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Hammond Cemetery's 20 Patriots Honored and Remembered

By Laura Pedulli

On a sunny, cool Saturday morning at Hammond Cemetery in Mattapoisett, Dr. Barbara Shurtleff told more than 100 attendees that when she looks at the graves of her Hammond ancestors, "I don't just see history, but family."

Shurtleff is a descendant of one of the 20 Revolutionary War patriots honored at the September 19 ceremony, which was planned as part of the 250th anniversary celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

The ceremony featured the Henry Knox Color Guard, with men dressed in period costumes as Revolutionary War soldiers firing muskets. Their commander, Christopher Tourtellot, state president of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, gave a poignant Toast to the Flag. Congressman Bill Keating, State Rep. Mark Sylvia, and Town Administrator Michael Lorenzo also offered remarks.

The event was the culmination of four years of work at the cemetery.

"We've been preparing for this event at the cemetery for the last four years," said Raymond Hanks, chair of the Mattapoisett Cemetery Advisory Committee and a key organizer. A team, including Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31, led by Kevin Gretton, restored graves that had gone untouched for 100 years.

"We've worked on the grounds. We've worked on the graves. We've worked on removing a lot of the trees that have been in there," Hanks said, later adding that the Boy Scouts "are a remarkable group of young men."

Past New England District Vice President Edgar S. Hoak of the Sons of the American Revolution praised the work of the Cemetery Advisory Committee and

On the Cover: A bronze plaque commemorating the men who played a role in the fight for American independence was formally unveiled at a special ceremony on Saturday, September 19. The Boy Scouts rang the bell for each Revolutionary War patriot buried in Hammond Cemetery. Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31, led by Kevin Gretton, helped restore the graves in preparation for the event.

volunteers.

"This cemetery is beautiful. The headstones are in fabulous condition. You should be proud of what they have done for your community," Hoak said.

Looking at the crowd, he added, "I'm pleased to see multiple generations, including children and those older than me."

Connor Gaudet, administrator and curator of the Mattapoisett Museum, provided a spirited historical account of Rochester, which then included Mattapoisett and parts of Marion, and its role in the fight for independence.

"They were not afraid of calling out the government, however large, to account," he said, adding that they procured 40 firearms and were ready to fight.

"Simply put, they were preparing for a revolution," Gaudet said.

He also noted that, of all towns, Rochester enlisted the greatest proportion of its people to the cause. Of the town's 2,644 residents, 516 men served.

"Twenty percent of the town were veterans of

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war," he said.

The ceremony also highlighted the extensive history of its namesake, the Hammond family, which may date back to William the Conqueror in 1066.

The family played a vital role in forming Mattapoisett as a settlement.

Ten members of the Hammond family who fought in the Revolutionary War are buried in Hammond Cemetery, including Captain Nathaniel Hammond, and they were all recognized during the ceremony.

Rep. Sylvia and Congressman Bill Keating both presented citations honoring the event.

The ceremony's final moments brought the history to life. A bronze plaque commemorating the men who played a role in the fight for American independence was formally unveiled, and the Boy Scouts rang the bell for each Revolutionary War patriot buried in Hammond Cemetery.

Those honored are: Nathaniel Bessey, Nathan Briggs, Cephas Caswell, David Caswell, Joshua Chandler, David Gifford, Benjamin Hammond IV, Elnathan Hammond, Hunerwel Hammond, Israel Hammond, John Hammond III, John Hammond IV, Josiah Hammond, Nathaniel Hammond, Nathan Hammond, Elir Enoch Hammond, Jeb Haskell, Domoimcus Hovey, Wilber Southworth, and John Wallis.

SOGIE Presentation Draws Crowd

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Rainbow Coalition hosted a Community Education Presentation, "Understanding SOGIE (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression)," at the Council on Aging Senior Center on Monday.

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LGBTQ+ Network's executive director Andy Pollock, along with a local pediatrician and a mental health expert, talked through what SOGIE means and how being aware of its specifics can help people see LGBTQ people as individuals rather than a misunderstood group.

They were speaking to a community that had recently posted lawn signs protesting an incident in which a female Rochester Memorial School student's privacy was allegedly violated when a transgender 9-year-old student opened an unlocked bathroom stall she was using. The incident became the subject of a larger public debate over the district's bathroom policies for transgender students.

While not the reason for the presentation, the evening provided an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the issue. Pediatrician Dr. Sara Gonzalez explained to the quiet, respectful crowd what type of care a young person receives as he or she decides on their gender identity. Medications such as puberty blockers would be prescribed only after a mental health evaluation, she said. She emphasized that surgery to change gender identity is never done on a minor. At an early age, it is a social transition.

Young people who transition into their preferred gender identity have happier, healthier lives, she said. Such people who are not accepted or are bullied because of gender identity have higher rates of suicide and self-harm and are even more prone to chronic diseases. In conclusion, she urged what she called "compassion over comprehension."

"You don't have to understand to help," she said. "The Haitians have a saying, 'Everybody is a person.' It's so true."

Mental health expert John Masson explained how slowly gender identity develops in a person from an early age. He concluded that, in the end, what matters is that a young person has supportive parents and family acceptance, or at least one positive, supportive adult to help them maintain a healthy outlook on themselves.

Masson was the first to answer one of the questions submitted in advance by audience members. He said usually at age 9 is when a choice of gender

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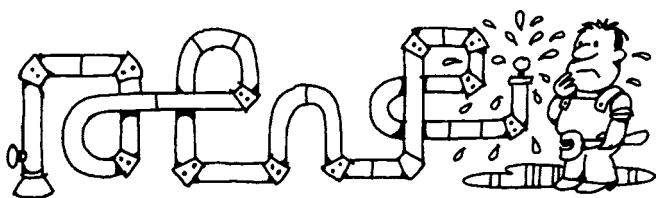
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identity will occur. "Or later," he said.

The last question read that evening asked, "How is it best to address anti-trans bias?" Pollock continued the theme of better understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression by answering that people should attend one of the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network's "Trans Day for Remembrance" events. The next of these will be November 20 at the Taunton Library. He added, "and get to know your trans neighbor."

What did Pollock like most about the evening's presentation?

"The audience was really attentive," he said. "We presented good information. We wanted to educate the public, make them more aware, give them the opportunity to learn the truth about gender identity."

Old Colony Facility Plan Coming by Year-End

By Jeffrey Wagner

The June 20 ballot vote rejecting a new school building for Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical district has not affected the morale of the school community, according to Superintendent Aaron Polansky.

"They have demonstrated tremendous resilience and have remained focused on what matters most — our students and the quality of the education and opportunities we provide them each day," Polansky said.

"While the outcome of the building project vote was certainly disappointing, our faculty and staff understand that our mission has not changed."

The \$289 million project would have replaced the facility at 47 North Street with a more modern structure.

According to web reports, the original school building was constructed in 1975, and an addition was built in 1986 for the metal fabrication and welding program.

The vocational district accepts students from Rochester, Lakeville, Carver, Acushnet and Mattapoisett. Every community except Mattapoisett voted against it.

A "yes" vote would have triggered a debt exclusion override — or a temporary tax increase — to fund the communities' portion of the expense.

The state School Building Authority would have reimbursed approximately \$129 million.

Polansky and other school authorities have said the aging building has infrastructure deficiencies. Polansky said the district is identifying the most serious needs first and will name them and a remediation plan by the end of the calendar year.

Polansky said they don't have any repair priorities in place yet but hopes to present the repair plan by the year's end.

"We need to make sure that the decisions we make today are part of a thoughtful and strategic plan for the future," Polansky said. "The needs of the facility have not gone away, so our responsibility now is to determine how we can best address those needs in a responsible and sustainable way while continuing to consider the long-

term future of the district."

I am Feeling Dizzy. Should I take Antivert?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Many of us get dizzy occasionally. "Dizzy" means different things to different people. It may be weakness or lightheadedness at times. Most often, it is vertigo: a sense that the room is spinning or that you are spinning.

Historically, doctors have prescribed meclizine (brand name Antivert), a sedating antihistamine, to treat vertigo. While it is FDA-approved for this purpose, it is not always a good choice.

The commonest cause of vertigo is a shift of tiny stones in the middle ear ("otoliths") into the wrong position. This causes BPV: benign positional vertigo. It typically comes on with a change of position. You feel as if you just got off a merry-go-round when all you did is get out of bed or lie down. [Note – the vertigo can come with any change in position – lying down or turning to one side may trigger it as well as getting up.]

Weakness or wooziness without the sense of spinning when getting up is NOT BPV, but more likely a drop in blood pressure resulting in less blood getting to the brain.

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can be done by a physician, nurse or physical therapist who know how, and usually cures the problem. Pills, with their side effects, have no place in treating this condition.

Meniere's disease is a recurrent vertigo, usually accompanied by hearing loss and/or ringing in the ears that comes for no reason. Here meclizine may be helpful, but should only be used for the acute attacks, not on a prolonged basis.

Acute labyrinthitis comes on suddenly and can be severely disabling, making walking almost impossible. It is due to inflammation of the nerve to the inner ear. It can be accompanied by hearing loss, and if it is, is an emergency, requiring steroids to prevent permanent deafness. Sometimes the vertigo is so severe that the



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hearing loss is overlooked.

Meclizine can be used for a few days to help the troubling dizziness of labyrinthitis, with the understanding that it is treating symptoms that are going to pass on their own. It is not curing the condition.

Why not use meclizine more freely?

A recent study looked at people who had been diagnosed with vertigo who were or were not prescribed meclizine. Those prescribed meclizine had almost three times as many falls resulting in emergency department visits as those who were not.

