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Washburn Farmers Market Finds Its Rhythm in Second Season

By Jeanne Hopkins

On Tuesday afternoons, the lawn at Washburn Park fills with tents, tables of fresh produce and baked goods, live music and, increasingly, familiar faces.

Now in its second season, the Washburn Trust Farmers Market was created with three purposes: to help support maintenance of the Charles R. Washburn Trust property; give local farmers and producers a place to sell their goods; and bring the community together, according to market manager and Trust President Meredith Mattson-Days.

That last purpose was easy to see Tuesday.

David Sanders of Rochester has participated in every market since it began last year. For him, one unexpected pleasure has been seeing people from his past.

"Just seeing all the people that I grew up with," Sanders said. "It really surprised me how many people I went to school with" are still in the area and come to the market.

Valerie MacDougall and Laura Coggeshall are also back for the market's second season. MacDougall grew up in Marion, and the two have known each other

since first grade and spent years together at horse shows at Washburn Park.

For them, returning to the park is "a trip down memory lane," MacDougall said, and a chance to see people they haven't seen in years.

"It's a treat for us to do this," Coggeshall added.

Mattson-Days and her husband, Anthony Days, run the market as volunteers. She said proceeds are modest but help cover the Trust's annual insurance and allow it to save toward future maintenance. Last winter, a tree fell on a building at the park and damaged the roof.

The market runs Tuesdays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Vendors come from around southeastern Massachusetts, from Pocasset to Swansea, with one traveling from Falmouth. Their numbers fluctuate during the season, reaching about 25 at the peak and dropping into the teens as fall approaches.

Organizers shortened this year's season by two weeks after learning from the market's first year that produce and seedlings weren't sufficiently ready at the beginning of the season. At the other end, crowds begin thinning once school resumes and daylight grows shorter.

Live music has also become part of every Tuesday



On the Cover:

A tempting display of bell peppers at Washburn Farmers Market in Marion shows off many shades of autumn. Photo by Jeanne Hopkins

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market. Mattson-Days finds musicians through other markets and word of mouth. Performers are paid, with some funding coming from a Massachusetts Cultural Council grant and additional support from sponsors.

For shoppers, the market can be as much an outing as an errand.

Emily Letendre of Mattapoisett said she tries to come regularly with her two young children. Their priorities are straightforward.

"They like the chocolate chip cookies. That's what they come for," she said. A visit to the playground follows the shopping.

Another shopper, who recently moved back to the area after living on the Cape, found the market by searching for nearby farmers' markets. She said supporting local farmers and buying fresh food brought her to Washburn Park. Tuesday was only her second visit, but she was already looking ahead to next year.

Mattson-Days said the market has developed a group of regular customers while continuing to attract new faces. Organizers are also learning how to improve the market as it develops. One lesson this summer was as straightforward as where to put the tents: food vendors need shaded locations during the hottest part of the season.

The Washburn Trust Farmers Market held its final market of the season on Tuesday, September 29.

Block Party Defies Nor'easter

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Senior Center hosted the Rochester Historical Society's fifth annual "Block Party" on Saturday, September 26, defying the rain and wind of the Nor'easter outside to deliver a successful event before a large crowd.

Tables occupied by vendors and non-profits filled the main room. From the kitchen in the back, local firefighters served hamburgers and hot dogs, and the Council on Aging (COA) served other foods and desserts. DJ Rick and his sound equipment, along with rows of chairs, faced the front of the room, where young performers from the local Showstoppers singing group,

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making their first appearance at the Party, entertained the crowd.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant introduced the group to the audience but first saluted the event itself and how it symbolized Rochester's come-together community spirit.

He referred to the plywood covering the senior center wall facing the parking area and said, "The wall is a symbol of how and what the town can do together. Over the past decade, volunteers fundraised the money for this expansion of the COA. That's the symbol of this Rochester. Rochester was founded in 1686. For 340 years, Rochester has come together to build their town together. I am so happy and proud to be a small part of that."

Durant later explained that he has attended the event for all three years he has been town administrator.

COA Director Eric Poulin echoed Durant's comment, explaining that COA staff and the Friends of the Senior Center created the event five years ago to bring the community together and celebrate the spirit of Rochester.

"I like seeing everyone coming together like this and having fun," Poulin said. "They couldn't do this without an event like this. We had to scale it back this year because of the weather. But it was good to see people, parents and grandparents having a good time."

How scaled back was this year's event? Carol Galante-Dias of the COA said it was to be much bigger than in past years. The Boy Scouts, the 4-H Club and the Rochester Rodeo all planned to be there outside of Town Hall. Wally the Green Monster, the Red Sox mascot, also had to cancel his appearance.

"We would've had 300 to 400 people without this weather," she said.

What the audience got instead was no less impressive. Serving as the highlight of the day, The Showstoppers, which are headquartered in Mattapoisett but draw their young singers from all around the South Coast, entertained with polished renditions of show and pop tunes and patriotic songs.

The show started with Nick Szabo, age 10, soloing with a rendition of "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy,"

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followed by a group singing of "This Is My Country" and "God Bless America" that drew a loud round of applause.

What about this New Blood Test for Cancer?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

An FDA advisory panel recently recommended approval of the Galleri blood test that uses DNA technology to look for evidence of over 50 cancers in people without symptoms. The idea, like all "screening" tests, is to find cancers before they cause symptoms and when they are easier to treat.

While it has not yet received FDA approval, I expect this to follow.

How good is this test and should you get tested?

Blood tests have been used before to look for asymptomatic cancer. The grand daddy is the PSA (prostate specific antigen) test that has been used for almost 40 years to look for early prostate cancer. (Its value is still controversial after all this time.)

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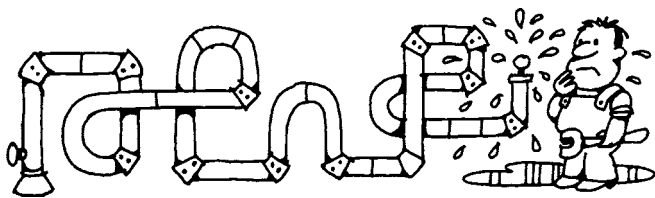
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advanced cancer and are used to monitor patients with known cancers, but are not recommended for screening. Examples would be the CEA test, elevated in colon, pancreas, breast, ovarian and other cancers and CA125, elevated in ovarian and other cancers.

Two DNA tests are now approved to look for asymptomatic colon cancer: Shield and SimpleScreen. These very similar tests have the common problem of being very good at detecting advanced cancer but not very good at detecting precancerous polyps or small stage 1 cancers. They are recommended for screening only in people who refuse colonoscopy.

What about Galleri?

Large trials have shown that about 1% of people over 50 with no symptoms to suggest cancer will have a positive test. About half of those with a positive test do have cancer. The test is also able to identify the origin of the cancer in most cases.

The problem? The test is much better at detecting advanced cancers than stage 1 cancers. The trial failed its goal of reducing the numbers of stage 3 and 4 cancers in those tested compared to those not tested.

Should you ask for the test? You can get it now with a doctor's prescription but must pay for it yourself, at a cost of \$800-\$950. Once it has FDA approval, many insurance companies will pay for the test but are not required to do so.

Until a better test is available that reliably picks up very early cancers, I do not plan to have one of these tests done. You may feel differently. It is a personal decision.

Whether you do or do not, it is crucial that you get regular mammograms and colonoscopies, which have been shown to detect cancers early, when the results are best. Galleri is not a substitute for these proven screening tests.

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

Mattapoisett Names MVP Team; Marion Seeks Volunteers

By Laura Pedulli

Mattapoisett has named five Community Liaisons to broaden community input into the town's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) 2.0 program, which focuses on strengthening resilience to climate change and addressing social and environmental vulnerabilities.

The liaisons are Linda Deveau, Jessica DeCicco, Curtis Mendes, Lauren Rosa and Alison Van Keuren.

They will serve on the town's MVP 2.0 Core Team, bringing their community experience and connections to the town's climate resilience planning, according to Mattapoisett Assistant Town Administrator Katie Stephanian. Mattapoisett's Core Team includes Stephanian, Town Planner Victoria Alfaro, Council on Aging Director Sarah Landry, Building Commissioner

Ken Murphy, Water/Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld, and Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer.

"They will help the Core Team better understand how flooding, extreme heat, access to resources, and other climate and social vulnerabilities affect residents in different ways," Stephanian said.

MVP 2.0 builds on the town's original MVP planning process with greater emphasis on equity, social resilience and expanded community participation. The liaisons will receive training in equitable community engagement and develop a plan to reach residents. Their outreach could include informal conversations with neighbors, community dinners, pop-up events, surveys, social media and email outreach, interviews and focus groups.

"Community Liaisons will help the Town engage with and learn from Mattapoisett residents, especially those who experience higher social and environmental burdens," Stephanian said.

Their work will help identify residents' concerns and priorities and inform a seed project that will receive \$50,000 in funding through the MVP 2.0 program, with no local match required.

Stephanian said success a year from now would mean the town and liaisons are implementing the selected seed project with community support. Another measure of success would be increased public participation in the MVP process and other town initiatives. The town

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also hopes the program identifies new ways to engage residents and improve public participation in municipal projects.

While Mattapoisett has selected its Community Liaisons, Marion has not yet announced its team and is still seeking volunteers for its MVP 2.0 process.

Marion Conservation Agent and Planner Doug Guey-Lee said the program addresses gaps in community input identified during the Commonwealth's assessment of the original MVP process.

"The Community Liaisons are intended to ... fill in gaps in community input based on the Commonwealth's assessment of MVP 1.0," Guey-Lee said.



