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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



It's quite the year for sunflowers! Linda Brownell shared this photo of her sunflower, which may not be the tallest around, but stands at an impressive 8.5 feet tall.



Sunrise in Mattapoisett. Photo by Cecile Callahan



(Left) A team of volunteers from the Mattapoisett Lions Club — including Paul Stubbs, Jeremy Caswell, Bruce Rocha, Jeffrey Swift, Ron Ellis and Fred Avery — installed a metal ramp at a home for a neighbor with mobility issues. Photo courtesy of Paul Stubbs

(Right) Mattapoisett residents Norma Klein and Winston Eddy at the entrance to Tunnel 28 of the Route of the Hiawatha, located at the Montana-Idaho border.



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Rochester Dedicates 9/11 Memorial on 25th Anniversary

By Ann Marie Dunn

The Rochester Police and Fire Departments held the third annual 9/11 ceremony and commemorated the addition of a 9/11 Memorial to the Rochester Firefighter Memorial on Friday, September 11, marking the 25th anniversary.

"It's hard to believe 25 years have passed" was a common utterance among the crowd. Most remembered where they were when it happened. Some attendees weren't around then but came to hear about the day their parents lived through.

After the Processional March of the Rochester Police and Fire Department members, Fire Captain Kevin Richard began the ceremony by saying, "Of all the reminders of that day, the number one image that doesn't leave us is the firefighters and first responders going in while everyone was coming out of the building because someone above needed them."

He said the phrase "Never forget" is more than a slogan; it's a promise to "remember their lives, honor their sacrifice, and carry their memory forward."

The new 9/11 Memorial, which includes a piece of steel from the World Trade Center, was dedicated. It stands as a lasting tribute to the 343 New York City Fire Department (FDNY) firefighters who lost their lives. The department acquired it almost 25 years ago through connections in New York City to Fire Chief Scott Weigel and current Select Board member Paul Ciaburri.

Mr. Ciaburri, a retired Rochester firefighter, was in New York during 9/11, working on a tugboat transporting people who wanted to get out of Manhattan in the following days. The flag that flew on his tugboat is the same flag he used to wrap the piece of steel during its transport here. Ciaburri said, "The FDNY was impressed!" He decided to donate the special flag for the Remembrance ceremony and said he would use it for every 9/11 memorial.

Rochester Police Chief Michael Assad's memory

On the Cover: The Rochester Police and Fire Departments commemorated the 25th anniversary of 9/11 on Friday, September 11, with the dedication of a new 9/11 Memorial at the Rochester Firefighters Memorial. Photo by Ann Marie Dunn

of 9/11 was how incredible it was to see so many people running away from the horrible scene as first responders ran toward it, climbing all those stairs. He felt September 12, 2001, "showed the best of America, when we were simply Americans who had each other's back and stood together." He also noted, "There is an entire generation who doesn't know 9/11"; therefore, we must keep remembering for them and generations to come.

Bianka Chibante, a local student invited by her vocal coach to participate, performed the national anthem. She said she was a little nervous but excited to sing for the first time at the Memorial. Another local voice student, Kennedy McKay from Mattapoisett, sang "God Bless America." She has been singing at the Memorial for three years.

The flag was lowered to half-mast and one minute of silence was observed. The Bell Box rang four sets of five times each, called the Tolling of the Bell, a ritual that symbolizes the end of a firefighter's duty and honors their sacrifice. Carol Galante-Dias from the Council on Aging read the 9/11 prayer, and Captain Richard shared the

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firefighter's prayer.

The Bells tolled again, and the flag was raised.

The Rochester Firefighter Memorial, located at the corner of Cushman and Hartley Road, was built approximately 20 years ago to commemorate those who have fallen. Rochester is an on-call, all-volunteer fire department.

Ward Benner, a retired firefighter, said he's "still around at 86," participating in these events. He started his involvement as a child. He used to watch them work because he lives near the original fire department, across from the Memorial. He stepped away for a while, but in 1972, a major fire at the Rounseville Sawmill in Rochester turned out to be "a real tough day," so he felt he needed to come back and help. "I couldn't let these guys do this without more help; the job is just too much for them," he said.

Because the fire department is made up of part-time volunteers, it is difficult to get everyone on hand when fighting a large fire.

In total, 2,977 people were murdered that day, including 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, 68 first responders, and almost 2,500 civilians. In case you forgot:

At 8:46 am, the North Tower was hit.

At 9:03 am, the South Tower was hit.

At 9:37 am, the Pentagon was hit.

At 9:59 am, the South Tower fell.

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Mattapoissett Lions Club Ramps up the Fun

By Laura Pedulli

On Saturday, September 5, in the Tri-Town, a small, determined group set out to do a good deed. With smiles and tools in hand, they spent the day installing a metal ramp at a home for a neighbor with mobility issues who needed better access.

The group is part of the Mattapoissett Lions Club, a 60-member local organization involved in acts of service throughout the Tri-Town and beyond.

When the Marion Health & Human Services office reached out to the club with an urgent need for a wheelchair ramp, they got to work.

"We love to do things like this; it gives us camaraderie and a feeling of doing something good in the community," said Paul Stubbs, president of the Mattapoissett Lions Club.

In about three weeks, they procured a used ramp at half the price of a new one, approved the spending at an August board meeting, and installed it.

"Wheelchair ramps have become expensive. In the past, you only needed \$400 to \$500 [to purchase one], and guys who knew what they were doing," he said.

That isn't the case anymore. A typical wheelchair ramp costs between \$4,000 and \$7,000, Stubbs said.

"That's expensive for someone with an illness or low income."

He said the club prefers metal ramps because wooden ones deteriorate over time, adding that the group is seeking donations.

On that Saturday, Lions Club members including Jeremy Caswell, Bruce Rocha, Jeffrey Swift, Ron Ellis, Fred Avery, and others offered help with enthusiasm and plenty of banter. Connie Hayes donated coffee and donuts that kept the crew fueled.

"Caswell let us use his trailer. We needed to cut the steel with his own grinder. We couldn't have done it without him," he said.

Stubbs said he has been president since the end of June; he was last president in 1994. He said they would love to get younger members to join the club.

"We're a lot of fun; we help a lot. It's a great

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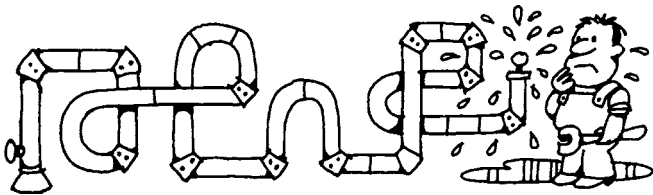
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society to be involved with. I've been doing this for 42 years, and I'm not the oldest one in the club," Stubbs said. He added it's also great for networking and meeting influential people in town.

He said the club — part of the much larger Lions Club International with 1.4 million members worldwide — does meaningful work in the spirit of disability rights activist Helen Keller. In particular, the organization focuses its efforts on supporting people with blindness or eye diseases; it partners with Mass Eye and Ear, a Mass General Brigham member based in Boston.

Other assistance includes providing eyeglasses and hearing aids, donating to local food pantries, and collecting goods for local service members and women serving overseas.

"Whatever your skill or interest in giving back to the local community or internationally, we have a place for you," Stubbs said.

Mahjong Fever Hits the Tri-Town

By Ann Marie Dunn

The game of Mahjong, which originated in China, is trending in the Tri-Town, as folks have found it a great way to exercise their brains and have fun. Interest in Mahjong is growing partly because the American version ("Mah Jongg") is easier to learn and more people are playing the game on social media.

At the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA), Susan Schenker learned Mah Jongg, and after helping teach, she has co-taught with Tina Dolan for the past couple of years. They teach two two-hour sessions. In the first, they learn how to understand the tiles and read the cards. In the second, she says they "jump into messy Mah Jongg," where everyone can see each other's hands, making it easier for newcomers.

Schenker said she recommends people start playing right after learning the basics so they don't forget the skills and can get more comfortable with the game. She also suggested using an app and playing with "bots" to practice.

Mah Jongg "is all about luck and skill, and it's lots of fun but very addictive," she said. This game is so popular that all her fall classes are full, and she has a waiting list. Charlette Mello of the Mattapoisett COA said, "It's not just for old ladies anymore!" Even younger folks and men join the open play weekly group on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm (serious players only).

At the Sippican Woman's Club in Marion, Charlotte Canelli said Mah Jongg has "taken off like wildfire!"

When they noticed rising interest, she said they decided to start three-week lessons teaching American Mah Jongg using the National Mah Jongg League official standard hands and rules based on the 2026 card. Club colleagues Wendy Cullum and Chris Dole teach members and non-members alike.

"We've had game nights for years, so this is just an addition to our events," Canelli stated. Several members have been playing for years, and some were taught more recently.

The club organized weekly members-only groups in May 2026, with morning sessions on Wednesdays and evening sessions on Thursdays. In just three months, they have more than 20 active players, from beginners to experienced players.

"We have so much commitment, passion and energy for it. We enjoy playing and helping everyone feel confident playing," Canelli said.

A group of Mattapoisett Ladies began playing Mahjong in 1975. A few of these ladies teach newbies to play on Saturday, September 26, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Library. Both Asian Mahjong and American Mah Jongg versions are offered.



When Summer Begins to Pack Its Bags

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

It happens in increments: the little browning tips of the iris leaves, a confetti of seven-sons blossoms scattered across the patio, the nondescript leaves beginning to obscure the garden path. Add to that the chirp of crickets and the heady aroma of grapes draping the balcony — hopefully going unnoticed by the pesky raccoons — and the signs are unmistakable.

Summer is beginning to pack its bags.

There's a certain kind of magic to this time of year, when the morning air turns crisp and the garden seems to exhale after months of exuberance. The transition is gradual, almost imperceptible. One day we're surrounded by the riot of summer; the next, we're noticing the first whispers of autumn.

I suppose I'm not quite ready to let summer go. Fortunately, the garden doesn't require me to make that decision just yet.

For my rowing team, however, the end of the season wasn't about winding down. It was about leaving everything we had out on the lake. This past weekend, we traveled to Vermont for a regatta on Lake Champlain. After only a few weeks of serious practice, we pulled it off, crossing the finish line to place third in a field of eight boats. Not bad for a few weeks of hard work.

It was the perfect way to finish the season: tired,

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exhilarated and knowing we had given it everything we had. There is something satisfying about ending a season on a high note, and perhaps that's what I like about this particular moment in the garden, too. Nothing is really over. Things are simply changing.

