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins who adored him. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, William "Nonno" Bruno, with whom he shared a special bond. Some in the family suggested that Henry was a Nonno-in-training, largely due to his love of family gatherings, his big hugs, and his effortless smiles.

Born on August 8, 1996, Henry grew up in Mansfield and was an active and adventurous kid. He became obsessed with skateboarding, perfecting a number of tricks. This passion morphed into a love of snowboarding on Friday evenings with friends at Wachusett Mountain.

Henry was a member of Xaverian Brothers High School Class of 2015. After making the varsity wrestling team as a freshman but only recording one varsity win, Henry dedicated himself to improving his skills in the off season. He returned sophomore year and recorded forty wins. Henry went

on to be named a captain, earn accolades including Division 1 South Sectional Champion, and place at State, All-State, and New England tournaments. At Xaverian, Henry also mentored underclassmen as a Spirit Hawk Leader. Perhaps his most significant mentoring was for his brother Cal, both socially and academically.

Henry attended Bridgewater State University and graduated in 2020 with a Bachelor's degree in psychology. While there, Henry captained the wrestling team and was a two-time NCAA Division III Academic All-American Scholar. After college, Henry became an avid practitioner of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and represented Connors Martial Arts Academy in Norwood. His physical strength was impressive to his teammates at Connors who also valued his work ethic, humor, and warmth. In past years, Henry was a volunteer coach for the Mansfield High School wrestling team and was excited to return this winter to Xaverian to coach as well.

For five years, Henry worked as a laborer in Boston Local 560. This year, he attained a septic inspector license and pursued coursework to enable him to take on a role in his father's engineering business. Henry had visions of growing the family company.

Henry loved spending time with family and life-long friends at the beach in Mattapoisett. He loved cooking, baking, and digging into meals that others had prepared; hot wings, charcuterie boards, pho, and steak tips were favorites, but he was adventurous and tried anything. Often, Henry was the one to pick the most exotic item on the menu.

Henry was gifted with physical strength, but his soul was kind, gentle, and generous. He took his role as eldest Bruno cousin to heart. According to a young Henry, his brother's and each successive cousin's first word was "Henry." Henry will be sorely missed and never forgotten; this Nonno-in-training is leaving a formidable hole in the hearts of his loved ones.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Friday, November 14, 2025 from 3-7 pm at the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home, 55 North Main Street, Mansfield. His funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 11 am in Saint Mary's Church, 330 Pratt Street (Route 106) Mansfield. Burial will be private and at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Xaverian Brothers High School in memory of Henry D. Oberlander. www.xbhs.com/gifts-in-memory



Douglas Homer Watson died at his home in Marion on October 28, 2025 after living valiantly with Parkinson's disease for 16 years. His beloved wife, JoAnn was by his side.

Doug was born in 1949 in Bryn Mawr, PA. to Anne Sweetser Watson and

Each winter, birders across Massachusetts brave the cold to take part in the Christmas Bird Count (CBC); one of the longest-running community science projects in North America. Hear highlights from recent counts, surprising species sightings, and stories from the field that reveal how local observations are shaping global bird conservation. Presented by Justin Barrett, Nasketucket Bird Club president.

All meetings are free and open to all. Check our website at: www.nbcbirdclub.com.

Reception At Mattapoisett Free Public Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is pleased to announce a welcome reception for its new Library Director, Jenny Martin, on **December 2**, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the library (7 Barstow Street). Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to meet Ms. Martin, learn about the library's upcoming programs, and celebrate the library's continued commitment to serving the Mattapoisett community.

OBITUARIES

L. Hoyt Watson. He attended The Booth School, in Rosemont, PA and Friends Academy in North Dartmouth, MA. In 1967 he graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH and then attended Trinity College in Hartford, CT. To avoid being drafted during the Vietnam War he left college and enlisted in the US Coast Guard Reserves and served for 6 years.

In the summer of 1969, Doug moved to Freeport, Maine where he helped build Collins Brook School, the Summerhill school founded by his brother, Jacob, and wife, Sharon. As the school grew, he continued to be involved in the construction of new buildings. He also worked for Cookies, a construction company founded by Rick Leslie, a friend and architect of the school buildings.

In late summer 1973, having just completed his time with the Coast Guard, he threw away the wig under which he had hidden his long hippie hair, and headed across the country in a VW bug to join his sister Lea and friends on a commune in Boulder Creek, CA.

During six years on the commune, Doug became an excellent guitar player, became interested in the emerging field of solar heating, and got his contractor's license. For several years he worked in Santa Cruz building Bill Lee's line of ultra light race boats. Then for a year he attended The International Boatbuilding Training College (IBTC) in Lowestoft, England, a renowned training center for traditional boatbuilding and joinery. This is where he found his calling for wood craftsmanship and made the decision to move back to Marion, the place where he felt his heart truly belonged.