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The process requires municipalities to solicit community input in varied ways over two years, Guey-Lee said, "to maximize the diversity and quality of community input." The program especially seeks to reach underrepresented community segments disproportionately affected by climate change and coastal resilience issues, including older residents, environmental justice populations and other vulnerable residents.

As in Mattapoisett, the goal is to use broader community input to develop potential projects that could receive \$50,000 in funding through the MVP 2.0 Seed Project program.

Marion residents can apply to serve as Community Liaisons. Information about volunteering is available through the town's website.

A Weary Defense

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, lower Manhattan was ablaze. Was it an accident, or sparked by revolutionaries? We're still not sure. General George Washington and his men were still pushed to the northern tip of Manhattan, garrisoned at Harlem Heights, hoping for reinforcements and supplies as winter looms. Peace talks have fallen through, and many of those who participated in the peace talks are now on their way to France to petition for an alliance.

On September 27, 1776, in his General Orders for the day, Washington speaks out against soldiers firing off ammunition, likely due to boredom, in the midst of critical shortages. He writes, "The general is not more surprised than vexed, to find, that in spite of all his care to prevent unnecessary firing, and waste of ammunition, that every afternoon produces fresh instances of the shameful discharge of muskets." He orders all but those soldiers stationed on the perimeter to not have their muskets loaded at all. That same day, he forwards President of the Continental Congress John Hancock a message he received from the Howe brothers, Admiral

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Richard Howe and General William Howe. The message, directed to disillusioned Americans, offers "His Majesty's well-affected subjects" the opportunity to rejoin the British Empire, seeking to divide those within the still-new nation.

On September 28, Pennsylvania ratifies a new constitution after much debate. This new constitution, inspired largely by Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, will lay the groundwork for many other states' constitutions going forward; it also likely played a role in the French Constitution of 1793.

That same day, the Massachusetts Council, based in Watertown, sends word that militia reinforcements are approved and are on the way.

On September 29, Washington and his officers are ever stressed over the depleted ammunition stockpiles. He states in his General Orders, "As there is the greatest appearance of bad weather, the general directs and begs, that the officers would have a special care of the arms and ammunition, wherever the[ir] is a convenient cover for either." He ends his message with, "From some discoveries made yesterday, there is reason to think, the enemy meditate a speedy and general attack; it is therefore of great consequence, that we should be well prepared in all respects to meet it."

Also on this day, interestingly, records from Washington indicate he sent a warrant to Captain Alexander Hamilton, meaning by this point the General was aware of the young New Yorker and in communication.

On September 30, Washington writes to his cousin Lund Washington, who is also managing his estate at Mount Vernon. His letters to his trusted confidant, one who is removed from his military conversations, make it easy to see some true feelings from the general, with him notably saying he is "wearied to death all day with a variety of perplexing circumstances." He adds he is "disturbed at the conduct of the militia, whose behavior and want of discipline has done great injury to the other troops, who never had officers, except in a few instances, worth the bread they eat." The general, whose "time is so much engrossed" as he says, feels great anxiety, not expressing much confidence in his writing to Lund.

On October 2, the Continental Congress votes not to accept General Philip Schuyler's resignation. The general offered his resignation the following month, after consideration of the campaigns in Canada. In rejecting his resignation, Schuyler maintains his position as commander of the northern forces, based at Fort Ticonderoga.

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Making Peace with the Rain

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

How often have you mentioned the weather in the past two hours? I keep imploring my Alexa app to report the latest weather report, hoping to hear that sunshine will make a return, but it goes more like: "Rain and wind with a high of 64 and a low of 60." It comes with having a nor'easter in our midst. It dampens my spirits even more when I see more precipitation is forecasted even after the big storm moves off. "Light rain," "AM showers," and "Mostly cloudy" or "Partly cloudy" seem to be the trend. Oh well.

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Bake. My son's fiancée is baking banana bread as a mood changer. "The apartment smells so nice," says Traci. That, coupled with watching *The Great British Baking Show* with Nigella Lawson, the new judge, will surely block out the gloomy weather. Perhaps I'll make a coffee cake. I so hate being indoors during fair days, so now is the perfect time.

Maybe I need to think about the positives.

The gray, drizzly day gives us an opportunity to slow down the pace. Outdoor activities and projects have halted, so now's a chance to hit the indoor list. Knitting... changing out the summer clothes for winter...and maybe tackling those oft-put-off indoor painting projects... reading...

A rainy day also gives me permission to do the things I routinely avoid during gardening season — clean the gardening tools, sort through seed packets, organize the potting bench, thumb through gardening books and make lists of all the things I want to plant next spring. Of course, making the list is much easier than actually following it.

And gardeners have a funny relationship with rain. We watch the forecast when the garden is dry, hoping for a few drops, and then watch it again when the rain arrives, hoping it will stop. We complain about too much, worry about too little and somehow believe the perfect amount is whatever is coming next week. Maybe that's one of the lessons gardening teaches us: We can prepare, plant and nurture, but ultimately, we have to surrender to what we can't control.

The garden positives include the phenomenal tree growth. Our recent planting of two "Green Giant"



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arborvitaes will certainly get some much-needed sustenance. Just thinking about the replenishment of water for the garden and, for that matter, our aquifers, gives one a sense of satisfaction.

And then there are the little signs that the garden is enjoying this weather even if I am not. The worms have made their way onto the paths, the moss looks impossibly green, and the leaves seem to have taken on a deeper, richer color. Even the newly planted arborvitaes seem to be saying, "Keep it coming." Perhaps the garden knows something I don't.

Rainwater also has benefits for the garden. Unlike treated municipal water, rainwater generally contains fewer dissolved salts and treatment chemicals, making it a welcome source of hydration for plants. Over time, salts can accumulate in soil, particularly in areas that are regularly irrigated, so a good soaking from the sky can be a welcome change.

Rain also interacts with the soil in interesting





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ways. Because rainwater is naturally slightly acidic, it can contribute to the natural cycling of nutrients in the soil. Most garden plants prefer soil that is somewhat acidic to neutral, although the ideal pH varies considerably from one plant to another.

Beyond the environmental advantages, there is something restorative about a rainy day. The steady sound of rain tapping against the windows, roof and leaves creates its own kind of music. After a while, it becomes background noise — almost nature's version of a lullaby.

There is also some research into the effects of negative air ions, which are more abundant around moving water and during storms. Some studies have

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explored whether they may influence mood and relaxation, although the science is not conclusive. Still, there is no denying that many of us find the air after a rainstorm refreshing.

And then there is that wonderful earthy smell that arrives after rain. The word for it is petrichor, the pleasant scent produced when rain hits dry soil and releases compounds into the air. It is one of those sensory experiences that can instantly transport us outdoors, even when we're sitting inside watching the rain stream down the windows.

Perhaps that's another reason rainy days can be calming. They force us to pause.

There is something wonderfully democratic about rain. It lands everywhere — the roof, the windows, the deck, the garden beds — creating its own kind of music. The garden doesn't stop simply because I can't go outside. Beneath the wet soil, roots are growing. Seeds are waiting. Trees are drinking. Worms are working. The garden has its own schedule, and apparently it doesn't care whether I approve of the forecast.

Maybe I should take a cue from it.

Instead of looking at the rain as a lost gardening day, perhaps I should see it as part of the gardening process. The rain is doing work I don't have to do. It is watering the trees, soaking the beds, replenishing the soil and helping prepare the garden for another season.

Tomorrow, of course, I'll probably ask Alexa about the weather again.

If she tells me, "Rain and wind," I'll try not to groan. I'll make that coffee cake, listen to the rain against the windows and remind myself that the garden is getting exactly what it needs. Gee, maybe I should actually step outside and scoop up some of those negative ions after all. *Let it rain.*

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—Eric Clapton

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for October

By Sam Bishop

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

On October 4, Saturn is at its closest point to Earth. The ringed planet, or Roman god of harvests, is visible in the night skies this time of year and will be at its brightest that day. You can also easily spot many of the gas giant's nearly 300 moons! Notably, Titan! If you have not yet seen Saturn's rings with your own eyes, it is a humbling and profound experience.

World Space Week also begins October 4 and runs through October 10. October 4 marks the 69th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik I and October 10 is the 59th anniversary of the signing of the Outer Space Treaty by the United Nations.

October 8 brings the peak of the Draconids Meteor Shower. The not-creatively named comet 21P/Giacobini-Zinner, discovered separately in the early 20th century by French and German astronomers Michel Giacobini and Ernst Zinner. The peak of the shower is highly variable year to year but is one of the most active, and those can be spotted aptly near the constellation Draco.

On October 10, there is a New Moon, making this the best day to spot galaxies, nebulae or other faint objects. This is a great day to search the skies, weather permitting.

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On October 12, Mercury reaches its greatest eastern elongation, making it furthest from the horizon from our view and the best (and one of the few) times to view the boiling rock.

The Martian Moons eXploration (MMX) mission is tentatively scheduled for launch on October 19. It hopes to get an up-close look at the twin moons and captured-asteroids of Phobos and Deimos. The mission is helmed by JAXA, or Japan's space agency.

Another! On October 21, the Orionids meteor shower peaks. This shower is produced by Halley's Comet and peaks at about 20 meteors per hour. They're visible near the constellation Orion.

This month's Full Moon will be on October 26,

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being the "Hunter's Moon" due to the historic prevalence of hunting at this time.

Three for Three at Conservation Commission

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jeffrey Wagner

The Conservation Commission on September 23 held public hearings on three properties within a wetlands buffer zone and approved all three.

