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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



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Families make the most of a hot Labor Day at Silvershell Beach in Marion, cooling off in the water and enjoying views of sailboats gliding through the harbor. Photo by Laura Pedulli



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Century-Old Letter Rewrites Tale of Mattapoissett Swordfish

By Jeanne Hopkins

For generations, Mattapoissett thought it knew who carved the wooden swordfish weathervane that became one of the town's best-known symbols.

A century-old letter found inside the historic fish tells a different story.

The letter identifies the carver not as Manuel R. Perry Jr., the Mattapoissett craftsman long credited with making it, but as a Hyannis carpenter named Harrison Delano Doty.

Mattapoissett Museum Curator and Administrator Connor Gaudet described the discovery following the Museum's annual meeting September 3, during a presentation on the history — and continuing mysteries — surrounding the swordfish.

"Before this year, most of what we knew about the weathervane had come from descendants" of F. Gilbert Hinsdale, his family and people who worked on the Hinsdale estate, Gaudet said. Those accounts had identified Perry as the swordfish's creator. That changed when the swordfish was opened earlier this year to remove moisture before it came to the Museum.

Inside was a time capsule placed during a major 1995 restoration. Among its contents was a torn and badly faded letter written by Hinsdale when the weathervane was completed.

A partial transcription was made in 1995, but much of the writing had faded from exposure to moisture. Gaudet was able to make a nearly complete transcription this year using a jeweler's loupe, high magnification and ultraviolet light.

The letter named the maker as "H.D. Doty of Hyannis, Mass."

Gaudet's research led him to Harrison Delano Doty, a house carpenter who settled in Hyannis after marrying there in 1902.

The discovery surprised Gaudet, who said he too had always believed Perry made the weathervane.

There was plenty of reason for that belief.

Perry began working for Hinsdale around 1919 and remained with him for more than 20 years, eventually serving as groundskeeper and caretaker of the estate. He was also an accomplished artist and craftsman who created ship models, paintings, carvings, figureheads, animal statues and other weathervanes.

And, as Gaudet discovered, Perry actually did make a giant swordfish weathervane.

After the Museum's "When Swordfish Fly" exhibit opened this summer, a couple visiting the Museum brought in a copy of a 1960s *Standard-Times* article about Perry. The article was based on an interview with Perry and described an approximately 8-foot wooden swordfish he had carved as a weathervane for a family in Marion.

Gaudet said it is possible that over the years, the story of Perry making a swordfish weathervane became attached to Mattapoissett's much larger and more famous fish.

Whether that is how the mix-up occurred remains

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On the Cover: Mattapoissett Museum Curator and Administrator Connor Gaudet looks up at a large wooden swordfish weathervane, a town symbol that once loomed over Long Wharf.
Photo by Jeanne Hopkins

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unknown.

"It's possible people knew he did this one in Marion. So, 'Oh, probably did this one over here,'" Gaudet said.

Doty's connection to Hinsdale presents another mystery.

Gaudet's research found that Doty worked for L.K. Paine & Son, a prominent Hyannis contracting company that built summer residences throughout Cape Cod and the Buzzards Bay area. Gaudet believes the swordfish was made sometime between 1920 and 1929.

He has found possible connections that could explain how the Hyannis carpenter came to work for Hinsdale, but not enough evidence to say definitively how Doty received the commission.

"We really don't know," Gaudet said.

The original swordfish is now permanently housed at the Museum as the centerpiece of "When Swordfish Fly: The Unlikely History of Mattapoisett's Iconic Weathervane."

While the original has found its permanent home, its replacement has yet to take flight over Long Wharf.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo said a replica is being constructed by Jim Broadwater using \$12,500 in Community Preservation Act funding approved at the May 2022 Town Meeting.

A mold was cast from the original swordfish, and Broadwater has completed substantial work on the body of the replica, Lorenzo said. There is not yet an estimated completion date.

"I just know it will be as soon as possible," Lorenzo said.

The project is being overseen by the Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee.

The Museum's annual meeting also highlighted

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a busy year. Gaudet reported an estimated 2,386 community "engagements," a figure that includes visitors as well as concerts, school programs and other activities. Of those, 391 were student engagements through educational programming.

The Museum has added 43 acquisitions since last year's annual meeting, including glass-slide negatives, photographs of Angelica Point following the 1938 hurricane, family scrapbooks, materials relating to the nation's 1976 bicentennial and items connected to swordfishing and the weathervane. The Museum is also nearing a complete collection of Mattapoisett annual town reports from 1860 through 2026.

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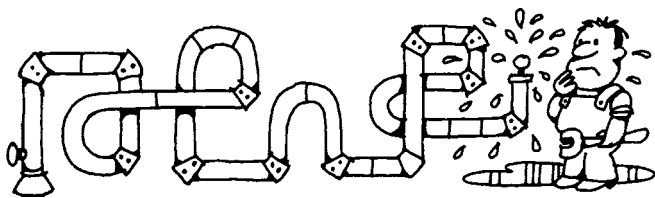


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Construction of a new accessible entrance is expected to begin around mid-September. Museum President Kim Randall said the current accessible entrance is at the rear of the building and normally locked, requiring visitors who need it to contact someone to be let inside.

"That did not feel like us being very inclusive of our community," Randall said.

The construction will cause the Museum to close earlier than its usual end-of-September seasonal closing, although two scheduled concerts will continue.

Gaudet said the Museum has raised approximately \$83,000 toward the roughly \$93,000 entrance project, including two rounds of Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act funding and grants from other organizations.

For now, the original swordfish has found its permanent home even as Mattapoisett waits for its successor to return to the sky above Long Wharf.

And after roughly a century of believing Manuel Perry created the town landmark, another question remains: exactly how did a Hyannis carpenter named Harrison Delano Doty come to make Mattapoisett's swordfish?

That part of the tale is still waiting to be found.

Gathering Beauty

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Flowers breed contentment. Spread them around.

Adorn your indoor habitat with cut flowers throughout the growing season. All you need is a handful of blooms, a vase and perhaps a little imagination.

For those who grew up with bouquet-makers, carrying on the tradition comes naturally. Even as a youngster, I remember the powerful impression of my great-grandmother's simple arrangements — usually a mix of whatever happened to be in bloom — set against a freshly laundered linen tablecloth. I remember, too, my father's choice roses, cut from the garden and displayed in a crystal bowl for my mother all summer long.

Beauty. Life. Love.

It is not unusual to find flowers in more than one place in our home: on the kitchen counter, gracing a bedside table, or brightening the living room mantel. They lend personality to a room, making it come alive in a subtle way — their heady fragrance and varied textures reaching out into the surrounding space.

I like to bring garden-picked flowers into my classroom as well, lending a cheerful note to the lessons of the day. A few stems can transform an ordinary space, reminding us that beauty need not be elaborate to make itself felt.

"The ephemeral nature of flowers, their acting immediacy, helps us to live in the present," write Tricia Guild and Elspeth Thompson in *Cut Flowers*, a pictorial book celebrating the wonders of cut flowers close up.



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"Look at them now, see them this moment as the light falls on spiraling petals — tomorrow they'll be different; indeed, tomorrow may be too late."

Flowers are symbols of spontaneous joy, the authors note, and are often woven into the most significant moments of our lives — weddings, funerals, births and graduations. In literature and film, too, flowers can carry deeper meaning. Lara is associated with yellow daffodils in *Doctor Zhivago*, a bright light set against the cynicism and upheaval of the Russian Revolution. In Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Ophelia distributes flowers whose meanings reflect the corruption and sorrow of the court around her. Rosemary stands for remembrance, pansies for thoughts, and rue for sorrow and repentance. Violets

symbolize faithfulness — and early death.

But I don't think flowers need much analysis in our daily lives. They brighten a room, enhance the mood and lift the spirits. They are, quite simply, something to be enjoyed.

My friend Pam has an extraordinary eye for flowers. Her arrangements (see photo) are hard to describe because they never seem arranged at all. They have a looseness and exuberance that makes you look twice — an unexpected flower here, a graceful stem there, colors that somehow belong together even when you wouldn't have thought to put them together yourself. Much of what she uses comes from her own cutting garden, where she plants not just for the garden but

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for the bouquets she imagines.

Right now, on my kitchen counter, are two stalks of white gladiolus that sprang up in the vegetable garden, as they do every year. They remind me of the homemade bouquets my great-grandmother, Babi, used to create. The choice of flowers is still good, and I never tire of foraging for blooms and bringing them into our home. It is such a simple stroke of joy.



A Few Basics for Homemade Arrangements

-Harvest flowers in the early morning or late in the day and place them immediately in a bucket of water.

-For a simple preservative, use a quart of water mixed with one teaspoon of sugar, one teaspoon of lemon juice and a couple of drops of bleach.

-To prepare flowers and greens, strip away the bottom leaves and recut the stems at a 45-degree angle for better water absorption. Do this while the stems are submerged in a tub of water to keep air from entering the cut. This is preferable to cutting them under running tap water.

-Use warm water, around 70–75 degrees, especially for tropical flowers such as roses.

-Use coolish water and avoid preservatives with bulb flowers such as iris, tulips, delphinium and freesia, which are more delicate and can be damaged by preservatives.

-For woody stems such as hydrangeas, cherry blossoms and lilac, gently smash the ends with a hammer to open them up for better water intake. Recut the stems every few days.

As he was dying, the poet John Keats wrote to a friend: "I muse with the greatest affection on every



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flower I have known from my infancy — the shapes and colors are as new to me as if I had just created them with a superhuman fancy. It is because they are connected with the most thoughtless and happiest moments of our lives.”

So go ahead. Go out and pick a bunch of flowers now.

It's a memory in the making.

“When the heart is open, you will change just like a flower slowly opening.” — Van Morrison

Kayla King Named Elizabeth Taber Library Director

By Laura Pedulli

The Elizabeth Taber Library Board of Trustees named Kayla King as the library's executive director.

King previously worked at the Fall River Public Library, where she served as assistant library administrator and held roles of increasing responsibility supporting library operations, public services, programming and community engagement. She earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Rhode Island.

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Newell, who served as interim director after Elizabeth Sherry left the post in June, following more than six years in the role.

"I am excited that I will really be able to get to know the library and the Marion community," King told *The Wanderer*. "In just my first week, I have already observed how integral the library is to the community and how many people regularly come to the library to work, study, attend programs, play with their kids, and contribute to the library. I believe working in a smaller community will allow opportunities to form more impactful relationships between the library and organizations and individuals in town."

In her role, King says she hopes to expand the library's programming.

"We have this beautifully renovated building, which I believe can serve well as a community hub and important third space where residents can gather, learn, be entertained and meet their neighbors," she said. "So much of life is digital these days, and while digital resources are important and something that libraries can support, I think a lot of folks are looking for that togetherness and community that libraries can also foster."

King also brings her love of books to the role. The new library director says she reads broadly across fantasy, historical fiction, mysteries, nonfiction, contemporary fiction, romance and science fiction.

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In the announcement, the board of trustees noted King's strong public-service orientation and hands-on experience in library administration, patron services, digital resources, collection support and community programming.

"Her appointment reflects the Elizabeth Taber Library's continued commitment to serving as a welcoming, vibrant center for lifelong learning and connection for residents of Marion and the surrounding community," according to the announcement.

"Kayla's experience, energy, and deep commitment to public libraries make her an outstanding choice to lead the Elizabeth Taber Library," Riley Calhoun and Ana Francisco, co-presidents of the board of trustees, said in the announcement. "We are excited to welcome her to Marion and look forward to working with her as she builds on the library's proud history while helping shape its future."