Add that to the concern that sedating antihistamines contribute to confusion, and it is clear. Meclizine may help with troubling vertigo, but it should be used in as low a dose and for as short a time as possible.

Finally — a warning. The new onset of vertigo that lasts for more than half an hour can be a stroke, and demands immediate evaluation.

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

A Little Purple Hubris

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Of all the colors in the garden, purple may be the most majestic — and historically, the most powerful.

The color's association with royalty and power dates back thousands of years to ancient Rome, Egypt and Persia, where purple was reserved for emperors, kings and the elite. Purple dyes were extraordinarily rare and expensive, making the color itself a symbol of wealth and status.

The most famous was Tyrian purple, used in ancient Rome and produced from a particular mollusk. It took thousands of these tiny sea creatures to produce even a small amount of dye — about 12,000 mollusks yielded just 1.5 grams. The resulting color was so valuable that Emperor Aurelian reportedly refused to allow his wife to purchase a silk garment dyed with purpura because it cost as much as its weight in gold.

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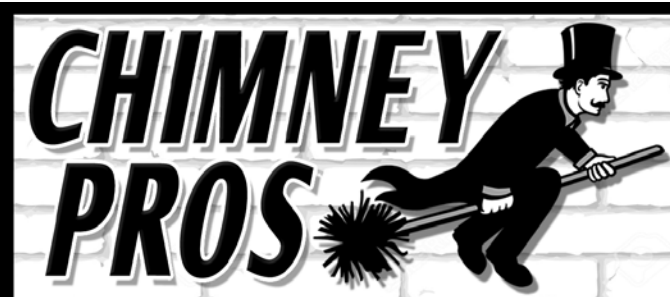
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Purple has long been connected with royalty and power. In Greek mythology, you may recall the homecoming of Agamemnon after the sack of Troy. His embittered wife, Clytemnestra, goads him into walking on a purple carpet laid out as a welcome. Agamemnon knows that such an extravagant display smacks of hubris, but he proceeds — and soon falls into his wife's murderous clutches.

I've always found purple an irresistible color. It appeared first in the pale orchid walls of my childhood bedroom, followed by the crushed-velvet bellbottoms I wore as a teenager — my own unwitting act of hubris — and, years later, a pair of purple maternity overalls that made me look like a human zeppelin.

Purple is a color that requires a little daring to pull off. You don't see many purple houses, for example. And I think the same is true in the garden, particularly



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Yet when I look around my garden right now, long after the violets, rhododendrons, iris and many other early purple plants have faded, I still see a surprising abundance of this lush color. The blue hydrangeas of summer have taken on dusky mauve tones. Chelone lyonii, rose of Sharon, Japanese anemones, salvia, Lespedeza thunbergii, butterfly bush, coleus and purple basil are all contributing their shades of purple. Even the tomatoes get into the act. Add purple grapes, blackberries and ornamental grasses in various shades, and suddenly the garden seems to be speaking in a distinctly purple dialect.

The dictionary defines purple as any of a group

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of colors with a hue between violet and red. Author Susan Chivers, in her horticultural guidebook *Planting for Color*, calls true violet and purple some of the most sumptuously rich colors a gardener has to work with:

"The deeper shades suggest the majesty of royalty and opulence and tend to inspire awe rather than joy. There's also something mysterious about violet — it lies at the very rim of the rainbow, next to ultraviolet rays, which can't be seen by the human eye, and so it appears to melt into the void."

That sense of mystery is part of purple's appeal in the garden.

To create some drama beside our patio, I planted *Cordyline purpurea* with an assortment of coleus, all featuring purple in their foliage. The effect was just what I had hoped for: a Persian carpet of pattern upon pattern, vivid tone upon vivid tone.



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One thing to remember when using a strong purple is to give the eye somewhere to rest. Pairing it with another color or contrasting foliage can keep a planting from becoming too heavy. Yellow, the complementary color to violet, can provide a lively counterpoint to a brilliant purple. For a more sumptuous combination, try pairing purple with red flowers, such as cardinal flower.

Experimentation has produced some dazzling results in my garden over the years. To contrast with pale purple roses, I underplanted them with deep purple verbena. In the center, I added a mauve verbena, then surrounded the outer ring with red portulaca. The combination is as pretty as a town square in the south of France — and a particularly welcoming introduction to

our home.

And this weekend, I planted some intensely purple asters at my parents' entrance, giving it one last blast of color — and my own signature: "Laura was here."

Perhaps that is the real magic of purple in the garden. It asks us to be a little bold. A little extravagant. And every now and then, a little bit hubristic.

*"And the imperial votaress passed on,
In maiden meditation, fancy-free.
Yet marked I where the bolt of Cupid fell:*

*It fell upon a little western flower,
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Privateers Take Center Stage at Mattapoisett Library

By Jeanne Hopkins

An American ship carrying 38 men and 16 cannons faced a British privateer with 130 men and 43 guns off the coast of Spain in June 1780.

Captain Jonathan Haraden could have fled. Instead, he ordered his crew aboard the *General Pickering* to stand firm and fight.

Author Eric Jay Dolin used the dramatic encounter to open his September 16 presentation at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. About 40 people attended the program on his 2022 book *Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution*.

The event was supported by a grant from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Betsy Dumais, the library's adult and teen services librarian, introduced Dolin.



Mixing history, humor and frequent tangents, Dolin argued that privateers played a critical but often overlooked role in the American victory.

Privateers were privately owned ships authorized by the government to capture enemy vessels and sell their ships and cargo. They were not simply pirates, Dolin emphasized.

Nearly 2,000 American privateering vessels operated during the Revolution, crewed by an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 men. They captured between 1,600 and 1,800 British prizes worth millions of pounds.

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war on the American side, Dolin said.

Massachusetts was the first colony to authorize privateering, doing so in November 1775. Other colonies followed before the Continental Congress approved privateering throughout the colonies in March 1776.

Dolin said the men who served aboard the ships were motivated by both patriotism and the possibility of earning money. He quoted privateersman and soldier Christopher Prince, who described his two wartime motives as “the freedom of my country” and “the luxuries of life.”

The tone became more somber when Dolin described the British prison ships anchored in New York Harbor. Between 15,000 and 22,000 men were held aboard 19 ships during the war, he said, with American privateers making up much of the prison population.

The worst was the HMS *Jersey*, a former British warship that held as many as 1,200 prisoners at a time. Confined below deck in overcrowded and disease-ridden conditions, between six and 12 prisoners died aboard the ship each day.

Each morning, guards called, “Rebels, bring up your dead.” Prisoners then carried the bodies of fellow Americans ashore for burial in shallow graves.

Dolin’s one-hour presentation prompted numerous questions about the early American Navy, captured sailors, Black privateers and whether privateering could ever return.

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Following the question-and-answer period, Dolin signed and personally dedicated copies of his books for attendees.

A Fire Erupts

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the early United States. Last week, the British made landfall on Manhattan at Kips Bay, looking to split the island in two. Fierce fighting took place, and though Washington was very nearly shot off his horse, the army was able to retreat north to Harlem.

On September 20, 1776, General George Washington writes to John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress. He informs Hancock of the current predicament: the remnants of New York's defenders are being pushed north of Manhattan, with their backs to the Harlem River.

He states, not optimistically, "The enemy are forming a large and extensive encampment in the plains mentioned in my last and are busily employed in transporting their cannon and stores from Long Island. As they advance them this way, we may reasonably expect their operations will not long be deferred." In attempting to write to her husband, Abigail Adams says, "I sit down this evening to write you, but I hardly know what to think about your going to N.Y. – The story has been told so many times, and with circumstances so particular that I with others have given some heed to it though my not hearing anything of it from you leaves me at a loss."

Washington would request materials and additional troops from any place that can spare them. He warns Hancock that "the most fatal consequences may ensue" if he does not receive reinforcements.

Later that night, the British face a shock to their occupation. Still hotly debated today, the Great Fire of New York began in the freshly occupied city that night, somewhere near the east side of the city, possibly near Trinity Church. Whether it was an accidental tavern fire or multiple smaller fires started as sabotage is still unknown, however by the next day, nearly 25% of all buildings in New York City were destroyed. Admiral Howe suspected foul play, writing that it was "a most bad attempt was made by several wretches to burn the town."

Washington would write to Hancock again the following day, on September 22, saying, "I have not been informed how the accident happened, nor received any certain account of the damage." Washington would reiterate he had no knowledge of or hand in the designs of the fire.

That same day, the spy sent by Washington to spy on the British on Long Island, Nathan Hale, was publicly hanged following his capture the previous day.

On September 24, Washington again wrote to



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Hancock, highlighting various issues present in the crippled army. Losing his calm demeanor, he ends his letter, "This distresses me beyond measure." The Continental Congress laid the framework for establishing an international alliance. The Model Treaty of 1776 was adopted on September 17, paving the way for help from abroad.

The next day, he writes again, warning of the lack of discipline and fragility of the army, which is potentially facing a mutiny or total collapse should the British make a push. He writes, "We are now as it were, upon the eve of another dissolution of our army." He pushed for a standing army and to no longer focus on militia tied to year-by-year contracts.

On September 25, the Model Treaty of 1776 saw progress, as Silas Deane of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia were made commissioners, or diplomats, to France.

Rochester Tax Rate Rises Just Three Cents

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board met briefly on September 21 with some good news for town taxpayers.