In 1991 Doug met JoAnn Jackson, a native of Marion. Three weeks later they decided to get married. In 1992 they were married on Ram Island. For 33 years he was JoAnn's devoted husband, companion and protector, and held her in the highest regard. Both being excellent and avid sailors they spent summers cruising the New England coast on the family Block Island 40, Swamp Yankee, with her distinctive white spars and red hull. Doug and JoAnn were avid birders and travelled to Guatemala, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Belize, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Peru, Bahamas, Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago, Bermuda, Antarctica, Galápagos, Spain, France, Iceland, and Ireland on birding expeditions, even in later years as Doug lived with the challenges of late stage Parkinson's disease.

From 1995-2013 Doug worked for Ballantine's Boat Shop in Cataumet, MA as a ship wright and rigger. Doug was a skilled craftsman and fixer of anything that needed to be fixed on land or sea. His craftsmanship can be seen in two hand-restored houses where he and JoAnn lived on Pitcher Street and Oakdale Ave. in Marion, on the Altar in St. Gabriel's Chapel, in many boats that sail Buzzard's Bay and in the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol, RI.

Doug loved Marion, where he spent every summer of his childhood. Marion was his favorite place in the world. For many years he crewed for his cousin, Bill Saltonstall in 110s, Shields, J22s, and the J30, Arbella. Bill says of Doug: "Whether cranking a winch or undoing a snarl of almost any kind, Doug was the go to person on our boat, and he took pleasure in solving each challenge".

Doug was a family man, beloved uncle to his nieces and nephews. He taught many of them how to ride bikes, drive cars and sail and drive boats. He was gentle, generous and determined, never giving up on anybody or anything.

Doug is survived by his wife, JoAnn of Marion and Sarasota, Florida; his brother, Jacob Watson of Portland, Maine; his sister, Lea Watson, of Felton, CA; his sister Molly and her husband Rick Hawley of Ripton, Vermont. He was a loving brother and with JoAnn faithfully attended weekly sibling conference and video calls for over 15 years. He was also a loving companion to their dogs Molson, Jack and Reid with whom he had a mutual agreement to take care of each other. Doug is predeceased by his sister-in-law Kristine Watson, and his parents Anne and Hoyt Watson.

Friends, colleagues and family dearly miss him.

A celebration of Doug's life will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, Doug and JoAnn's 34th Wedding anniversary, at 10:30 am on Nye's Wharf in Marion.

Donations in Doug's memory may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Community Boating Center in New Bedford.

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



MOVIE REVIEW

Angel Heart

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Good Fortune. Starring Aziz Ansari and Keanu Reeves. Directed by Aziz Ansari. Running time: 97 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now available on streaming home media.

Keanu Reeves as an angel may be a bit of on-the-nose casting, considering how much the internet loves Reeves and considers him kind, good-hearted, and, well, an angel. In *Good Fortune*, a kind of hybrid of *Trading Places* and *Wings of Desire*, Reeves plays a lower-echelon angel named Gabriel, whose sole mission is to save people from the consequences of texting and driving. Other angels have equally specialized goals, we learn, but Gabriel is starting to feel his task isn't enough. He wants to be of greater help to humans — to save them from despair.

Reeves' performance here has levels; when Gabriel is still celestial (with tiny wings befitting his rank) his speech is somewhat stilted, but later on when he becomes human, so does Reeves' acting. He becomes a genuine person with distinct quirks, preferences, worries and joys. In *Good Fortune*, written and directed by Aziz Ansari, Gabriel notices that a frazzled gig worker named Arj (Ansari) is losing his will to live after life deals him too many kicks in the teeth that traumatize people who don't have enough money to wave at their dilemmas. So Gabriel arranges for Arj to switch lives with Jeff (Seth Rogen), a rich tech bro who once employed Arj as his assistant, but fired him after Arj expensed a dinner date with Elena (Keke Palmer) on the company plastic.

The movie is structured as a feel-good comedy in which nobody is really a villain, just temporarily deranged by the vagaries of the world we live in. Jeff isn't quite a jerk, and neither is Arj. Being rich and being poor, we're told, each have their own problems. Adding Gabriel to the mix as a former angel chuffed by his first taste of "chicken nuggies," *Good Fortune* is a character comedy about these three guys trying to navigate their new realities. Money issues, either having too much or not enough, drag Arj and Jeff deeper into capitalist misery, while Gabriel, who never actually wanted to be human, chooses to enjoy (or respect, anyway) the pains and comforts of mortality. I wonder how great wealth would



have changed *him*.