The first two on the agenda received the most scrutiny: Mary Ann Hubbard Trust is seeking to build a single-family home on Front Street and Benjamin Dion is proposing a four-bedroom home on Cross Neck Road.

The Front Street property was a continued hearing and the applicant updated plans to apply erosion control and stormwater flood measures. The commission approved both as long as these steps are taken. Members also asked applicants to avoid disturbing nearby wildlife habitats.

Dion said he spoke with a state Department of Environmental Protection representative who ensured that the nearby wildlife would not be impacted by the project, which would also include a pool, a pool house and a barn.

For the third hearing, Thomas Gibbs met briefly with the board and explained that his 14-foot-by-18-foot home addition on County Road would be adjacent to the home and would require digging soil only three or four feet deep.

"It's pretty straightforward," he said.

The Conservation Commission did not require the applicant to conduct any more modifications to the project.

In other news, Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee said he fielded a complaint from a Seaside Lane



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resident, who said a neighbor was cutting areas on his property and possibly within the nearby wetlands,

Guey-Lee said he investigated the matter and said it appeared the individual was cutting brush and might have overstepped property boundaries. He described it as "marginal cutting."

The area is near a town seawall.

Guey-Lee advised the board to visit with the "alleged cutter" about the area, which has small lots, and to caution against cutting brush outside property lines.

Guey-Lee also said he is working on the budget and re-categorizing budget line items for better organization. Guey-Lee, also a town planner, said he is doing similar work for the Planning Board.

Guey-Lee said there are no plans to increase the budget but to add more clarity and accuracy to line items.

"We never had a long, formal discussion about the budget, and I am trying to reevaluate the categories we use," Guey-Lee said.

The Conservation Commission did not have a full board at its September 23 meeting but agreed to revisit the

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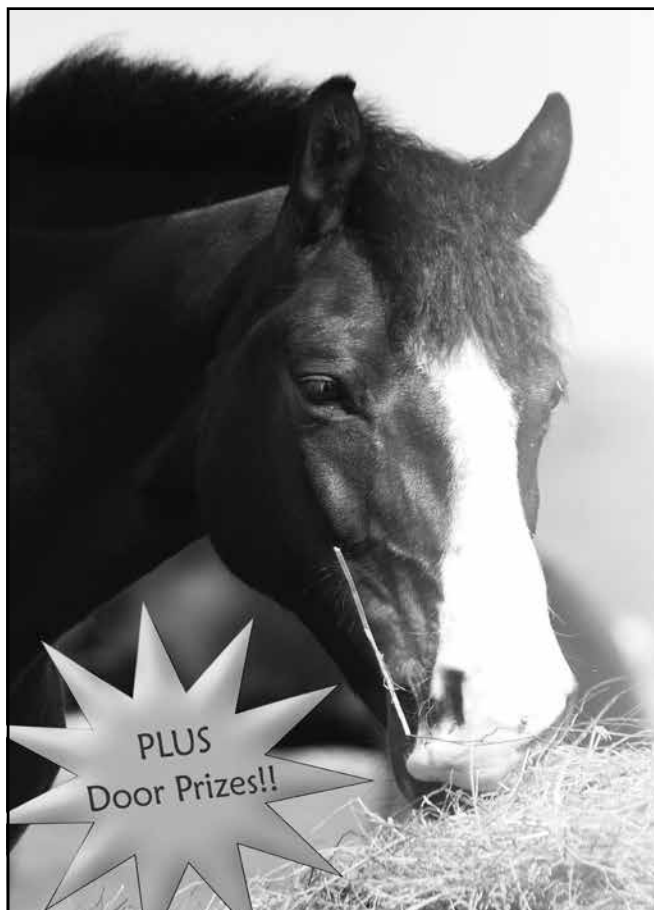
Mahoney's Lane Hearing Set for October 28 at ORR

Mattapoissett Conservation Commission

By Jeanne Hopkins

The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission plans to open the public hearing on the proposed Mahoney's Lane project Wednesday, October 28, at 6:30 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium. Whether residents will be able to participate by Zoom remains unresolved.

At its September 28 meeting, the commission



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discussed how to accommodate the crowd expected for the hearing. Town officials said the auditorium has the space and equipment for an in-person presentation, but no Zoom setup is currently in place. The meeting is expected to be recorded and posted on the town website afterward.

Select Board member Nicole Doyon Lynch, an abutter, objected to the date and the prospect of an in-person-only hearing.

"It's really unfortunate for something so consequential to so many people that if they can't be there in person; it's just too bad for the first hearing," she said. Lynch said finding a later date was an option.

Commission Chair Michael King said scheduling

has been difficult because two members must recuse themselves from the project and enough other members must be available to hear it. He said October 28 would be a "hard date" after the work involved in securing the auditorium.

"Between now and October 28th, we'll have to see if we can figure out the Zoom situation," King said.

Members said they expect the Mahoney's Lane hearing to continue beyond October 28. Residents who cannot attend the first session can submit written comments. The October 28 meeting is planned for the Mahoney's Lane project alone.

The commission spent much of Monday's meeting on a separate, continued hearing concerning access to Shell Beach from Byrne Avenue. Revised plans include a pathway and access mats across a coastal dune, along with proposed parking and space for beach equipment. The changes have raised questions about effects on the dune and beach, the applicant's property rights and whether neighbors received adequate notice of the expanded proposal.

Conservation staff said the latest revised plan had arrived the Friday before the meeting and that they had not yet received comments from the state Department of Environmental Protection. They sought more information about the dune boundary, the effects of removing an existing stone wall and the work proposed on the coastal beach.

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Neighbors expressed differing views about parking and access. Several raised concerns about erosion and flooding, saying the beach has narrowed over time. Abutter Neil Musante questioned whether the revised work should proceed under the existing notice of intent and asked the commission to review its potential effects on the dune before deciding. The commission continued the hearing to October 14.

At 19 Shore View Avenue, the commission approved a proposal to place stone at the base of an existing seawall to address erosion beneath it. Members discussed whether moving the wall landward would cause greater disturbance. Conditions prohibit beach work from May 1 through July 31 and provide for the relocation of shellfish at the shellfish official's discretion or a \$100 contribution to the Shellfish Resource Department. The applicant must also submit a corrected wetlands application form.

The commission issued a negative determination for a septic-system repair at 1 Harbor Road and orders of conditions for work at 18 Pico Beach Road and 4 Pearl Street. The Pico Beach Road order includes a covered-dumpster condition. The Pearl Street approval is pending a revised plan that clearly shows erosion controls.

Members also amended an existing order of conditions for storm-damage repairs at 36 Water Street, requiring beach work to be done in the dry. They issued certificates of compliance for completed work at 17



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Ned's Point Road and 2 Jowick Street. The Randall Road resource-area delineation hearing was continued to October 14.

In enforcement matters, the commission discussed a site visit and exploratory trenches at 87 Fairhaven Road to determine conditions on the property. At 104 Angelica Avenue, members said the owner had not responded to an earlier enforcement order concerning Phragmites mowing in a salt marsh. They asked that another letter direct the owner to attend a commission meeting.

The commission voted to issue an enforcement order at 11 Sea Marsh Way after reviewing a neighbor's complaint about a private-property sign and cable across



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part of the beach. Members said the barrier appeared to obstruct shoreline passage and called for its removal.

Bathroom Incident Continues to Spur Public Comments

Rochester School Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester School Committee began its September 24 meeting facing public comments from a room packed with residents still concerned about the recent complaint that a transgender student entered a girl's bathroom stall at Rochester Memorial School.

In May, a biologically male transgender student

was accused of invading the privacy of a 9-year-old girl when opening a girls' room stall at the school. Her father, Luis Rivera, filed a complaint under the federal Title IX statute against the Old Rochester Regional School District, claiming the incident disturbed her daughter and was sexual harassment. In August, the school department announced an investigation found the school did not violate a student's federal Title IX rights in connection with the incident.

Residents crowded into the RMS meeting room on September 24 to say the school department should do more to make sure the incident doesn't happen again and work on some solution.

The first to speak was resident Donald Spirlet, who began by asking who was to blame.

"Is it the students?" he said, then dismissed that idea. "Kids will be kids. The teachers? Wrong again. It is difficult to be a teacher today."

He put the blame on the administration for not finding a better way to resolve the issue and the school committee for being too incompetent to ensure a better resolution.

One of the next speakers was Luis Rivera himself. He called the response the administration gave to the investigation results, that the school acted in compliance with state law, "cowardly."

"My daughter was traumatized. The community deserves to know more," he said. "I'm calling for a thorough investigation. I will not stop."

Resident James Ramsey also referred to the letter that announced the investigation's decision.

"That letter that was released and the person who signed it was not truthful," he said. "The facts were not in that letter. And this is not a closed matter."

The next to speak on the topic noted he had been a counselor to trans youth and that state law gives rights to individuals who experience a different identity. He emphasized that the school committee does not have the power to change that law. Don't beat up on the school officials, he said. Put a ballot question to change the law.

But Manny Silva, who said he is a Fall River pastor as well as a parent interested in children's safety,

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commented, "When a child enters a bathroom marked for girls, she has a reasonable expectation of privacy and safety," he said. "It is not hatred; it is common sense. Compassion for one student should not come at the expense of many others' privacy."

The committee did not respond to the public comments, as is its policy when the topic is not on its agenda. Instead, its members proceeded to other business.

The committee reorganized, filling the following top positions: Chair, Kate Duggan; Vice Chair, Josh Trombly; committee secretary and recording secretary, Marcia Wilcox; ORR District School Committee representative, Robin Rounseville; and SMEC representative, Josh Trombly.