The library will hold a reception on Thursday, September 24, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The board of trustees invites the community to welcome King at the reception, or during the library's regular hours and upcoming programs and events.

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What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for September

By Sam Bishop

This is the continuing monthly column for the astronomer in all of us, or the aspiring astrophysicist. Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the Tri-Town has pretty good dark skies and thus is very fortunate in that regard.

The regulars are all visible this month: Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. There are no major meteor showers, however, though that doesn't mean you won't catch a shooting star.

September 11 brings a New Moon, making it the best day to see faint objects like galaxies or nebulae.



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This month, the full moon is on Saturday, September 26. The Harvest Moon kicks off the fall and reminds us that harvesting season is nearing its end.

Peace Talks and the Turtle Attacks

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the early United States. Last week, 9,000 Continental troops flooded back into Manhattan following their defeat in Brooklyn, as General Washington and his officers scrambled to come up with a plan. Remaining supplies were checked as the Revolutionary forces awaited a British follow-up.

On September 6, 1776, in his General Orders for the day, George Washington continues to get a hold of what supplies the army has at their disposal to defend Manhattan, while also desperately trying to maintain discipline of the battered, hungry army. He writes, "The general is resolved to put a stop to plundering, and converting either public, or private property, to their own use when taken off, or found by any soldiers," noting the officers' responsibility to seize and return stolen property.

That same day, Washington writes to President of the Continental Congress John Hancock, highlighting the effectiveness of the general's intelligence operations, saying, "As the enemy's movements are very different from what we expected and from their large encampments a considerable distance up the sound, there is reason to believe they intend to make a landing above or below Kings Bridge and thereby to hem in our army and cut off the communication with the country." Nearly

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accurate. He also informs Hancock he is gathering the officers to determine the plan ahead.

The next day, Washington convenes a Council of the General Officers "in order to take a full and comprehensive view of our situation." He notes that before the attack on Long Island, the defenders were stretched thin, not knowing exactly where the landing would take place. Now, they can be sure the next attack will be on Manhattan and the city proper. He writes to Hancock on September 8, summarizing the meeting and saying, "It is now extremely obvious from all intelligence — from their movements, and every other circumstance that having landed their whole army on Long Island [except about 4,000 on Staten Island], they mean to enclose us on the Island of New York by taking post in our rear."

He assures Hancock, "We are now in a strong post but not an impregnable one," but informs the President the city will be abandoned nonetheless, following lengthy discussions among the officers. Five thousand will remain to defend the city, with the



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He notes the effects of abandoning the city for the British to winter in as well as the shockwaves it will send through the region, and adds, "But when the fate of America may be at stake on the issue, when the wisdom of cooler moments and experienced men have decided that we should protract the war, if possible, I cannot think it safe or wise to adopt a different system."

Also on September 7, inventor David Bushnell from Saybrook, Connecticut, revolutionizes warfare. His submarine, the *Turtle*, is the first of such machines to see combat. He had devised the small, single-person craft while studying at Yale the previous year after proving

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gunpowder can ignite underwater. The sub was brought out to New York Harbor on a sloop and lowered into the water, where it was piloted by Sergeant Ezra Lee. Sneaking underneath the British ships undetected, it attacked the anchored *HMS Eagle*. The attack did not leave noticeable damage on the *Eagle*, and the *Turtle* and its sloop were sunk and destroyed in transport.

On September 8, Nathan Hale of Coventry, Connecticut, agreed to a crucial but dangerous intelligence-gathering mission. Disguising himself as a Dutch teacher, he is to slip behind enemy lines on Long Island and gather information about troop movements. The mission would have Hale regarded as one of the first notable American spies.

On September 9, the Continental Congress met that Monday, when delegates officially renamed the nation from the "United Colonies" to the "United States of America."

On September 11, representatives from both sides of the Revolutionary War met for the Staten Island Peace Conference. The conference was held at Billopp House, still standing and today called "Conference House." In attendance were British Admiral Richard Howe and Patriots John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Edward Rutledge.

Records of the journey from the New York Library paint an interesting story: "The committee appointed by Congress left Philadelphia on September 9, Franklin and Rutledge in carriages and Adams on horseback. They spent the night of the 10th in New Brunswick, where the taverns were full. Adams and Franklin had to share a bed in a room with one small window, which the younger man wanted [to] shut for fear of catching cold; Franklin, delighted at the chance to make a convert, lectured him on colds until he told them both to sleep. The next morning the three continued to Perth Amboy, where Lord Howe had a barge waiting for them, and one of his officers to be left ashore as a hostage. The precaution struck Adams as childish, and the others agreed; the officer returned with them to Staten Island." Over the coming days, the two sides would attempt to make peace as America was pushed to the back foot.

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On September 12, at another Council of War meeting, it was decided the army would move north to defend Harlem Heights, abandoning New York City.

Special Town Meeting Set for November 9

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Jeanne Hopkins

Mattapoisett residents will be asked to return to Town Meeting on Monday, November 9, as the town prepares a short warrant expected to focus largely on project funding and transfers rather than new taxpayer spending.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo told the Select Board Tuesday that the highway department building is expected to cost more than the amount previously approved by Town Meeting, citing tariffs, other rising costs and delays in the design process. The project is currently out to bid, and officials expect to have a firm price before the Special Town Meeting.

The town may be able to cover at least some of the additional cost without seeking new tax dollars. A \$2 million state grant is now expected to cover the Water Street culvert project, freeing money previously appropriated by Town Meeting that could potentially be transferred to the highway building project.

Lorenzo said the goal is to use available funds from projects that came in under budget rather than ask taxpayers for additional money. Cooper's Way and a possible Water and Sewer Department building article could also appear on the warrant, depending on final costs and project status.

The warrant is expected to open at the next Select Board meeting and close at the first meeting in October. Lorenzo said officials anticipate only a few articles. The November 9 date was selected in part to allow time for building bids to come in and also to meet the town's timetable for setting the tax rate.

Earlier in the meeting, Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Chair Chuck McCullough gave the board an overview of Mattapoisett's Community Preservation Act program and its finances.

Mattapoisett adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) 17 years ago. Since then, 57 projects have received funding. McCullough emphasized that the CPC does not approve projects; it reviews applications to determine whether they meet the requirements of the town's Community Preservation plan and recommends qualifying projects to Town Meeting, which makes the final funding decisions.

McCullough said CPA funds have supported recreation, historic preservation, open space and housing projects. The discussion turned to housing, which the Select Board has identified as a priority.

McCullough explained that CPA money can also be used in conjunction with a housing trust. Unlike the annual CPA process, which ultimately requires Town

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Meeting approval, a housing trust can make money available during the year when opportunities arise and can help communities leverage other grants and private investment.

A couple of years ago, Town Meeting approved transferring \$250,000 from the CPA undesignated account into housing funds to provide additional resources for future housing initiatives.

McCullough also pointed to approximately \$10,000 remaining from an earlier senior housing study. He suggested the money might potentially be available if the board needs funding for another housing-related study, depending on the terms of the original appropriation.



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The board expects to continue its housing discussion in October, when a representative from Barrett Planning Group is expected to present on affordable housing. Other town boards and committees will be invited to participate. Board members said the subject is highly technical and that the presentation could help establish a common understanding as the town considers its next steps.

Residents will also begin seeing the effects of several major town construction projects this fall.

Construction on the Water Street culvert is expected to begin September 26 and will require closing Water Street at the work site, with traffic detoured around the area. Oakland Street reconstruction is expected to begin in early October, putting the two projects on nearly overlapping schedules.

During the discussion, board members realized that the construction will extend into the Halloween season, when the Village draws large numbers of trick-or-treaters. While the annual Halloween parade does not travel down Water Street, members expressed concern about how the road closures will affect families and neighborhood traffic.

The town plans to use electronic message boards, its notification system, the town website and ORCTV to keep residents informed about closures and detours. Residents in the immediate Water Street construction area are also expected to receive direct information about the



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project.

The Molly's Cove culvert project has reached approximately 90 percent design following some delays related to water-flow and scouring concerns. A future public presentation is planned before the Select Board.

The Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road Transportation Improvement Program project is moving through its 75 percent design stage. Lorenzo said one of the next major steps will be securing temporary easements along the corridor to give contractors room to work outside the public right-of-way.

Those easements are expected to require conversations with numerous property owners because of the narrow roadway. Landscaping and tree locations

remain in draft form, and the Select Board will ultimately make decisions on the final plan.

The board also heard from Herring Inspector Jonathan Wilbur, who said final figures for this year's herring run were not yet available, although he understood the count had approximately doubled from last year.

Wilbur suggested creating an annual guessing contest for children, modeled on a program in Harwich, in which youngsters would try to predict the final herring count. He said it could help introduce a younger generation to a Mattapoissett tradition that was a much more visible part of growing up in town years ago.

The meeting concluded with discussion of



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the town's Revolutionary War burial site recognition at Hammond Cemetery on River Road, scheduled for Saturday, September 19, at 10:00 am. Because parking at the historic cemetery is limited, organizers are arranging shuttle transportation from Old Hammondtown School. The Council on Aging is also expected to assist with transportation for senior residents. Organizers said they are preparing seating for about 100 people, although Historical Commission member Bob Spooner noted that a similar recognition ceremony in Yarmouth drew approximately 300 attendees.



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Board Approves Senior Housing Site Change

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board on Tuesday approved a minor modification to the site plan review approval for a 68-unit senior living apartment building at Rochester Crossroads, 22 Cranberry Highway, but not before questioning who is controlling the massive series of projects being planned there.

That area of Cranberry Highway also includes the recent development of townhouses, condominiums, a warehouse and the new Seasons convenience store. With these projects in mind, Planning Board chair Arnold Johnson asked the senior apartment developer Ken Steen, "Who's master planning that whole parcel? It's getting very fragmented. Give us a level of comfort here. Who is keeping their eye on the ball of the whole project?"

"It's only us in charge," said Steen, attending the meeting on Zoom. He clarified that he is referring to most of the roadway in and around the development complex.

Steen is modifying the plans for his project by moving the original access road to Route 28 and altering the ring road around the development. He clarified that he is not involved with the townhomes or the warehouse project, but he has aided the condo developer Alfonso Built Homes with road development there. His brother is the contractor building the condo road, he said. "I'm keeping an eye on that. But I can't overly control Alfonso. But there is no lack of communication with peer review on road conditions."

"Will the road at Route 28 be paved?" Johnson asked. Steen answered that it will all be paved to 250 feet from Route 28. He said the delay is due to problems approving Alfonso's septic system plan. Johnson questioned whether there will be multiple ways to get in and out of the townhomes. Steen said yes. The vote that resulted unanimously approved Steen's road modification as minor, with four conditions related to road design.

In other action, the board accepted the withdrawal of an Approval Not Required filing for a plan to create a back lot subdivision with one new residential lot at 83 Hiller Road, as requested by the applicants,



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The board continued to September 22 its site plan review hearing for Walnut Plain Road Solar, 0 Walnut Plain Road.

The board continued to October 13 the site plan review hearing for High Street Solar, Site B, at 0 High Street, the northerly portion of the 20-acre project close to Mayflower Lane.

The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 pm at the town office building, 1 Constitution Way.