Ansari keeps several plates spinning and manages to avoid painting himself into an unsatisfying narrative corner. In stories like this — in which Gabriel tells Arj to experience Jeff's life for a while and see for himself it's not always great — there's a built-in desire to see everything work out well for everyone. Ansari, as a filmmaker, is as good-hearted as Gabriel; he makes pretty much everyone onscreen likable. Any plot involving angels, who are often literal *deos ex machina*, is going to feel a little overdetermined. A comedy about angels encountering humanity has to stand for the humans in all their flaws and insecurities, and that's what Ansari does. He pauses to show us the ways in which average folks join the human society by working for positive change, like Elena, who wants to start a union at her hardware-store gig.

Ansari possibly hasn't wanted for anything in the last 15 years or so, but he hasn't forgotten the terrors of the gig economy and how expensive it is to be poor. Gabriel does his best to be happy with his lot as a dishwasher, but it still doesn't pay enough for him to live even in a ratty motel. There seems to be a scene missing in which Gabriel's angel supervisor, played by Sandra Oh, tells him that his experience down on street level with the humans has qualified him for promotion to soul-rescuing duties. Or maybe Ansari figured we've seen that sort of thing enough in movies.

Good Fortune mostly has good vibes, but early on, when Gabriel shows Arj a possible future in which he's delivering for a corporation, Arj still isn't making enough scratch to provide for his (hypothetical) dog's surgery. I kind of wanted a brief bit at the end in which Arj and Elena crunch numbers and determine that they *can* afford to save that dog's life. But that's just me, though some of the fault lies with Ansari for bringing it up in the first place. Ansari certainly observes the law of Chekhov's Gun here, but he didn't know there's also a law for Chekhov's Sick Dog.

Small Works + Holiday Shop

The Marion Art Center announces its annual exhibit, Small Works + Holiday Shop. The show runs **November 22** through **December 19** with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, November 22 from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm.

The exhibit will feature original works of art all under fourteen inches, plus a curated selection of handmade goods such as jewelry, textiles, ceramics, woodworks, gifts, and more. 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. Can't decide? We have gift certificates available. Learn more at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Awesome Autumn in Song and Story

On Saturday **November 15** at 11:00 am come enjoy some lively storytelling with legendary storyteller Jackson Gillman. The program will be outdoors at the Mattapoisset Land Trust's Oliver Wendell Holmes barn foundation at 5 Angelica Ave. Jackson's heartwarming show celebrates the beauties of the season: apples, pumpkins, harvest, a nip in the air, flaming maples, leaf piles, migrating geese. Afterwards, enjoy some cider with Jackson and your family around an open fire.

This program is drizzle or shine, so dress warmly for the weather, since it is an outdoors event. Call the land trust at 774-377-9191 to determine if the event is cancelled.

This will be the final show in the quarterly series of "Celebrate the Seasons in Story and Song". These programs are supported by a grant from the Mattapoisset Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Bulldog Pride Alumni Association Grant Program

The Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) is pleased to announce the launch of its Grant Program for the 2025–2026 academic year, supporting creative and impactful initiatives at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (ORRJHS) and Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS).

The program is open to students, teachers, and current staff of ORR schools. Applicants must complete the digital application as directed and are kindly asked to inform their school principal of the proposed project prior to submission.

BPAA grants aim to fund programs that enhance the educational experience during the current school year. Disbursements for equipment and services will begin on February 2, 2026, while reimbursements for materials and supplies must be submitted no later than June 1, 2026.

Applicants may indicate if their proposal is part of a multi-year project. Upon successful completion of the first year's goals, they may apply for an additional grant for the 2026–2027 school year. The BPAA Grants

Committee will evaluate these applications based on the merits of the completed project.

For the 2025–2026 cycle, the BPAA is committing \$3,000 to support selected projects through this grant program.

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted by Monday, December 22 at 11:59pm.

To apply, visit: www.orr alumni.org/apply-for-a-grant.

For questions or more information, please contact the BPAA Grants Committee via the website.

Rochester Democratic Town Committee

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee is partnering with Gifts to Give to sponsor a winter clothing drive to benefit local families in need. Children's warm clothing (especially sweatshirts and sweatpants) in kid's sizes 5/6 to kid's L/XL, along with clean, gently used winter clothing items (children's, women's and men's, all sizes) will be gratefully accepted. Look for the Gifts to Give donation trailer in the Plumb Corner Plaza parking lot at 565 Rounseville Road, Rochester. The drive will run Friday through Sunday, **November 21-23**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm each day.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Nov 2 – Nov 8

- Mill St – MV collision
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Oakdale Ave – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd -Follow up investigation
- Ichabod Ln – EMS/medical
- Holmes St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Holmes St – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St – Larceny/past
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Hiller St – Road hazard
- Ridgewood Ln – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Mental Health assist
- Point Rd – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Front St – Larceny/past
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – MV collision
- Mill St - Fraud
- Oak St – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Island Wharf Rd – Parking enforcement
- Lewis St – MV collision
- Olde Meadow Rd – Officer wanted
- Water St – B&E/in progress
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Jenney Ln – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 2 – Nov 8