The committee approved a long list of school supply donations from the Rochester Senior Center and the Rochester Democratic Committee, as well as books from the Plumb Library. It also accepted donations to the Band Program: one clarinet from Deb Moniz and a trombone from parent Michelle Ganno-Sherwood.

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The committee announced that the next Joint School Committee meeting will be October 1.

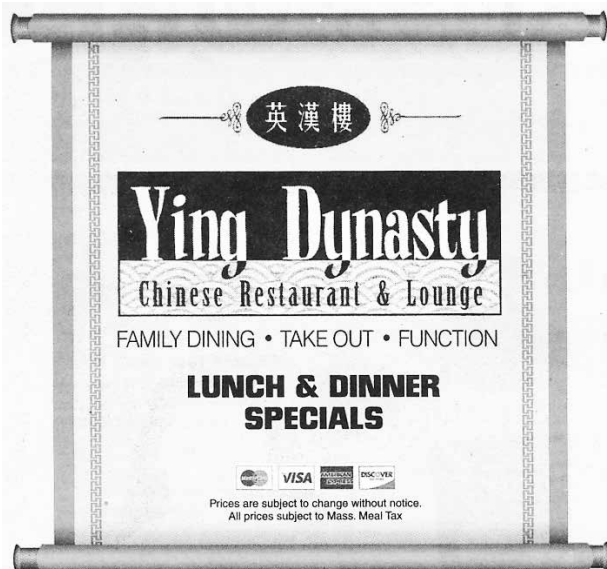
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By Aiden Comorosky

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School football team played at Dartmouth (1-2) on September 25 and won 13-12. Junior **Benji Baptiste** was a player of the game with 36 carries for 204 yards and two touchdowns, including a 43-yard run, as senior kicker **Nolin Vieira** was also named a player of the game, making the game-winning field goal. Old Rochester got the ball back with three minutes and 48 seconds to go in the game, as they started at their own 19-yard line and drove the ball down the field 81 yards, capped off by a four-yard touchdown run by Baptiste with 23 seconds left. Vieira kicked the extra point to give them the lead, and they ultimately closed it out. It's the first time the Bulldogs have started 3-0 in a season since 2018. The team will host Foxborough (2-1) on October 2.

Girls Volleyball: Old Rochester played at West Bridgewater (4-3) on September 23, and won 3-1 by set scores of 25-14, 25-23, 22-25, and 25-1. Freshman **Ady Chua** was named the player of the game, as she recorded 42 assists. Junior **Erin Root** recorded 22 kills, and senior **Molly Franco** recorded 9 kills. The Bulldogs are now 6-2 and 6-0 in the SCC going into Monday's game at Apponequet, Wednesday's game against Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech, and will host Medfield on October 2.

Boys Soccer: The Bulldogs faced Westport (3-1-2) on September 24 and tied 2-2. **Grady Oliveira** scored two goals, both assisted by **Gavin Costa**. They're now 2-3-1 on the season heading into Wednesday's game at Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech (3-1-1).

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Angelica Yacht Club, located on Point Connett, is Mattapoisett's other yacht club. Racing started in Beetle Cats, going as far back as the 1930s. Now Sunfish is the class of boat. Racing starts off Tuttle Pier every Sunday, weather permitting. The Beginners Division starts first, and the kids are swapped out every couple of races so everyone gets some racing in. Parents can watch from the pier as the kids sail the course. There is also an Open class for all ages to participate after the kids are done. The season begins on 4th of July and finishes on Labor Day Weekend with a cookout and awards. All the beginners had a great time, especially when it came time to get their

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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
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
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Sunday October 4, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
11:30 PM Mid-day Movie
1:00 PM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang
2:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs West Bridgewater
4:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Dighton Rehoboth
6:30 PM ORR Football vs Plymouth North
8:30 PM ORR Boys Varsity Soccer vs Somerset Berkley
10:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk
11:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Seekonk

Monday October 5, 2026

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MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Marion Planning Board
12:00 PM Marion Board of Health
1:00 PM Marion Water and Sewer
3:00 PM Marion School Committee
4:00 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
6:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
7:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
8:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
10:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
11:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
8:30 AM Rochester Board of Health
9:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
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11:30 PM Rochester School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM ORR Senior Parent Breakfast
8:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee
8:30 AM ORR Senior Assembly
9:30 AM ORR Graduation
11:00 AM ORR Senior Awards Night
1:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk
2:30 PM Girls Field Hockey vs Bishop Stang
4:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dartmouth
5:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Somerset Berkley
7:00 PM ORR Football vs Plymouth North
9:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs DR
10:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs DR
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Participants this year in the Beginners class were Murphy Warren, Declan Warren, Teddy Asci, Finn Asci, Emily Warren, Nina Kane, Tommy Warren, Alana Kane, Mackenzie Aarsheim, Quinn Aldridge, Owen Aldridge, Mara Wiedel, Gus Weidel and Charlie Touhey.

This year the winners were:

Beginners Class

July 4th series – Nina Kane

July series – Murphy Warren

August series – Murphy Warren

Labor Day series – Alana Kane

Open Class

July 4th series – Pete Kane

July series – Pete Kane

Labor Day series – Pete Kane

Fall Nature Drawing & Journaling in New England Rescheduled

The Marion Natural History Museum Fall Nature Drawing & Journaling in New England event has been rescheduled to **October 10** from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

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

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The Showstoppers delighted a crowd that did not let the weekend nor'easter stop them from attending the Rochester Council on Aging and Rochester Historical Society's fifth annual Block Party on Saturday, September 26. Photos by Michael J. DeCicco



Mary Dermody and Lar Kupferschmidt of Mattapoisett traveled last week to the "other Cape" in Massachusetts, Cape Ann, where they held up a Wanderer in front of the Fisherman's Memorial on the Gloucester waterfront. Courtesy photo.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

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.

To register, please go to www.marionmuseum.org.

Presentation with the Mattapoissett Woman's Club

Local residents are invited to join the Mattapoissett Woman's Club for an engaging presentation by local author Michelle Cusolito, *Surrounded by Water: Life on a Research Vessel in the Middle of the Atlantic*. The program will take place on Thursday, **October 15**, at 11:30 am at Reynard Hall, inside the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. The event is open to the public.

Cusolito, M.Ed., is an award-winning author whose books have been named Junior Library Guild Selections, received multiple starred reviews, and appeared on numerous "Best Of" lists. During her presentation, Cusolito will take attendees behind the scenes of life aboard a research vessel, sharing stories and photographs from her time at sea with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

She will offer an insider's look at what it's like to live and work on a research ship — from moving aboard and unpacking equipment to weathering massive storms in the middle of the North Atlantic.

Attendees will also learn about fascinating new technologies being used to study the deep ocean and will have the opportunity to see photographs of deep-sea animals that few people ever encounter in person.

Michelle Cusolito's books will be available for purchase following the presentation.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization dedicated to serving the local community. Membership is open to local women who share an interest in the organization's objectives and mission.

For more information or questions, please contact info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org.



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Plumb Library Fall Storytime

Plumb Library storytimes are an interactive mix of early literacy fun with books, letters, numbers, songs, fingerplays, action rhymes, music, movement, games and lively discussions. This fall, we are offering three different sessions, starting **October 6**. Please register on the library's online Events Calendar for each day you'd like to attend.

Baby Storytime (Ages 6–24 months) on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:15 am. There will be songs, rhymes and books geared to babies and toddlers. We will have about 15 minutes of playtime after songs.

Family Storytime (Ages 2–5) on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. These are themed storytimes to build early literacy skills with pictures, words, and music. Afterward, we will all do a craft together.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 4–5) on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. These themed storytimes build upon early literacy skills with pictures, words and music. This storytime is especially designed for those getting ready to enter school, with an emphasis on longer, more complex stories and classroom skills such as sitting and listening quietly. Afterward, we will practice preschool skills such as tracing, writing and cutting.

Please contact Ms. Fuchsia at the library with any questions.

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OBITUARIES



Nancy Gordon Mills passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 17th, at her residence at Penniman Hill, in Hingham. She was 89 years old.

Nancy was born on February 3, 1937 in Lynn Massachusetts, the only child of Donald and Grace Gordon, and she was raised in Lynnfield. As a child,

she spent many fun summers as a camper and a counselor at Fleur De Lis Camp in New Hampshire. While there, she loved horseback riding and became a championship riflery marksman. Nancy attended Wakefield High School, where she was an enthusiastic member of the cheerleading team. After high school, she attended Vermont College, where she graduated in 1956 with an Associate of Arts degree.

After graduating, she took an administrative position in the office of Dr. Walter Bauer, head of the Arthritis Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital. It was there that she met John Mills, a young physician in the Unit. They were married on October 28th, 1962, and together they raised three sons, Edward, Peter and Alexander, and made their home on Rangeley Road in Winchester, MA and later in Marion, MA. Nancy and John were happily married for 62 years.

It is difficult to adequately describe Nancy's role and accomplishments as a mother. As the wife of a physician who worked long hours, most of the daily responsibility for raising the family fell to her, and she was more than up to the task. Over the years, she was always there. Sending them off to school in the morning, greeting them at the end of the day, driving them to activities, cooking the meals, listening, offering guidance and advice. As they went off to college and then started their careers and families, she was always no more than a visit or a phone call away. She forever had their back and was forever in their corner. In her later years, she was a proud grandmother who loved seeing and hearing stories about the accomplishments of her eight grandchildren.