The Board Responds to Complaints

Marion Board of Health

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Board of Health met on Thursday, September 3, in the police station's conference room. While waiting for more members to arrive, the board began by approving minutes from their July 23 and August 6 meetings.

Next, the board extended a grant approved at



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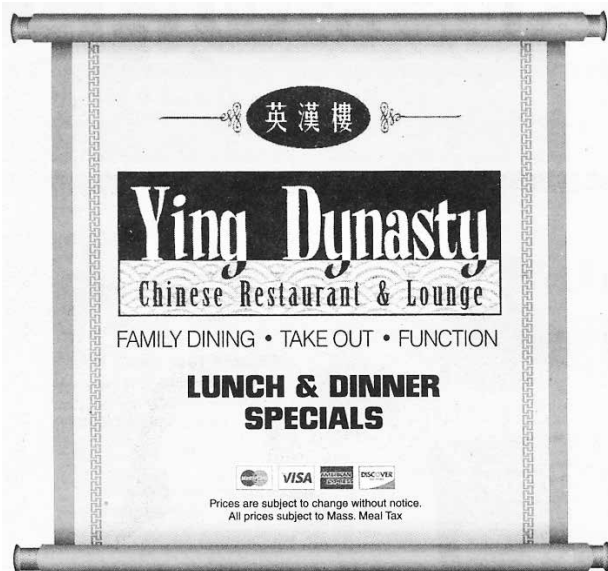
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their last meeting for an additional 30 days for a trailer at 842 Point Road, as work continues on the site and the home is not yet ready for occupancy.

Public Health Director Lori Desmarais then offered various updates, including that the town has received a shipment of the flu vaccine and has scheduled a clinic on Thursday, September 24, at the Council on Aging, starting at 9:00 am. Desmarais also noted their desire to schedule something at the library this season. As for diseases, she noted mosquito activity is "still low," with West Nile virus not yielding any positive mosquitoes locally. The public health director noted that Community EMS is having another successful year, with around 388 visits so far.



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The board held a quick public hearing for 18 Cove Circle, with no comments or questions. A variance was granted unanimously by the two members present, Vice-Chair John Howard and Clerk Albin Johnson III.

Next, there was a public hearing for a variance for a home on Front Street for a 330-gallon-a-day sewer flow versus 495 gallons. This hearing was continued to October 1, awaiting approval from the Conservation Commission.

The board then held another public hearing for a variance request at 651 Point Road for multiple variances regarding soil evaluations and other tests relating to the septic system. The variances were granted by a unanimous vote of the two members.

Next, the board discussed two Open Meeting Law complaints filed by Joanne Singleton, as well as plotting the course ahead. The complaints, filed on August 17 and August 27, were read by the town's attorney and concerned regarding various infractions.

The lawyer stated, "So the first one alleges that the board deliberated or took action outside of open session on July 23, and the second one reportedly alleges a disclosure of an Open Meetings Law complaint." In response, the board offered comments; for the first, they claimed there had been "no deliberation on action taken outside of open session."

For the second, they said the complaint "does not describe any actions taken by any public bodies that might fall under this oath and so aside of this discussion

here no further response in my opinion is necessary."

Johnson said, "I was flabbergasted that we were cited for an Open Meeting Law. We really strive to be quite open here, and you might not agree sometimes with our decisions, but we're open about them. We don't do anything behind anybody's back. That's my take on it."

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, at 4:30 pm.

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Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's golf team played their opening match at Fairhaven on September 3 and won 214-257. Junior Drew Butler was the medalist, shooting a 33(-1), while seniors Jack Czerkowicz and John Bongiorno shot 34(E). The Bulldogs are 1-0 heading into Friday's match against Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, as they'll play division rival Somerset Berkley Regional High School on September 8 and will host Apponequet Regional High School on September 9 at The Bay Club in Mattapoisett.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

The September 3, 2026, edition of *The Wanderer* (pp. 22-27) contains two letters and one poem to the editor, and, coincidentally, taken together, they point to a larger question: What happens to a place, not simply aesthetically but biologically, when we continue to build upon and alter the natural systems that have evolved



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That perspective has been particularly meaningful because of our book-group selection this month, *The Light Eaters* by Zoë Schlanger. The book has changed the way I think about plants and, consequently, about development. Schlanger explores the complexity of plant life, how plants sense their surroundings, respond to other organisms, communicate, compete, cooperate and adapt to changing conditions. Rather than seeing vegetation as a passive green backdrop to human activity, she invites us to recognize plants as active participants in ecological communities.

That idea gives the environmental concerns raised in these letters a deeper meaning. When we look at a

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wooded lot, a meadow or a marsh and see "undeveloped land," we may be seeing something very different from what is actually there. We are seeing a living community already occupied by trees, shrubs, grasses, fungi, insects, birds, amphibians, microorganisms and countless relationships among them. The absence of a building does not mean the absence of value. Quite the opposite: what appears to be space may be ecological infrastructure that is quietly performing essential work.

The Light Eaters remind us that plants respond to their environments. They are constantly negotiating light, water, nutrients, neighboring plants and predators. When development alters those conditions, by removing mature trees, changing drainage patterns, increasing heat, introducing artificial light, fragmenting habitat or altering the availability of water, plants and the organisms dependent upon them are forced to respond. Some may adapt; others may disappear. And because ecosystems are interconnected, the consequences can extend far beyond the footprint of a single building.

This is particularly important in a coastal community. Development near marshes, wetlands, streams and the shoreline impacts water quality, stormwater, flooding, habitat and the health of Buzzards Bay. Current local conversations about nitrogen pollution and coastal infrastructure make clear that these systems are already under pressure.

The two letters and poem in *The Wanderer* may have arrived independently, but their shared message feels significant. They remind us that the debate over development is whether we are willing to see the natural world around us not as vacant land waiting for its next use, but as a living system worthy of consideration, protection and respect.

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RMS Committee Chair Kate Duggan Joins MEPF

Michael S. Nelson is pleased to share that Rochester Memorial School Committee Chair Kate Duggan has joined this year's Massachusetts Education Policy Fellowship (MEPF), organized by the Rennie

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Duggan joins MEPF as the Chair of the Rochester Memorial School Committee and Director of Research Development at Northeastern University.

"I am pursuing the MEPF fellowship to deepen my policy knowledge, expand my statewide network and elevate the challenges facing rural public schools on the Massachusetts policy agenda," said Duggan. "My service on the Rochester Memorial School Committee, inspired by my elementary and middle-grade children, has shaped my advocacy for small and rural districts navigating the structural funding pressures of Chapter 70, Circuit Breaker reimbursement and rural aid."

As part of MEPF, Duggan will work with 29 other fellows in a variety of roles, including teachers, faculty members, school and district administrators, researchers, nonprofit leaders and state officials. The program equips participants to leverage their knowledge, skills and networks to advance as policy leaders and promote a stronger education system for all learners.

"As an MEPF fellow, Kate will deepen her understanding of public policymaking and bring a fresh perspective back to the Rochester Memorial School Committee," said Superintendent Nelson. "This program offers her a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow education professionals and strengthen her leadership skills in a way that supports our schools. We look forward to hearing the knowledge Kate gains from MEPF and utilizing this as a resource for our school community."

Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee invites residents to join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, **September 23**, at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

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9/11 A Day of Remembrance and Service

We said we would "Never Forget." On Friday, **September 11**, or anytime in September, let's renew that pledge we made 25 years ago with a little Remembrance and Service.

For Remembrance, let's create history for future generations. If you lived that day, who was with you, what did you say, where were you, how did you hear, how did you react? Please write down your memories of that horrific day. Drop your written thoughts at the Rochester Senior Center or at the Plumb Library or email your response to rochestereventscommittee@gmail.com. Your Memories will be placed in a Special Binder entitled "Never Forget – Memories of 9/11/2001" to be viewed and kept at the Plumb Library.

For Service, do something nice for someone else. Bring canned goods or vegetables to a local pantry. Call or visit someone you haven't talked with for a while. Or, in honor of the 9/11 First Responders, donate to our own First Responders. Checks (tax-deductible) can be made to Rochester Fire Fighters Association at Hartley Road or to Rochester Police Brotherhood at 29 Dexter Lane. Please note 9/11 on the memo line.

We said we would never forget, so let's remember on this 25th anniversary. This project is sponsored by the Rochester Events Committee.

Quaker Open House Brunch

Mattapoisett Friends Meeting will hold an open house brunch this Sunday, **September 13**, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. If you're curious about Quakers or would just like to visit and chat, drop in or stay for the service, which will be from 10:00 am to 10:30 am. Visit mattapoisettquakers.org for more information on this Friends meeting.

MHC Announces Completion of Third Phase of Community-wide Survey

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Phase Three of a multi-year

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community-wide survey of historic and cultural resources has been completed by Lynn Smiledge, Preservation Consultant. The survey was funded by a grant from the Community Preservation Act, and it includes the documentation of two areas: Main Street and North Street, as well as 40 historically significant buildings.

The completed forms have been posted to the Town of Mattapoisett website under Historical Commission: Inventory: Areas and Street Listing. They are also in the process of being added to the Massachusetts Historical Commission database and can be accessed through the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS). The Mattapoisett Public Library has hard copies of the documents available.

The Historical Commission is also delighted to announce that Phase Four is underway thanks to an FY 2027 grant from the Community Preservation Act. The Commission is privileged to again be working with Lynn Smiledge.

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

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

Please take the opportunity to explore the amazing history of Mattapoisett on the websites.

Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting

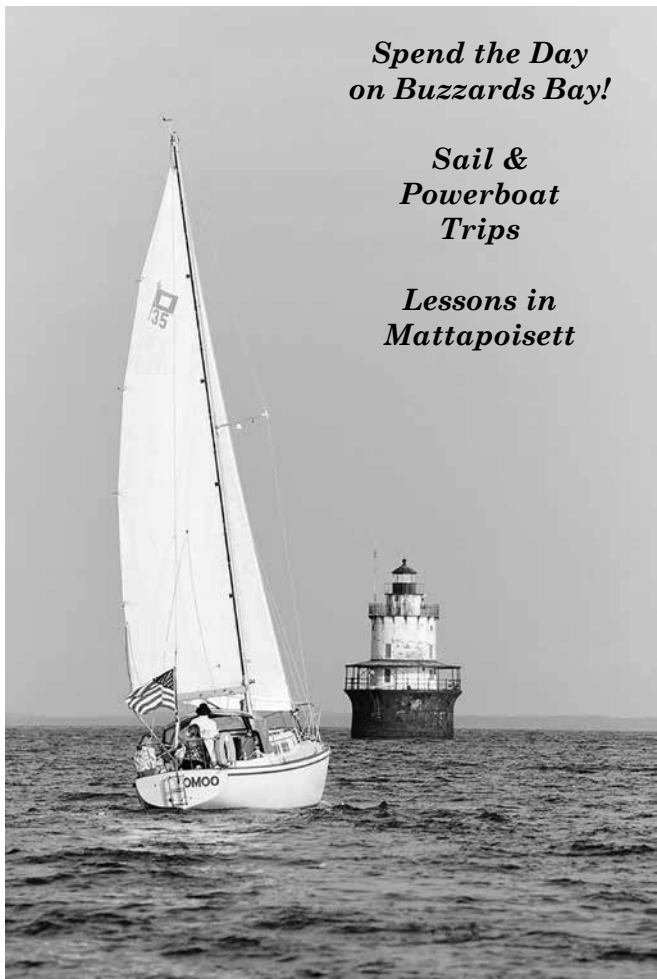
Finding Our Nest: A Conversation About Our Future Meeting Place. Apart from this business and discussion of upcoming walks and events, we will have plenty of time for great conversations about the birds we've seen, along with some great snacks. Join us on Tuesday, **September 15**, at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. All meetings are free and open to all.