- Bayberry Ln – Assist other agency
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Hammond St – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – General service
- Bowman Rd – General service
- Massasoit Way – Suspicious person
- Upland Way – Medical assist
- Pearl St – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Foster St – General service
- Parker St – Suspicious MV
- Pico Beach Rd – Medical assist
- Snow Fields Rd – Assist citizen
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Hammond St – Health/welfare
- Aucoot Rd – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – MV lockout
- North St – B&E
- Long Plain Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Lost property
- Bay Rd – Medical alarm
- Naskatuckit Bay – Harbormaster
- Fairhaven Rd - Disturbance
- Water St – B&E
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- North St – MV crash
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 2 – Nov 8

- Mattapoisett Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- North Ave – General services
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – Public assist
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Robinson Rd – MV collision/arrest
- Mendell Rd – Transport/escort
- Marys Pond Rd – Lost animal
- Marion Rd – Panic alarm
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – Well-being check
- Earls Ct – 911 call
- Clapp Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd -General service
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Pine St – MV collision
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/towed
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV collision
- North Ave – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – Road hazard
- Bennett Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Noise complaint
- Hiller Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – General services

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 17: Harvest chicken w/apple chutney, butternut squash & cranberry couscous, Cali blend vegetables
Tuesday, Nov 18: Pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, cornbread loaf, orange
Wednesday, Nov 19: Seafood Cajun pasta, whole grain pasta, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, apple
Thursday, Nov 20: Roast turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes & stuffing, green beans, wheat roll, fudge cookie, diet: fruit
Friday, Nov 21: Cheese ravioli w/beef bolognese, green peas, wheat bread, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Nov 17: Homemade chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday, Nov 18: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges
Wednesday, Nov 19: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Nov 20: Thankful Thursday: oven roasted turkey, whole

grain dinner roll, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, savory stuffing, golden corn
Friday, Nov 21: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Nov 17: Homemade chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday, Nov 18: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges
Wednesday, Nov 19: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Nov 20: Thankful Thursday: oven roasted turkey, whole grain dinner roll, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, savory stuffing, golden corn
Friday, Nov 21: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Nov 17: Homemade chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday, Nov 18: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked

potato wedges
Wednesday, Nov 19: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Nov 20: Thankful Thursday: oven roasted turkey, whole grain dinner roll, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, savory stuffing, golden corn
Friday, Nov 21: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Nov 17: Homemade chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday, Nov 18: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges
Wednesday, Nov 19: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Nov 20: Thankful Thursday: oven roasted turkey, whole grain dinner roll, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, savory stuffing, golden corn
Friday, Nov 21: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Nov 17: Homemade chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday, Nov 18: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges
Wednesday, Nov 19: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Nov 20: Thankful Thursday: oven roasted turkey, whole grain dinner roll, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, savory stuffing, golden corn
Friday, Nov 21: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Nov 17: Build a burrito bowl
Tuesday, Nov 18: Calzone, fries & steamed carrots
Wednesday, Nov 19: Chicken parmesan, spaghetti & broccoli
Thursday, Nov 20: Waffle & chicken sliders w/tater tots
Friday, Nov 21: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

group of tri-town residents who seek to learn more about the world we live in. The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is offering the Great Decisions Program, a weekly in-person gathering where local residents meet to discuss foreign policy topics in an informal atmosphere. Moderators take turns launching the discussion which often includes guest speakers or videos to kick it off. Topic materials are provided in advance by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association. The conversation is friendly and welcoming of all perspectives. We offer light refreshments, coffee and tea. You don't have to be a foreign policy expert to participate—just someone who wants to become an informed global citizen.

Great Decisions meets Wednesdays from **January 14, 2026**, through **March 4** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the downstairs Community Room at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

Registration is limited to 30 people and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is open to all members of the Mattapoisett community and surrounding towns.

To register please submit your information using the following link: forms.gle/836hn9gX8m6wKyLu9 and send a check made out to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club for \$40.00 to cover text and expenses. If two registrants are sharing one book the price is \$50.00. If you prefer to mail in your registration, please include your name, address, email address and phone number on a piece of paper and



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include it with your check and mail it to: Mattapoisett Woman's Club, Box 1444 Mattapoisett MA 02739, Attn: Treasurer (memo on check Great Decisions).