And so, while I may not be ready to say goodbye to summer, I am ready to make my list.

If you know me by now, you'll understand my annual ritual of the garden work list. Each year it's much the same, although I have a tendency to shift my focus depending on my priorities — and, occasionally, on what I've neglected.

Take advantage of the T-shirt-and-shorts weather while you can and tackle those end-of-the-gardening-season tasks now. There is plenty to do in the fall, especially if you didn't quite catch up with your summer work list. (I certainly won't ask.)

I suggest taking a leisurely walk around the garden and making a checklist. There is something immensely satisfying about crossing off a task once it's accomplished. And while the weather remains pleasant, you can get a surprising amount done.

Here are a few things to consider:

-Refresh your window boxes and planters with a fall theme. Experiment with textures and colors using the palette of cold-hardy plants available now. Consider purple fountain grass paired with creeping Jenny and sedum "Autumn Joy," along with the weeping strands of




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pineapple sage, ornamental peppers, flowering kale or even Swiss chard.

-Fill bare spots in the garden border with fall-blooming perennials and grasses. They can revive areas that have finished blooming for the season. Be sure to deadhead and cut back spent plants and blooms where appropriate.

-Move shrubs and plants. Fall is an excellent time for transplanting, when the soil retains some warmth and cooler temperatures place less stress on newly moved plants.

-Purchase bulbs for planting in October. I am especially attracted to unusual tulips, particularly those in shades of purple. More about that later.

-Divide perennials and dig up tender plants, including herbs you'd like to bring indoors.

-Harvest the compost pile and spread it throughout the garden. This will nourish the plants and improve the soil. Put the garden to bed with a covering of manure and seaweed. I love seaweed as a mulch: it's free, mineral-rich, and I love the silvery tinge it takes on when dry.

-Collect seeds from annuals and garden favorites such as hollyhocks, zinnias, marigolds, columbine and coneflowers. Share them as gifts, label the name and date of collection and store them in airtight containers.

-Take cuttings of shrubs. Use half-ripe wood in early autumn and hardwood later in the season. An

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excellent reference is *Plant Propagation* by Alan Toogood for the American Horticultural Society.

-When leaves begin to fall, rake often enough that they never completely cover the lawn. Alternatively, mow leaves into fine pieces and let them decompose where they fall. Keep thick layers of leaves cleared from herbaceous plants — particularly hostas, asters and euphorbias — to help minimize slug damage.

-Apply lawn fertilizer as appropriate for your lawn and local conditions.

-Scratch bone meal into the peony and iris beds.

-Check and clean tools, machinery and watering systems. A little maintenance now can save considerable frustration next spring.

-Lastly, clean the shed. This may be the least glamorous task on the list, but you'll be grateful when spring arrives.

As with any task, try to find an element of fun in the work and it will be more satisfying. There's pleasure in these autumn chores if you allow yourself to notice it: the smell of freshly turned earth, the crunch of leaves underfoot, the satisfaction of a neatly finished bed.

And perhaps that is the real appeal of a garden work list. It gives us permission to slow down and pay attention. We make preparations for the season ahead while still enjoying the season we're in.

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What Shots Should I Get this Fall?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Ah, fall. Children go back to school, leaves turn color and it is time to think about your immunization against winter viruses.

What, if any shots should you get?

Influenza is not "just a bad cold." Influenza lays you out with hacking cough, fever and muscle aches. While it rarely kills healthy young adults, it can, and it certainly kills frail elders and small children. Even young healthy people can be laid up for a week or more.

We never know how bad a flu season it will be until it is upon us, and everyone should get an annual flu shot, which you can get at your doctor's office, many pharmacies and local town-run clinics. The standard shot is fine for most. People over 65 or those with weakened immune systems should get either the "high dose" formulation or the new mRNA shot (which may not be as readily available this season).

What is most exciting about the mRNA flu

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vaccine is that in future years, it will allow the virus to be targeted much more accurately. The way flu shots are now made requires the manufacturers to commit to a flu virus target well in advance of the season. Sometimes the experts nail it while other times the shot is not a great match for the circulating strain. The new technology will shorten development from 6 months to six weeks, allowing manufacturers to adjust the shot if the virus mutates.

COVID is still with us, and yes, you should get a booster. The current shot is quite different from the original one, though not very different from last fall's.

The FDA prioritizes those over 65, but there is no reason why anyone except perhaps young healthy men



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should not get one. (For reasons not fully understood, adolescent and young adult males are most prone to serious side effects such as inflammation of the heart, though even in that group, the heart damage is self-limited and benefits outweigh risks.)

While the COVID shot is only modestly effective at preventing infection and mild illness, it is very effective at preventing serious illness and death.

If you are over 75 and /or have bad lungs, get a one-time RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) shot. If you have had one, you do not need to repeat it.

Women in late pregnancy during the fall and winter should get immunized to protect their infants; RSV is a major illness for newborns. If the mother is not immunized, infants can be protected by a shot of monoclonal antibodies.

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A Disorganized Strategic Abandonment

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check in on what was going on 250 years ago in the early United States. Last week, Patriots held a field test for the world's first attack submarine, the *Turtle*, all while the continuing presence of American troops in New York seemed more and more unmanageable. General George Washington and his officers agreed the city must be abandoned. On September 12, they left the city proper and moved north to Harlem.

On September 13, 1776, with plans to abandon New York hotly debated among the American officers, Major General William Heath of Roxbury writes to Washington from his post across the Harlem River. Displeased with the decision to leave New York, he writes that he is "so unhappy as to differ in sentiment from a majority of the honorable Board of General Officers of the Army of the United States of America."

He notes an evacuation "gives such unspeakable advantage to the enemy," who will be able to garrison it during the winter and endanger the rest of the nation,

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which will be cut in two down the Hudson. At this same time, the Royal Navy begins to close in on Manhattan, with the *HMS Carysfort*, *HMS Orpheus*, *HMS Phoenix* and *HMS Roebuck* moving up and blocking the East River, securing a landing point between Manhattan and Long Island.

On September 14, the ships sit anchored a few hundred feet from the shore. Around 4,000 troops remain in New York and Lower Manhattan under General Israel Putnam, with the majority, around 5,000 troops, going north to Harlem Heights under Washington. From here, he issues his General Orders, saying, "The General is exceedingly anxious that every soldier should be well provided with ammunition, and desires that every officer will be careful to see there is no deficiency in this respect, as it is highly probable, they may soon be called to action."

He adds, "It is so critical a period, and so interesting to every true lover of his country, that the General hopes that every officer and soldier will now exert himself to the utmost." That same day, he writes to John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, noting he has done his best to gather supplies from the city for the escaping soldiers, and says, "I fully expected that an attack somewhere would have been made last night. In that I was disappointed, and happy shall I be if my apprehensions of one tonight or in a day or two, are not confirmed by the event. If it is deferred a little while longer I flatter myself all will be got away, and our force be more concentrated and of course more likely to resist them with success."

The next day, on September 15, the British make their move. It is a brutally hot, humid day, as defenders sit in makeshift earthworks and trenches across the island. British ships sail north up the Hudson in the morning, mostly as a distraction but also cutting off Manhattan from the sea.

The British move to land. Around 80 transport boats carrying 4,000 British and Hessian troops make for a landing at Kips Bay around 10:00 am, near the middle of the island off the East River, led by General Henry Clinton. The anchored ships begin a heavy bombardment

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of the bay, which only around 450 men defend. The heavy bombardment lasts a full hour, after which the British make an uncontested landing as the Patriots scattered in retreat.

Washington would later write of his "great surprise and mortification" as his men "ran away in the greatest confusion without firing a single shot." He rides out on horseback to try to rally the troops, to no avail. Famously, and contested, a furious Washington draws his sword and pistol on the men, and following no increase in order, throws his hat from his head, exclaiming, "Are these the men with which I am to defend America?"

Then, alone, he turns to face the Redcoats charging inland. His aides and fellow commanders stop

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him from charging into the fray. Though 2,000 men arrive to reinforce from the north, they turn and run when they see the chaos. By sunset, nearly 10,000 British troops make landfall at Kips Bay. William Howe orders them to hold their position and build up their numbers, crucially not cutting Manhattan in two and saving thousands of Putnam's men from death or capture.

General Putnam rides north with his aide, Aaron Burr, nearly bypassing British positions and saving the army from destruction. Alexander Hamilton and his artillery corps hold the back of the line, experiencing minor skirmishes. When men from the south of the island arrive in Harlem to link up with Washington, they are met with great applause. Similarly, the British march into

New York City, raising the Union Jack to applause by the largely Loyalist population.

The next day sees the Battle of Harlem Heights, a bloody skirmish leaving dozens of dead and hundreds injured. The Americans hold the line at Harlem as roving attacks push north. Howe does not authorize a full-scale assault, considering the capture of New York a victory. The battle leads to a British rout. As the Continental Army follows up, Washington pulls them back to maintain the defensive line. In his General Orders, Washington notes that in case of a full-scale attack, men will cross the Harlem River from the north to reinforce.

Washington writes to Hancock, lamenting his men's performance, "I used every means in my power to rally and get them into some order, but my attempts were fruitless and ineffectual — finding that no confidence was to be placed in these brigades."

The next day, in his General Orders, he commends the men who fought at Harlem Heights, saying, "The General most heartily thanks the troops commanded yesterday — The behavior of yesterday was such a contrast to that of some troops the day before."

For now, the frontline on Manhattan sits still. However, to the south, the Battle of the Cowecheo River takes place in North Carolina between Patriots, Loyalists and their Native American allies. Three hundred Cherokee and around 50 Loyalist militia face off against a larger force of Americans and their Catawba allies. The

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Appointments, Resignation Top Agenda

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Board appointments and a board vacancy dominated the agenda when the Rochester Select Board met briefly on September 8.

The board began by appointing resident Timothy White to the Board of Assessors for a term expiring with the results of the spring 2027 election. This appointment



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will replace assessor Jana Cavanaugh, who passed away this year.

The board then appointed resident James Bergeron as a new alternate member of the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on April 30, 2027, and former Park Commission member David Hughes as a new full member of the Soil Board.

Lastly, it accepted the resignation of James Austin from the Finance Committee. This prompted board member Adam Murphy to note that Austin must be replaced as soon as possible. Town Administrator Cameron Durant said he will post the vacancy right away on the town website and applicants are welcome to respond immediately.

In other news, the board announced the Police and Fire Departments' Second Annual Rochester "Guns and Hoses Golf Outing" fundraising tournament is scheduled for September 18 at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course. Durant said those interested in the event should visit the Fire Department's Facebook page for more information.