Voters Rights Session By ACLU

A Know Your Rights session provided by the ACLU of Massachusetts will be held at 5:45 pm on Thursday, **September 17**, in the Community Room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, Marion. The presenters will be Cole Gibson, Racial Justice Community Advocate, and Sierra Brown, Regional Community Advocate for the ACLU. Knowing your voting rights is critical so we can support everyone in our community and in our country. Learn what we need to do and what the ACLU does to protect this important aspect of our



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Thursday September 10, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joan Thacher Tiffany
9:30 AM Harbor Days 2026
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Arts in the Park
11:30 AM Marion Art Center Promo - The Constant Wife
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Marion Arts in the Park
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM America 250 - Field of Flags
3:30 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Orchestra
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Swing Band
9:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday September 11, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
2:00 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joan Thacher Tiffany
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:30 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
9:00 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday September 12, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust - Dexter Elm Rededication
10:30 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:00 AM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Marion Art Center Promo - The Constant Wife
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:25 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Asteroids, Meteors, and Cosmic Close Calls
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report...
10:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday September 13, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester

10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Mattapoisset 4th of July Road Race
11:30 AM New England Rodeo - Rochester
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
5:35 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:00 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
6:30 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:00 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:00 PM Nolan Fest 2026

Monday September 14, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access
3:00 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Political Polarization

8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
9:00 PM New England Rodeo - Rochester
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday September 15, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Plymouth County Commissioners Meeting
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 Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
5:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
6:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
6:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
7:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
8:30 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday September 16, 2026

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 Paltroc with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
2:30 PM Marion 4th of July Parade
3:00 PM Marion 4th of July Concert
4:05 PM Marion 4th of July Fireworks
4:30 PM Rochester 4th of July Celebration
5:00 PM Mattapoisset Town Band - America's 250th Anniversary Concert
6:30 PM Mattapoisset Firefighter Memories - July 4th
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoisset Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Marion Planning Board
12:00 PM Marion Pathway Committee
1:00 PM Marion Board of Health
2:30 PM Marion Marine Resources
3:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
4:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
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10:00 PM Marion Board of Health

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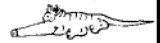
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board

of Appeals
12:30 PM Rochester Board of Health
1:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
2:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
3:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
6:30 PM Rochester Board of Health
7:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
8:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals



EDUCATION

CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:30 AM Bulldog Sports
9:00 AM ORR/JHS Promotion Ceremony
10:00 AM ORR Theater Class 2026
11:00 AM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset-Berkley
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM The Harvard Krokodiles at ORR
2:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert
3:30 PM ORR/JHS Drama
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Case
8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Somerset Berkley
9:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
10:00 PM ORR School Committee
10:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
11:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Somerset Berkley

MATTAPOISETT

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis

ENGLISH 101

Please summarize
'Walden' by
Henry David Thoreau



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democracy. Regardless of political affiliation, all are welcome to learn and participate in this discussion.

The ACLU's mission is to defend and expand civil rights and personal freedoms. Their legal team goes to court to protect issues such as free speech, due process, and equal protection under the law. Their policy team works with elected officials at the state and local levels. Their field team does community rights organizing and public education.

The ACLU is a nonprofit and nonpartisan. They don't take money from the government, and they don't endorse candidates, so they are free to hold everyone to account. They welcome volunteers.

This event is sponsored by the Marion Democratic Town Committee, but the program is non-partisan. The event is free, but it would help if those who are interested call 603-759-9287 to reserve a spot.

Sippican Woman's Club

Our General Meeting and Luncheon will be held Friday, **September 11** at 12:00 pm for current members. The afternoon will include a short business meeting, luncheon, and a special walking tour. Members can choose between a tour of the newly renovated Town Hall or the Sippican Historical Society, depending on their interests.

And there's more happening at the Club.

Mah Jongg Play on Wednesday, **September 9**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Thursday, **September 10**, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Ongoing Mah Jongg play is available to members.

Interested in becoming a member? We would love to welcome you. The Sippican Woman's Club offers opportunities to learn, socialize, explore local history, enjoy activities with other members throughout the year, and to support our local community. For information about membership, please contact Charlotte at mzlibrary@gmail.com. Come join us and be part of the Sippican Woman's Club.

Rochester Cultural Council

The Rochester Cultural Council (RCC) is

accepting online applications from organizations, schools, and individuals for grants to support community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs.

The RCC is composed of volunteers appointed by the Rochester Select Board. Using funding provided by the Mass Cultural Council, each year the RCC awards money to arts, humanities, and sciences projects put forth by local groups to enhance the quality of life in the Rochester community.

Proposals may include programs such as school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music, film and STEM projects. In 2025, the RCC awarded \$5,800 to 17 organizations, including the Rochester Council on Aging, RMS PTO, Old Colony PTO, Marion Art Center, New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance and the Mattapoisett Historical Society. A full list of 2025 grantees can be found at our MCC page at massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/rochester/.

Quick links to tips for grant writing and the application process can also be found at bit.ly/RCCTips. The online application window will be open from September 1 to October 15.

Finally, the RCC is always looking to welcome new members. To find out more about us, check us out at www.facebook.com/rochestermaculturalcouncil, feel free to attend one of our open meetings, or email us directly at rochesterculturalcouncil@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us.



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Woodland Walk for Mushrooms

On Saturday, **September 12**, join us for a late-summer hike looking for which mushrooms are fruiting starting at 10am. We will chat about basic anatomy and diagnostic features for identifying mushrooms. There will be limited discussion on edibility. Some potential species of fungi we may see at this time of the year include chicken of the woods, old man of the woods, various coral species, golden oysters and several Amanita species.

Adam Korejwa studied math at UMass Dartmouth, where he focused on complex systems and networks before studying ecological engineering at Oregon State University, where he studied coupled human and natural systems under climate change. He is

a biophile, amateur naturalist, enthusiastic teacher and proud father.

A \$5 donation to the museum is requested. Please register at www.marionmuseum.org.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club

Phoenix Cup Results
 — MYC held its last race of the season Wednesday night. Named the Phoenix Cup after the devastating 2022 fire at Mattapoisett Boatyard and Yacht Club, racers from all three divisions join together in a winner-take-all competition.

Rob Ryan in Restless won the contest, beating Don Ross in Coconuts by 29 seconds corrected time. Oddball placed third. Rounding out the 11-boat race were Lindisfarne fourth, Chickadee fifth, Raven sixth, Recess seventh, Hamburglar eighth, Kinsail ninth, Fir Na Tine tenth, and Seven Belles DNF.

The Race Committee went all out tonight, changing their attire for this race — a motley group for sure.



Saturday Family Programs at ETL

The Elizabeth Taber Library invites you to join us for two free family events on Saturday, **September 12**. Kids ages 5 and under, and their caregivers, will enjoy an active and exciting storytime at 11:00 am. Kids ages 6 and up, and their families, can join us between 1:00 and 2:00 pm to learn about the library's makerspace, test out the circuit, and make a customized library bookbag.

60th Reunion for Old Rochester Class of 1966

The ORRHS Class of 1966 will hold its 60th reunion on Saturday, **October 3**, at 5:00 pm. Classmates wishing to attend can contact Donna Thompson Tufts at dltufts@pm.me for details and to RSVP.



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OBITUARIES



Nelida "Lucy" Luzzza, 91, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 3, 2026 after a five-year journey with dementia surrounded by the love of her beloved children and grandson.

Born on November 11, 1934 to humble beginnings in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she was the youngest of 9 children of Italian parents Silvestre Finocchiaro and Santa Maccarone. From those early years she carried with her a steadfast Catholic faith and an unwavering devotion to family, a devotion that would shape every chapter of her life.

Lucy shared a beautiful 65-year love story with her husband, Marino "Mario" Luzzza. Their journey began when Mario (the youngest of 12, born in Acquaro, Italy) moved to Buenos Aires and trained as a tailor and designer. He met Lucy, the woman who would become his lifelong partner. Together, they pursued the American dream, finally settling in Mattapoisett in 1978 where they raised their three children. Lucy worked as a skilled seamstress at Cliftex Corporation. Later, she and Mario fulfilled a shared dream by opening their own seamstress and tailoring shop, first Alterations by Lucy, and later It's Sew Easy, a beloved small business that served the Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Marion communities with care and craftsmanship for decades.

Nelida treasured life's simple joys. In her younger years she delighted in window shopping at the North Dartmouth Mall, afternoons at the Mattapoisett Beach, and time spent with her family. Proud of her Italian-Argentinian heritage, she expressed her love through cooking. Her homemade Italian dishes: handmade pasta and meatballs, lasagna, and suppli and Argentinian favorites such as: empanadas, pastaflora, and milanesa became legendary among those who gathered at her table.

She is survived by her children: Vivian Glazier, Anthony Luzzza, and Michelle Luzzza and her beloved grandson, Marco Luzzza. She also leaves behind countless nieces and nephews in Argentina and Italy, as well as extended family in the United States. She was predeceased by her siblings and their spouses, her son-in-law Lester Glazier, and her daughter-in-law Veronique Luzzza.

Lucy leaves behind a legacy of love, tradition, and quiet strength—one rooted in her deep Catholic faith and entrusted now to God's eternal care, continuing to live on in the hearts of all who cherished her. The love and care shown to Mom during this chapter of her life reminded us of the goodness that exists in people. Knowing she was surrounded by such kindness gave us peace and helped make her days brighter.

According to her wishes, a private funeral Mass and burial will take place.

For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Westgate Waring, age 83, passed away on September 6th, 2026. She was the wife of the late Sumner James Waring, Jr., sharing 45 years of marriage.

Born in Fall River, MA, she was the daughter of Atty. Ray C. Westgate and Muriel Barlow Westgate, the sister of David F. Westgate, the sister-in-law of Barbara and Robert Chamberlain and Sally and Thomas Buffinton all whom predeceased her.

Surviving are her beloved children, Sumner James (Jay) Waring III, his wife Kristin and Christine Elizabeth Waring, her granddaughters, Abigail, Elizabeth and Frances Waring, her sister-in-law, Sally Westgate and many nieces and nephews.

A professional photographer, Liz established Waring Portrait Art, located for many years at the historic Carr-Osborn House in Fall River. Specializing in photographic images of children and families, she also created official portraits of judges, clergy, and several mayors for the gallery at Fall River Government Center.

Clients' portraits were often created in their favorite environments, and sometimes in a storytelling, painterly manner for large wall displays. With children, her style ranged from classic and elegant to whimsical. Her family benefited from her photographic talents, regularly documenting her growing children and grandchildren through the years in extensive album collections for each child. Her casual snapshot albums are overflowing. Friends were often recipients of unique photographic hand-made cards.

She authored and illustrated the book, *Up with Aging*, the art of growing older with zest. Seniors posed, illustrating positive ideas to embrace elder years with passion and vigor in the light-hearted black and white hand-colored images. Text supported the ideas to age well, including articles and quotes of well-known gerontology experts.

Focus on Photos was an illustrated lecture about the history and art of photography she created and presented to several organizations throughout the Northeast and New Smyrna Beach, FL.