If you have any questions please email: mfpl@sailsinc.org

Marion's Percy Browne House named to Most Endangered Properties List

Preservation Massachusetts has named 10 historic properties, including the Percy Browne House in Marion, to the 2025 Most Endangered Historic Resources List. Selections from across the Commonwealth were announced at a public reception on October 30, 2025, at

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95 Council of ecclesiastics
96 Largest city in Norway
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106 Cager O'Neal
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111 "Les Misérables" author giving somebody the boot?
118 Always, to a poet
119 Pacific island kingdom
121 Hesitate in doubt
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7 Like highly speculative bonds
8 Natl. voting day
9 Irish Gaelic language
10 Uranian, e.g.
11 Music style
12 Bob Marley's 11-Down
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15 Jail on a ship
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17 Hit 1990s PC game
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36 Insult, informally
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38 Caviar eggs
40 Sling liquor

- 41 Ease off
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43 Stepped (on)
44 Spanish for "room"
47 Prefix with spore
48 Stupefy
50 Ragout, e.g.
51 Swanky
52 "Woe — you!"
53 Verb suffix in the Bible
54 1992 Oscar nominee Stephen
55 Universe
57 Sub seller
58 Heeds, as advice
62 Tartan cap
63 Barnyard sound
64 Word-wit bit
65 Sundial's 3
66 Shucking waste
67 TSA requests
72 Spanish river
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82 Iowa city
83 Fit together
88 Stop working
89 "— Easy" (1977 hit)
90 Ending for ethyl
91 Negative conjunction
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93 — -ray Disc
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97 Operative
99 Having length, width and depth, for short
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103 Some urban planners
104 Walks fast, slangily
105 De-chalks
107 Ex-Viking
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There could be an unexpected change in plans for your upcoming holiday travels. But keep in mind that a little flexibility goes a long way in resolving any disappointments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new relationship might not be responding quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Could you be expecting too much too soon? Try to ease up and let things happen at their own pace.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As we approach the frenetic pace of preholiday planning, take time out now to reconnect with the wonderful people who share your life, especially the one who also shares your dreams.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A misunderstanding should be resolved before you get caught up in the flurry of holiday preparations. Set your pride aside and deal with it, regardless of who might have hurt whom first.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being told that a colleague might have been trying to undercut your effectiveness might or might not be true. Get all the facts before you even think about acting on this so-called information.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good idea to start your holiday preparation plans early in order to avoid a time crunch if an unresolved workplace situation causes a problem. Meanwhile, an old friend might have some welcome news.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's actions continue to surprise you -- but this time with positive results. Could it be that your wise counsel finally got through? It's like having an early holiday gift, isn't it?

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your reluctance to act in a current situation could be traced to your inner self advising you to take more time to study its complexities before you attempt to deal with it. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Soothing hurt feelings before they can ignite an angry outburst is the wise thing to do. And of course, when it comes to doing the "wisdom thing," you do it so well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Budget your time so that you can handle both your workplace duties and your personal holiday planning -- including travel arrangements -- without burning out on either end.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find that you still need to firm up one or two of those still-outstanding decisions so that you can finally move forward as you had planned. Weigh the facts, then act.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You usually don't carry grudges, but you might feel this is one time when you're justified in doing so. But aren't you spending too much energy holding onto it? Let it go and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of using your quiet strength to persuade people to follow their better instincts and do the right thing. (c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

the Lyman Estate in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Since 1993, the Massachusetts' Most Endangered Historic Resources Program has been key in identifying endangered historic resources from across the Commonwealth and discovering ways in which to work collaboratively with partners toward positive preservation outcomes.

This year's list was chosen by a committee from nominations submitted by groups and individuals concerned with local preservation issues. Submissions are researched and judged by several criteria, including their historic significance, the extent of the threat, and the community's commitment to preserving the resource.



The Percy Browne House at 192 Front Street sits on a hilly ridge overlooking Sippican Harbor. Designed by architect Henry Hobson Richardson, with 1903 additions possibly by Charles Allerton Coolidge, the house was built for Richardson's friend, the Rev. Percy Browne.

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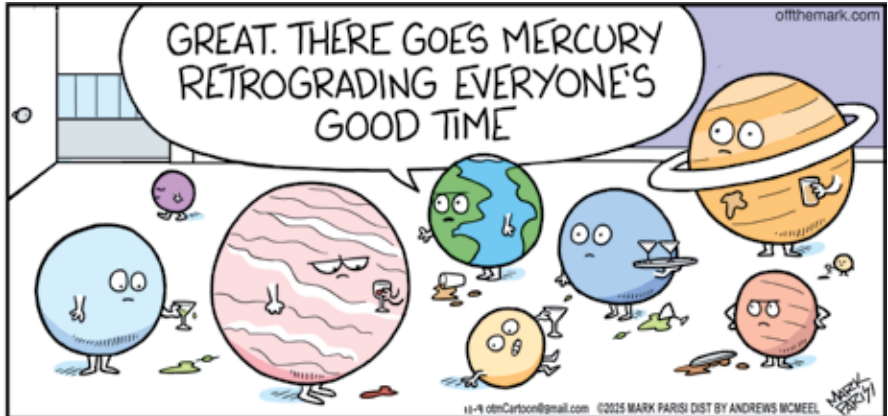
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YEAH, BUT WHAT IF ALIENS SPOT US FIRST...?