The Rochester Select Board did not set its next meeting before adjourning.

Officials Eye Recovery of Unpaid Property Taxes

Marion Select Board

By Jeffrey Wagner

There are 30 properties in town with delinquent



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taxes and Select Board members at Tuesday's meeting were seeking answers from town tax title attorney David Condon.

Condon said that, with changes to the law and a proactive approach, the town can recover the tax funds, and he expressed confidence that most of these cases can be resolved within a year.

Condon advised the board to send letters as a first step before taking further action, which could lead to land court. Two of the cases are in land court right now.

Select Board Chairman John Hoagland was asking questions ranging from what action can be taken if the owner is deceased to whether the town can recover legal costs once cases are resolved.

"What can we do as a town that we are not doing?" Hoagland said. Hoagland cited one case of a property and owner with delinquent taxes dating back to 2008 and a \$66,000 bill. In that case, the owners still live there. Referring to a spreadsheet of these properties, Hoagland said two homes owe \$70,000, and the owners still live there.

Condon said the town can recover legal costs once the cases are resolved unless the town chooses to take control of the property. He also said that in cases of vacant lands, the town has the option of contacting the abutters to see if there is any interest.

He did not express any concern with how the town is handling these cases but advised writing letters

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first and once the property hits foreclosure, the town can take a more assertive approach.

He said creating a paper trail would carry merit with the court system and give the town more leverage to reclaim funds.

Condon said most of these cases do not wind up in land court. He said once the community notifies a delinquent taxpayer and then a second notice is delivered, people usually will sell the property, begin making payments, or turn to a relative for support.

Condon said the town legally has the right to post the names and addresses of the delinquent owners and properties and can even advertise in local newspapers. In fact, for commercial properties, it is a requirement.

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At a busy meeting, the Select Board approved a parking plan for the Island Wharf area. After a committee formed and deliberations that began two years ago, the board decided that any boaters who park in public places overnight must obtain a permit,

The green conservation area by Island Wharf can be used during special events such as summer concerts at the bandstand.

Norm Hills, a former Select Board member, took issue with using open space land for parking. He said that use of open space is not within the spirit of open space guidelines.

Resident Barry Gaffey expressed reservations about parking permits on public land and how that could

impact the business community. Select Board members said those are for overnight parking only and shouldn't impact local businesses.

Select Board members were still deliberating at press time, and the docket included a request for more funding for the shared use bike path, appointments to town boards, and a review of the fall Town Meeting warrant.

Decades-Vacant Property Gets Site Visit

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop and Zakary Sarkarati

The Marion Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 pm to vote and hear from citizens seeking to modify their properties in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

Doug Guey-Lee, town planner and conservation agent, reported the recent removal of overgrowth and trees at 4 West Avenue on Planting Island, which town officials estimate has been uninhabited for decades. Guey-Lee said he plans a site visit with a representative of the property owner before the property, which includes a 3,794-square-foot home, is sold.

The meeting also included a public hearing for Katherine Cunningham's Request for Determination of Applicability for residential landscaping, including the addition of a retaining wall and patio, walkways and drainage improvements for 143 Cross Neck Road.

Cunningham was present to describe the development, which she broke down into five separate projects. First, she noted the peat stone, cobblestone path at the front entrance. The front would also include a 2-foot-tall fieldstone retaining wall and repairs to the existing retaining wall along the side of the house. They would reinforce the septic pipes near the porch with gravel. They also planned drainage improvements for an area previously washed away. Finally, the existing deck would be expanded and converted into a patio.

After the short presentation, Chair Shaun Walsh said, "Clearly there's some exterior work on the landscaping side there that has to be done, and it's not



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just all aesthetic either." The commission then closed the hearing with no questions from members or the community. At the end of the meeting, the ConCom voted unanimously for a Negative Determination, citing "work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent."

Next was the Public Hearing for Benjamin Dion's Notice of Intent for the proposed construction of a four-bedroom single-family dwelling with a pool, pool house and barn at 0 Cross Neck Road.

Dion noted that, due to the location of a neighbor's septic system and negotiations with that neighbor, the project's grading plan was changed, with the house slightly raised above grade. The chair said the ConCom had not yet received a file number from the Department of Environmental Protection, needed for DEP review and decision-making. Chair Walsh recommended continuing the hearing to the next meeting on September 23, and the commission approved it.

The commission then quickly approved and issued four requests for Certificates of Compliance: 143



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Cross Neck Road, 5 Tucker Lane, and two for 635 Mill Street. The town planner reminded the commission that they will visit 57 Dexter Road on Tuesday, September 15, at 1:00 pm.

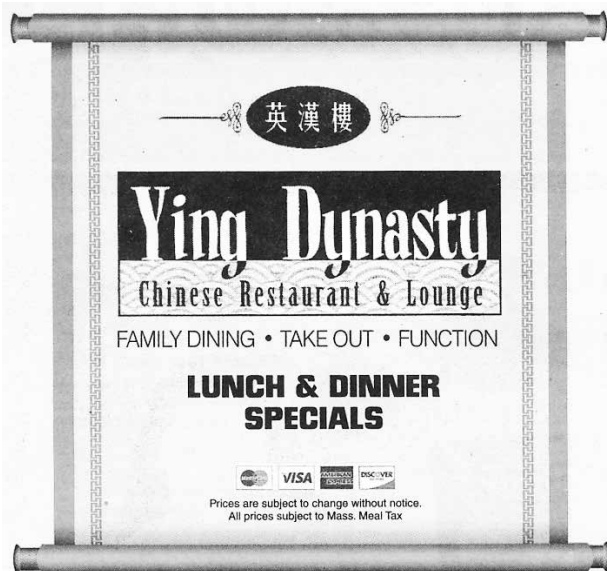
The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

High Street Solar Project Advances

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Conservation Commission on Tuesday, September 15, approved a Positive Order of



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Conditions for the Notice of Intent application of High Street Solar, Site B, which proposes work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone for a massive ground-mounted solar array within the parcel's northern lots near Mayflower Lane.

The move means the project is one step closer to full approval by town boards. In July, the commission endorsed the plan for Site A of the project, which is in the southerly portion of the property close to High Street. Meanwhile, the Planning Board will be reviewing the site plan review permit for High Street Solar, Site B, on October 13. That board approved the site plan review application for High Street Solar Site A in August. The entire array will cover 23 acres of a 68-acre property.

Project representative Sarah Sterns reported Tuesday that the latest plan for Site B removed a connector road to Mayflower Lane. In its current form, the plan has been reduced to include only minor wetlands buffer work.

"The effort has been made to keep all infrastructure out of the buffer zone," she said.

Next, the commission endorsed a plan to install a hot tub on top of an 8x8x3 deck at 32 Gerrish Road by granting it a Negative Determination, meaning the plan will not require further attention from the commission regarding wetland protection regulations. Homeowner Kevin Crimi explained the deck will be 20 feet from his house and around 50 feet from the wetlands resource area.

Crimi also said he would like a determination on his plan to remove overgrown white pines in his backyard. Commission Chair Christopher Gerrior advised him that he needed a separate Request for Determination for this plan.

Later in the evening, the commission noted that its next meeting would include Snipatuit Pond cranberry growers and Fish and Game official David Watling to discuss the plan to eradicate the water-choking invasive aquatic weeds in the pond.

Town Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported the board recently received a comprehensive management plan for this task. Water & Wetland of Grafton, Massachusetts, created a written attack plan for the town that will include treatment areas and application methodology, a survey plan, a reporting plan and water quality plan, and necessary management recommendations. Kelly said the report's main recommendation is to apply herbicides to eliminate the weeds. In related action, the commission approved paying \$1,000 to Water and Wetlands for its report.

In other action, the commission continued to October 6 its hearing into the Notice of Intent to construct a garage, shed and stone wall at 527 High Street.

The commission also continued to October 6 its Notice of Intent hearing on a plan to place a ground-mounted solar array system within a 100-foot wetlands buffer zone on Walnut Plain Road.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be October 6 at 7:00 pm. at the Town Office Building, 1 Constitution Way.

Application Prompts Discussion on New State Law

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Laura Pedulli

A routine special permit hearing before the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals on September 10 turned into a more extensive discussion about how recent changes to Massachusetts zoning law could affect the town's bylaws.

The discussion followed the board's consideration of a special permit application from Robert and



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Elizabeth Allen to demolish and reconstruct a legally nonconforming single-family home at 10 Doran Way. The board ultimately approved the application as submitted.

The existing home, built around 1960, sits on a lot that does not meet Marion's current minimum lot-size and frontage requirements. Matthew Leone of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., representing the Allens, explained that the proposed two-story home would be larger than the existing one-and-a-half-story structure but would remain below the town's 35-foot height limit.

The proposed home would also maintain compliant side and rear setbacks. Because of wetlands on the western part of the property, the applicants requested a reduction in the required 35-foot front setback. The proposed setback from Doran Way would be 31.4 feet, compared with about 30.9 feet for the existing porch overhang.

Alternate board member Ann Morgan asked, regarding the height change, "So, we don't have the percentage increase?"

Leone answered, "We don't, off the top of my head."

So, I'm assuming that when the permit gets applied for, that percentage will be calculated to determine whether or not it requires another special permit?" Morgan asked. Under a town bylaw, alterations to a nonconforming structure are permitted if they result in a structure no more than the lesser of the maximum

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height allowed under the bylaws or a 10% increase in the existing height.

Building Commissioner and Zoning Officer Bob Grillo answered, "Good question," then began a side discussion about how recent changes to Massachusetts zoning law have complicated these cases.

Under the new Massachusetts law, signed in July, certain alterations to nonconforming residential structures may advance without a special permit if they comply with current height, setback and story requirements. The law also changes the standard for granting variances, replacing the traditional "substantial hardship" standard with a "practical difficulty" standard and giving zoning boards more flexibility to weigh a variance's benefits and neighborhood impacts.

Grillo said he was unsure whether Marion could continue enforcing its 10% provision when a structure is nonconforming due to its setback but otherwise complies with state requirements. He noted the new law could make the town's provision inapplicable in some cases.

Grillo said Marion's bylaws include separate provisions addressing nonconforming lots and nonconforming structures, and some of the language may need clarification.

"Part of the changes I'm going to recommend to the Planning Board is to put language in to clear it up," Grillo said.

He also raised the question of older lots created before certain subdivision regulations. In some cases, the town's language refers to the setback requirement in effect when the lot was created, creating uncertainty about which setback applies to older properties.