In later life, retiring from studio responsibilities, she created mixed media paintings of pets. An annual dog parade organized with a friend annually benefitted the local humane society in Florida. Her large painterly images of young children, playing tennis, golfing and swimming are displayed at The Bay Club, Mattapoisett.

She was Past President of The Fall River Women's Union, an organization founded in 1873 benefitting nonprofit agencies supporting women and children. Additionally, she was Past President of the following: UMass Dartmouth Carney Library Associates, the Junior League of Fall River and the Women's Club of Fall River, as well as the former Vice

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An Invitation to the Women of the Tri-Town Area

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Our new season begins on Thursday, **September 17**, at 11:00 am at Reynaud Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. We will begin with an opportunity to socialize and reconnect. At this first meeting, there will be no guest speaker, as we will use the time for club business, introducing some new communication techniques, and familiarizing members

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with our current activities and plans for the year. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the club and get to know us.

Throughout the year, our programs feature a wonderful variety of speakers and topics, including authors, gardeners, local historians of the South Coast, cooking, and many other interesting subjects. Except for our September luncheon, which is a potluck, our luncheons are hosted by our Tea Committees. Each member is assigned a month to help with preparing and hosting the luncheon, making these gatherings a wonderful way to work together and enjoy each other's company. In December, we traditionally enjoy a special luncheon off-site, often at Century House in Acushnet, and our Annual Meeting is typically held at an off-site location as well.

In addition to our monthly meetings and luncheons, the club offers a variety of activities and

OBITUARIES

President of Fall River Art Association. A former Trustee of the Durfee Alumni Scholarships, Bristol Community College Foundation, Adams House and Bay View, she was honored by the Fall River Chamber of Commerce with an Outstanding Citizen Award in 1990.

Liz participated with her husband in many of his extensive civic volunteerism endeavors as well as in his profession and his many years on the board of National Funeral Directors Association, culminating with his Presidency of NFDA and Vice President International Association which included extensive meetings and travel.

Using her artistic vision to create a warm, gracious home for family and friends, Liz was inspired by music of all forms, her collection of photographic art books, and the peaceful, harmonious beauty of nature.

For all of her professional accomplishments, her greatest joy and happiest times were with her family and close friends. Her creative talents and giving nature provided many special times and joyful memories that will live forever.

She graduated from BMC Durfee High School,

Colby Junior College (now Colby Sawyer), Katherine Gibbs School in Boston, and UMass Dartmouth. A resident of New Smyrna Beach, FL, she spent many happy years in Swansea, Westport Harbor, and finally Mattapoisett, her summer childhood hometown.

Her Funeral will be held on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Waring-Sullivan Home at Cherry Place, 178 Winter St., Fall River. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Relatives and friends are invited. Flowers welcome or donations may be made to the Fall River Women's Union, 101 Rock St. Fall River, MA, 02720 or to the Fall River Historical Society, 451 Rock St. Fall River, MA 02720. Burial in Beech Grove Cemetery, Westport. To view photos and online tributes, please visit: www.waring-sullivan.com

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MOVIE REVIEW

Cruel Summer

By Rob Gonsalves
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Well, it's back-to-school time and the movie summer season is over. So what did we learn from the box office this summer?

- **Never count out Christopher Nolan.** When a director delivers an almost three-hour R-rated adaptation of Homer and it vacuums up \$1.6 billion worldwide, that's a sign (as if the moneymaking, Oscar-winning *Oppenheimer* wasn't) that the audience will follow him anywhere he goes. Nolan has gotten a rep for making movies people want to see on the biggest screen possible (the 70mm IMAX screenings were consistently sold out). God only knows what he'll do for an encore — at this point he's probably too big for Bond.

- **Don't count on Spielberg any more, though.** The one-time wunderkind unveiled *Disclosure Day*, his first popcorn flick in years, which cost \$115 million and grossed \$116 million domestically. That ain't nothing, but it ain't *The Odyssey*. Or *Spider-Man*. Anyone who gets tagged "the new Spielberg" should take a lesson from the old one: being top dog doesn't last. Again, not a flop — it performed okay worldwide — but Steve had to be hoping for healthier profits.

- **Non-Jurassic dinosaurs aren't necessarily winners.** *The End of Oak Street* and *PAW Patrol: The Dino Movie* opened on the same day with comparable, unimpressive debuts, then petered out. *Jurassic Park/World* is a trusted brand (whether the later films earn or squander that trust is a different story); you can't just throw dinosaurs into any old film and expect it to rocket off into the stratosphere. Gee, Anne Hathaway was having a good summer, too, between *The Devil Wears Prada 2* and *The Odyssey*. (She'll be fine, she has *Days of Thunder 2* coming up.)

- **Spider-Man, yes, Supergirl, no.** The web-slinger cleared more money domestically on its opening weekend than Kal-El's cousin did worldwide in its entire run. (Someone dressed as Spider-Man punched a Nazi IRL, too. Talk about publicity!) Bad reviews (I didn't care for it either) and "not the DC core three" stigma (Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman/Aquaman) iced *Supergirl*, while Spidey is hotter than



ever. Will Marvel keep up the momentum? Tune in to *Avengers: Doomsday* this December to find out.

- **Tiny horror movies will clean up.** *Backrooms* was a big hit, while *Obsession* was the summer's true little movie that could, raking in \$509 million worldwide on about a \$1 million budget and becoming the rare movie to make that much while never actually being the #1 movie. (It is in fact #3 on that rarefied list. *Oppenheimer* — that again — is #1. I mean, #1 at never being #1. You know what I mean.) Inde Navarrette made that movie what it was, and if people didn't know who she was a year ago, they sure know her now. Not every cheap horror movie could expect likewise; Eli Roth's *Ice Cream Man* sank without a bubble.

- **Star Wars movies not featuring any of the original core three actors (or C3PO and R2D2) aren't a sure thing.** Possibly because not everyone subscribes to Disney+, relatively few people cared about *The Mandalorian* (who?) and *Grogu* (what?). It grossed \$177 million domestically — but cost \$155 million. Disney wasn't poor-mouthing, though, since their *Toy Story 5* cleared \$1.1 billion worldwide (though their live-action *Moana* tanked stateside — maybe ease up on the live-action remakes, guys).

- **And a special shout-out to cult-movie actor Bruce Campbell,** who granted *the Wanderer* (me, Paul Lopes, and the late Ken Souza) an audience about 20 years ago while promoting his flick *The Man with the Screaming Brain*. Campbell, 68, one of the more cynically likable actors around, has been diagnosed with cancer and has stated his doctors have given him five years, "give or take." He said, "I've decided though, pretty specifically, to live with it, not die from it" — a healthy attitude. Here's to an easy journey for Bruce. He's earned it.

interest groups, including Book Club, Mah Jong in conjunction with the COA, a crafting group, Garden Club, Ladies Who Lunch, and Bridge, which is currently in transition. We believe there is something for everyone, and if there is an activity you would enjoy that we don't currently offer, we believe it can be created.

Please join us on Thursday, September 17, at 11:00 am at Reynaud Hall and come see what the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is all about. Our regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Come check us out, meet some new people, and discover the many opportunities our club has to offer. If you have any questions, please feel free to email President@mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Our Thursday and Friday storytimes will be returning soon. Family Storytime, which happens on Thursday mornings at 10:30, will start up again on **September 17**. Baby Storytime, which happens on Friday mornings at 10:30, will start up again a week later, on **September 25**.

Fall is here. Join us for a short walk on Wednesday, **September 30**, to collect leaves, then we'll return to the library to create leaf stamp art. Starts at 10:30 am. For kids ages 3 and up. No registration required.

More information about all our programs is

available on our website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Take a break from the busyness of your day and join health coach and mindfulness teacher Lauren Masse for a peaceful 30-minute mindfulness and meditation session on **September 11** at noon. Whether you're new to meditation or have practiced before, this class offers a welcoming space to slow down, breathe and reconnect with the present moment. Join in person or virtually; registration is optional.

Join us for an evening with acclaimed author Eric Jay Dolin on **September 16** at 5:30 pm. He will discuss his 2022 publication *Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution* and hold a Q&A with attendees. This program is supported by a grant from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration for this event is optional.

Calling all fiber artists and/or makers. The Sewing & Maker Club will meet on **September 19** from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for a drop-in session. The Weaving Wednesdays group will meet on September 23 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, also for a drop-in session. More information is on our website.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Aug 30 – Sept 5

- West River Rd – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Pine Hill Ln – Health/welfare
- Parkway Ln – Noise complaint
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Richardson Rd – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – Lost property
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- 195 East – EMS/medical
- Front St - Lockout
- Bayberry Ln – EMS/medical
- Water St – MV complaint/citation
- Island Wharf Rd – Shellfishing violation
- Converse Rd Follow up investigation
- Zora Rd – General service
- Allen St – Follow up investigation
- Spring St – General service
- Route 105 – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – General service
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Main St – General service

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Aug 30 – Sept 5

- North St – Suspicious MV
- Mattapoisett Harbor – Boat violation
- Acushnet Rd – MV crash
- 195 East – MV crash
- Driscoll Ln – MV violations
- Bay View MS Ave – Animal control
- Timberledge Ln – Suspicious MV
- Barstow St – 911 call
- North St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Tinkham Hill Rd - Notification
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Railroad Ave - Vandalism
- Mechanic St - Vandalism
- Hammond St - Vandalism
- Shaw St – Property lost
- Oliver's Ln - Threats
- Angleica Ave – Animal control
- Baptist St – 911 call
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Main St – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Crystal Spring Rd – Medical assist
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Noyes Ave – Ambulance request
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Water St – Suspicious persons

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Aug 30 – Sept 5

- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Randall Rd – Burglar alarm
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- High St – Parking complaint
- Stevens Rd - Investigation
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – MV lockout
- Sparrow Ln – Suspicious activity
- Boxberry Ln – Animal control
- Stevens Rd – Vehicle complaint
- Cranberry Hwy – Vandalism/arrest
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Cranberry Hwy – Noise complaint
- High St - Larceny
- Marys Pond Rd – 911 call
- Bisbee Dr – Detector issue
- North Ave – MV collision
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Burgess Ave – Parking complaint
- Cross Rd – Follow up
- Mayflower Ln – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd - Threats

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Sept 14: Rosemary & garlic chicken, orzo, mixed root vegetables, dinner roll, vanilla pudding

Tuesday, Sept 15: Whole grain cheese lasagna w/turkey bolognese & parmesan cheese, Tuscan blend vegetables, Texas toast garlic bread, sponge cake w/berries, diet: fruit

Wednesday, Sept 16: Salmon w/peach mango salsa, roasted sweet potatoes, Cali blend vegetables, cornbread loaf, banana

Thursday, Sept 17: Shepherd's pie, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, applesauce

Friday, Sept 18: Tuscan chicken thigh, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, Mandarin fruit cup

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 14: Chicken Philly sub, pasta salad, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 15: Taco nacho

platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 16: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Sept 17: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce

Friday, Sept 18: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Sept 14: Chicken Philly sub, pasta salad, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 15: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 16: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Sept 17: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce

Friday, Sept 18: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Sept 14: Chicken Philly

sub, pasta salad, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 15: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 16: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Sept 17: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce

Friday, Sept 18: Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Sept 14: Chicken Philly sub, pasta salad, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 15: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 16: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Sept 17: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce

Friday, Sept 18: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 14: Chicken Philly sub, pasta salad, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 15: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 16: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, Sept 17: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce

Friday, Sept 18: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Sept 14: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll

Tuesday, Sept 15: Turkey club, baked beans & fries

Wednesday, Sept 16: Bagel pizza & side salad

Thursday, Sept 17: Appetizer sampler

Friday, Sept 18: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

Book Club is meeting on **September 20** at 2:00 pm. They are reading *Evensong* by Stewart O’Nan. The Nonfiction Book Club is meeting on **September 23** at 6:00 pm to read *The Light Eaters* by Zoë Schlanger. Copies of each book are available at the library. New members are welcome.