The board approved the Board of Assessors' recommendation to set a property tax rate for FY2027 of \$10.62 per thousand dollars of value, which is only three



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cents higher than the current rate. The select board also endorsed the assessors' request to keep a Factor One tax rate, meaning commercial properties will not get a higher rate than residential ones.

Director of Assessing Karen Trudeau also recommended, and the board agreed, not to adopt a tax rate discount for open space or exemptions for small commercial and residential properties.

"We never recommend adopting any of the following because it just raises their taxes and shifts the burden to other classes," Trudeau said, noting that the town's current excess levy amount this year is \$961.35.

Before the approval vote, select board member Adam Murphy asked how the tax rate of surrounding



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towns compares to Rochester's. Trudeau answered that these surrounding towns bill differently, quarterly, so their bills are sent in January, while Rochester bills semi-annually. But Mattapoisett's rate for 2025 was higher, \$10.76, and \$10.24 last year, she said, and Marion's rate last year was \$8.62.

In other action, the board approved Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31's use of the Pine Street fairgrounds on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day to cook turkeys for its annual program.

Scoutmaster Kevin Thompson explained that for years the troop has cooked eight or more turkeys over an open fire to help feed local first responders and local families for Thanksgiving. The troop has lost the spot

where this cooking was usually done, he said, and will now use only the lower parking area of the fairgrounds property.

The board also approved the group Holiday Helping Angels to use the Town Hall building conference room for its holiday donation collection.

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

**Center School Clock Tower Needs
Structural Repair**

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Jeanne Hopkins

The Center School clock stopped for part of the summer because the floor beneath its bell has sagged enough to interfere with the clock's drive shaft, longtime clock keeper Ray Andrews told the Select Board on September 22.

Andrews got the clock running again in late July, but said his adjustment was temporary. After 128 years of supporting the bell and its carriage, the floor has dropped below its original position. Rainwater can no longer drain from the tower as designed.

"We need to get some kind of a permanent fix on the sagging floor," Andrews said.

The board approved \$2,500 from its Building and Grounds budget for an engineering design and materials list. Andrews plans to use those documents to seek at

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least two contractor bids, then apply for Community Preservation Act funding for the full repair. A possible repair would use cables to gradually lift and support the floor.

Andrews said money donated for the clock is restricted to maintaining its mechanism and hands and cannot be used for structural work on the town-owned building.

Gus Silveira, 92, asked the board to consider a monument honoring him and his father. Speaking about his long connection to Mattapoisett, he said the town had given back to him more than he had given it. Board members said they would look at an existing monument at Ned's Point before discussing his request at a future meeting. They took no vote Tuesday.

Recreation Director Marissa Hughes reported that the town ran seven weeks of summer camp at Center School, staffed by 20 counselors. The camp expanded from four age groups to five, allowing 6- and 7-year-olds to participate in separate groups. Children visited the beach and library, took tennis lessons and had the option of swim lessons, which returned this summer.

The town beach was staffed for eight weeks, Hughes said. Looking ahead, the Recreation Department has expanded its fall after-school offerings from 14 programs last year to 21 this year, with 30 to 70 children participating each day. A girls' volleyball league planned for January already has 26 participants signed up. Hughes said she hopes to reach more junior high students, an age group that has been difficult to draw into recreation programs.

The board also discussed a Mattapoisett Affordable Housing Trust that was approved by Town Meeting but has not been staffed. Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo said a November 17 workshop with Barrett Consulting will explain how the trust could be organized and what serving on it would involve. The town plans to invite residents and committee members before recruiting volunteers.

Board members considered how to make recordings of town meetings more consistently available. Lorenzo said some boards post recordings while others



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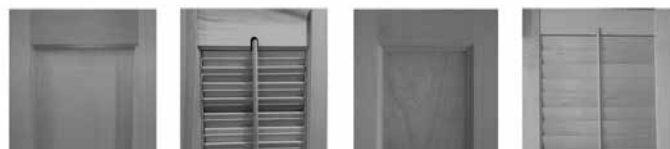
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do not. Members discussed developing a policy for the Select Board's own meetings and asking other boards what equipment, training or meeting space they need. No policy was adopted.

The board approved all-alcohol, common victualler and entertainment licenses for Kokobo's Coastal Cantina at 20 County Road. The entertainment license permits four televisions and live, non-amplified acoustic music during business hours. The applicant hopes to open in mid-October or early November.

Water Street is closed near Town Beach for a culvert replacement expected to take up to two months, Lorenzo announced. Drivers can reach the beach area from North Street. Oakland Street construction is expected



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to begin in October and last at least a month.

Select Board member Nicole Doyon Lynch plans to hold two office hours at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library in October. The first is October 7 from 10:00 am to noon. Residents can stop in to share concerns or ideas, and details of both sessions will be posted on the town website.

Open and Shut New Garage

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals
By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals met on Thursday, September 17, at 6:00 pm in Town Hall to hear one case: a request for a special permit.



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John and Nasira Ewing of 25 North Street sought a special permit for the demolition of the lot's existing garage and the construction of a new two-car garage in its place. The firm Saltonstall Architects oversees the project and represented their client to the board, with architect Will Saltonstall. The Ewings have owned the home for the past few years and are making improvements, with this one focusing on removing the existing one-car garage on the corner of the lot and building a new, larger garage.

"We tried to be complementary to the history of the house and keep it simple," Saltonstall said.

There was some discussion among the board regarding the property's dwelling, which has a drawing that appears to show an existing two-car garage. John Ewing was present and explained that the original garage had two bays, though it has lost some space because previous owners converted part of it into an office.

Pat Donahue introduced herself as the most direct abutter and stated she has no issues with the project. The Zoning Board of Appeals accepted the project as proposed with a unanimous vote of approval, and immediately voted to suspend the meeting following the vote.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, October 15.

Groundwater Question Delays Special Permit Decision

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

At its Tuesday, September 22 meeting, the Rochester Planning Board delayed judging a special permit application to divide an existing parcel into two separate housing lots at 72 Marion Road after learning the land is in a groundwater protection district.

Project representative Matthew Leone explained the plan is for land on the south side of Marion Road. The total parcel is just under eight acres. Lot one will be two acres; lot two will be 5.96 acres. The plan, he said, is to create an additional single-family lot and retain the existing home on the other lot while building a 25-foot access across an existing road.

He then noted that the land includes some



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wetlands and riverfront area. In response, Planning Board Chair Arnold Johnson said that meant the project was in a groundwater protection district and might need a separate special permit because of that. Leone answered that he was busy just getting the lots approved before planning the exact design and what additional permitting may be needed.

Johnson responded he first had to think about what permitting the project specifically needs.

"Usually a project like this is filed concurrently with a Groundwater Protection District special permit request," he said. "That permit might not apply here. But it might. Town counsel might need to be called." Johnson then motioned to, and the board approved, continuing the hearing to October 13.

In other action during the brief meeting, the board also continued to October 13 its site plan review hearing for Walnut Plain Road Solar, 0 Walnut Plain Road.

The board additionally continued to October 13 the site plan review hearing for High Street Solar, site B, which is within the northerly portion of the 20-acre



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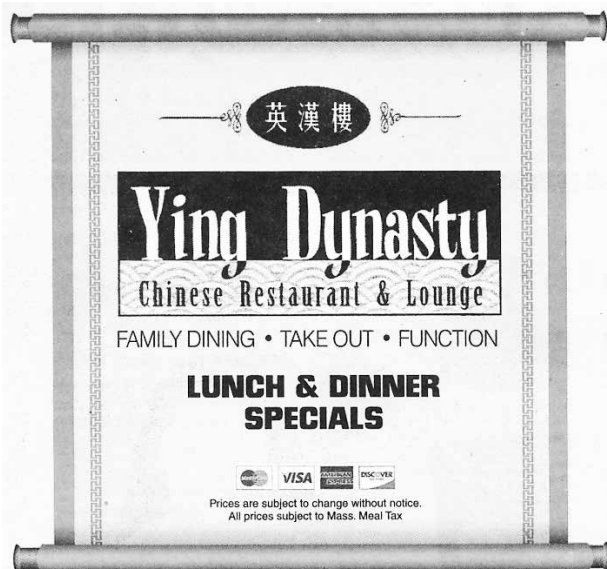
The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 pm at the town office building, 1 Constitution Way.

Hearing Continued; Various Discussions Follow

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met Monday night in the police station conference room and remotely via Microsoft Teams. The meeting included various action items and a continued public hearing.



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Chair Sean Sweeney began with action items and, after approving the minutes from the August 17 meeting, moved to approve payments. These payments included \$1,238 from Toll Brothers, Inc., for a Field Engineering Peer Review at 78 Wareham Road; \$12,445.76 from Uncle Jon's for a Peer Review from Howard Stein Hudson for 413 Wareham Street; and \$3,502 from Sippican Holdings, LLC for a Peer Review from Merrill Corporation for 14 Barnabas Road.

The board then moved on to the continued public hearing for a Site Plan Application by Paul Downey of Sippican Holdings, LLC for 14 Barnabas Road. However, the applicant was not present, so the board continued the hearing until the next meeting.

The board then spent time discussing its FY2026 budget review, which is ongoing. They will continue holding in-person meetings at the police station with a remote-join option through Microsoft Teams, with the long-term goal of meeting in the Town House once they determine how to ensure participants can join remotely.

The board members also discussed Question 7 on the upcoming Massachusetts state election ballot: "Limit on Required Lot Size for Single-Family Homes Initiative."

According to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website, the proposed law would allow single-family homes to be built in residentially zoned areas if the lot is at least 5,000 square feet, has at least 50 feet of land bordering the street, road, or public way that

it faces, and has access to public sewer and water services. Currently, local zoning bylaws and ordinances generally establish minimum lot size requirements for single-family homes, subject to state law.