"There's a lot of stuff that will be real head scratchers," Grillo said.

The Doran Way property also raised concerns from an abutter, Ryan Burke, about drainage. Burke, who lives at 4 Doran Way, told the board the steep grade causes water to run toward the shared property line. Leone said he'd be willing to discuss a possible berm or swale to address drainage.

The Board of Health had no objection to the project other than requesting a clean assessor's report

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in the event the existing structure is demolished. The Conservation Commission had no comments.

After discussing the zoning questions, the board voted to approve the application as submitted.

Following the vote, Grillo said he is working with the Planning Board and town counsel to codify bylaw changes to conform to the new law and will include the ZBA in these conversations.

"The biggest thing affecting the [ZBA] is the change to variances. You'll have to wade through it best you can and try to stay uniform in your decisions. Nothing is precedent-setting, but you'll want to form new opinions on what you think the new variances are, and what they are not," Grillo said. "It will be interesting to

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see town counsel's opinion and discussion on what will impact the board."

Second Overflow Crowd Delays Mahoney's Lane Hearing

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Jeanne Hopkins

For the second time, an overflow crowd prevented the Conservation Commission from hearing plans to replace seven rental houses on Mahoney's Lane with seven larger single-family homes.

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When: Saturday, October 3, 2026. Doors open at 5:30; Dinner at 6:00

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This Fundraiser Dinner is co-hosted in partnership by the Marion Council on Aging and the Friends of Marion COA, Inc. All proceeds go to benefit the Friends of Marion COA, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

another 39 joined through Zoom. The hearing had been moved from Town Hall after attendance exceeded that room's capacity on July 27.

The Fire Station room was also too small.

Commission Chair Michael King told the audience that enough people would have to leave to bring the room within its permitted capacity or the hearing would have to be postponed again. Audience members overwhelmingly favored moving it to another date and location.

"There's clearly a very large community response to one particular issue, which I understand and can certainly appreciate," King said.

Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc. filed a Notice of Intent to demolish the existing houses at 1-7 Mahoney's Lane and construct seven single-family homes. The property is near salt marsh, Eel Pond and Mattapoisett Harbor.

Neighbors have raised concerns about the size and placement of the homes, flooding, proximity to protected wetlands and the effects of construction on the salt marsh.

"It's a much larger discussion than just one lot with seven houses," King said.

The commission voted to continue the hearing to a date and location to be determined. King said Mahoney's Lane would likely receive a meeting of its own, without other applications on the agenda.

In other news, a continued hearing involving Byrne Avenue and Shell Beach Road produced much of the evening's discussion.

Stephen Vaitses, an easement holder, is seeking approval to clear vegetation along a right-of-way leading to the beach. A revised plan showed a maximum 14-foot-wide access route, overhead tree trimming, property markers, and areas where kayaks, beach chairs and other equipment have historically been stored.

Commission members had not reviewed the revised plan before the meeting and continued the hearing until September 28.

King encouraged the neighbors to review the plan and attempt to find common ground. The discussion, however, quickly moved beyond vegetation clearing to disagreements over beach access, property rights and no-trespass notices.

Dennis Craig of 3 Byrne Avenue said he had been confronted while trying to use the beach with his family.

King said the commission would limit its decision to matters within its wetlands jurisdiction. Ownership and access disputes may need to be resolved elsewhere, including Land Court.

The commission unanimously adopted a townwide position that storing kayaks, dinghies, canoes, paddleboards and similar equipment along the shore is an allowable temporary disturbance. The statement does not decide whether a beach is public or private or who has the legal right to use it.

In another hearing, owners of 19 Shore View Avenue proposed placing stone along the base of an existing 115-foot seawall to reduce erosion.

Representative Rick Charon said the house and seawall predate the Wetlands Protection Act and argued that adding stone would break up wave energy and protect the wall. State agencies questioned how expanding the structure onto the coastal beach might affect shellfish habitat and public tidelands.

The hearing was continued to allow Charon to provide a written response.

The commission also reviewed plans to replace a house at 4 Pearl Street with a new home, detached garage, swimming pool and pool house. Neighbors questioned the height, drainage, number of structures and placement of the garage.

Representatives said the proposal includes one residence and that the garage was positioned to preserve a neighbor's water view. The hearing was continued because the project had not received a state file number.

A wetland-boundary review for 0 and 31 Randall Road was continued while the commission awaits a revised plan comparing current conditions with an earlier state action involving fill on the property.

The commission issued negative determinations for septic-system replacements at 10 Old Mattapoisett Neck Road and 4 Heritage Lane. Conditions discussed included additional erosion controls, protection of a large spruce tree and permanent markers or fencing to separate a maintained yard from wetlands.

In other actions, the commission approved a Buzzards Bay Coalition project to restore former cranberry bogs at 7 Wolf Island Road. The work will remove a dam and water-control structures and restore the Mattapoisett River's natural channel and floodplain. Most of the project is in Rochester, with a smaller portion in Mattapoisett.

The approval requires the project's operations and maintenance plan, including trail maintenance and invasive-species management, to remain in effect permanently. Three years of monitoring are also planned.

The commission issued certificates of compliance for projects at 61 Long Plain Road, Angelica Avenue and 3 Harbor Road.

An enforcement matter at 87 Fairhaven Road remains in progress. An order was previously issued for 104 Angelica Avenue after mowing occurred within wetlands.

The commission's next meetings are scheduled for September 28 and October 12. It will not meet on October 26 because its regular meeting space will be used for early voting.

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ORR Teams Sweep Openers

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Boys Soccer: Old Rochester's boys soccer team played its season debut at Seekonk on September 9 and won 3-0. Senior Grady Oliveira was named the player of the game, scoring 2 goals, as senior Owen Harrington made six saves for the shutout. They're 1-0 heading into Monday's home opener against Somerset Berkley (1-1) and will play at Dighton-Rehoboth (2-0) on Wednesday.

Girls Soccer: The Bulldogs hosted Seekonk in their first game of the season on September 9 and won 5-2. Sophomore Mia Balestracci was named player of the game, scoring 4 goals, while senior Ella Normandin scored and added an assist. Other assists were made by Maddie Hardy, Blair Thomas and Lily Gendreau. They're 1-0 heading into Monday's game at Somerset Berkley (0-1-1) and will play Dighton-Rehoboth (1-0-1) on Wednesday.

Golf: Old Rochester played at Seekonk on September 10 and won 241-271. Senior August Herbert was the medalist, shooting a 38 (+2), and Senior Luke Pierre shot a 39 (+3). The Bulldogs are 4-0 on the season going into Wednesday's match against Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech (0-4), and they'll host Joseph Case (1-3) at The Bay Club on September 17.

Field Hockey: The Bulldogs played at Joseph Case on September 10 and won 4-0. Senior Addyson Spencer was named the player of the game, scoring a hat trick. Old Rochester starts 2-0 on the season, after beating Bishop Stang 2-0 in their opening game on September 8. They'll play at Seekonk (1-1) on Tuesday and will play at Dighton-Rehoboth (0-1) on September 17.

Football: Old Rochester hosted Plymouth North

in their opening game on September 11 and won 27-13. They'll host Bishop Stang (0-1) on September 18.

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee will host an open community discussion on Thursday, **September 17**, featuring Tim Dunn, lead political reporter for the *Boston Herald*. The event will provide residents with an opportunity to learn more about current political events and issues affecting Mattapoisett and Massachusetts state government, as well as issues that may be important to voters as the November election approaches.

Dunn brings more than a decade of journalism experience covering local, regional and state news. He has worked with Massachusetts news organizations including WBSM, Fun 107, WBZ Newsradio, and WXTK, and previously worked as a writer for FOX News in New York City.

Dunn is also a Mattapoisett native who grew up in the Point Connett neighborhood and attended local schools. After graduating from Bridgewater State University in 2015, he began his reporting career at WBSM and Fun 107 in Fairhaven. He returned to Mattapoisett in 2025 when he took on his current position with the Boston Herald.

The evening will include an opportunity for residents to ask questions and participate in an open discussion about current political developments at the local and state levels.

The event is open to all members of the community. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm, with Tim Dunn beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Niemad Building, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Light snacks will be provided, and a cash bar will be available. For additional information, please contact Paul Criscuolo, Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee Co-Chairperson, at PCMattyGOP@proton.me

Marion Special Town Meeting

The Town of Marion will hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, **November 9**, at Sippican Elementary

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School's Multipurpose Room, 16 Spring Street. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

For more information, please visit the Town Clerk's webpage or contact the office at 508-748-3500.

Fall Nature Journaling/Drawing

Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting Fall Nature Journaling/Drawing in New England on Saturday, **September 26**, from 10:00 to 11:30 am

Come join us for nature drawing and journaling the fall in New England. You can bring any media, but we will focus on graphite and colored pencils. Tricia Cassidy will demonstrate how she uses colored pencils in her nature sketchbooks.

Bring toned sketch paper if you have it, but Tricia will have some paper as well. We will talk about how the various ecosystems at Washburn Park in Marion change in the fall (besides the obvious leaves changing color). So, let's document the nature around us and get lost in its beauty.

Please register at www.marionmuseum.org

An Informational Series to Explore SOGIE

The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network and The Rochester Rainbow Coalition present: An Informational Series to Explore SOGIE (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression)

This is the first in a series to plainly explain SOGIE from different points of view. The presenters include Andy Pollock, South Coast LGBTQ+ Network's Executive Director, who will discuss what SOGIE means and how it helps people see LGBTQ+ people as individuals, rather than a category. Dr. Sara Gonzalez, a pediatrician, will cover the topic from a medical perspective, and John Masson, the Network's board president, will address related mental health issues.

This is for ages 18 and older. Parents, grandparents, teachers, town employees, health care workers, neighbors and anyone else who comes with genuine curiosity, interest in learning about this topic, and understanding the language better. The presentation will be held on Monday, **September 21**, at 6:00 pm at the Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester (Remaining Series Schedule TBA). Admission is free, but spaces are limited, so RSVP to save your spot. www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/sogie

Adult Events at the Mattapoissett Library

Visit us at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street.

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.

Join us for a Sunset Cinema Movie on the MFPL Lawn. We will be showing "Night at the Museum" at 6:00 pm on **September 30**, with a run time of 1 hour and 48 minutes. Bring a blanket or chairs to lounge on, and some snacks, to fully enjoy the movie experience. This event is designed for community members of all ages; no registration is required.

Teen Events at the Mattapoissett Library

The school year is here. Start planning your after-school activities with some of our weekly library programs. Each 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.