Celebrate the start of autumn with a Fall Equinox Party at the library on **September 22** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Join us for seasonal beverages and snacks, games, a unique fall craft, music and socializing. Patrons of all ages are welcome to celebrate with us. Please register to join the fun.

Rick Keller is offering a free community-wide collectibles appraisal event on **September 26**. Gather up all your Pokémon/sports cards/memorabilia, coins, watches, video games/consoles, comics, fine/broken jewelry, sterling silver, etc. to see if you have treasure or trash. You must register for a 10-minute time slot to participate.

Teen Events at the Mattapoissett Library

The school year is almost here. Start planning your after-school activities with some of our weekly library programs. Every Wednesday, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, teens in grades 6–12 can join us in the Student Lounge for snacks, crafts and chill time. Teens and tweens in grades 4–12 can also join us every Friday for T(w)een Friyays in the Student Lounge from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm to play games, read or relax.

Looking for a fun back-to-school craft? Stop by the library on **September 15** at 3:00 pm to create your own beaded metal bookmark. All materials for the craft are provided, and a librarian will be there to guide you through the process. Teens in grades 6 to 12 are welcome. Registration is required.

Come to the library for a free showing of *Camp Rock 2* on **September 17** at 3:00 pm. Teens in grades 6–12 can join us to relax and watch the movie, socialize with friends and enjoy some snacks. The movie’s run time is 104 minutes. No registration required; just drop in.

Help us make the library a better place. Teens in grades 7–12 can come to our monthly Library League meetings to make decisions about the teen collection, programs, and community projects. Earn volunteer hours every time you come to a Library League meeting. This month’s meeting will be on **September 24** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. No registration is required; just drop in.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

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- 1 More serious, as a matter
7 It's hidden by head hair
12 Quivered
20 Sure to succeed, as a proposition
21 Marisa of "Cyrus"
22 César Ritz or Conrad Hilton
23 Immediately
24 Of the hipbone
25 With great happiness
26 Start of a riddle
29 Breathe hard and fast
30 Seat of Kansas' Allen County
31 Whale like Shamu
35 Bouncer's age-verifying duty
39 — Park (site of Edison's lab)
41 Shock absorbers, of sorts
44 Riddle, part 2
47 Overly affected
48 Two, in Spain
49 Certain blood type, in brief

- 50 Quantity: Abbr.
51 Egyptian sun god
53 Fiber-yielding plant
56 Charlotte — (rich dessert)
58 Erwin of old films
61 Web portal since '95
62 Riddle, part 3
66 Mailed, e.g.
68 Pen name
70 Tiny, informally
71 Riddle, part 4
74 Really
77 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
78 Dog's tether
79 Edict
80 Expend all of
82 Lay (down)
83 84-Down of Bart Simpson
85 "Indubitably!"
87 Dazzling effects
91 End of the riddle
97 Signs up
98 Fishing line attachments
99 Private school
100 Personal manner
101 Chimney stuff
102 Skewed view

- 103 Riddle's answer
113 Egyptian carrier until 2021
116 Makes level
117 Disappear without —
118 Least narrow
119 Fix, as a bow
120 Papal crowns
121 Cutting parts of some cutting tools
122 Sulky states
123 Accompany for security

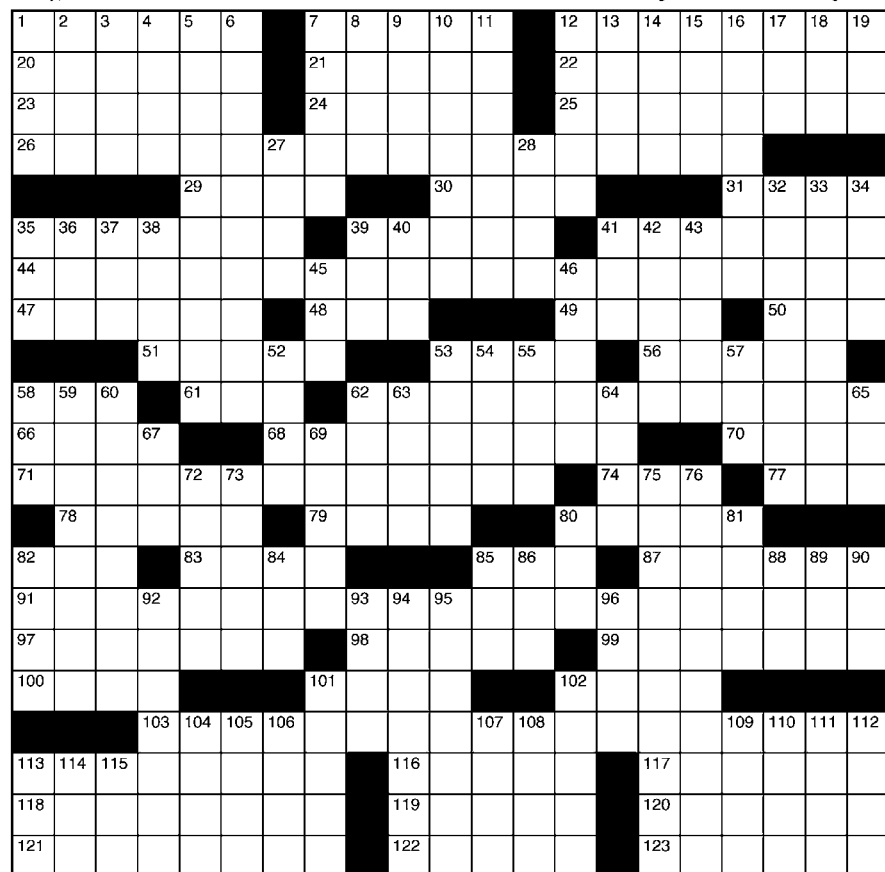
DOWN

- 1 Chew like a rat
2 Horror film director Eli
3 Emollient plant juice
4 Gold-winning skier Lindsey
5 Locked place where people solve puzzles to find the key
6 People staging old battles, say
7 Clown's leg lengthener
8 E. — (bacterium)
9 Lady friend, in France
10 On a slant
11 Small flute

- 12 Iota preceder
13 Do deep massage therapy on
14 And the like: Abbr.
15 Portion (out)
16 Ignored, informally
17 Pan topper
18 Sinuous fish
19 Parched
27 Egyptian sacred cross
28 Truckloads
32 Goes over, as old issues
33 Sevastopol natives, e.g.
34 Deputy: Abbr.
35 Hairy TV cousin
36 Whoop-de—
37 Co. VIP
38 Owns, to Shakespeare
39 L-P link
40 Mag VIPs
41 Big Mac base
42 Wombs
43 Fill with steam
45 Mag revenue sources
46 Cry to a baby who makes a boo-boo
52 Potentially offensive, in brief

- 53 Attacked aggressively
54 Business coll. subject
55 Repair
57 Neighbor of Nor. and Fin.
58 Dir. 45 degrees from 77-Across
59 "Madam Secretary" star
60 Perturb
62 Flg on a road
63 Panther
64 Med. insurers
65 "Ready Player One" co-star
67 "J to — L-O!" (Lopez album)
69 Until now
72 Dots on ocean maps
73 Switch gears
75 Become less intense
76 In the current state
80 Land with a 50-star flag
81 Said "guilty" or "not guilty"
82 Apple discard
84 Bro's sibling
85 Hearty laugh

- 86 Three in "maximum"
88 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
89 Pro — (for now)
90 Pigs' hangout
92 Makes an allusion to
93 Sneaker, e.g.
94 Horn honkers
95 A baker may wear a mitt to handle one
96 Longtime depilatory brand
101 Singer Patti or Sam
102 Greyhound transports
104 Deputy
105 Body part with a cap
106 Brooklyn Bridge's river
107 Legendary snow beast
108 Doing the task
109 — II (Gillette razor)
110 Starchy tropical root
111 Plug-in auto
112 Repose
113 Sit-up targets
114 Lyricist Gershwin
115 Seating tier



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change that you hoped for is on its way. But you still need to be patient until more explanations are forthcoming. Continue to keep your enthusiasm in check.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your social life expands as new friends come into your life. But while you're having fun, your practical side also sees some positive business potential within your new circle.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workplace situation continues to improve. Look for advantages that you might've missed while all the changes were going on around you. A trusted colleague can help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Resist the urge to hunker down in your bunker until things ease up. Instead, get rid of a woe-is-me attitude by getting up and getting out to meet old friends -- and make new ones!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Now that you're back enjoying the spotlight again, you should feel reenergized and ready to take on the challenge of bringing your big, bold plans to completion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former friend would like to repair a relationship that you two once enjoyed. Your positive response could have an equally positive impact on your life. Think about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Resist making impulsive decisions. Stay on a steady course as you continue to work out workplace problems. Be patient. All will soon be back in balance.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel confident about taking a promising offer, but continue to be alert for what you're not being told about it. Don't fret. Time is on your side!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) People dear to you might be planning a way to show appreciation for all that you've done for them. Accept the honor graciously. Remember, you deserve it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations! Your self-confidence is on the rise. This could be a good time to tackle any bothersome situations that you've avoided both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You feel obligated to return a favor. (Of course, you do.) But heed advice from those closest to you and do nothing until you're certain about what's being asked of you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your loving reassurance helped revive a once-moribund relationship. But be wary of someone who might try to do something negative to reverse this positive turn of events.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're a wonderful matchmaker who can bring people together to form long-lasting relationships, whether they're friendships or romantic affairs.

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those who stay at home. When the American Revolution began, the first soldiers to fight were primarily New England militiamen (every able-bodied male between 16 and 60 was required to be part of a town's militia). The local militias responded or mustered to alarms that often required a three-day commitment. They also responded to expeditions that could last from two weeks to a couple of months. Even longer stays created by the siege of Boston occasionally allowed for short trips back home.