HEY, COME ON, GUYS, WAIT FOR ME!!!

Percy Browne House is regarded by many architectural historians as the prototype of the Shingle Style in America, influencing countless later examples throughout New England and beyond. Its design anticipated ideas later refined by Richardson's associate Stanford White. The house also reflects Marion's late 19th century associations with national intellectual life - President Grover Cleveland, a friend of Percy Browne, summered here, as did Trinity Church Rector Phillip Brooks."

Positioned on the campus of Tabor Academy, the house was last used for faculty housing until 2010. Since then, it has been vacant. Demolition was briefly considered in 2019, causing a national outcry among preservationists and much local objection as well, led by the Marion Historical Commission. The Commission has been working with Tabor to find solutions that both protect this unique innovative example of the Shingle Style and also serve Tabor's needs for current and future programming and growth.

Tabor Academy acknowledges the significance of the property. Earlier this year they commissioned a campus masterplan by Sasaki of Boston. They have also just recently retained Saltonstall Architects to conduct a feasibility study to explore best future uses of the property, per Sasaki's recommendation.

Other properties across the state included on this year's Most Endangered List are the William Russell Allen House (1886), Pittsfield, Buddy's Diner (1929), Somerville,

The Campanile (1913), Springfield, Donald T. Clark House (1947), Lexington, General John Glover Farmhouse (1750), Swampscott, Hudson Armory (1910), Hudson, Smith Baker Center (1884), Lowell, Ellen Stone Building (1833), Lexington, and the Williams Boltwood House (1779), Goshen.

"Breathing new life into historic places requires both vision and commitment," said Jessica Rudden-Dube, Executive Director of Preservation Massachusetts. "Each of this year's listed properties holds tremendous potential to serve its community through thoughtful preservation and rehabilitation. Across Massachusetts, we've seen how creative partnerships can transform even the most challenging buildings, and we look forward to working collaboratively to achieve similar success stories with this year's selections."

"We are hopeful that this designation will send a note of urgency to the community. We all have a responsibility to save this little gem and insure it survives as the hidden treasure that it is," noted Meg Steinberg, chair of the Marion Historical Commission. "The Historical Commission looks forward to collaborating with Tabor to find a dynamic new use for this unique property."

Marion Cub Scouts Race to Success at Annual Soap Box Derby

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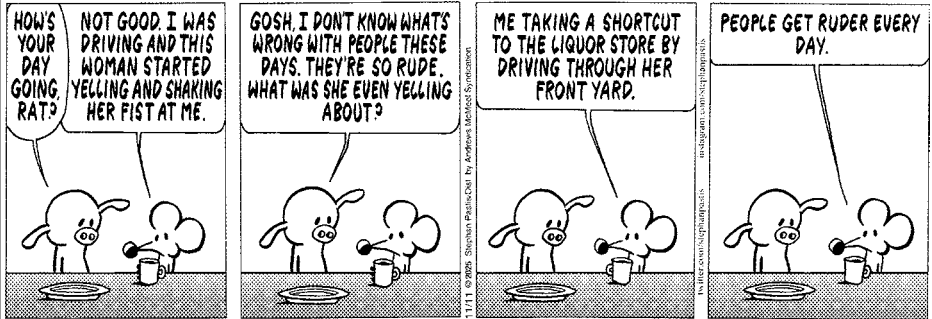
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). New format of meetings; the start time is 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, November 20, 2025. CONTINUATION OF CASE #1575 Petition of Sonal Patel – Hillside Motel 92 Marion Road Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: The applicant 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 Joanela 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. 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 west-erly 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 for a Notice of Intent submitted by Michael J. & Tiffany M. Amaral, 3 Harbor Road NK, Assessors Map 12, Lot 196, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a 24'x36' garage with Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) above to service the existing single-family dwelling. 11/13 THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING Mattapoisett – Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road Project File No. 607440 A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in Mattapoisett, MA. WHERE: Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium 135 Marion Road Mattapoisett, MA 02739 WHEN: Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the	hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road between Tobey Lane and Route 6 (a total distance of approximately 1.39 miles). The project will include construction of new concrete sidewalks, varying in width from 5 feet to 11 feet wide, on at least one side of the roadway for the entire length. Other improvements consist of replacement of the existing closed drainage and water distribution systems, and full-depth pavement reconstruction. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing. Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 607440. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below. This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing. In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/ events. JONATHAN GULLIVER <i>Continued on page 42</i>
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Scouts who gave their all at the annual Soap Box Derby held Saturday morning on Holmes Street in Marion. The event, hosted by Marion Cub Scout Pack 32, brought together scouts, leaders, parents, and neighbors in a celebration of teamwork and skill.

Pack 32 of Marion and Pack 30 of Rochester were the stars of the day, with Troop 32 of Marion lending their support to the younger scouts, guiding them through the race and offering assistance as needed.