Calling all gamers. Teens in grades 6–12 are welcome to join us for a Video Game Takeover on **September 25** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy playing games on the PlayStation and Switch consoles, hanging out with friends and having some snacks. No registration required.

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.

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoissett Library

Looking for some storytimes? Family Storytime, for kids ages 2 and up and their families, is on Thursday mornings at 10:30. Baby Storytime, for ages 0–2 and their families, is on Friday mornings at 10:30 starting 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, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society **By Connie Eshbach**

Recently I overheard someone say that an acquaintance had referred to Rochester as a "cow town."

I know this isn't the first time such a comment was made. I find it interesting that "cow" was the term (maybe a slur was meant) used. Today, and for many years, Rochester has been home to a lot more chickens and horses than cows. Rochester was one of the towns whose economy was revitalized when the founder of White's Dairy expanded his business into surrounding towns in the 1950s. Rochester was home to several successful dairies in those years.

I guess the idea is to disparage Rochester because it has remained more of a rural (for which I am glad) town than some of its neighbors. However, it is interesting to note that over its long history, Rochester has had a library somewhere in town since the early 1880s.

In the mid-19th century, it was home to two schools of higher learning. They were the Chaddock Academy in

North Rochester and the Rochester Academy, whose building still stands in Rochester Center today. Both schools taught advanced math and "all English studies, Latin, Greek and French languages." Many who graduated from Rochester Academy went on to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers and judges.

Now, let's get back to the cows. From the 1600s to the mid-1900s, many families in the South Coast had a cow, but for years Rochester was known for what grew on its farms and in its bogs. Farmers grew everything from gladioli and cranberries to area-renowned corn.

Back in the early days of our area, everyone was a farmer of sorts (few to no food stores); however, most but not all also practiced a trade. Throughout Rochester, there were mills: gristmills, fulling mills, sawmills, tanbark mills and silk mills. There were factories: hat, stocking, piano, wheelbarrow and oak bucket ones. There were



shops where nails, axes and soap were made and sold.

There were blacksmiths, wheelwrights, carriage makers, as well as makers of cigars, cigar boxes, shoes, ready-to-wear clothing, sea chests, boats, furniture and more of the items that are now mass-produced far from where we live.

Today, fewer things are made in towns, but there are still farms and businesses in Rochester that carry on the tradition of locally grown or made materials. So, obviously, Rochester has never been just a "cow town." Of course, when that term is used today, it's really a reference to Rochester's abundance of fields, forests and ponds that let residents have the land for recreation but also for sheep, chickens, beef cows and vegetables that are locally grown.

So, if that's what being a "cow town" is, I'm happy with the designation (everyone can't be a beach town), but I have to add that when I went looking for a cow to photograph, I couldn't find one, so I had to settle for a horse.

Color, Form & Place: The Work of Pamela Dorris DeJong & Sky Hoyt

The Marion Art Center will exhibit the work of artists Pamela Dorris DeJong and Sky Hoyt from **September 26 through October 30**. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, **September 26** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at 80 Pleasant St., Marion. More information can

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Pamela Dorris DeJong is a mixed-media artist whose work brings together healing, environmental awareness, and the luminous qualities of layered painting. Drawing on her background in pediatric nursing, art education, Reiki and years of plein air and mixed-media practice, she creates work that invites viewers to notice beauty, consider new perspectives and reflect on the relationship between art, healing and the natural world. Through mixed media, Pamela explores healing, environmental concerns, and the act of recording this moment in time.

Pamela is drawn to translucent, layered surfaces and atmospheric conditions that create wavering, vibrant color. Years of plein air painting and travel have deepened her connection to land and waterscapes, while experimentation with encaustic and other media has led her toward luminous work embedded with found objects and metals.

Artscope Magazine

has described Pamela's work as "not stopping merely at transforming materials" but as exploring "the healing properties in physical, psychological and relational concepts through the process of artmaking" noting that its "intricately layered, powerful colors and engaging texture" communicate on many levels.

Sky Hoyt is a Connecticut-based artist. She received her BA in Visual Art from Bennington College and continued her studies at the Académie de la Grande Chaumière in Paris and the Art Students League of New York, as well as through workshops at Ox-Bow and Anderson Ranch Arts Center.

Originally trained as an oil painter, Hoyt began with traditional still life and gradually developed the layered, mixed-media approach that characterizes her work today. Her undergraduate study of ceramics continues to inform her interest in vessels — their shapes, histories and uses — as recurring forms within her paintings.

Hoyt is represented by Anne Irwin Fine Art in Atlanta, Georgia. Her work has been exhibited in Boston and throughout Connecticut, including at the University of Connecticut's Alexey von



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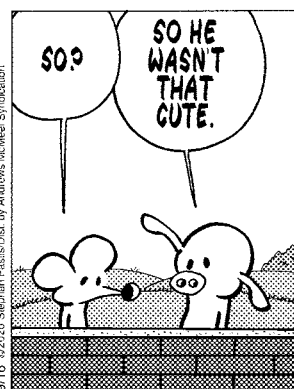
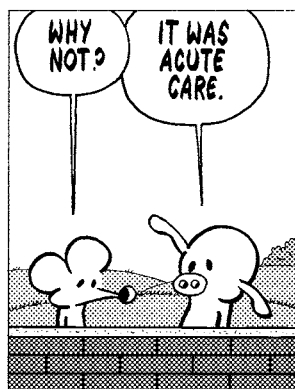
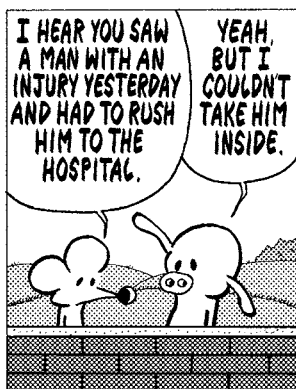
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8:00 AM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk
9:30 AM ORR Field Hockey vs Bishop Stang
11:00 AM ORR Senior Awards Night
1:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night
2:30 PM Old Hammondtown 6th Grade Awards Night
4:00 PM RMS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
5:00 PM Old Hammondtown School Spring Concert
6:00 PM ORR Graduation
7:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
8:30 PM ORR Senior Assembly
10:00 PM Old Colony Signing Day
11:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
11:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Seekonk

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Schlippe Gallery. Her work has also been selected for the U.S. Department of State's Art in Embassies program and featured in *House Beautiful*.

Quaker Yard Sale Donation Drop-Off

The Mattapoisett Friends Meeting will soon be holding donation drop-off times in preparation for an October 10 yard sale. The Friends are looking for clean, gently used clothing as well as clothing racks anyone might want to pass on. They would also welcome good quality household items, but not electronics or large furniture. Please drop off any donations at 103 Marion Road (Route 6) at any of the following times or contact mattquakers@gmail.com if none of these times work for you: Sundays, **September 20** and **October 4**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Saturdays, **September 26** and **October 3**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; and Wednesday, **September 30**, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Someone will be in the community hall — the building in the back — to receive you. The Friends are grateful for the donations they received from the community.

Woodland Walk for Mushrooms Rescheduled

On Saturday, **September 19**, join us for a late summer hike looking for which mushrooms are fruiting. We will chat about basic anatomy and diagnostic features for identifying mushrooms. 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 spp.

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.

September and a little October at the Rochester Historical Society

On **September 26**, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, the Historical Society will be at the COA for the Block Party and 250th celebration. We will join the Historical Commission for games for all ages, a look at the history of Rochester's various town hall buildings, and, weather permitting, the results of our search so far for Revolutionary War veterans. We'll have 250th hats and some other items for sale. There will be a lot to do, and we hope that you'll stop by.

On **September 22**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, we'll have our first yard sale drop-off time. Your donations can be brought to the museum at 355 County Road. Drive

completely around the building to the cemetery-side door. Please, this is not a junk sale, so if you wouldn't buy it, don't give it to us. We have just as much trouble getting rid of "stuff" as anyone else, so we're looking for saleable items. The second drop-off day is October 3, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. There will be other chances to drop off items before the sale on October 17 and 18.

October 4 will be our Cranberry Bake Sale and Raffles. I'm looking for bakers. You can get in touch at 617-750-2818 or eshbach2@aol.com. You can make something without cranberries.

Write With Community Workshops

Write with Community, Inc. is pleased to announce that they are the recipient of a grant to offer Place-based Community Writing Workshops this year in Westport, New Bedford, and the Tri-Town area of Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett. These community writing workshops are a way to connect with writing through creative exploration, while their place-based orientation taps into local knowledge and showcases individual community pride. Write with Community showcases the literary arts to enrich the culture of the South Coast while uniting and supporting South Coast MA/RI writers through collaborative programming and shared resources.

Information about these free offerings will be announced later in the fall. On Saturday, **September 19**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m., at Groundwork New Bedford, join our in-person Grant Writing Workshop where you'll do hands-on training with skilled facilitators who have written, read and evaluated hundreds of grants. Don't miss out on this chance to sharpen your skills and get some great forward momentum!

Additional drop-in writing sessions are offered almost weekly at a variety of locations. Visit writewithcommunity.org to see our events or contact us at info@writewithcommunity.org

Write With Community, Inc., a 501(c)(3) literary nonprofit serving the South Coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, offers drop-in writing groups, a free literary calendar, membership gatherings, workshops and more

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across the area.

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.

You don't need to be a committee member to attend, and you certainly don't need to know how a town committee works. Our meetings are open to everyone, and we welcome anyone who is curious about what we do, interested in becoming more involved, or simply wants to listen and learn.

A lot is happening in our town, our state and across the country, and it can be hard to know where an

individual can make a difference. One place to start is right here at home. Local committees bring neighbors together, help people learn about issues and elections, support candidates, encourage voter participation and create opportunities for people to become involved in ways that fit their interests and available time.

Just as importantly, our meetings are a chance to meet other people in the community and have a conversation. You don't have to arrive with an agenda, an opinion on every issue, or a willingness to volunteer for anything. Come because you have a question. Come because you have an idea. Come because you'd like to meet some neighbors. Or just come because you're curious.

We'd be happy to have you. All are welcome

OBITUARIES



Dominga (Luz) Pina, 96, of New Bedford, formerly of Mattapoisett, passed away Wednesday September 9, 2026 at Sacred Heart Home. She was the wife of the late Martin T. Pina.

Born in Mattapoisett, the daughter of the late Candido and Mary (Lima) DaLuz, she had lived in Mattapoisett, Fairhaven and New Bedford. She was a graduate of Fairhaven High School, Class of 1948.