Some board members questioned which lots the law would affect. Member Andrew Daniel said voters need to "do their homework."

More information and the official wording of the question can be found at www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/research-and-statistics/2026-ballot-questions.htm.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board will be held on Monday, October 5, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department, 550 Mill Street.

Cottage Bylaw Not Ready for November Town Meeting

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Jeanne Hopkins

A proposed Cottage Community Development bylaw is not ready for the November 9 Town Meeting, Planning Board Chair Thomas Tucker said Monday night.

The board closed a brief public hearing after receiving comments about cottage and garage sizes and questions about affordability. Members will continue revising the proposal for possible consideration at the spring Town Meeting.

The proposed zoning amendment would allow clusters of smaller, porch-fronted homes along the Route 6 corridor. Each cottage could contain up to 1,500 square feet of living space, but its first-floor footprint could not exceed 1,000 square feet.

Resident and Select Board Member Nicole Doyon Lynch questioned whether the planning board planned to retain the 1,500-square-foot maximum.

John Mathieu explained that the provision would not allow a 1,500-square-foot ranch. A cottage could reach that maximum only by adding a partial second floor containing no more than half the area of the first floor.

"The whole purpose of this is not to put 1,500-square-foot ranches in," one board member said. The intent is to permit cottages that may or may not



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include a second floor and that resemble the scale of older village homes.

The proposed 300-square-foot limit for individual garages drew much of the discussion. Board members said a garage measuring 15 by 20 feet would be too short for many vehicles and would leave little room for storage or for occupants to open car doors.

An attached garage might also need space for stairs or an accessibility ramp leading into the house. Members discussed increasing the limit to between 360 and 400 square feet.

Resident Lauren Rose suggested establishing separate size limits for attached and detached garages. Board members agreed that the distinction was worth considering as they revise the proposal.

Affordability was also raised. One participant cautioned against suggesting that the bylaw would guarantee affordable homes, noting that a 1,500-square-foot home could cost more than \$700,000 based on local square-foot prices.

Mathieu stated 1,500 square feet would be an upper limit, not a required size, and that developers could build smaller cottages. The proposed bylaw addresses housing size, design and placement but does not establish an affordability requirement, according to Tucker.

The board took no vote on the bylaw Monday. The public hearing was closed, and members will continue revising the proposal before bringing it to Mattapoissett voters at spring Town Meeting.

ORR Keeps the Victories Coming

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Football: The Old Rochester Regional High School football team beat Bishop Stang (0-2) 42-14 on September 18. Junior **Benji Baptiste** carried the ball 17 times for 184 yards and scored four touchdowns, including a 40-yard run. Junior **Benny Durocher** had 2 sacks, and senior **Nolin Vieira** was 6 for 6 on extra points.

"The boys played complementary football on offense, defense, and special teams," said ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault.

The Bulldogs sit at 2-0, as they'll travel to Dartmouth (1-1) on September 25.

Cross Country: The Bulldogs had their first meet of the season on September 16, hosting Apponequet and Bourne at Washburn Park. The boys beat Apponequet 20-36 and Bourne 17-46, while the girls beat both 15-50. Senior **Ryan Calderone** was named the boys' runner of the meet after running an 18:29 5K and finishing second overall. Sophomore **Annalise Milhench** was named the girls' runner of the meet, running a 20:17 and finishing first overall. Old Rochester held a 2-0 record heading into Tuesday's meet at division rival Seekonk.

Girls Volleyball: Old Rochester hosted Dighton-Rehoboth on September 16 and won 3-0 with set scores of 26-24, 25-5, and 25-14. **Erin Root** had 18 service points, 5

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aces, and 14 kills, while **Aubrey Griffith** had 12 digs and **Lucy Lombard** had 9 digs. Old Rochester is 3-2 heading into Monday's game against Fairhaven, Wednesday's game at West Bridgewater, and a September 25 game at Bourne.

Field Hockey: The Bulldogs played at Dighton-Rehoboth on September 17 and won 4-0. Senior **Rayn Lauradin** was named player of the game, scoring 2 goals. Senior **Morgan LeBlanc** had 1 goal, senior **Ellsea Roy** scored her first career goal, and senior **Addison Roy** had 3 assists. This win puts Old Rochester at 4-0 on the season heading into Monday's game at Westport, Tuesday's game at Fairhaven, and hosting West Bridgewater on September 24.

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To the Editor;

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church would like to thank all who participated in our first Drive and



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Drop food collection on Thursday, September 17. Thanks to the generosity of community and church members, we were able to donate over 400 pounds of nonperishable foods to Damien's Pantry. We will be continuing to collect food on the third Thursday of the month; the next collection is on Thursday, October 15, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. Items such as cooking oil, breakfast foods, dish detergent and oral hygiene products are especially welcome. Please help us do our part to eradicate food insecurity on the South Coast.

Thank you,
Jen Schlitzer
Mattapoisett Congregational Church Missions Committee

To the Editor;

Public-records laws rest on a basic democratic premise: government works for the public, and the public should be able to see how government does its work. Massachusetts has long occupied an unusual place in that system. Its public-records law does not apply to the records of the Governor's Office, the Legislature, or the judiciary in the same way it applies to executive agencies. The Governor's Office itself acknowledges that its records are not subject to the state public-records law.

That is not merely a technical quirk. It raises a fundamental accountability question: What meaningful right to know does the public have when institutions



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Sam Hill, a 2012 ORR graduate, was promoted to chief petty officer on September 16. He joined the Navy in 2015. He is stationed in San Diego on the USS Fitzgerald (DDG-62). His parents, Jack and Lisa Hill, are from Mattapoisett.



Kite at Ned's Point. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Mattapoisett Town Beach sundown. Photo by Rob Grant



The Marion Social Club hosted a Chicken bake Fundraiser this past weekend. Photo by Robert Pina

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exercising enormous constitutional power sit outside the ordinary statutory process for obtaining their records?

This system traces back to a 1997 Supreme Judicial Court decision, *Lambert v. Executive Director of the Judicial Nominating Council*. The case involved records connected to the Governor's constitutional responsibility to nominate and appoint judges. The SJC held that those records were not public records under the statute. The reasoning rested on statutory language and separation-of-powers principles.

The ruling was narrower than the sweeping transparency debate that followed it. But its consequences are broader. Massachusetts has developed a structure in which access to records of its constitutional branches can depend substantially on voluntary disclosure, internal rules and constitutional principles rather than the ordinary statutory mechanism available for records held by executive agencies.

That matters even more in the digital age. Government business now leaves an enormous documentary trail: emails, calendars, memoranda, electronic messages, draft legislation and policy documents. The question is not whether every one of those records should automatically become public. Legitimate protections can exist for constituent privacy, privileged legal advice, personal information and genuine deliberative interests.

The harder question is whether an entire branch of government should stand outside the ordinary public-records framework.

Massachusetts lawmakers confronted that question directly in 2026. The House passed H.5469 on June 3 by a vote of 125–28. The Senate subsequently substituted its own proposal, S.3200, which passed 34–6 on July 30. The House rejected the Senate amendment the next day, and a conference committee was appointed.

At the same time, a proposed ballot initiative sought to extend public-records requirements to the Governor's Office and Legislature while protecting specified categories of information. The constitutional issues are substantial. Legislative independence, separation of powers, and protections for legislative

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speech and debate cannot simply be wished away.

That is precisely why this debate matters.

The choice is not necessarily between total secrecy and unlimited disclosure. Other states have demonstrated that public access can coexist with carefully defined exemptions and, in some cases, separate rules for legislative records.

Massachusetts now faces the constitutional question that its existing framework has postponed for decades: How can the Commonwealth guarantee meaningful public access to the records of those exercising public power while preserving the constitutional independence of the branches?

The answer cannot be found in slogans about

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



More than 100 attended a special event to honor 20 Revolutionary War patriots buried at Hammond Cemetery in Mattapoisett on Saturday, September 19. Photos by Laura Pedulli



Pastor Michael Frady hosts a visit from Lt. Gauvin, a local firefighter for over a decade. In the Congregational Church, collections are taken at a monthly birthday recognition with 100% of the funds donated to Mattapoisett's first responders. The children asked Lt. Gauvin, a lifelong Mattapoisett resident, lots of interesting questions. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



The leaves have started to turn. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Miles for Maddie 5K was held in Rochester on September 19. Photo by Robert Pina

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either transparency or privilege. It has to be found in law, clear rules, defined exemptions, and an enforceable process for resolving disputes. In a democracy, the public's right to know cannot depend entirely on whether those in power choose to provide the information.

Eileen J. Marum, MPP

Chair, League of Women Voters SouthCoast

Inaugural Fall Gala

The Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation invites the community to attend its inaugural Fall Gala on Thursday, **October 8**, at Century House in Acushnet.

The evening includes a cocktail hour and curated silent auction, featuring unique local experiences, vacation getaways and premium goods donated by regional businesses.

The gala will raise funds to strengthen educational opportunities for students and educators across Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. Tickets may be purchased at: gofan.co/event/6711869. Early registration is encouraged, as tickets are limited.

Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Foundation's grant program, which funds innovation, specialized arts and science initiatives and experiential learning projects that enhance curriculum.

"We look forward to seeing our community of educators, families, local businesses and individuals at the

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inaugural Fall Gala on October 8," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "This evening is a chance not only to support public education, but also to gather with friends and family to enjoy a cocktail reception, win silent auction prizes and more. We are grateful for the community's support of our students and educators, and are eager to see them at the gala."