On the weekends, she and John loved spending time as a family, most often outdoors. Sailing and playing tennis in the summer, skiing and skating in the winter, and walking in the Fells Reservation year-round. Nancy was an accomplished tennis player and played competitively in many leagues over the years, continuing into her mid-eighties. She also served as a Winchester Town Meeting member and was a longstanding member of the En Ka Society, a non-profit charitable organization in Winchester.

As the last of her sons went off to college in 1984, no one would have blamed Nancy if she had taken some time to sit down and relax. Instead, she turned a small part-time business she had started with a friend importing and selling hand woven woolen blankets from Wales into Mystic Valley Traders, a business that grew from a one room store front in Winchester to a factory building in Woburn, employing some 30 people, all of whom received healthcare benefits. In the

early years, the Welsh did not have the same color sensibility as Nancy — they favored browns, oranges, and greens over her most favored blue. With some cajoling and a visit or two to Wales, she convinced her suppliers to produce colorways that would sell in the U.S. The product line eventually expanded to hand-crafted luxury bedding collections, custom duvet covers, shams, and decorative accent pillows, which were sold to home furniture retailers and interior designers across the country. Every look was Nancy's, from concept to production. Eventually seeking to join John in "retirement", she sold the company in 2003.

Nancy's pride and joy was always her family, and perhaps her favorite tradition was the annual Mills family Thanksgiving celebration in Winchester, and later at her and John's home in Marion. She reveled in cooking a huge turkey dinner for her immediate family as well as in-laws, friends, and whoever else needed somewhere to go on the day. Many years, there were over 20 people celebrating and giving thanks. She was a spectacular cook who could always whip up a feast wherever she was; at home, in a ski house or on a sailboat.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband John, sister-in-law Elizabeth Sesselberg and nephew Arthur Sesselberg. She is survived by her sons Edward of Cohasset (Marionne, and children John, David and Margaret), Peter of Milton (Katrina, and daughters Mackenzie (husband Matt Cassanelli), Claire and Madeline), Alex of Hingham (Sarah, and daughters Grace and Emma) a nephew, Dr. Henry Sesselberg of Cape Elizabeth, ME (Tracy, and daughters Meryl and Alemnesh), as well as Arthur's wife Abby of Guilford, CT, and their children Herrick and Graham.

The family would like to thank Nancy's many dear friends and neighbors in both Winchester and Marion for their kindness and support, Dr. Chris Coley (MGH, Boston), the home health aides at Nova Leap in Marion, and the staff at Penniman Hill in Hingham.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the En Ka Society in Winchester. A life celebration will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Chapman Funerals & Cremations — Wareham. To leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com



Janice C. (Geggatt) Campos, 87, of Rochester died September 18, 2026 at Charlton Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Manuel F. Campos, Jr.

Born in Acushnet, daughter of the late Roy M. and Dorothy L. (Laycock) Geggatt, she was raised in Marion and New

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Homeschool Writing Program at the ETL

The Elizabeth Taber Library is excited to announce the expansion of our homeschool programming this fall.

Homeschooling kids who are ages 10 to 14 (4th to 8th grade equivalent) are invited to join us for the Letters About Literature program. Students will write a letter to an author about a book that has impacted them. This seven-week writing workshop will help students develop skills in personal writing, literary analysis, peer reviewing and editing. This program was developed in conjunction with the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

This group will meet on Fridays at 2:00 pm from **October 9 through November 20**. Visit elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events to register. Registration is required for this program series.

Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

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.

Get into the October spirit with a spooky film, *The Cat and the Canary*, on **October 13** at 6:00 pm. Can a

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Looking for a book club to join? There's plenty at the Mattapoisett Library to choose from. The Fantasy Book Club is meeting on **October 14** at 6:00 pm to discuss *What Moves the Dead* by T. Kingfisher. The Fiction Book Club is meeting on **October 18** at 2:00 pm to discuss *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. Finally, the Nonfiction Book Club is meeting on **October**

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").

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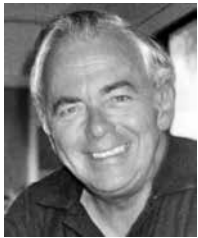
She was formerly employed as a medical assistant at Tobey Hospital for 25 years until her retirement.

Mrs. Campos enjoyed working in her yard, the ocean and living life to the fullest.

She was a member of the Bristol County Corvette Club.

Survivors include her son, Todd Campos of Rochester; a daughter, Deanne Putman and her husband Robert of Hoschton, GA; 2 grandchildren, Tyler Putman and Lauren Mowery and her husband Cory; 2 great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Hadley; 2 brothers, Thomas Geggatt of Houston, TX and Jonathan Geggatt of Bridgewater; a cousin, Theodore Laycock of Marion; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Her private Funeral Service with burial in Center Cemetery in Rochester was held on Friday, September 25th. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Roy Wilson Wingate III, known as Will, passed away on September 26, 2026, at the age of 101. A World War II veteran, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he lived a life encompassing wartime service, world travel, a long career in construction, and 72 years of marriage to his beloved wife, Ann. Wilson was born in

1925 to R. Wilson Wingate II and Dorothy Pillsbury Wingate. After graduating from high school in 1943, he joined the U.S. Maritime Service in New York, completing basic training followed by advanced training to become a ship's purser and pharmacist's mate. Will's first two voyages out of San Francisco carried military supplies to the Hawaiian and Marshall Islands. Aboard his third ship, the SS Chief Charlot, he sailed with a cargo of 7,000 tons of ammunition, lumber, and three fighter aircraft. After stopping at Hollandia, New Guinea, the ship joined others bound for the battle for the Philippines. There, they came under attack by Japanese aircraft. The ship's U.S. Navy Armed Guard and merchant seamen helped defend the vessels and were credited with downing an enemy fighter plane. After the war, Will served aboard the SS Sea Perch as it transported 2,000 German prisoners of war from Los Angeles to Le Havre, France, for their return home. The ship later embarked 1,400 American servicemen in Liverpool, England, bringing them home to New York. Upon arrival, Will received notice from the War Shipping Administration of his promotion from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade. Will subsequently worked as a purser aboard United Fruit Company ships, sailing through the Caribbean and Central America and carrying bananas to New Orleans. In 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Following basic training, he studied Russian for a year at Syracuse University before being stationed in Bremerhav-

en, Germany, with the 41st Radio Squadron Mobile. There, his work included intercepting and translating military communications for intelligence reports sent to Washington, D.C. While stationed in Bremerhaven in 1952, Will met Ann Read, his future wife. Following his honorable discharge in 1954, they married in Waterloo, Iowa. Together, they raised five children. Returning to civilian life, Will followed his father into the construction business. Over a career spanning 43 years, he managed the construction of schools, factories, and hospitals in Florida and Massachusetts. In his spare time, Will enjoyed writing true stories drawn from his life. Among his favorites was "Happy, A Dog Much Loved," about the black Labrador retriever who was part of the Wingate family for 12 years. Will is survived by Ann Read Wingate, his beloved wife of 72 years, whose versatility, knowledge, and sense of humor he cherished; his sons, Bruce and his wife, Michelle; Andrew and his wife, Donna; James; Robert and his wife, Cristina; and his daughter, Carolyn. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Chase, Ryane, Emily Ann, Emily Marie, Sadie, Sofia, and Alexander; and six great-grandchildren, Mila, Bear, Julian, Blue, Piper, and Phoebe. A service will be held at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals in Mattapoisett on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Public visiting hours will be held from 9:00 am until 10:00 am with a service at 10:00 am. A private burial will take place at Quivet Neck Cemetery in East Dennis, Cape Cod. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Nancy Ann Clarke, "Dolly", 93, of Marion, MA, passed away on August 25, 2026 after a brief illness.

Born September 5, 1932 to Anna and Joseph Zora, she was the youngest of 6 children. Dolly was a lifelong resident of Marion.

She was the wife of the late Kenneth O. Clarke Jr. She is survived by her four children, Debra McCarthy of West Virginia, Brenda (Michael) Fatula of New Hampshire, Kenneth O. Clarke III (Nancy) of Mattapoisett and Zora St. Don (Paul) of Marion, 3 grandsons and 3 great grandchildren. Dolly is also survived by one sister, Pauline Hiller of Marion.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

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.

28 at 6:00 pm to discuss *We the People: A History of the U.S. Constitution* by Jill Lepore. Copies of all books are available at the library for checkout. New members are welcome.

Join us for an Adult Craft Workshop at the library on **October 17** at 1:00 pm. During this session, we will be painting miniature pumpkins to take home. Get creative and create a piece of decor that works for you or to give as a gift to someone else. Please register below to reserve your spot.

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*, 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.

Teen Events at the Mattapoissett Library

Each Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, teens in 6 to 12 can join us in the Student Lounge for snacks, crafts and chill time. Teens and tweens in grades 4 to 12 can also join us every Friday for T(w)een Friyays in the Student Lounge from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm to play games, read or relax.