However, once the Continental Army came into being, the times of enlistment grew much longer, and the distance from home increased. As time passed, the General Court asked Rochester (and other towns) to raise a "cota" of soldiers to fill the ranks of the depleted army. In 1780, Rochester's "cota" was for 32 soldiers. The town often struggled to honor these requests, but in 1780 was able to come up with the 32 men. Some were paid by the town to be three-month men and others to be six-month men. In 1781, the General



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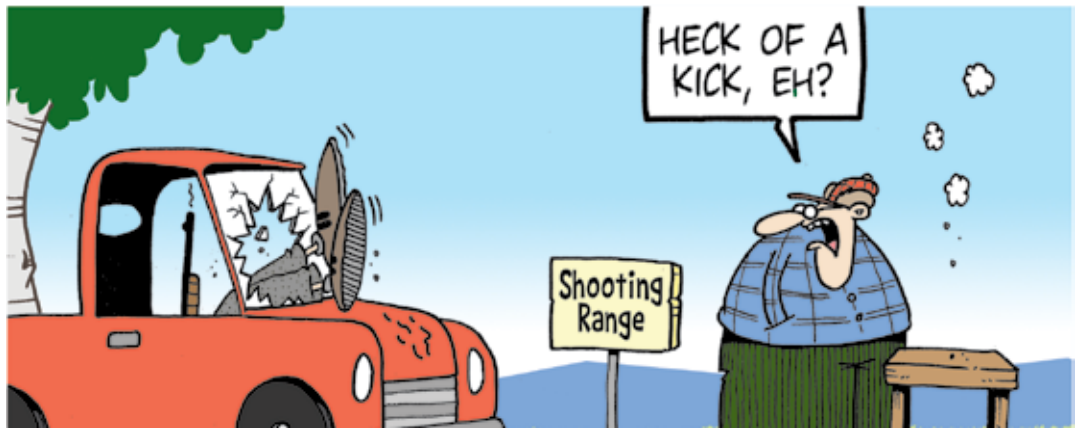
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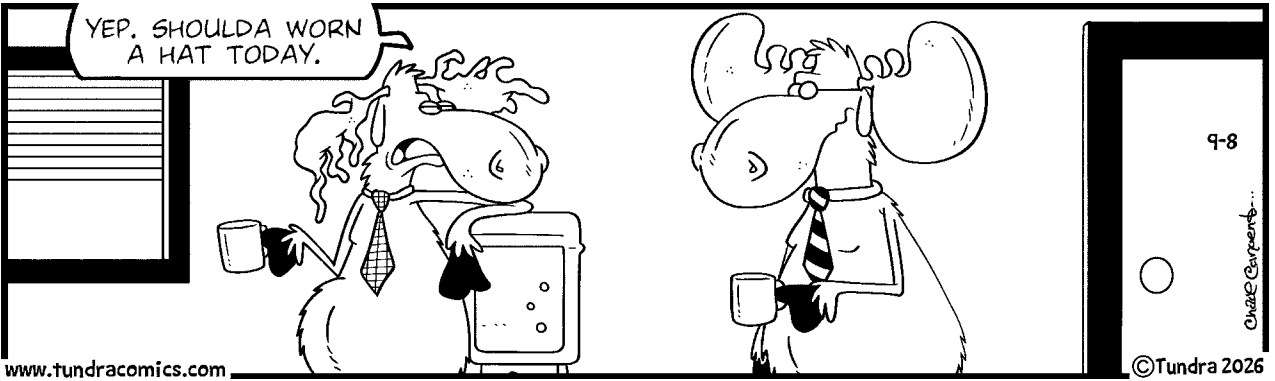
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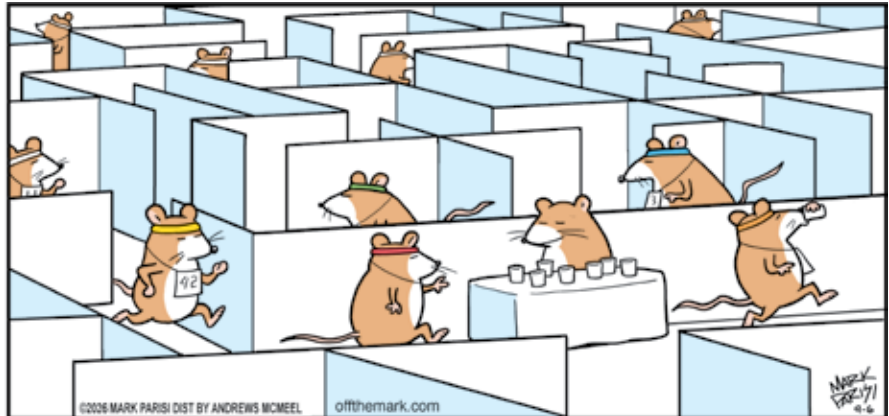


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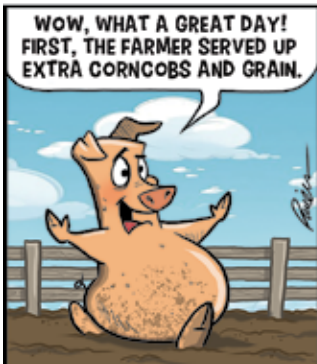
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Court called for 25 men to serve "for three years or during the war." The bounty voted by town meeting was 100 hard dollars paid each year in January. Muster cards show men signing up for these longer enlistments.

Back to those at home. Money had been scarce prior to 1776, but it became worse once war was declared. To make matters worse, there was no dependable national currency. Women who were left trying to feed their families had to rely on the barter system.

That was not their only concern. With the absence of older boys and men, women's work (already burdensome) increased as they took on tasks previously done by those gone to war. Farming still had to be carried out as well as caring for livestock and managing building repairs.

As part of our current exhibit (some of which is shown in the picture), "Rochester and the Revolution," there is a section devoted to items that a woman would use to accomplish her chores. It includes, in part, a grain sifter, sewing materials, a rug beater and a variety of utensils. There are also heavy pots and a toaster that would be placed in the fireplace. Also included are items like a scythe and shingle axe that might well have been used in new duties.

Adding to all of this, the long lists of those killed and wounded continued to grow. Some of the wounded made it home but could only hobble about their farms or businesses and as one writer said, "The women took on more duties." Another concern was the rising inflation. Everything cost more, from shoes to the increased price of "rum wine." The town raised taxes to cover the cost of the "requisition on the town for beef for the army."

Though peace finally came in 1783, it didn't unburden the townspeople and there was much "confusion and dissatisfaction" in the community. Soldiers' families suffered the most, with many having to wait years for payments and pensions.

September at the RHS Museum

On **September 16** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Historical Society Museum at 355 County Road, there will be a short meeting followed by a talk on how small



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cranberry growers can survive and maybe even thrive in today's economy. It will be given by Woody Hartley. There will be refreshments following the talk.

Anyone interested in viewing the current exhibit can do so by coming early (6:30 pm) or making an appointment by calling 617-750-2818. On **October 4**, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, we'll have the first of our Sunday openings. This will be accompanied by our annual Cranberry Bake Sale (bakers wanted) and raffles.

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Special Permit Application for a proposed Back Lot Division of Land filed by James Arne, 232 Blackmore Pond Road, West Wareham, MA 02576 and depicted on a plan entitled, "Division Plan Of Land To Accompany Special Permit For A Back Lot Division Of Land" and dated August 12, 2026 for property located at 72 Marion Road, Rochester, MA 02770 designated as Lot 20 on Assessor's Map 6. The applicant is proposing to divide an existing lot into two separate building lots. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 9/3, 9/10 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 at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 17, 2026 CASE #1595 Petition of: John D.C. Ewing & Nasira H. Ewing, 25 North Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: 25 North Street, Mattapoisett. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 40, on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District VR. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 52934, Page 4. The applicants seek a Special Permit to demolish the existing garage and construct a new two-car garage. The complete applications and plans, as filed, are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chair Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues, Aaron Goldberg 9/3, 9/10 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 5, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday September 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom, to consider the following proposed amendment to the Town of Mattapoisett Zoning By-laws: to add a Cottage Community Development By-law, the draft text of which is on file with the office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto. Thomas Tucker, Chair 9/3, 9/10	TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:30 pm in person and via Zoom on the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by RBF Realty Trust, 1 Harbor Road - HB, Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor's Map 4, Lots 76 and 77. The applicants propose to repair the existing septic system servicing the existing single-family dwelling located within a mapped FEMA Flood Zone AE EL 16. 9/10 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing has been scheduled for September 22, 2026, at 6:45 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Kokobo's, Inc., D.B.A. Kokobo's Coastal Cantina, 20 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Requesting an All-Alcohol License, Common Victualler's License and Entertainment License. Bryce Guilbeault will be the Manager on record. Jodi L. Bauer, Chairperson Jordan Collyer, Vice Chair Judith Mooney, Clerk Frances-Feliz Kearns, Nicole Doyon Lynch 9/10 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91 The Kittansett Club NOTIFICATION DATE: September 4, 2026 Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the The Kittansett Club to perform maintenance dredging in Buzzards Bay located at 11 Point Road in the municipality Marion. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent. The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 15 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/ (enter "26-WW01-0086-APP" in the Search Page as the Record ID). If you need assistance, please contact christine.koczera@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 268-6653 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options. Written comments must be addressed to: Christine Koczera, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 9/10	TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LAYOUT A PUBLIC WAY Pursuant to MGL Chapter 82 §22, the Select Board will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm to consider whether Cooper Way shall be laid out as a public way. Said roadway is shown on the plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Cooper Way 40' Wide Layout, in Mattapoisett, MA, prepared for JBL Fairhaven Road, LLC" dated November 8, 2024 and prepared by Schneider, Davignon & Leon, Inc.. A copy of the street acceptance request is available in the Town Clerk's Office. Should the Select Board decide to lay out Cooper Way as a public way, and Town Meeting accepts the layout as a public way, the Town will acquire the fee to and/or easements in the roadways as well as any drainage, access, utility or other related easements on any lots abutting or located near said roadways by purchase, gift or eminent domain. Members of the public who wish to attend in person are welcome to do so in the Mattapoisett Fire Station Training Room, 62 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided, the meeting will not suspend or terminate should technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Those who wish to watch or listen to the meeting remotely may do so in one of the following manners: Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86072379709?pwd=TLSPx3Oo5QYYpJzyeIcH-pzCZ78FOIG.1 Meeting ID: 860 7237 9709 Passcode: 127236 9/10 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number 26-WW01-0117-APP Elizabeth May Cannell 1996 Family Trust, Hillers Cove, 5 Holly Woods Road, Mattapoisett, Plymouth County NOTIFICATION DATE: September 11, 2026 Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by the Elizabeth May Cannell 1996 Family Trust, James C. Cannell, Trustee, to construct and maintain a pile supported timber pier, ramp and float, with four float piles at 5 Holly Woods Road in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in and over waters of the Hillers Cove. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent. The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within thirty (30) days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). Project plans and documents for the Wa-

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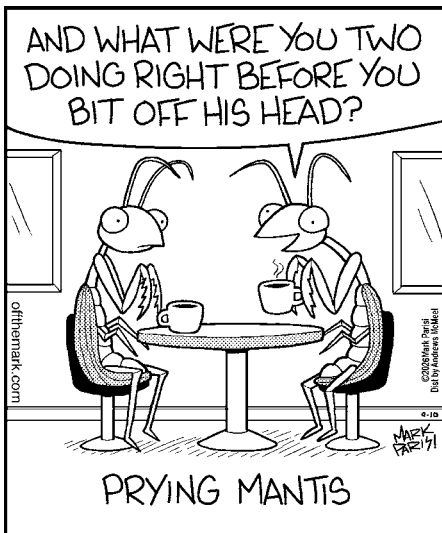
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In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library will accept book donations on Thursday, October 1, and Friday, October 2, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success. In addition, jewelry donations will also be accepted in preparation for the annual winter jewelry sale.