As the cars sped down the hill, the young drivers were completely focused, each race showcasing their determination and pride. But the Soap Box Derby is more than just a thrilling race down a hill; it's the result of weeks of preparation, learning, and collaboration. Scouts spent time refurbishing old cars and building new ones, gaining hands-on experience and learning valuable life skills along the way.

The program emphasizes leadership, STEM concepts, and teamwork, providing scouts with the chance to take on various roles—driver, builder, and leader. These experiences help develop essential skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, project management, and sportsmanship. Preparing for the Derby, scouts not only learn how to build a car, but also how to work together, think creatively, and overcome challenges.

Throughout the day, the atmosphere was filled with excitement, cheers, and encouragement. Whether racing to the finish line or celebrating a successful ride down the hill, scouts demonstrated a remarkable sense of camaraderie. Their enthusiasm for both winning and participating highlighted the true spirit of the event: good-natured competition and mutual support.

As the day came to a close, both Marion and Rochester Cub Scouts were already looking forward to next year's race. If you have a child in kindergarten through grade 5 who's interested in joining the Scouts, contact marioncubscouts@gmail.com for more information. For those aged kindergarten through 17, visit beascout.scouting.org to learn how to get involved in scouting.

Marion Scouts also would like to remind our neighbors and friends of the food donation boxes at Hiller Dodge-Jeep, Uncle Jon's, and Marion Police Department. These donations will be picked up on November 20 and be used to serve those in need this holiday season.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

Last week I wrote about the house at 269 Marion Rd. The two names always associated with the house are Lewis and Hathaway, but in my research for that article, I came across another name. The house was built prior to the Revolution by David Wing, and he sold the house to Theophilus Pease, a shipwright. Pease never lived in the

NOTICE TO MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

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

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

The center of Town will be flushed on 11/4/2025 between the hours of 7:30 pm until 3:00am

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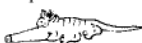
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Com-
mission will hold a public hearing on Monday,
November 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm for a Notice of
Intent submitted by Emery Warren & Barbara Ann
Johnson, Trustees, 6 Waterman Street, Assessors
Map 5A, Lot 276, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant
proposes to install an elevator lift within an exist-
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TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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On Monday, December 1, 2025, at 7:05
pm, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public
hearing pursuant to the Town's Stormwater Man-
agement Bylaw and Subdivision Control Law, to
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- Adopt/promulgate new stormwater management
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- Amend 300-4.6 Stormwater Management of the

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house but rented it to mill workers who worked at the nearby mill. He detached the front porch and moved it across the street to be a home for the miller who operated the mill on the property.

There is no record of him selling the house, but it did later become the town "poor farm". However, what interested me was that whenever his name came up in the literature it was, "Theophilus Pease, of whom curious incidents are recorded".

This appears more than once, but there is never any information offered about those incidents, so I went looking.



The first thing I found was that he was a Quaker, and it was said that he built a Quaker Meeting House. However, there doesn't appear to be any wills or records or deeds that definitely say where it was located, and I didn't think it fit the criterion of "peculiar." However, I did find another interesting story attached to Pease concerning the Gale of 1815. This is the report, "Theophilus Pease, of Rochester, aged 73, having repaired to [on] a small island at [near] Mattapoisett during the gale, to preserve some hay, soon saw his dangerous situation."

The account goes on to say that he took his pitchfork and some line that was in his pocket. He tied the pitchfork across the branches of a tree. He then stood on the pitchfork for about six hours while the storm raged around him. During part of that time, he was standing in water. The story finishes by saying that the island only had three or four trees, all of which were carried away by the flood, except for the one in which he stood. As the story goes, "it was a remarkable instance of preservation."

I think that this would definitely be classified as a "curious incident."

At the Rochester Historical Museum

We'll be open on Sunday for two more weeks, but as always call 617 750 2818 to make sure we have coverage. The hours are 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at 355 County Road.

On **November 19** we are having our Thankful Dinner. As always, it is potluck and it helps to know what you will be bringing and how many will be attending, so give me a call at the number above. The dinner is at 6:00 pm on November 19 downstairs at the museum 355 County Rd. We'll also have a White Elephant auction. If you have a small item to contribute, bring it along.

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Hello from Plumb Library

The Friends of Plumb Library are holding a Thanksgiving Cheesecake Giveaway. Tickets are on sale now through Friday, **November 21** for a chance to win a homemade blueberry cheesecake that will be the star of your Thanksgiving dessert table. A winner will be notified at the end of the day on the 21st and the cake can be picked up from the Library after 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 25. Tickets are 3 for \$10 and all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, a non-profit fundraising group that supports programs and activities for all ages at Plumb Library.