Dominga was formerly employed as an inspector at U.S. Ringbinder in New Bedford until her retirement.

She is survived by three grandchildren, Tycin Pina, Jesse Lacefield, and Shane Green; two great-grandchildren, Carter Pacheco and Akias Fields; and nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late James Pina, Patricia Pina and William Pina, and sister of the late Maria Alves, Manuel Luz, Elizabeth Lisbon and Joanna DeLuz.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday September 16th at 10 am at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. Burial follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett on Wednesday morning from 8:30-9:30 am.



Kris Kenneth Stone Smith, 59, of Marion passed away at home on September 9, 2026 after a brief illness.

Kris was the eldest son of Chester S. Smith II and Donna Marie (Stone) Smith. He is survived by his family, including his parents; Michelle Ouellette-Smith and her mother, Brenda Criger; his children, Cassandra Ouellette, Adam

Ouellette, and Jax Fonseca; his siblings, Scott Smith and his wife Simone Aguilera, Heather Bradley and her husband Garrett Bradley, Linda Rosenbusch and her husband Robert

Rosenbusch, and Charles Stone; and his many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Kris grew up and lived most of his life in Marion, MA. Kris was a proud Life Member of the Descendants of Whaling Masters in New Bedford, MA.

Kris believed life is a journey and not a destination. He believed in continuous education and earned a BS in Management from UMASS Dartmouth, an MBA in Management from Chaminade University of Honolulu, an MA in Criminal Justice from Curry College, and a JD in Law from Massachusetts School of Law. He was a certified personal protection specialist and Nine Lives member of the Executive Protection Institute.

After the events of 9/11/2001, Kris left his management job in the private sector to enter law enforcement where he worked for twenty years. After retiring from law enforcement, he began a sales and marketing career in the private sector where he remained until his passing.

Kris enjoyed spending time with family over a glass of wine and great food. He especially enjoyed cooking his famous lobster/clam boil for family. Kris also enjoyed traveling with family to Hawaii, Disney World, Florida, Myrtle Beach, Williamsburg, New York City, Provincetown, and Texas numerous times over the years.

A private service will be held for invited friends and family at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion. His ashes will be laid to rest with family at the St. Gabriel's Courtyard in Marion and interred in the Byodo-IN Temple at the Valley of the Temples on Oahu, HI. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to make donations to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation Kris supported for many years. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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

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 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.

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 through **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

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Sept 6 – Sept 12

- Rogers Dr – EMS/medical
- 195 East – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wianno Rd – Brush fire
- Holmes St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – General service
- Ram Island – Disabled vessel
- Spring St – Suspicious MV
- Spring St – MV collision
- Spring St – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – General service
- Maple St – General service
- 195 West – MV collision/arrest
- Parkway Ln – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Cottage St – Parking enforcement
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Shady Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Vandalism/past
- Spring St – Emergency services
- Front St – Family disturbance/arrest
- Kabeyun Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – MV collision

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Sept 6 – Sept 12

- 195 East – Assist citizen
- Lebaron Way – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Railroad Ave – Officer wanted
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Natural Resources
- Pine Ridge Dr – Medical alarm
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Barstow St – General services
- Atkinson Way – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- Church St – Medical assist
- Water St – Parking complaint
- Melissa Anne Ln - Notification
- Inner Harbor – Boat violation
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Pearl St – Animal control
- Shady oak Dr – MV violations
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Hammond St – Parking complaint
- Wildwood Ter – 911 call
- Ocean View Ave - Trespassing
- Mulberry Dr – Property lost
- Barstow St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Disorderly person
- Depot St – Parking complaint
- Holly Ln – 911 call
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Sept 6 – Sept 12

- Lady Slipper Trl - Vandalism
- Snipatuit Rd – Noise complaint
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Message delivery
- Cranberry Hwy - Threats
- Pine St - Fraud
- Snipatuit Rd - Fraud
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Lost animal
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave - Medical
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Medical/arrest
- North Ave – Parking complaint
- Dexter Ln – MV lockout
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Clapp Rd – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – Noise complaint
- Stevens Rd - Disturbance
- Dr Hickey Ln – 911 call
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Inside smoke

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 21: Beef stew w/ whole grain buttermilk biscuit, green peas, chocolate brownie, cookie, diet: fruit

Tuesday, Sept 22: Hot ham & cheese sandwich, whole grain croissant, sweet potato fries, broccoli, applesauce, mustard

Wednesday, Sept 23: Chicken cacciatore, tortellini, vegetable medley, wheat roll, orange

Thursday, Sept 24: Shrimp & grits, cheesy grits, brussels sprouts, whole grain cornbread, banana

Friday, Sept 25: American chop suey, whole grain pasta, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, chocolate pudding

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 21: All beef hotdog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 22: Loaded tater tot, nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 23: Warm ham, egg & cheese sandwich,

hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Sept 24: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 25: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Sept 21: All beef hotdog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 22: Loaded tater tot, nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 23: Warm ham, egg & cheese sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Sept 24: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 25: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Sept 21: All beef hotdog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 22: Loaded tater tot, nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 23: No lunch served (early release)

Thursday, Sept 24: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 25: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Sept 21: All beef hotdog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 22: Loaded tater tot, nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 23: Warm ham, egg & cheese sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Sept 24: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 25: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 21: All beef hotdog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Sept 22: Loaded tater tot, nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Sept 23: Warm ham, egg & cheese sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Sept 24: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, Sept 25: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Sept 21: Build a burrito bowl

Tuesday, Sept 22: Calzone, fries & steamed carrots

Wednesday, Sept 23: Chicken parmesan, spaghetti & broccoli

Thursday, Sept 24: Steak & cheese sub w/peppers & onions, tater tots & green beans

Friday, Sept 25: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

rochesterculturalcouncil@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us.

60th Reunion for Old Rochester Class of 1966

The ORRHHS 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.

An Invitation to the Women of the Tri-Town Area

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club extends a warm invitation to the women of Mattapoisett and the surrounding Tri-Town area who would enjoy becoming involved in a season filled with social, civic, philanthropic, educational and community outreach activities. Whether you are new to the area, looking to meet new friends or simply interested in becoming more involved in the community, we would love to welcome you.

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

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 interest groups, including Book Club, Mah Jongg 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.

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- 1 Device causing a machine to operate
9 Hindu religious retreat
15 Mini-plateaus
20 Regatta event
21 Cry before "No hands!"
22 Best of the lot
23 Long-running showbiz news program
25 New Jersey's — Hall University
26 Evening galas
27 Tiny bit
28 Some med. X-rays
30 Stay home for a meal
31 Single-session legislative group
34 The Old West's Wyatt
37 Slimy gunk
38 Injury vestige
39 French gal pal
43 — cake (ring-shaped dessert)
46 Olive in comics

- 48 Break out of an egg
52 "A Streetcar Named Desire" dramatist
57 Hair hider
58 Milkshake alternatives
59 Was wearing
60 Certain fitness ctr.
61 Coconut tree, e.g.
62 Hurricanes, e.g.
64 "3022" co-star Omar
66 Diner fave
67 "— cost ya!"
68 Pleasant feeling after winning
73 Wizard, in fantasy fiction
74 "Presence" co-star Lucy
75 Where the Clintons met
76 Windbag's output
78 Litigates
79 Plus-size supermodel
81 Tepee-shaped
84 Ship wastewater
85 Color TV pioneer

- 86 Creamy vinaigrette with little crunchy bits
89 Great risk
91 Big blue body
92 More urgent
93 Chaotic state
94 Supermarket vehicle
97 A, in Spain
99 Brain product
101 Starts of some flashy combo shots in hoops
107 Reins in
112 1990s subcompact car model
113 See 11-Down
114 Embark on a voyage
116 Stoked
117 Super-rare basketball feat ... or what each of six long answers in this puzzle contains
121 Food fish
122 Beyond belief
123 Open (to)
124 Tortellini topper
125 Ford bombs
126 Menu section with reds and whites

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- 1 Humiliate
2 Fireside drink
3 Implied but not stated
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6 Subdue with a stun gun
7 Phil of folk
8 1910s-'20s auto
9 God of Islam
10 Certain vegan frank
11 With 113-Across, DIYers' guides
12 "Gunga Din" studio
13 BP's merger partner
14 Sirs' counter-parts
15 Awaited saviors
16 "Mourning Becomes —"
17 Occupy, as a table
18 Make up (for)
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29 Cable inits. for film buffs
31 Sleep clinic diagnosis
32 "Neat!"

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35 Tummy muscles
36 Hurry along
39 After-hours \$\$\$ sources
40 Ragú product
41 Like many vehicles on steep hills
42 Main dishes
44 Pfeiffer of "Cybill"
45 Like some thickish paper towels
47 An arm and a leg
49 "Not true!"
50 Radio or TV station identifiers
51 Code for WWW pages
53 Squalor of Lemony Snicket books
54 Situated
55 Human rights org.
56 Tennis event
61 Old Lutheran movement
63 Fifth-cen. pope
65 Sang alone
69 Be overly dotting, in slang
70 Childhood malady

- 71 Prada rival
72 Corn cores
73 Fig. on a new car sticker
77 Rules, in brief
80 Give a visual once-over to
82 "Beast" star Elba
83 Street rep
86 Performed for
87 Yemen's capital
88 Prior to
90 Salt for wintry roads
95 Decay
96 Twisting force
98 Star-related
100 Opening opera section
101 Audibly stunned
102 "I wanna try!"
103 Runs easily
104 Scale unit
105 Psyches
106 Seer's "gift"
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118 Skill, in Latin
119 Inferior grade
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like a sudden setback in your plans. But keep your headstrong Arian temperament in check and wait for explanations. Things will begin to clear up by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the respite from your recent hectic schedule. But be ready to plunge into a new round of social activities. A new contact holds much potential for the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it.

What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as crabbiness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up later on in the month.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Royallness needs time away from the limelight to catch up on things, from tidying up your desk to making calls that you've put off. You'll be back in the center of things.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But you'll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more circumspect in how you phrase your comments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The weekend shows improvement.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpion sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with an opportunity that has opened up for you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging the good qualities about yourself. A lull in your social life ends by next week. Have fun!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to let some recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through on your plans.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for getting things done efficiently. Your practical approach in life helps you to turn any challenges that you face into satisfying successes. (c) 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

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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@mattapoissettwomansclub.org.

South Coast Children's Chorus Welcomes New Singers

The South Coast Children's Chorus is welcoming new singers for the upcoming season. SCCC is open to all students from grades 1-12. Thanks to support from local cultural councils, the South Coast Community Foundation and generous donors, tuition is only \$125 for the year, and free or reduced tuition is available for any singer who requests it.