Local businesses and individuals who wish to support the gala can choose to do so in the following ways:

-Sponsorship Packages: Choose one of four different tax-deductible tiers that offer prominent organizational visibility before and during the event.

-Silent Auction Procurement: Donate high-quality

Halloween Cover Contest!

Your best Halloween artwork could be on the cover of The Wanderer and you could win \$100!

Submit your best original Halloween drawing, photo, compilation, or anything else we can print on our cover to enter.

Deadline for submitting artwork is Monday, October 19 at noon.

Online voting will take place from October 20 to October 26

The winner will be on the cover of the October 29 edition of The Wanderer.

The Fine Print:

All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form, that can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett, or downloaded at www.wanderer.com (Click on "Cover Contest").

A full list of rules and regulations can be found at www.wanderer.com

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Thursday September 24, 2026

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM The Collective Chat
8:30 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
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11:30 AM What's Linda Cooking?
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8:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM A Conversation With...
9:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
9:30 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Orchestra
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday September 25, 2026

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
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Saturday September 26, 2026

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Sunday September 27, 2026

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

Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
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Monday September 28, 2026

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Wednesday September 30, 2026

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
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MARION

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:30 AM Marion Marine Resources Commission
11:30 AM Marion Planning Board
1:00 PM Marion Board of Health
2:00 PM Marion School Committee
3:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
4:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
5:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
6:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
8:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 PM Marion Board of Health
11:30 PM Marion School Committee

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board

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

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee
7:30 AM ORR School Committee
8:00 AM ORR Senior Assembly
9:30 AM ORR Graduation
11:00 AM ORR Senior Awards Night
1:00 PM Girls Field Hockey vs Bishop Stang
2:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk
4:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Seekonk
5:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dartmouth
6:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Somerset Berkley
8:00 PM ORR Football vs Plymouth North
10:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs DR
11:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs DR

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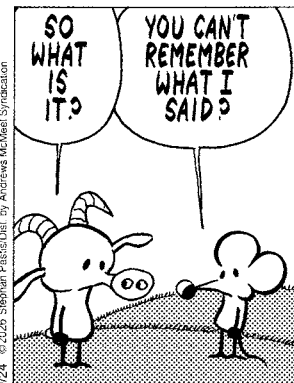
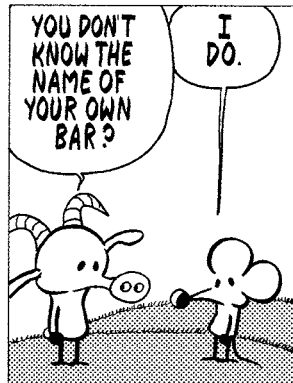
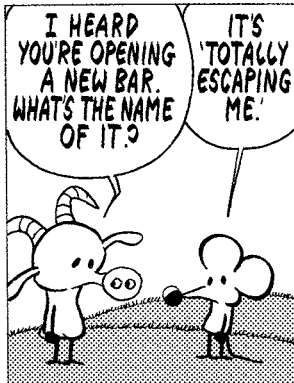
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



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For more information about sponsorship and auction details, click [here](#), or email Tritowneducationfoundation@oldrochester.org.

"We wish to thank all of the local businesses and individuals who have supported the gala through generous silent auction prizes, sponsorships and vendor support," said Doreen Lopes, Chairperson of the Tri-Town Education Foundation. "Their contributions have been invaluable as we prepare for the gala, and we are excited to see their hard work pay off the night of the event."

Food Drive for Damien's Place Food Pantry

A food drive is planned to support Damien's Place Food Pantry, from 8:00 am to 10:45 am, on Saturday, **September 26**, at 140 Front Street, across from the Post Office.

Damien's Food Pantry welcomes people of every age, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and housing status, without discrimination. Damien's Food Pantry is based on the belief that everyone deserves to experience dignity, respect, and compassion — especially during these difficult times.

This food drive is being sponsored by the Marion Democratic Town Committee. All donations will go to the food pantry.

Suggested items to drop off include the following: fresh produce, hot and cold cereals (low sugar), pancake mix and pancake syrup (no high fructose syrup), peanut butter and jelly (low sugar), dry pasta and pasta sauce, brown and white rice, instant potatoes, baked beans, low sodium soups, canned fruit (no sugar added), low sodium canned vegetables, canned tuna in water, canned chicken, 100% juices, shelf stable milk, cheese and eggs, toiletries, paper products, pet food, diapers and wipes. Make sure that none of your donations have expired dates.

Please mark your calendar for the morning of September 26. Bring your donations to the table set up at 140 Front Street. The Marion Democratic Town Committee will pack and deliver all goods to the food pantry that morning.

Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act

The Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee will be accepting project funding applications for Committee consideration and presentation at the Spring 2027 Annual Town Meeting. The Project Application and guidelines will be available on the Town Website and in paper form at the Select Board's Office on October 5.

Submit completed applications by November 6

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Sept 13 – Sept 19

- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – General offense
- Arrowhead Ln – EMS/medical
- Blueberry Way – General service
- Creek Rd – Road hazard
- Front St – General service
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Lewis St – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Lost property
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Parkway Ln – EMS/medical
- Hammett's Cove Dr – Burglar alarm
- Tucker Ln – MV collision
- Washburn Park Rd – Lost property
- Spring St – Parking enforcement
- Village Dr - Trespassing
- Vine St – Animal control
- Delano Rd – Suspicious person
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Spring St – Found property
- Barnabas Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – Waterways complaint
- Wareham Rd – Emergency services
- 195 East – A&B/in progress
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Water St – Larceny/past

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Sept 13 – Sept 19

- Water St - Complaint
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Harbor HB Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – MV crash
- Pine St – Animal control
- Pine Island Rd – 911 call
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Church St – Animal control
- Shaw St – 911 call
- Reservation Rd – 911 call
- Wolf Island Rd – MV violations
- Marina Dr - Complaint
- Railroad Ave – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Follow up
- Wildwood Ter – 911 call
- Appaloosa Ln – Suspicious persons
- Baptist St – Suspicious MV
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Oaklawn Ave – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Ridge Ave – Restraining order
- Long Plain Rd – Assist other agency
- Nantucket Dr – B&E
- North St – MV crash
- Marina Dr - Disturbance
- River Rd – General service
- Barlow Ln – Officer wanted

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Sept 13 – Sept 19

- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – Civil complaint
- Neck Rd – Inside smoke
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – Lost animal
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Quaker Ln – Road hazard
- Quaker Ln – General services
- Rounseville Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Rounseville Rd – Medical alarm
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Robinson Rd - Fraud
- Clapp Rd – Burglar alarm
- Bishop Rd – General services
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Mendell Rd – Animal control
- Hathaway Pond Cir - Fraud
- Pine St – MV collision
- County Rd – Animal control
- Pine St - Medical
- North Ave – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest

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 28: Chicken saltimbocca, mashed potatoes, green beans & peppers, wheat bread, peach fruit cup

Tuesday, Sept 29: Pot roast w/brown gravy, roasted sweet potatoes, brussel sprouts, cornbread, vanilla pudding

Wednesday, Sept 30: White fish picatta, rice pilaf, carrots, dinner roll, fresh orange

Thursday, Oct 1: Braised beef & vegetables, rice pilaf, spinach w/peppers, dinner roll, vanilla pudding

Friday, Oct 2: Swedish turkey meatballs, egg noodles, broccoli, whole grain croissant, banana

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 29: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 30: Pancakes,

warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jone low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup
Thursday, Oct 1: No menus posted
Friday, Oct 2: No menus posted

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Sept 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 29: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 30: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jone low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup

Thursday, Oct 1: No menus posted

Friday, Oct 2: No menus posted

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Sept 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 29: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice,

taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 30: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jone low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup
Thursday, Oct 1: No menus posted
Friday, Oct 2: No menus posted

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Sept 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 29: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 30: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jone low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup
Thursday, Oct 1: No menus posted
Friday, Oct 2: No menus posted

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 28: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

Tuesday, Sept 29: Taco

Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Sept 30: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jone low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty, maple syrup
Thursday, Oct 1: No menus posted
Friday, Oct 2: No menus posted

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Sept 28: General Tso's chicken bowl & dinner roll

Tuesday, Sept 29: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce & baked beans

Wednesday, Sept 30: Homemade chicken quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, corn & black beans

Thursday, Oct 1: Meatball sub, green beans & fries

Friday, Oct 2: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

to: Mattapoissett Community Preservation Act Committee, c/o Mattapoissett Select Board Office, PO Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739

Each project request must be submitted to the CPA Committee using the Project Application Form. Nine (9) copies of the application package must be provided to the Committee. For information and questions, email cwmccullough@comcast.net.

UCCRTS Open House

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School will host its annual 8th Grade Open House on Saturday, **October 3**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, at 220 Sandwich Road, Bourne, MA 02532.

The Open House gives prospective students and their families the opportunity to experience Upper Cape Tech firsthand, explore its technical programs, meet teachers and current students, and learn more about the academic and career-focused opportunities available at the school.

During the event, families will be able to tour the school's technical shops and classrooms, learn about athletics and student clubs, and discover how Upper Cape Tech combines a strong academic education with hands-on technical training designed to prepare students for college, careers, apprenticeships, and life after high school.

The school serves students from Bourne,

Falmouth, Marion, Sandwich and Wareham.