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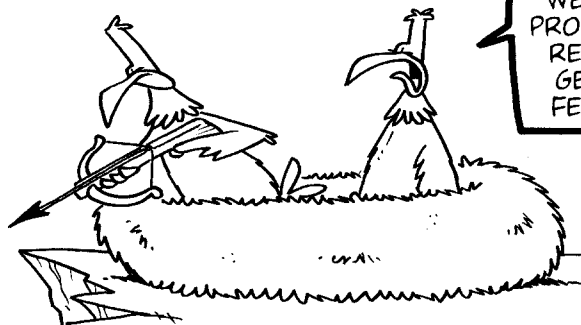
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Also, we're pleased to welcome back travel writer Matt Davis. He will be presenting his talk "Do Not Take Selfies with the Fluffy Cows. Visiting America's National Parks" from Noon-1:30 pm Saturday **November 22**. Matt will take questions after the program and will have books for sale and signing. This event is for adults 18+ and registration is required, as space is limited. Matt's talk 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.

Upcoming Meetings: Friends of the Library 6:00 pm Thursday, **November 13**; COA Bookclub 1:00 pm Tuesday, **November 18**; Writers Group 6:30 pm Thursday, **November 20**; Books & Babble Bookclub 6:30 pm Monday, November 24.

November Holiday Schedule: Closing at Noon Wednesday **November 26** for carpet cleaning; Closed all day Thursday and Friday **November 27-28** for Thanksgiving. Regular hours resume Saturday, November 29.

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

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Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

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.

Drop in on Thursday, **November 20** any time from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to make your own spice blends for unique holiday gifts.

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.

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

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber



Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

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.

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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 Rochester Regional High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm on **November 20 to November 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-vember Scavenger Hunt. See if you can find all 12 dinosaurs and win a small prize. We will also be having a Dino-vember 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.

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 12:00 pm 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

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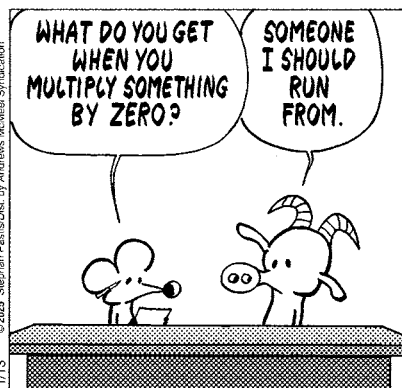
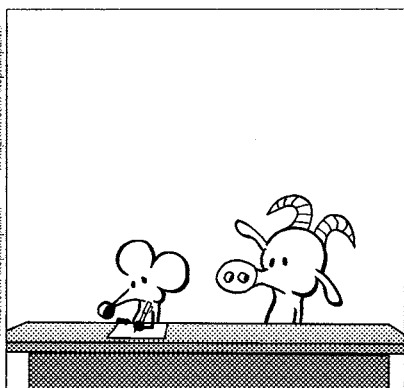
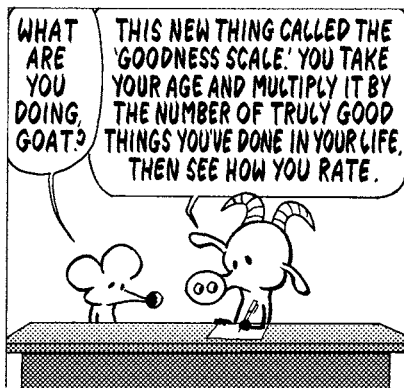
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



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 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.

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.

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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 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.

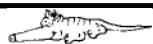
More information and tickets are available at marionartcenter.org/events/greetings.

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	November 24	10:06	10:37	3:16	4:07
Tuesday	November 25	10:52	11:26	3:55	4:46
Wednesday	November 26	11:42		4:39	5:31
Thursday	November 27	12:17	12:34	5:33	6:26
Friday	November 28	1:09	1:27	6:44	7:27
Saturday	November 29	2:03	2:24	8:10	8:26
Sunday	November 30	3:00	3:25	9:27	9:20
Phases of the Moon		New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter		November 20th November 28th December 4th December 11th	



I Found the Aardvark!

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

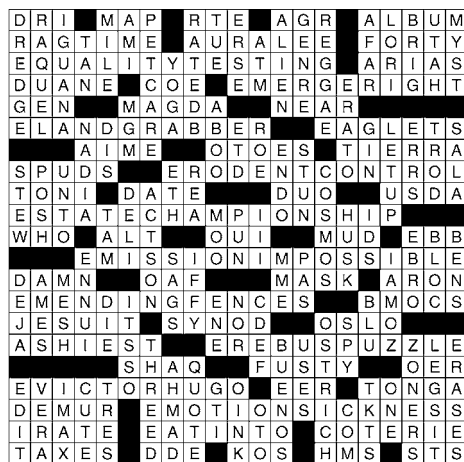
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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

In the November 6, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 51

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Worse; 2. Desert;
3. Hamper; 4. Meteor

Today's Word
MOTHER'S

Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi
off the mark





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