The first rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, **September 22**. We welcome new singers during the first three weeks. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday nights, 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm (Preparatory Chorus) and 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Advanced Chorus) at Tabor Academy in the Fireman Center for the Performing Arts, 245 Front Street, Marion. To register, visit the SCCC website at www.singsouthcoast.org

The mission of the South Coast Children's Chorus is to provide a joyful, educational choral experience for young singers, helping them to develop responsibility, confidence, musicianship, and a passion for excellence in all they do. The SCCC core values are Service, Culture, Confidence and Community.

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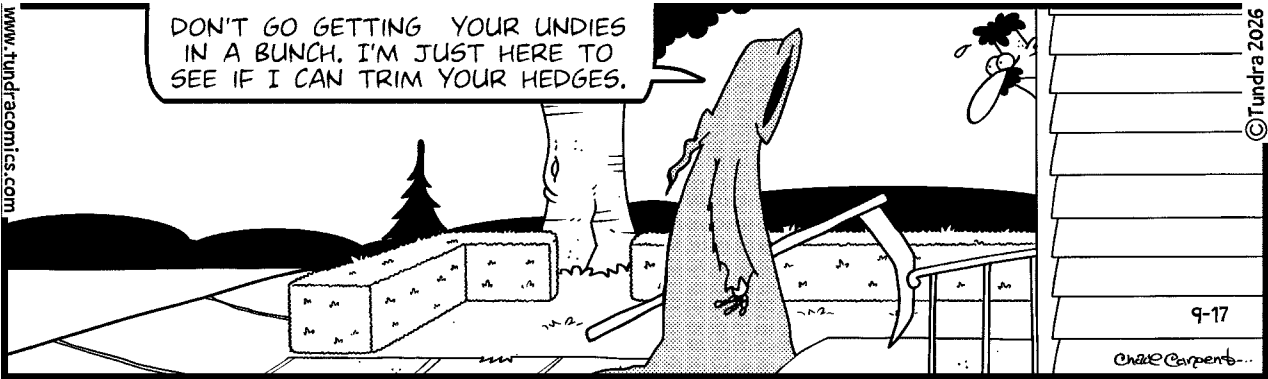
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Marion Cultural Council

Turn your creative vision into reality with funding from the Marion Cultural Council. Whether you are an individual artist, an educator or part of a cultural organization, online grant applications are open for projects that enrich the Marion community through the arts, humanities and STEM. The Mass Cultural Council has set a firm deadline of **October 15** to submit your proposals.

Don't let a lack of funding hold your ideas back. These grants are specifically designed to back local creators. They can cover everything from solo art exhibits and community festivals to school performances, public workshops, lectures and short-term artist residencies. If you have a project that inspires, teaches or connects people, this is your chance to get it funded.

As part of the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, the Marion Cultural Council is dedicated to putting state-backed resources directly into the hands of local talent.

Apply online: Review local priorities and submit your proposal at www.mass-culture.org/Marion.

Learn More: Discover how the grant system works on the Local Cultural Council Program page, massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program.

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MAC: A Fresh Slate of Classes for Fall

The Marion Art Center (MAC) has scheduled an exciting new slate of fall classes for both children and adults.

Adult Classes

Fundamentals of Drawing — A new class at the MAC, instructor Patty White returns with a course for adults who want to learn drawing fundamentals in an encouraging environment. During the eight-week session, participants will work on paper using pencil or ink and cover topics such as basic mark-making, line, value, volume, perspective, and texture. Ample time is provided for in-class studio practice, drawing still life, florals,

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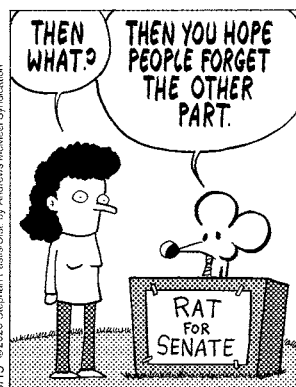
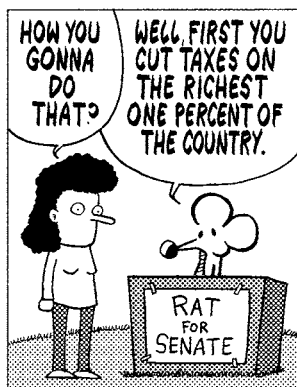
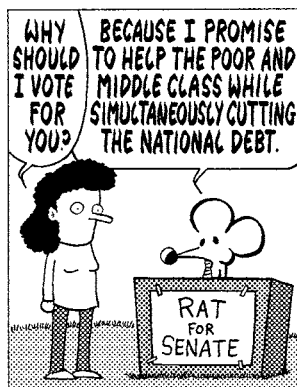
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Bauer, Chairperson Jordan Collyer, Vice Chair Judith Mooney, Clerk Frances-Feliz Kearns, Nicole Doyon Lynch 9/10/9/17 TOWN OF MARION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LEASE OF MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16, the Town of Marion seeks competitive proposals for the lease of a portion of Town-owned real property consisting of the capped landfill located on Assessors Map 24, Parcel 9, for the construction, operation, maintenance, and eventual removal of a third-party-owned ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facility, together with associated access rights and easements. The successful proposer will be responsible for the design, engineering, permitting, development, financing, installation, interconnection, operation, maintenance, repair, and eventual removal of the solar facility and associated equipment, at no expense to the Town. The proposed lease term is twenty (20) years from the date of commercial operation of the solar facility, not to exceed thirty (30) years from the execution of the applicable agreements. The Request for Proposals is available electronically only on the Town of Marion website at: https://marionma.gov/161/Bids-RFPs Sealed proposals must be received at the Office of the Town Administrator, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738, no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened. The Town intends to award the lease to the responsive and responsible proposer submit-	ting the most advantageous proposal, taking into consideration the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP. The lease is subject to authorization by the Marion Select Board. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals to the fullest extent permitted by law. Geoffrey Gorman, CPO Town Administrator 9/10, 9/17 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1241 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Michael & Christine Ryan, for property located at 174 New Bedford Road, identified on Assessor's Map 2, Lot 1B, who are seeking a Variance to allow a 16' x 26' shed in the front yard, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 9/17, 9/24 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1242 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Amy S. Berube, for property located at 113 Walnut Plain Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 30, Lot 31F, who is seeking a Variance for the required 40 foot side setback on the construction of a 12' x 12' addition, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section D.1., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 9/17, 9/24 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 the main conference room in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File No. SE 44-1531 submitted by James B. Barron, Jr. & Anamaria Mieryteran-Barron. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please con-	tact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information. The Applicants requests approval of changes to the original scope of work due to additional Coastal Storm damage which has occurred to the house foundation and granite seawall. The proposed work will be performed partially on a Coastal Beach and Coastal Bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. The project will occur at 36 Water Street which is further identified as Lot #250 on Assessors Map #9. 9/17 TOWN OF MARION Section 106 Public Notice American Towers LLC is proposing to develop a 12' x 30' ground space within an 8,486.38 square foot lease area within an existing irregularly-shaped compound that currently contains a 236.2-foot self-support tower and associated support equipment at 13 Mill Street, Marion, Plymouth County, MA 02738, Parcel ID: 24-13M-5413-192. A 30-foot buffer surrounding the existing compound will also be assessed. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Interested persons may comment or raise concerns about the proposed action by submitting an e-mail to enviro.services@americantower.com. Paper comments can be sent to: American Towers LLC, Attn: Environmental Compliance, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801. Requests or comments should be limited to environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns and must be received within 30 days from the date of this publication. This invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project. 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manufactured items, the human face and figure, or nature. This course suits both beginners and more experienced students. The eight-week Fall Session 1 runs Tuesdays, **September 8 through November 3** (no class on October 6) from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The course is \$215 for MAC members and \$255 for nonmembers. More information and registration are available at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Six-Week Acting Class: Scene Study for Adults

— The new acting class is geared toward those curious about standing on stage or returning to acting after other paths. The class offers a chance to explore acting in a supportive environment with experienced instructors guiding participants. Actors will dissect classic texts or scenes from modern plays, dust off their funny bone with theater games, and explore acting fundamentals. Participants will practice reading texts, character analysis, voice work and more. Whether preparing for an audition at the MAC or elsewhere, or trying something new, all are welcome. The Fall Session 1 runs Wednesdays, **September 23 through November 4** (with no class on October 14) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery, upstairs at the MAC, 80 Pleasant St., Marion. The cost is \$195 for MAC members and \$225 for nonmembers. More information and registration are available at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom — Lisa Elliott returns to the MAC to teach weaving or help students refine their techniques. Over five weeks, students will create and take home a woven project. They will weave one of the following: a scarf, table runner, set of placemats or set of tea towels. Looms and weaving equipment are provided for a \$10 fee, but students may bring their own rigid heddle loom. Classes are held Thursdays, **September 11 through October 9**, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the MAC Studio. The five-week class costs \$150 for MAC members and \$160 for nonmembers. More information and registration can be found at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Improv Workshop — The popular Improv Workshop is back for one night only. Garrett Olson and Jess Ellis-Wilson will conduct the workshop on **October 2**, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer

Webb Theater. This course is a basic introduction to improvisation. Coursework includes beginner games and exercises exploring awareness, relaxation, observation, the senses, voice and physicality. Students should dress comfortably and be ready to move during class because anything can happen in improv. Students are encouraged to bring any questions about improvisation. The cost is \$40 for MAC members and \$50 for nonmembers. More information and registration are at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

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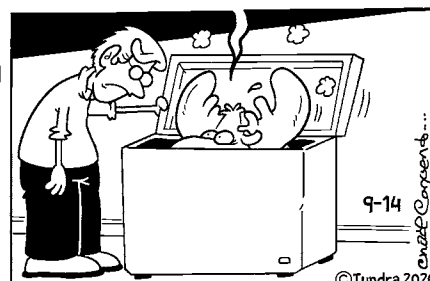
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Children's Classes

Early Release/Half-Day Camp (Ages 6–12) —

The MAC's half-day camps are special, one-time themed sessions for students released early from school. Children will be walked over from Sippican School and then enjoy time in the MAC Studio. On Friday, **October 9**, from 12:20 pm to 3:00 pm., the focus is Wild Art. Campers will explore the animal kingdom through paint, clay, collage and more. Each project is inspired by a different creature and introduces a new art technique, from texture-making to color mixing. No art experience is needed, just a love of critters and a willingness to get messy. The cost is \$75 for MAC members and \$85 for nonmembers. More information is at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

MAC Dance Academy (Ages 2.5–9) —

MAC Dance Academy is a classically taught dance studio that fosters individuality and fun for children ages 2.5 to 9. These two relaxed programs provide instruction in ballet, tap and jazz, with touches of contemporary, hip-hop and gymnastics, all in a safe, fun environment. Registration for fall classes is now open.