Fall Free Family Fun Festival

The Mattapoissett Lions will be hosting the 10th anniversary of the Fall Free Family Fun Festival (FFFFF). The event will take place at Shipyard Park in Mattapoissett on Saturday, **October 17**, from noon until 4:00 pm (rain date: Saturday, October 24). To celebrate a decade of fun, we'll have all the usual activities. Yes, that includes hayrides, face painting, pumpkin bowling, and more. This year we also have a Mad Science show from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Another addition will be an old-school popcorn machine. Bring your young and young-at-heart loved ones for a fun day.

Auditions for *Puss in Boots*

This Christmas, the MAC is bringing a classic English tradition to New England with our Panto production of *Puss in Boots*. In this fun holiday tradition, classic fairy tales are retold with silly jokes, songs, dance, and plenty of audience participation.

This year's show features a youth cast, and we are calling on young actors aged 7 to 15 to perform with us.

Auditions will be held at the Marion Art Center on **October 3 and 4** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Attendance is only required for one of those dates. Actors should wear comfortable, movable clothing. Headshots and resumes are not required but are welcome.

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- 1 "May I talk to you briefly?"
8 Placed
12 Motor oil additive
15 TV character whom you "better call"
19 Certain outlet accessory
20 River of Aragon
21 Weeding tool
22 Singer Amos
23 Like a gallery that has five dozen paintings by artist Antoine?
25 Sort of
27 Shar — (wrinkly dogs)
28 What a hailstorm is doing when composer Jean-Philippe is caught in it?
30 Hawaiian for "appetizer"
32 Little League precursor
33 Calling device in a forest east of Paris?
41 Banquet, e.g.
45 Four eighths
46 Let borrow again
47 Monte —

- 48 Oil from flower petals
49 Wine enjoyed near a hearth?
53 Aliens, briefly
54 August hrs.
55 Guilty feeling
56 Garage oil
58 Hilo hellos
64 Giving the go-ahead for
68 Atmosphere
69 Raised, flat land that you are visiting today?
72 Rapa — (Easter Island)
73 Bookish sort
75 Giorgio of fashion
76 Apartment policy about animals
78 Island porch
80 Goat's cry
82 Application file extension
83 Festive antique hat?
91 Slanting
93 "Nay" sayers
94 Shower sponges
95 100-page story, maybe
97 Portend
98 That powerful essayist Henry David?

- 101 Sea's edge
102 Have — (lose it)
103 Flat-bottomed vessel sailing across the River Styx from Hades?
111 Notion, in Paris
115 An hour before midnight
116 Teasing tribute held at the Green Bay Packers' stadium?
119 Sold out, say
120 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1973 hit)
121 Leg, e.g.
122 Tom Cruise/Dustin Hoffman film
123 Puts in place
124 Pastor's talk: Abbr.
125 Legs' counterparts
126 Iran neighbor

DOWN

- 1 ["I'm in shock!"]
2 Comics dog
3 Metered car
4 Bldg. units in complexes
5 Pig's home
6 "Lck!"

- 7 Deep-fried crustacean appetizers
8 Riga native, old-style
9 Aid in crime
10 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)
11 Gloomy
12 Tibias
13 Native of Nuku'alofa
14 Eye care chain
15 Fruit discard
16 Top-tier
17 — Major (constellation)
18 In — of
24 Tightly strung
26 Mineo of "Exodus"
29 "— to Be You" (pop standard)
30 Bartlett, e.g.
31 "Friendly skies" carrier, for short
33 Python's kin
34 — coated aspirin
35 Large central feature of the Astros' logo
36 — apso
37 Be mistaken
38 Singer Brenda
39 Chicago Loop trains
40 Luau paste

- 41 British bud
42 Previous to
43 Taking after
44 Singer Rawls
47 Chevy pony car
50 "Let's just leave — that"
51 Toy train, when repeated
52 "— Matata" ("The Lion King" song)
54 Part of FDR
56 Car tankful
57 Spreads out, as fingers
59 Meadowland
60 Crew tool
61 Engine noise
62 Org. for cavity fillers
63 It rises daily
65 Kicked out of a country
66 Chocolate spread brand
67 U.S. soldiers
70 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
71 "Sands of Iwo —"
74 Basic trick for a skateboarder
77 Actor O'Toole
79 Baseless bit of gossip
81 Ditz relative of Samantha on "Bewitched"

- 83 Sharp punch
84 Singer Yoko
85 "Inc." relative
86 Orbiter with a tail
87 — polloi
88 Olympic code for Kabul's country
89 Oom- — band
90 "C" — la vie"
91 State firmly
92 Fraternity "T"
96 "Well now!"
98 Flat, hollow sounds
99 Crested bird with black-and-white wings
100 Harvard rival
101 Submission encl.
103 Pleads
104 Balm plant
105 Camp shelter
106 Nights before
107 Stewpot
108 Impartial
109 "I wonder ..."
110 Recedes
111 Actress Skye
112 Accurse
113 Morales of film and TV
114 Volcano in Sicily
117 Egypt and Syr., once
118 Crater's edge

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week (plus all the facts to back you up), you just might win over the last doubters of your proposal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for a job change that you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond a workplace impasse. There are no such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life -- both on personal and professional levels -- this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So, don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

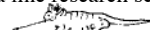
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. Meanwhile, a friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures, as well as new relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run, it'll prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a penchant for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist, designer, or editor.



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The show dates are December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 with times to be confirmed. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 7**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm on Monday, October 5. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net or call 617-470-7804.

MWC Garden Group Fall Gathering

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Group welcomes you to our next meeting on **October 1** at 10:00 am at the Mattapoisett Library. We will focus on the Fall planting at the Post Office and Library in town.

Other topics at the meeting will include plans for our Holiday scholarship fundraiser, which includes creating beautiful wreaths and greens to be sold in early December.

Marion Social Club New England Clamboil

The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road, is having an authentic New England Clamboil on Sunday, **October 18**. It will include chowder, clams, potatoes, sweet potatoes, sausages, hot dogs, linguica, broth and butter. The price will be \$40 each, and the cutoff date is October 11. Doors will open at noon for socializing. You can reserve tickets by calling Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253.

Children's Department at the Mattapoisett Library

Looking for some storytimes? Family Storytime, for kids ages 2 and up and their families, happens on Thursday mornings at 10:30. Baby Storytime, for ages 0-2 and their families, happens on Friday mornings at 10:30, starting on **September 25**.

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OBITUARIES

There are no Obituaries this week.

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.

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+. No registration required.

October is Fire Prevention Month, so the Children's Department has invited Fire Captain Andy Murray to be our Community Reader. Captain Murray will be reading a new book on Tuesday, **October 6**, at 3:30 pm. If you are a fan of construction vehicles and fire equipment, you should not miss this event.

On Wednesday, **October 7**, at 4:00 pm, join us in celebrating the spooky season to create your own pet ghost in a jar. All materials will be provided. Recommended for ages 6+. Registration is required.

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



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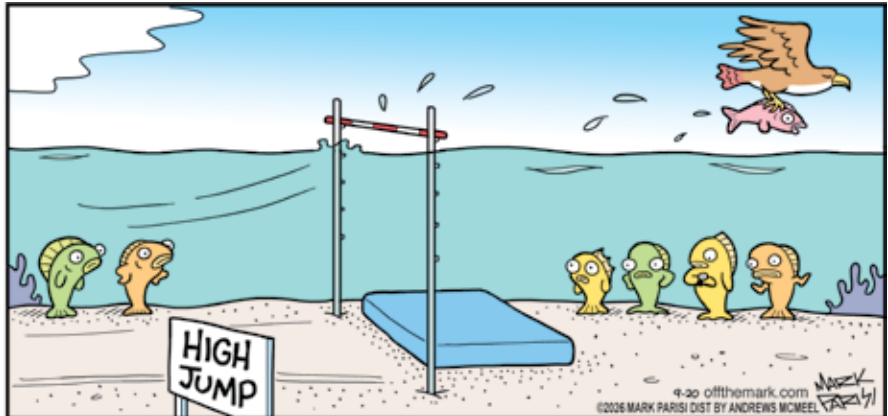
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Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Visit us at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library (MFPL), located at 7 Barstow Street.

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 chairs to lounge on, a blanket to keep warm and some snacks to fully enjoy the movie experience. This event is designed for community members of all ages — no registration required.

Calling all writers. The MFPL Writing Group meets on **October 6** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm this month. No registration required, just drop in.

Meet a team of mystery authors at the Sisters in Crime Mystery-Making event on **October 7** at 6:00 pm. Edith Maxwell, Kit Irwin and Sharon-Healy Yang will brainstorm on their feet to create a brand-new mystery. Attendees will contribute to this fun, fast-paced improv game to create the story. Registration is optional.

Attend an Open Makerspace session at MFPL on **October 10** at 12:00 pm. Get familiar with the Makerspace, or get certified to use the 3D Printer, Cricut and more. No registration is required; just drop in. This program is open to adults, young adults, and children accompanied by an adult.

Get into the October spirit with a spooky film, *The Cat and the Canary*, on **October 13** at 6:00 pm. Can a group of distant relatives survive the night in a haunted house to learn the secret of a madman's will? Find out in the original Gothic thriller from silent film director Paul Leni, with live music accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis. Remember: in silent film, no one can hear you scream. Registration is optional — but priority will be given to those who have registered.

Come to an Author Talk with Katie Bernet on **October 24** at 2:00 pm. Katie Bernet is the *New York Times* and international bestselling author of *Beth Is Dead*, which was the inaugural selection for Reese Witherspoon's Sunnie Reads Book Club and has been translated into more than a dozen languages. Adults and teens will enjoy this mystery-thriller. Copies are available at the library for checkout. Registration is optional.