Celebrate Banned Books Week with Banned Book Trivia on **October 9** at noon. After an early release from

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- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Moorings Rd – Suspicious MV
- Oak Ave – EMS/medical
- Oak Ave – EMS/medical
- Pitcher St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Road hazard
- Point Rd - Health/welfare
- Beach St – Officer wanted
- Cranberry Way – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Rt 105 overpass – MV collision
- Moorings Rd – Suspicious MV
- River Rd – MV collision
- Cove Cir – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Disturbance
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- 195 East – MV collision
- Riverview Ln – Health/welfare
- South St – MV collision
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Jenney Ln – General service
- Ichabod Ln – General service
- Abels Way – EMS/medical
- Stoney Run Ln – Health/welfare
- Wing's Cove – Disabled vessel
- Longboat Rd – EMS/medical
- Wells Rd – Road hazard

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Sept 20 – Sept 26

- 195 East – MV violations
- Marina Dr – General service
- North St – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Hereford Hill Rd – General service
- Prospect Rd – MV crash
- Long Plain Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- 195 West – Suspicious persons
- North St - Complaint
- Harbor – Harbormaster emergency
- Neds Point Rd – Suspicious persons
- Prospect Rd – MV violations
- North st – Animal control
- County Rd – Property returned
- Marion Rd – Restraining order
- Church St – General service
- North St – Domestic disturbance
- Brant Beach Ave – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Centre Dr – Animal control
- Oak Rd – Assist other agency
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- Homestead Ct – Assist citizen

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Sept 20 – Sept 26

- North Ave – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – General services
- Briarwood Ln – Civil complaint
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Mattapoisett Rd – Road hazard
- Rounseville Rd - Larceny
- Constitution Way – Public assist
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Nathaniels Dr - Medical
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Rounseville Rd 911 call
- Forbes Rd – Lost animal
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – Juvenile offenses
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Assist other
- Dad's Way – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd – Lost animal
- Robinson Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd - Investigation
- Dexter Ln – Well-being check
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Stuart Rd - Medical

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, Oct 5: Chicken pot pie w/ buttermilk biscuit, Cali blend vegetables, applesauce

Tuesday, Oct 6: Shrimp tacos w/cheese, cilantro lime rice, black beans, corn & peppers, tortilla wrap, orange

Wednesday, Oct 7: Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, dice carrots, shortbread cookie, diet: fruit

Thursday, Oct 8: Chicken w/sage cream sauce, butternut squash ravioli, broccoli, wheat roll, apple crisp

Friday, Oct 9: Pork w/apple chutney, mashed sweet potatoes, vegetable medley, Mandarin fruit cup

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Oct 6: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

Wednesday, Oct 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 8: Spaghetti with meat

sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli

Friday, Oct 9: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Oct 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Oct 6: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

Wednesday, Oct 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 8: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli

Friday, Oct 9: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Oct 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Oct 6: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain

pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

Wednesday, Oct 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 8: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli

Friday, Oct 9: No lunch served – early release

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Oct 6: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

Wednesday, Oct 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 8: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli

Friday, Oct 9: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 5: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges,

BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Oct 6: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

Wednesday, Oct 7: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 8: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli

Friday, Oct 9: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Oct 5: Crispy chicken bowl w/ mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll OR Shepherd's pie & dinner roll

Tuesday, Oct 6: Linguica sandwich, baked beans & fries

Wednesday, Oct 7: Bagel pizza & side salad

Thursday, Oct 8: Loaded buffalo chicken tater tots OR shredded buffalo chicken sandwich & tater tots w/carrot sticks

Friday, Oct 9: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

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 is required.

More teen events to come later this month.

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

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoissett Library

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

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 p.m. 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.

Join us on Thursday, **October 15**, at 3:30 pm to create your own colorful wall hanging using yarn and a

cardboard loom. The event is for ages 6+. All materials will be provided. Registration is required.

We're throwing a Halloween Party. It starts at 10:30 am on Saturday, **October 17**, with storyteller Rona Leventhal. After the show, take part in some spooky crafts and check out everyone's costume.

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

Rochester Historical Society Museum

We hope to see a good turnout on Sunday, **October 4**, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Rochester Historical Society Museum, 355 County Road in Rochester. We are having a Cranberry Bake Sale and Raffles as we begin the Sunday openings of our latest exhibit, "Rochester and the Revolution."

In addition to the baked goods and raffles, we will have both fresh and dried cranberries for sale.

On another note, our annual yard sale will be on **October 17 and 18**. Current drop-off days are October 3 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am; October 7 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm; and October 13 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Inaugural Fall Gala

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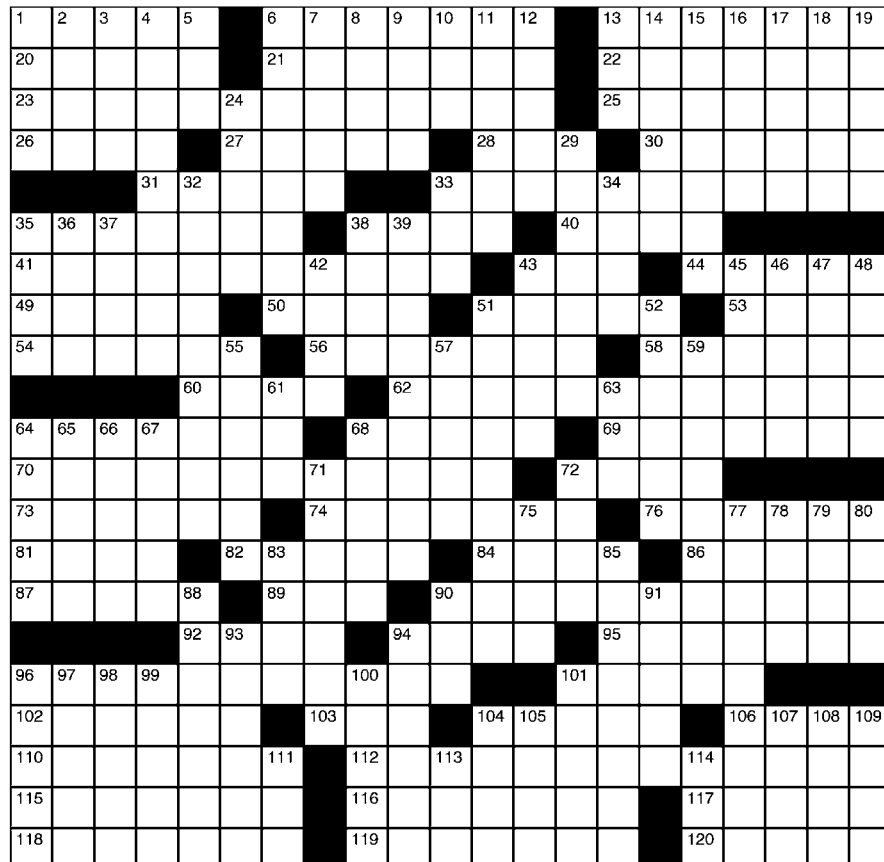
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) After much traveling this year, you're due for some settled time with family and friends. Use this period to check out situations that will soon require a lot of serious decision making.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep your keen Bovine mind focused on your financial situation, as it begins to undergo some changes. Consider your money moves carefully. Avoid impulsive investments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll need to adjust some of your financial plans now that things are changing more quickly than you expected. All the facts you need haven't yet emerged, so move cautiously.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal and professional relationships dominate this period. Try to keep things uncomplicated to avoid misunderstandings that can cause problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An elusive goal that you'd been hoping to claim is still just out of reach. But something else has come along that could prove to be just as desirable, if only you'd take the time to check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to get away for some much-needed rest and relaxation. You'll return refreshed and ready to take on a workplace challenge that awaits you!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Confidence grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters that could slow things down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you do make a decision, act on it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations! This is the week that you've been waiting for: After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can now move ahead without significant disruptions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This week starts off with some positive movement in several areas! A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans that you'll be working on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You work hard and get things done. You also inspire others to do their best. You would do well heading up a major corporation.

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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 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 items, vacation stays, event tickets or premium gift baskets.

-In-Kind Vendor Support: Collaborate with regional hospitality, floral, printing or entertainment vendors willing to offer discounted or donated services.

For more information about sponsorship and auction details, 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."

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** to: Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee, c/o Mattapoisett Select Board Office, PO Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, 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.

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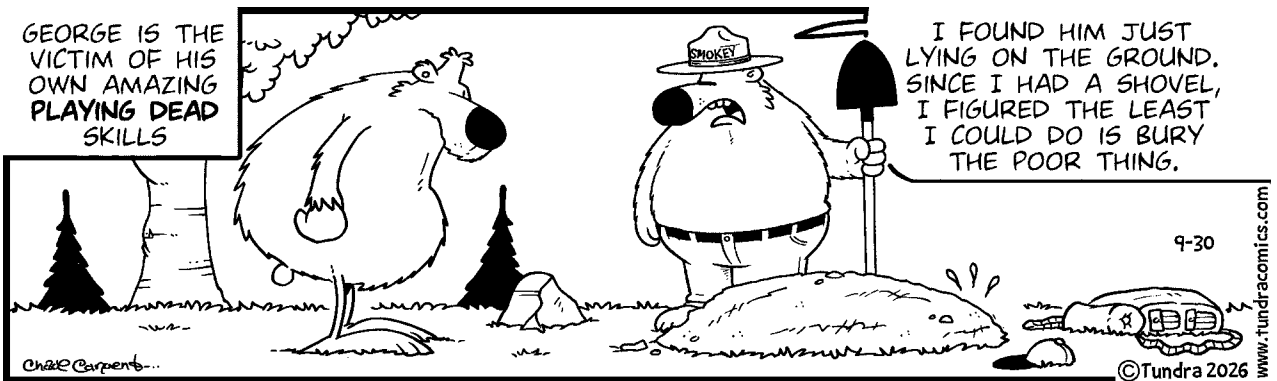
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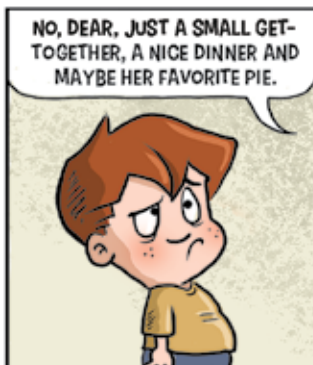


Tundra
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"Rochester and the Revolution," supported in part by the Rochester Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, the Historical Society has been working with the Rochester Historical Commission to find the graves of more than 400 Rochester men who served during the Revolutionary War. This effort is supported in part by both the Marion and Mattapoisett Cultural Councils. There is definitely an overlap between these two endeavors, with many of those whose tombstones we have located also included in the exhibit.