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Elementary Dance/Tumbling (Ages 5–9) —

This class suits children ready to explore ballet and tap and build basic tumbling skills in a structured yet fun environment. Teachers provide classical dance instruction paired with games and creative activities to keep young dancers engaged and excited. The cost per 12-week session is \$290 for MAC members and \$330 for nonmembers. More information and registration at marionartcenter.org/mac-dance-academy/.

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FOML Annual Jewelry & Accessories Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library (FOML) invite you to the Annual Jewelry & Accessories Sale. It is a wonderful opportunity to do some holiday shopping or treat yourself to a great selection of costume, upscale and vintage jewelry and accessories at very reasonable prices. We will also feature high-end pieces in our silent auction. Bidding will be open for the three days and will end on Saturday at 1:00 pm.

The FOML Members-Only Preview Sale will take place on Thursday, **December 3**, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The General Public Sale is Friday, **December 4**, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday, **December 5**, from 10:00 am



to 2:00 pm at 7 Barstow Street.

If you are not yet a member, you can join the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library with a \$20 donation. To sign up, visit the library circulation desk or join at the door on the night of the Preview Sale.

We are also currently accepting donations of gently used jewelry and accessories. Please drop your donations off at the library circulation desk. All FOML fundraising efforts directly support library programs for children, teens and adults, including the purchase of all museum, zoo and park passes.

Thank you for your support of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library.



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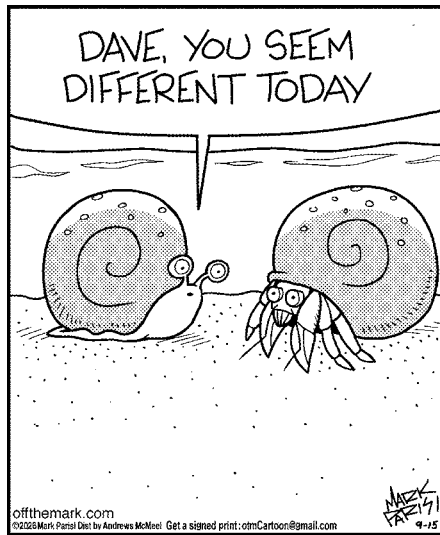
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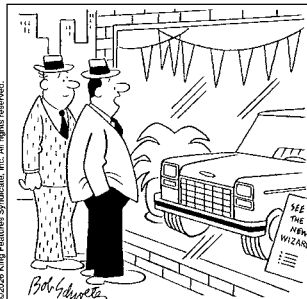
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Mattapoisett Cultural Council

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council invites grant proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities and science programs until **October 15** at massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/. Grants are available to support cultural projects and activities in and around Mattapoisett. These include exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, performances in schools, workshops and lectures. These programs promote access to rich cultural experiences for Mattapoisett and other South Coast residents.

Eligible applicants include individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations or groups with a nonprofit purpose, public schools (including teachers, student groups and parent groups), libraries and other municipal agencies, and religious organizations or for-profit organizations under certain circumstances.

Applicants are encouraged to review local funding priorities at www.mass-culture.org/mattapoisett. Applications will be evaluated based on how well the program meets local priorities, community support and involvement, evidence of a track record, evidence that a public benefit will result from the project, financial need and demonstrated planning.

Recently funded projects included: theatrical, literary and science programs for children and adults at Mattapoisett Free Public Library; ballet performances by the New Bedford Ballet for Kids; a concert by the Sippican Choral Society; programs and exhibits at Mattapoisett Museum; and in-school and summertime arts and science programs sponsored by the Mattapoisett PTA, Mattapoisett Recreation Department, Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Buzzards Bay Coalition, among others.

To contact the Mattapoisett Cultural Council directly with questions, please email us at chrisbrennan1955@comcast.net.

Friends of the Mattapoisett Library to Host Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Fall Book

Sale on Saturday, **October 3**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will 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.

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

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

Mattapoisett Democrats Seek New Members

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee (MDTC) is looking for a few good neighbors.

If you're a registered Democrat in Mattapoisett who cares about what's happening in this town — and in this country — we'd love to have you join us. The MDTC is your local Democratic committee, and we do real work: supporting candidates for Select Board, School Committee, Library Trustees and Planning Board; registering voters; monitoring local government; and connecting with regional organizations working on issues that matter to our community.

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 Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Can't make it in person? Join us via Google Meet. New members are welcome and voted in at the meeting.

To learn more or express your interest, contact us at mattapoisettdtc@gmail.com. We'd love to see some new faces on September 23.

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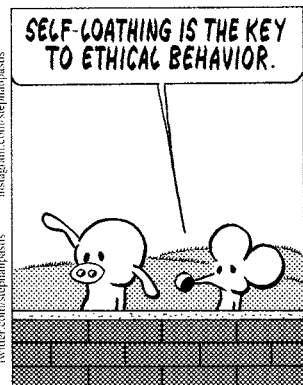
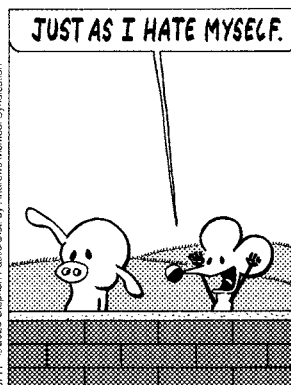
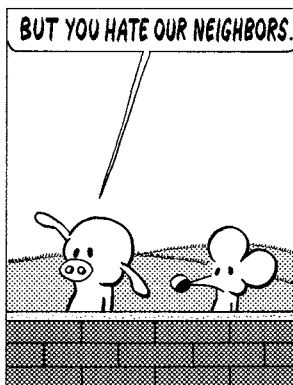
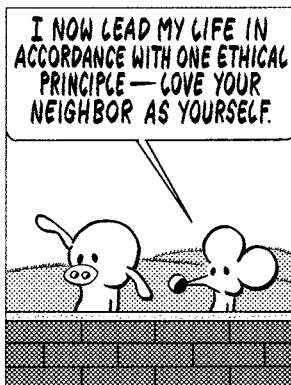
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Matt York Returns to the MAC Longtime New England musician and author Matt York returns to the MAC to perform Johnny Cash songs and tell stories about Cash's career, spanning from the 1950s to his passing in 2003. He will be accompanied by fiddle player Angelica Vendetti.

He will discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950s, his marriage to June Carter and many of his other career highlights. York has twice been nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist. He recently released his second book, *The Words and Wisdom of Willie Nelson*.

It's a one-night-only show on **September 19** at 7:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion. Tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers. More information and tickets are at marionartcenter.org/events.

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.



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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 friends to volunteer and contribute resources in service to students, teachers and staff. School pride is the nexus of our efforts, and we know that graduates of ORR are immensely proud of their experience.

The ORR BPAA is a recognized charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and operates as a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations to the BPAA are tax-deductible.

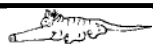
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Day	Date	High		Low	
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Thursday	September 17	12:46	1:14	5:47	6:47
Friday	September 18	1:36	2:05	6:35	8:04
Saturday	September 19	2:27	2:58	7:40	9:47
Sunday	September 20	3:21	3:58	9:03	10:47
Monday	September 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
Monday	September 28	9:31	9:56	2:49	3:35
Tuesday	September 29	10:17	10:45	3:28	4:17
Wednesday	September 30	11:07	11:38	4:09	5:02
Thursday	October 1		12:02	4:53	5:53
Friday	October 2	12:36	1:03	5:43	7:06
Saturday	October 3	1:38	2:07	6:44	9:32
Sunday	October 4	2:40	3:12	8:07	10:41

Phases	First Quarter	September 18th
of the	Full Moon	September 26th
Moon	Last Quarter	October 3rd
	New Moon	October 10th



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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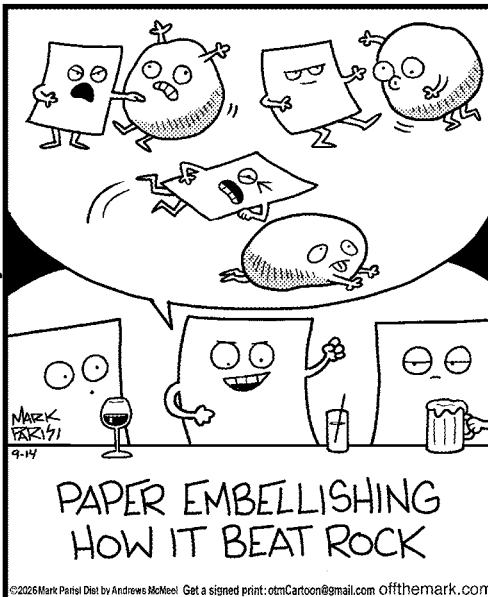
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1. Synonym; 2. Brief
3. Ghoul; 4. Sprain

Today's Word
FAMILY

Sudoku Answer

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Hummus

2/\$7

8 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Vermont Cheddar

\$5.99

Ready to Serve
Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken

\$9.99 ea

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, September 18 to Thursday, September 24, 2026

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus

**Friends'
Premium
Ground
Chuck**
\$8.99
lb



8.5 - 8.8 oz Select Varieties

**Ben's Original
Ready Rice**
\$1.88



12 oz Select Varieties

**Wrap City
Kettle Potato
Chips**
\$4.99



6 - 8 oz Select Varieties

**Cabot
Shredded
Cheese
or Bars**
2/\$7



SPIRITS

Summer
Sale!

1.75 Liter Titos Vodka **\$29.99**
1.75 Liter Smirnoff Vodka **\$19.99**
1.75 Liter Bacardi Rum **\$24.99**
750 ml. Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila **\$24.99**

1.5 qt Select Varieties

**Tillamook
Ice Cream**
\$3.98



QUALITY PRODUCE



Seedless
Green Grapes **\$2.99**
lb

Pint
Grape Tomatoes **2/\$5**

3 lb. Pkg.
Yellow Potatoes **\$1.98**



Fresh
Green Bell Peppers **\$1.99**
lb

Crisp
Iceberg Lettuce **\$1.99**
ea

2 lb. Pkg.
Yellow Onions **\$1.99**

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