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Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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 29** 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 is required.

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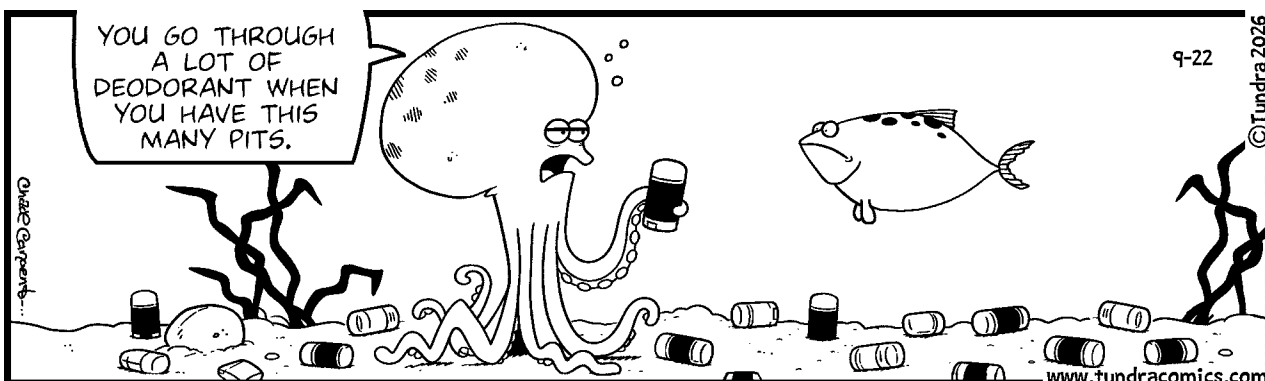
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TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1241 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Michael & Christine Ryan, for property located at 174 New Bedford Road, 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 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. Re: 22609003 9/24, 10/1 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Fernando Neto for property located at 48 Bryant Lane, Map 19, Lot 1H. The applicant is proposing the installation of a pool and a pool shed with a corner portion within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87639839306 Meeting ID: 876 3983 9306 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 9/24 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by John Rockwell, for the proposed replacement of the existing 25-foot-long, 39-inch-wide wooden bridge at 0 County Road. The site is further identified as Lot 7B on Marion Assessors' Map 22. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Shaun P. Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 9/24	TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed bids for furnishing roadway pavement patching materials and labor for various roadways in Mattapoisett will be received at the Office of the Select Board, Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by emailing KStephanian@mattapoisett.gov beginning October 1, 2026 at 8 a.m. Bids are due October 16, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Select Board Office, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Bids will be opened in the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 on October 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price. All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c. 30, § 39M. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive. Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids. The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Mattapoisett 9/24, 10/01

Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Celebrate Banned Books Week with Banned Book Trivia on **October 9** at noon. After an early release from school, teens 12 and up are welcome to join us for a trivia game to win prizes and see who knows the most about Banned Books — no registration required.

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

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

This past Saturday, an impressive ceremony took place in the Hammond Cemetery in today's Mattapoissett. The cemetery is across from where the first 2nd Precinct was located. Rochester's 2nd Precinct was created in Mattapoissett, so residents in that part of town would not have to travel as far for Sabbath services. This created a second church building but was not a separation from the town of Rochester.

The Hammond Cemetery, where Rochester's Revolutionary soldiers were honored, was once part of the Hammond Farm in a section of town called Hammond Town. The cemetery was started as a family burial ground by Noah and Israel Hammond around the 1700s. It was deeded to the 2nd precinct in 1789. The marker shown in the article was placed by the Mattapoissett Bicentennial

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TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

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2. HISTORY: Which Civil War general literally used "scorched earth" tactics in his march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia?
3. MOVIES: Which 1960s movie has the tagline, "A man went looking for America, and he couldn't find it anywhere"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which body of water includes islands known as the Seychelles?
5. CHEMISTRY: Which element's symbol is Sn?
6. LITERATURE: What is the length of a traditional sonnet?
7. GEOLOGY: What is a common name for calcium carbonate?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain goes by the name Hungry Jack in Australia?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president gave radio addresses that were described as "fireside chats"?
10. ASTRONOMY: What is the shape of the Milky Way?

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Trivia answers
1. Ghost.
2. General William T. Sherman.
3. "Easy Rider."
4. Indian Ocean.
5. Tin (stannum).
6. 14 lines of poetry.
7. Limestone or chalk.
8. Burger King.
9. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
10. Spiral.

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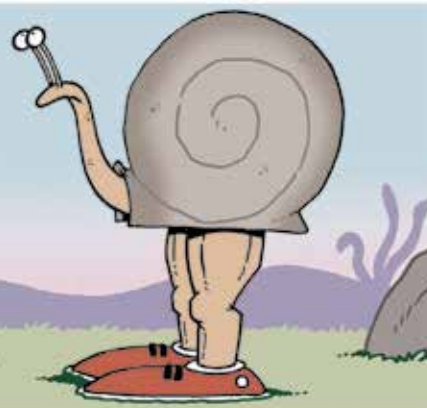
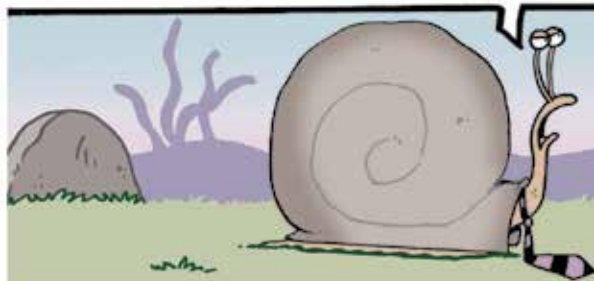
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Sheldon Rezendes	September 24
Bob Spooner	September 25
Gale Moura	September 25
Jillsley Dakin	September 25
Danny Rosa	September 26
Austyn Healy	September 26
Cameron Arruda	September 26
Eddie Doherty	September 26
Eric Sylvester	September 26
Greta Anderly	September 26
Ned Marble Maloney	September 26
Ronnie Morrell	September 26
Scott Henriques	September 26
Gomer Taylor	September 27
Grayson Silva	September 27
Jarred Boucher	September 27
Kathy Saunders	September 27
Robyn Holmes	September 27
Stephanie Kimball	September 27
Jenna Lynch	September 28
Mikayla Mooney	September 28
Patrick Janicki	September 28
Paul Hebert	September 28
Reed Fleming	September 28
Zechariah Mooney	September 28
Margaret Senna	September 29
Meghan Seguin	September 29
Melanie Browne-Klein	September 29
Tammy Ferreira	September 29
Gale Hudson	September 30
Jennifer Deslauriers	September 30
Jennifer Paquette	September 30
Timothy Harkins	September 30

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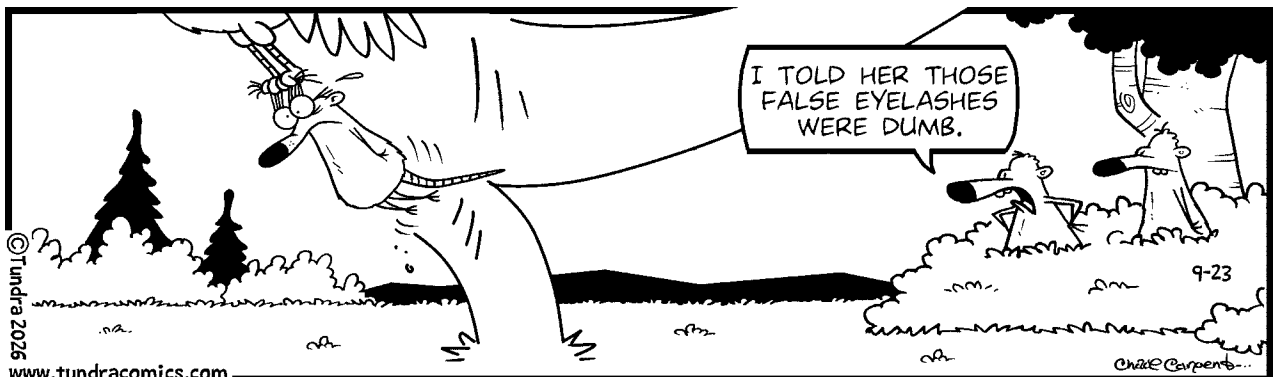
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Nursery Rhyme Time, a new program for ages 3 to 5, is held at 11:00 am on Mondays. Each week will focus on a different nursery rhyme through simple, interactive activities. Research shows that knowledge of nursery rhymes can be a predictor of reading readiness when a child reaches kindergarten.

Family Storytime is on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. This storytime program is designed for kids ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. Stories, songs, movement activities, and rhymes help develop early literacy skills.

On Tuesdays, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, kids in grades K-4 are invited to drop in to the library for a new librarian-led activity each week. On **September 29**, we'll be learning about papermaking.

Messy Morning is on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Kids ages 2 to 5, their siblings, and caregivers are invited to participate in a different process art or sensory activity every week. The library provides aprons, but we recommend dressing to get messy!

Twens in grades 5 to 8 are invited to join us for Library Society at 3:00 pm on every other Wednesday. This service-learning group will learn about library work, brainstorm ways the library can meet the needs of kids in our community, and complete service projects like preparing activities for the Library's Halloween party, making library displays and decorations, and developing activities for Marion's 175th anniversary. The next Library Society meeting is on Wednesday, **September 30**.

Adults can bring their craft project to Fiber Arts Club on Fridays at 10:30 am. Create and enjoy conversation with other crafters.