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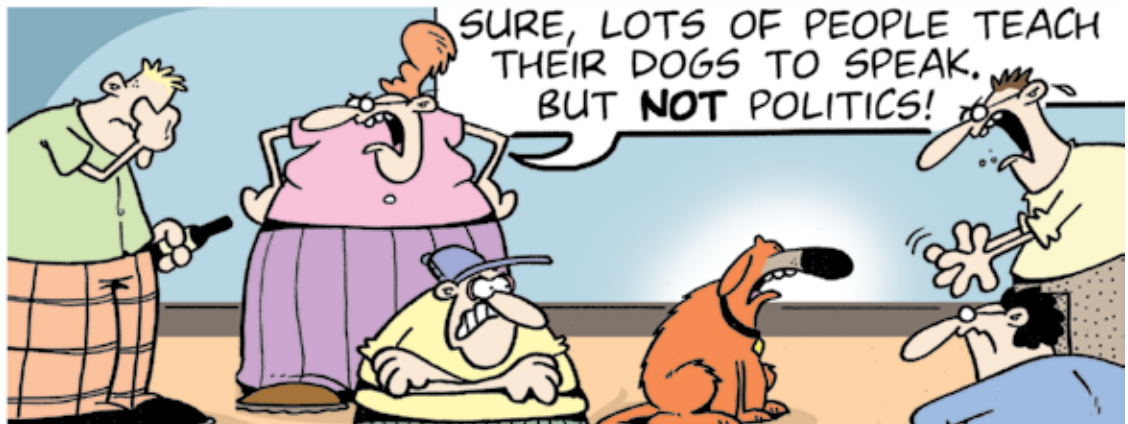


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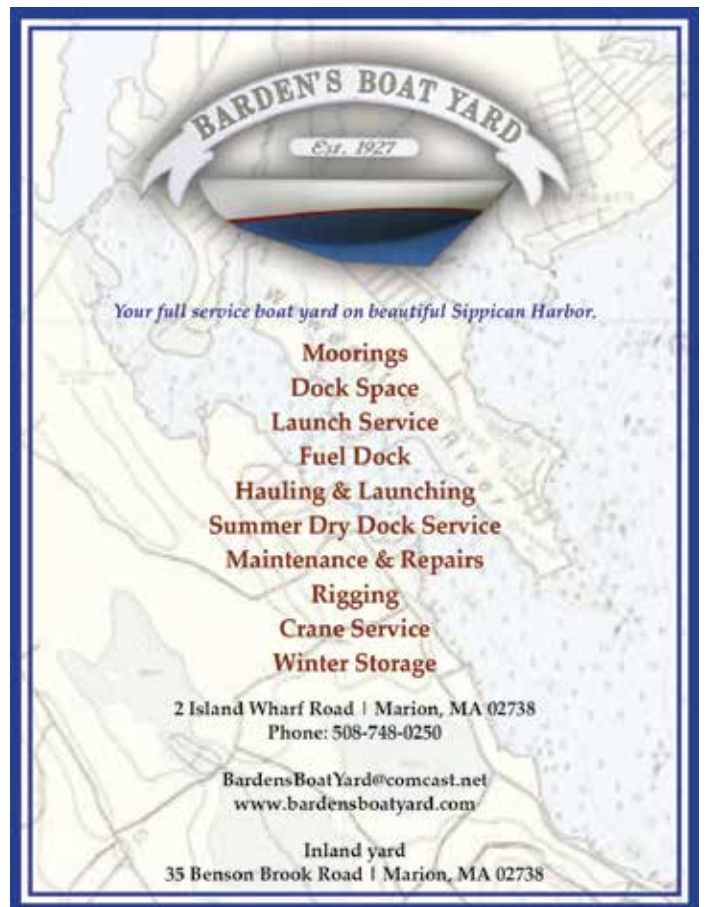
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We've had some turnover recently, and we're actively looking to grow. Whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little, there's a place for you here.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **September 23**, at 6:45 pm at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library. Can't make it in person? Join us via Google Meet. New members are welcome and voted in at the meeting.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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"No, they're not playing cops and robbers - they're playing baseball players and _____."

Those nonperishable donations are collected and shared with Damien's Food Pantry in Wareham, helping provide food to local individuals and families. The food drive dates are **September 17, October 15, November 19** and **December 17** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

"Food insecurity can touch any family," said Pastor Michael Frady from the Missions Committee. "A job loss, an unexpected expense, rising grocery prices or simply a difficult season can make it harder for a household to keep food on the table. Drop and Drive is one small way we can say to our neighbors, 'You are not alone. We are here for one another.'"

The concept is intentionally simple. Bring a donation. Drop it off. Drive on. There is no lengthy commitment, no registration and no requirement to make a large donation. A single item can become part of a much larger expression of community care.

"We want Drop and Drive to be accessible to everyone," said Frady. "You don't have to make a major contribution to make a difference. If each of us adds just a little, together we can provide a lot."

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church is a welcoming Congregational church committed to serving God and neighbors through worship, community, outreach and acts of compassion. Through Drop and Drive and other community ministries, the church seeks to put faith into action by helping create a community where everyone is valued, welcomed and cared for. At the beginning of every worship service, our pastor begins, "Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Mattapoisett Congregational Church."

ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association

To celebrate the alumni of ORR, the ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA), for the fourth consecutive year, will organize events around the annual Homecoming game. The parallel events will be held on Friday, **October 9**, and Saturday, **October 10**.

The events are open to all ORRJHS and ORRHS alumni and friends of ORR. It's an inclusive experience that hopes to bring together the shared alumni experience spanning seven decades from the Class of '62 to the Class

of '26.

On Friday, **October 9**, the ORRHS Football Game will kick off at 6:30 pm. Join us at a dedicated alumni area behind the end zone. Gather to learn about the meaningful and consequential work the BPAA is doing for the ORR community. Please note that to enter the grounds, all attendees must purchase a ticket. The BPAA is not involved in ticket sales for the game.

The Friday Night Lights social, for the second year in a row, will take place at The Stowaway in Mattapoisett, an alumni-owned business. The event starts immediately following the game. Complimentary light refreshments will be served. Special cocktails will be on the menu, and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the BPAA. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction — no entrance fee.

On Saturday, **October 10**, the BPAA 4th Annual Alumni Homecoming Celebration will begin at 7:00 pm. Saturday's celebration is to be held for the first time at alumni-owned River Junction in Marion, featuring a section for ORR alums. Complimentary refreshments will be served. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. The Class of 1991 will be celebrating its 35th reunion with us; there is no entrance fee.

Local businesses and alumni have contributed to our fundraising efforts to demonstrate our school pride for ORR. For the Class of 2026, the BPAA sponsored three awards totaling \$5,000, in addition to launching the Grants Program, through which four grants totaling over \$1,500 were awarded. For 2026-2027, the BPAA is committed to a fundraising goal of \$10,000 to support the BPAA's Mission & Vision 2036, a program dedicated to expanding giving and providing financial awards to underserved student populations. This will be achieved by small and large donations raised primarily through fundraising efforts during Alumni Weekend. This will allow BPAA funds to reach the wider ORR community by supporting projects and experiences for students.

Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2026 is an opportunity for past students and graduates of ORRJHS and ORRHS to reconvene in proud support of our schools, and to establish an outlet for alumni and

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A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

O most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will be granted to you. PL

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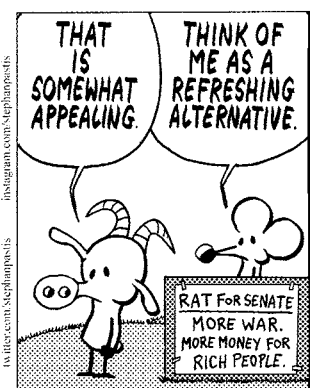
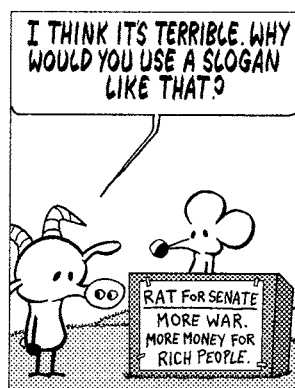
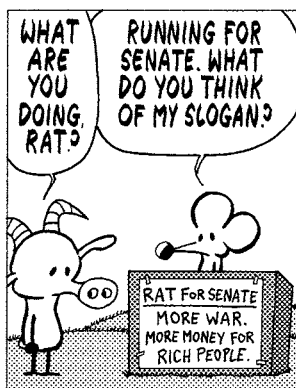
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For inquiries, reach out to the BPAA at bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com. Go Bulldogs.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Yard Sale

On Saturday, **September 12**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will once again host its annual yard sale in Reynard Hall, rain or shine.

Lots of great items will be available, including home furnishings, housewares, collectibles, beautiful handbags, sports equipment, books, small furniture, toys and games, as well as new handmade items and yummy baked goods. You are sure to find so many treasures.

Cash and checks are accepted. All proceeds will benefit the ministries of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Women-On-Target Program

The Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce its annual NRA Women-On-Target program on Saturday, **September 26**, at 215 Dexter Lane in Rochester. The program runs from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The morning session teaches the NRA Home Firearm Safety Course, qualifying participants to apply for a Massachusetts License to Carry (LTC) or Firearms Identification (FID) card. After a catered, healthy lunch, participants will gain practical and safe shooting experiences by rotating through the club's pistol range, 50- and 100-yard rifle ranges, and shotgun trap range. The \$110 fee includes all training materials, eye and ear protection to keep, use of the club facility, morning snacks, lunch, ammunition, and use of firearms. If you have any questions, please contact



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ORRHS Class of 1971

The ORRHS Class of 1971 will have a 55th reunion in Mattapoisett on Sunday, **September 13**, at 4:00 pm. Classmates wishing to attend may contact Christian Saether at csaether@msn.com or Cornelia Dougall at corneliadougall@yahoo.com for further details and to RSVP.

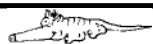
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	September 10	7:53	8:17	1:47	1:47
Friday	September 11	8:40	9:02	2:19	2:34
Saturday	September 12	9:25	9:45	2:50	3:18
Sunday	September 13	10:09	10:28	3:21	3:58
Monday	September 14	10:53	11:12	3:54	4:36
Tuesday	September 15	11:38	11:58	4:29	5:14
Wednesday	September 16		12:25	5:06	5:56
Thursday	September 17	12:46	1:14	5:47	6:47
Friday	September 18	1:36	2:05	6:35	8:04
Saturday	September 19	2:27	2:58	7:40	9:47
Sunday	September 20	3:21	3:58	9:03	10:47
Monday	September 21	4:22	4:58	10:22	11:29
Tuesday	September 22	5:21	5:49	11:19	
Wednesday	September 23	6:09	6:30	12:04	12:05
Thursday	September 24	6:51	7:09	12:36	12:47
Friday	September 25	7:30	7:48	1:07	1:28
Saturday	September 26	8:09	8:28	1:39	2:10
Sunday	September 27	8:49	9:10	2:13	2:52
Phases of the Moon		New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter		September 11th September 18th September 26th October 3rd	



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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).

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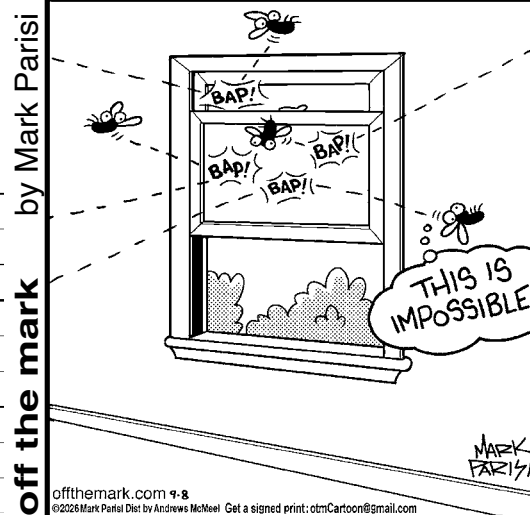
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Today's Word
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Sudoku Answer

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