One of these is Lieutenant-Colonel Ebenezer White. White had definite Rochester bona fides. The son of John and Mercy White, he was a direct descendant of Samuel White who arrived on the Mayflower, moved to Marshfield and was one of Rochester's original Proprietors. His father, John White, in 1704, owned lands a mile or so east of Rochester Center.

Ebenezer White was a prosperous man who had fought with the militia in the French and Indian Wars. In 1769,

prior to the Revolution, he was elected to be the town's representative to the General Court. He was re-elected to this post 19 times. For the first 14



years, he was elected unanimously. This was a "difficult Revolutionary period" for the town, and he was entrusted with many important duties.

As the momentum towards war increased, Ebenezer White was put in charge of a militia regiment and was soon given the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. By 1780, he was in charge of the 4th Plymouth County Regiment. Many Rochester soldiers' muster cards show them serving in his regiment.

After years of representing Rochester on the General Court, in 1780, Lt.-Col. White became Rochester's first representative under the new state constitution. After the war ended and peace was declared, Lt.-Col. White's job became even more important, and he received many directives from the town.

In May of 1785, he was told to use his "Influence that a large Impost be laid on all Goods imported in British Bottoms." In 1786, he was again instructed to use his influence "that there be a Bank of paper money Emitted by the General Court."

Later that same year, a committee of three men appointed by the town was given the job of communicating with other towns "in order to Devise & Adopt" legal ways to find a "redress from grievances." They gave White extensive instructions that covered up to

six pages of closely written precepts to bring to the new state government.

Some of these concerned the most important principles of government. They included concerns over the redemption of currency, the right of Congress to set taxes on the state, the Constitutional power of the General Court to "place checks on Congress" and more.

With all these important items given to him to deal with, it is apparent that he was a highly respected citizen of Rochester. One can't help wondering if he didn't occasionally think that leading his militia troops had been an easier duty.

Ebenezer White lived to be 80 years old. He died in 1804 and is buried in the Rochester Center Cemetery.

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

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LAYOUT A PUBLIC WAY Pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, §22, the Select Board will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm. at the Mattapoisett Fire Station Training Room, 62 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, to consider whether Cooper Way shall be laid out as a public way. The proposed layout of said roadway is shown on the plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Cooper Way 40' Wide Layout, in Mattapoisett, MA, prepared for JBL Fairhaven Road, LLC" dated November 8, 2024 and prepared by Schneider, Davignon & Leon, Inc.. A copy of the plan and the street acceptance request is available in the Town Clerk's Office. Members of the public who wish to attend in person are welcome to do so. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided, the meeting will not suspend or terminate should technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Those who wish to watch or listen to the meeting remotely may do so in one of the following manners: Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83852973579?pwd=cIJIALotDmmlr-FRP2q6D1ubzVCnK3C.1 Meeting ID: 838 5297 3579 Passcode: 620338 10/1 TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License & Change of Location Magan Corp., d/b/a Marion Wine & Spirits 664 Mill Street, Marion, MA The Marion Select Board, acting as the Local Licensing Authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, Marion, on the application of Magan Corp., d/b/a Marion Town Liquors, for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license and change of location from MDM Wine5 LLC, d/b/a Vinodivino, 154 Front Street. John W. Hoagland, Chair 10/1, 10/8 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 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Adam Lambert for property located at 214 Walnut Plain Road, Map 11, Lot 5H. The applicant is proposing to build a 14'x18' shed constructed from wood on 10" Sono tubes 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/81571621045 Meeting ID: 815 7162 1045 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 10/1 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, October 15, 2026. CASE #1596 Petition of: Andre Rieksts & Lisa Francis, 26 Silver Street, Taunton, MA. 02780. RE: 2 Boardwalk Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 16, Lot 1. B on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District: R30. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 57313, Page 150. The applicants seek a variance to construct a four (4) car garage that exceeds the maximum square footage. CASE #1597 Petition of Deidre Galway, 18 Sagamore Road, Mattapoisett, MA. 02739. RE: 18 Sagamore Road, Mattapoisett. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 62 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District: W30. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 54195, Page 12. The applicant seeks a Variance and/or Special Permit to construct a 7.5 x 11-bathroom addition and a 12 x 12 screened-in porch, connected by a circular uncovered deck, at the rear of the house. Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chair Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues, Aaron Goldberg 10/1, 10/8	TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request to Amend an Order of Conditions, SE 041-1420 submitted by Jon Delli Priscoli for modifications to the approved Site Plan specifications at 162 Point Road. The site is further identified as Lot 15 on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 10/1 TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option). For remote access to this meeting please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov during regular business hours. The meetings are televised and video recorded by Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV). The meetings are live streamed on ORCTV. The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on October 19, at 7:00 pm to consider the request of Toll Brothers, Inc., for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1A of the Code of the Town of Marion for proposed construction of up to 57 townhomes, 55 as shown on the site drawings. The property is located at Wareham Street (Route 6), Marion, MA 02738 and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Map 7, Lots 28, 28A, & 28B, Zoning District Residence D. The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Sean Sweeney, Chair Ann Morgan, Vice Chair 10/1, 10/8



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.

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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.

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4. LITERATURE: In which Harry Potter novel is the portkey (a method of magical transportation) first mentioned?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the most popular animal used on national flags?
6. MOVIES: What object is Wilson in the movie "Cast Away"?
7. U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is the only one that has parishes instead of counties?
8. MUSIC: Which 1980s band released the album titled "Synchronicity"?
9. TELEVISION: What is James Kirk's middle name in the "Star Trek" series?
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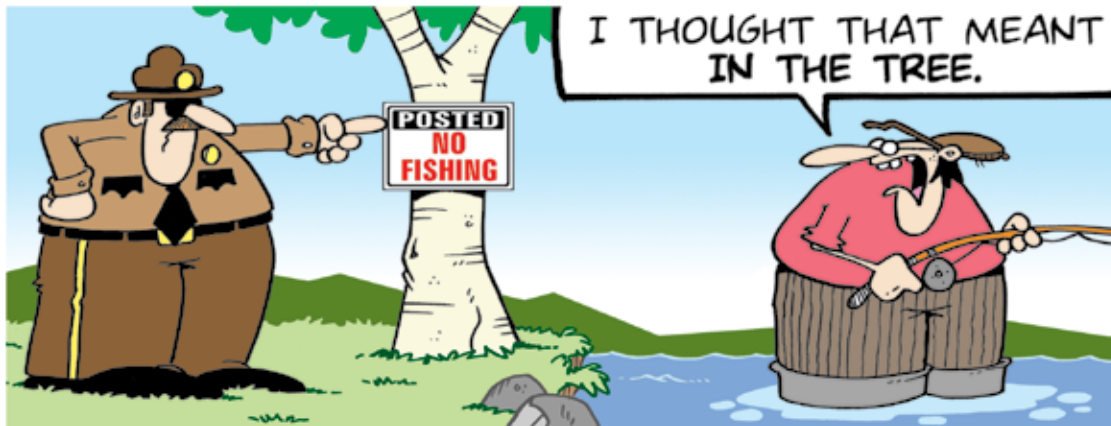
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8. The Police.
9. Tiberius.
10. Athena.

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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.

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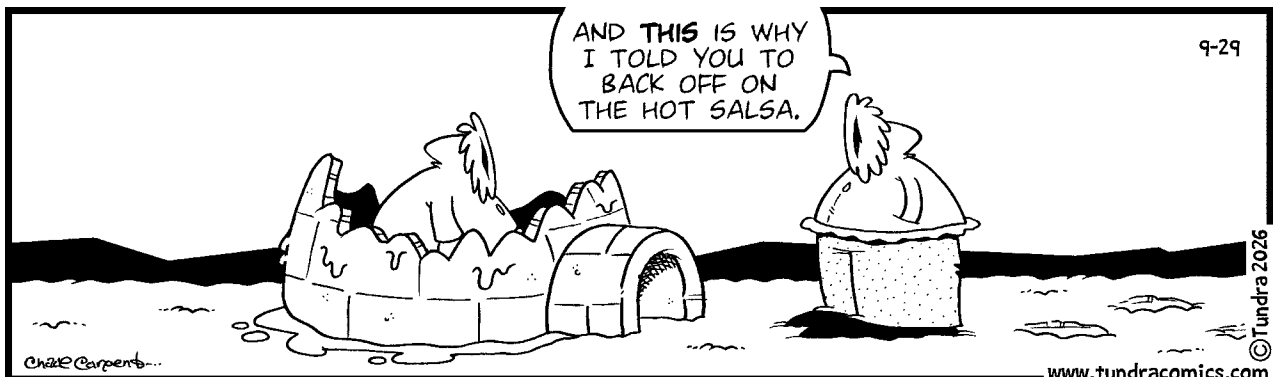
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Rochester Cultural Council

The Rochester Cultural Council (RCC) is accepting online applications from organizations, schools and individuals for grants to support community-oriented arts, humanities and science programs.