Marion Special Town Meeting

The Town of Marion will hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, **November 9**, at Sippican Elementary School's Multipurpose Room, 16 Spring Street. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

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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 be found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Pamela Dorris DeJong is a mixed-media artist whose work brings together healing, environmental awareness, and the luminous qualities of layered

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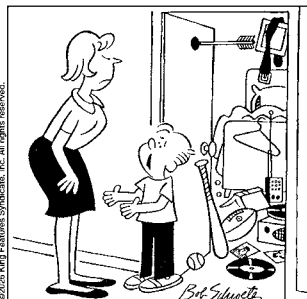
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painting. Drawing on her background in pediatric nursing, art education, Reiki and years of plein air and mixed-media practice, she creates work that invites viewers to notice beauty, consider new perspectives and reflect on the relationship between 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. At the same time, 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 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*.

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.

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Quaker Yard Sale Donation Drop-Off

The Mattapoissett 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.

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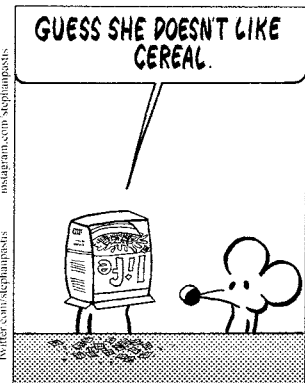
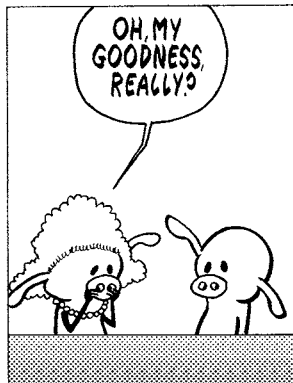
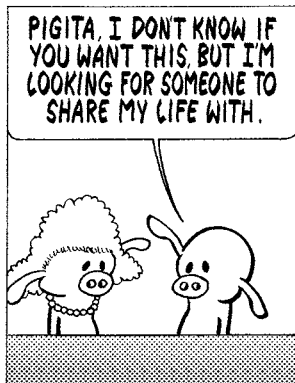
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Quick links to tips for grant writing and the application process can also be found at bit.ly/RCCTips. The online application window will be open through **October 15**.

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 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.

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.

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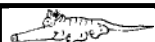
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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Mcduffy, Robert A	Macie, Rene	3 Pinebrook Ln	Mattapoisett	09/03/2026	5,000.00
Egertson, Eric Egertson, Robina	Ryan-macie, Sheila Starr, Enid L TR Jrcp Realty Trust	7 Vine St	Marion	09/03/2026	1,685,000.00
Corrigan, Andrew	Pina, Karen E TR Louise R Barros RT	898 Point Rd	Marion	09/04/2026	285,000.00
Eames, Lorna F TR Eames, Jennifer F TR Eames Family Nominee Trust	Robey, Gary L Jr TR Gary L Robey Jr RT	197 Converse Rd	Marion	09/04/2026	795,875.00
Foley, Marjorie Sylvia, Susan	Baum, Cheryl T TR Howard C Tinkham LRT Nancy B Tinkham LRT	0 Long Plain Rd 1 Long Plain Rd	Mattapoisett	09/04/2026	240,000.00
Hibbard, Joshua W Harvey, Nancy A	Lacroix, Michelle Ann	27 Bennett Rd	Rochester	09/04/2026	720,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	October 5	3:45	4:20	10:01	11:31
Tuesday	October 6	4:51	5:25	11:19	
Wednesday	October 7	5:52	6:21	12:11	12:12
Thursday	October 8	6:45	7:10	12:44	12:56
Friday	October 9	7:33	7:55	1:10	1:37
Saturday	October 10	8:17	8:37	1:36	2:16
Sunday	October 11	8:59	9:19	2:06	2:53
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		September 26th	
		Last Quarter		October 3rd	
		New Moon		October 10th	
		First Quarter		October 18th	



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the September 17, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 16

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Anthem; 2. Prior
3. Honest; 4. Scout

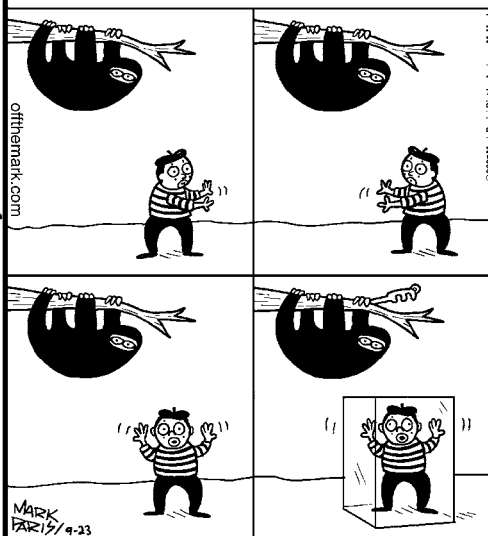
Today's Word

CHRISTMAS

Sudoku Answer

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

NINJA SLOTH!



GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

64 oz 100% Unsweetened
 Food Club
 Apple Juice
2/\$4



10 - 14.5 oz Select Varieties
 Barilla
 Protein+ or
 Gluten Free
 Pasta
2/\$4



8 oz Select Varieties
 Food Club
 Shredded Cheese
 or Bars
2/\$4



Half Liter Bottles 24 Pack
 Poland Spring
 Water

\$5.99

12 oz Select Varieties
 Olipop
 Soda

2/\$4

+Dep.

24 oz
 Mrs. Butterworth's
 Original Syrup

\$3.99

5.5 oz Select Varieties
 Food Should Taste Good
 Tortilla Chips

\$3.49

32 oz
 Stonyfield Organic
 Half & Half

\$5.49

16 oz Select Varieties
 Talenti
 Gelato or Sorbetto

\$4.99

48 oz Select Varieties
 Friendly's
 Sherbet or Ice Cream

\$4.99

BAKERY

24 oz 8"
 Table Talk
 Cherry Pie

\$7.99

14 - 16 oz Select Varieties
 Chabaso
 Boule Bread

\$4.79

CHEF PREPARED

With Salsa & Avocado Crema
 Pork Carnitas Burrito

\$13.99
 ea

Spicy Sesame
 Peanut Noodles

\$10.99
 lb

With Butternut Squash
 Farro Salad

\$10.99
 Pint

Fresh
 Garden Salad

\$6.99
 ea

Various Styles
 Take & Bake Pizza

\$8.99 - \$10.99
 ea

Homemade
 Savory Pies to Go!

Small Large
\$13.99 \$19.99
 ea ea

Chicken Pot Pie

\$12.99 \$19.99
 ea ea

Shepherd's Pie

\$12.99 \$19.99
 ea ea

GARDEN CENTER

Great Early Selection! 8-9 Inch
 Fall Mums, Asters,
 Kale, and Cabbage

2/\$18
 or \$9.99 ea.

Medium or Large
 Jack-O-Lantern Pumpkins

\$10.99
 ea

Always Fun
 Sugar Pumpkins

\$1.99
 lb

Make Your Fall Display!
 Gourds & Mini Pumpkins
 of All Kinds

\$2.99
 lb

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Boneless
 Allen's
 Chicken Breast
\$5.99
 lb



Deli Sliced
 Boar's Head
 American
 Cheese
\$6.99
 lb



3 oz
 Boar's Head
 Speck Italiano

\$7.99

Deli Sliced
 Boar's Head
 Deep Fried Turkey

\$14.99
 lb

Deli Fresh
 Friends' Store Made
 Apple Sauce

\$7.99
 lb

Deli Fresh
 Friends' Store Made
 Tuna Salad

\$12.99
 lb

Deli Fresh
 Friends' Store Packaged
 Chefs Potato & Egg Salad

\$6.99
 lb

Deli Fresh
 Friends' Store Packaged
 Seafood Salad

\$11.99
 lb

6.5 oz
 Boar's Head
 Pepperoni Sticks

\$4.99

6.5 oz Domestic
 Boar's Head
 Parmesan Cheese

\$7.99

Ready to Serve
 Allen's
 Rotisserie Chicken

\$9.99
 ea

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!

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Center for some beautiful
fall selections!

Visit our website!
www.friendsplumbcorner.com

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Friends'
marketplace

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to entertain your guests this summer!
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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, September 25 to Thursday, October 1, 2026

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus

**Friends'
Premium
Top Sirloin
Tip Steak
\$14⁹⁹
lb**



8.5 - 8.8 oz Select Varieties

**Pringles
Potato Crisps
\$1⁸⁸**



32 - 52 oz Select Varieties

**Planet Oat
Coffee Creamer
or Oatmilk
\$2⁹⁹**



8 - 16 oz Select Varieties

**Ben & Jerry's
Novelties
\$5⁴⁹**



SPIRITS

Summer
Sale!

1.75 Liter Titos Vodka **\$29⁹⁹**
1.75 Liter Smirnoff Vodka **\$19⁹⁹**
1.75 Liter Bacardi Rum **\$24⁹⁹**
750 ml. Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila **\$24⁹⁹**

64 oz Select Varieties

**Stonyfield
Organic
Milk
\$4⁴⁹**



QUALITY PRODUCE



Seedless Red Grapes **\$2⁹⁹
lb**

New Crop Bosc Pears **\$1⁹⁹
lb**

New Crop Bartlett Pears **\$1⁹⁹
lb**

6 oz Raspberries **2/\$6**

Fresh Green Peppers **\$1²⁹
ea**

Fresh Red Onions **\$1⁴⁹
lb**



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