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

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

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

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

60th Reunion for Old Rochester Class of 1966

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Marion Cultural Council

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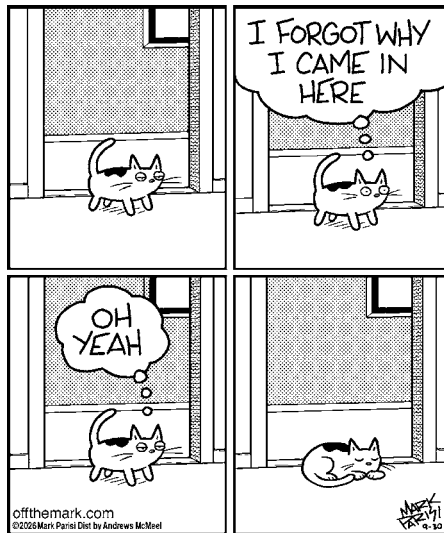
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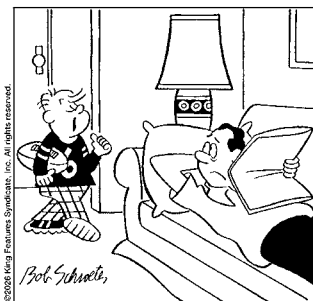
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FOML Annual Jewelry & Accessories Sale

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

The FOML Members-Only Preview Sale will take place on Thursday, **December 3**, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The General Public Sale is Friday, **December 4**, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday, **December 5**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at 7 Barstow Street.

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

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

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

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

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

Eligible applicants include individuals, nonprofit

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

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

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

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

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis

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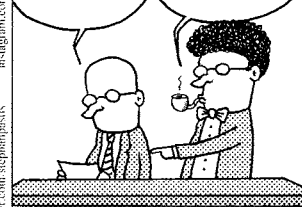


Love is always
the answer.



TOO BAD
I STILL
HAVE TO
FAIL HIM.

ADD A
LITTLE HEART
BY THE
'F'.



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

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

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

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

ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association

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

The events are open to all ORRJHS and ORRHS alumni and friends of ORR. It's an inclusive experience that hopes to bring together the shared alumni experience spanning seven decades from the Class of '62 to the Class of '26.

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

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

On Saturday, **October 10**, the BPAA 4th Annual Alumni Homecoming Celebration will begin at 7:00 pm.



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Saturday's celebration is to be held for the first time at alumni-owned River Junction in Marion, featuring a section for ORR alums. Complimentary refreshments will be served. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. The Class of 1991 will be celebrating its 35th reunion with us; there is no entrance fee.

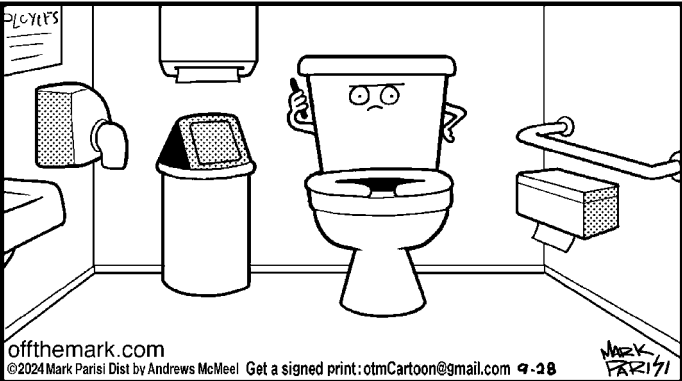
Local businesses and alumni have contributed to our fundraising efforts to demonstrate our school pride for ORR. For the Class of 2026, the BPAA sponsored three awards totaling \$5,000, in addition to launching the Grants Program, through which four grants totaling over \$1,500 were awarded. For 2026-2027,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

Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2026 is an opportunity for past students and graduates of ORRJHS and ORRHS to reconvene in proud support of our schools, and to establish an outlet for alumni and friends to volunteer and contribute resources in service to students, teachers and staff. School pride is the nexus of our efforts, and we know that graduates of ORR are immensely proud of their experience.

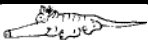
The ORR BPAA is a recognized charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and operates as a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations to the BPAA are tax-deductible.

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

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Gundberg, Gretchen Lexus Snizek, Brenton Anthony	Ferreira, Mark T Ferreira, Margaret A Est	18 Olivers Ln	Mattapoisett	09/09/2026	645,000.00
9 Quelle Lane LLC	Durfey, David H Durfey, Jessica M P	9 Quelle Ln	Marion	09/09/2026	700,000.00



Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	October 12	9:40	10:00	2:40	3:30
Tuesday	October 13	10:21	10:42	3:17	4:07
Wednesday	October 14	11:02	11:25	3:55	4:45
Thursday	October 15	11:46		4:34	5:24
Friday	October 16	12:11	12:34	5:16	6:10
Saturday	October 17	1:01	1:24	6:03	7:12
Sunday	October 18	1:51	2:14	7:03	8:46
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		October 3rd October 10th October 18th October 26th	



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 24, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 32

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Scrawl; 2. Dower
3. Lingo; 4. Item

Today's Word
WINDOW

Sudoku Answer

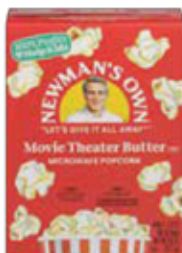
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by Mark Parisi
off the mark



GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

9.6 oz Select Varieties
Newman's Own
Microwave
Popcorn
2/\$5



8.9 - 12 oz Froot Loops or
Kellogg's
Frosted Flakes Cereal **\$3⁹⁹**

18 oz Select Varieties
Quaker
Oats **\$4⁴⁹**

32 oz Select Varieties
Pearl Milling Company
Pancake & Waffle Mix **\$3⁹⁹**

24 oz Select Varieties
Newman's Own
Pasta Sauce **\$3⁴⁹**

15 oz Select Varieties
Progresso
Bread Crumbs **\$2⁹⁹**

11 - 16 oz Select Varieties
Del Monte
Canned Vegetables **\$1⁹⁹**

8 oz Select Varieties
Dole
Canned Pineapple **2/\$3**

32 oz Select Varieties
College Inn
Broth **2/\$5**

12 oz Select Varieties
Heinz
Homestyle Gravy **\$2⁹⁹**

30 oz Original
Hellmann's
Mayonnaise **\$6⁹⁹**

32 oz Select Varieties
Lifeway
Kefir **\$3⁹⁹**

24 oz Select Varieties
Chobani
Coffee Creamer **\$4⁹⁹**

8 oz Select Varieties
Daisy
Sour Cream **\$1⁴⁹**

BAKERY

6 oz Select Varieties
The Father's Table
Cheesecake Slices **2/\$6**

9.8 oz 8 Pack
St Pierre
Brioche Rolls **\$5⁹⁹**

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 **\$10⁹⁹ ea**

Always Fun
Sugar Pumpkins **\$1⁹⁹ lb**

Make Your Fall Display!
Gourds & Mini Pumpkins
of All Kinds **\$2⁹⁹ lb**

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Fresh
Allen's
Chicken
Tenders
\$3⁹⁹ lb



4 oz Uncured
Boar's Head
Fennel Salme **\$7⁹⁹**

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
Low Salt Ham **\$11⁹⁹ m**

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
Low Salt Provolone Cheese **\$6⁹⁹ m**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Macaroni Salad **\$9⁹⁹ m**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Tuna Salad **\$12⁹⁹ m**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Red Dill Potato Salad **\$6⁹⁹ m**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Egg Salad **\$12⁶⁹ m**

7 oz Grass Fed
Truly
Cheddar Cheese **\$6⁹⁹**

4 oz Pumpkin
La Clare
Goat Cheese **\$4⁹⁹**

10 oz Select Varieties
Ithaca
Hummus **\$4⁹⁹**

12 oz Select Varieties
Boar's Head
Greek Yogurt Dip **2/\$8**

8 oz
Boar's Head
Pepper Jack Cheese **\$5⁹⁹**

Ready to Serve
Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken **\$9⁹⁹ ea**

CHEF PREPARED

With Salsa & Avocado Crema
Pork Carnitas Burrito **\$13⁹⁹ ea**

Spicy Sesame
Peanut Noodles **\$10⁹⁹ lb**

Pint, with Butternut Squash
Farro Salad **\$10⁹⁹**

Pint
Orzo Salad **\$10⁹⁹**

Various Styles
Take & Bake Pizza **\$8⁹⁹ - \$10⁹⁹ ea**

Homemade
Savory Pies to Go! **Small \$13⁹⁹ ea Large \$19⁹⁹ ea**

Chicken Pot Pie **\$13⁹⁹ ea \$19⁹⁹ ea**

Shepherd's Pie **\$12⁹⁹ ea \$19⁹⁹ ea**

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Certified Black Angus
Friends'
Premium
Angus Spoon
Roast
\$10⁹⁹
lb



5.25 - 10 oz Select Varieties
Near East
Side Dishes
98¢



16 oz Select Varieties
Food Club
Butter Quarters
\$2⁹⁹



32 oz Select Varieties
Brigham's
Ice Cream
\$4⁴⁹



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**

48 oz Select Varieties
Frozen Yogurt or
Hood
Ice Cream
\$2⁷⁸



QUALITY PRODUCE



Fresh Pomegranates **2/\$5**

Fresh Broccoli Crowns **\$1⁹⁹**
lb

Fresh Green Grapes **\$2⁹⁹**
lb

3 lb Bag Granny Smith Apples **\$5⁴⁹**

Loose Sweet Potatoes **99¢**
lb

Fresh Green Bell Peppers **\$1⁹⁹**
lb



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