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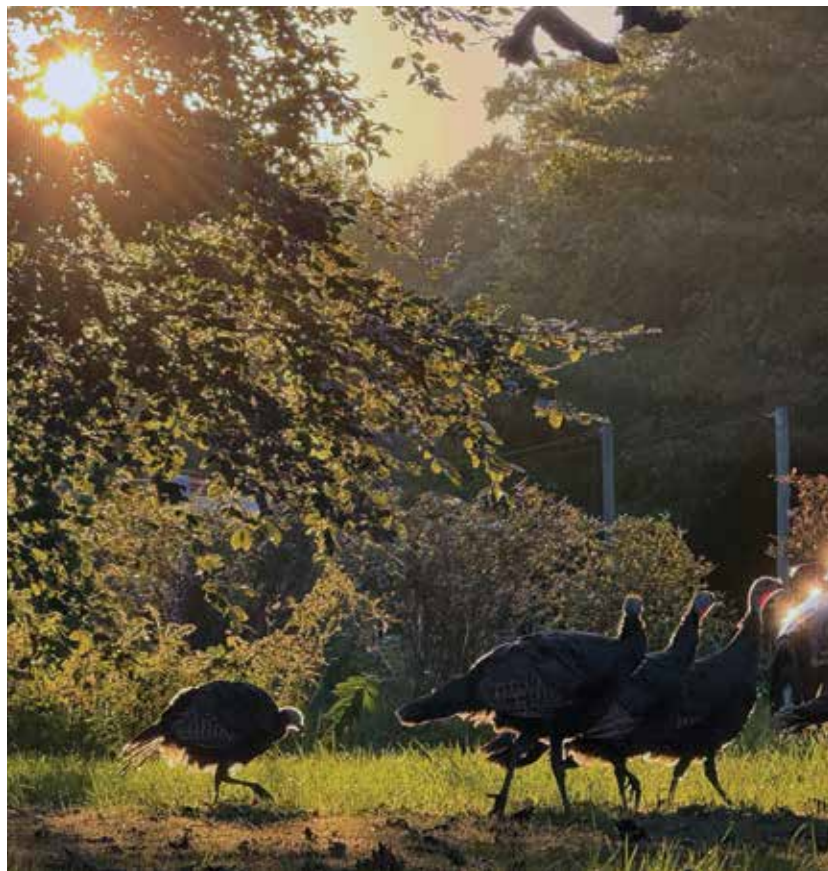
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Liz Garvey and Ian McHugh of Mattapoisett down in Big Sur, California. Courtesy photo.



Golden hour at Ned's Point. Photo by Amy Laurendeau



Turkeys by the Mattapoisett River. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Two eagles near Molly's Cove in Mattapoisett, taken by David Cattley on Sunday, October 11, while boating in Mattapoisett Harbor.

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Fire Prevention Open Houses a Blazing Success

By Laura Pedulli

Marion and Mattapoisett held their popular annual Fire Department open houses during Fire Prevention Week, offering families a chance to learn about fire safety and meet local first responders.

The Mattapoisett Fire Department welcomed “several hundred people” to their open house on Thursday, October 8, according to Fire Chief Andrew Murray. The event, held at the Fire Station at 62 County Road, featured a meet-and-greet with firefighters, a Jaws of Life demonstration, an opportunity to explore fire department vehicles and equipment, see Sparky the Fire Dog, and enjoy food and fun activities.

“I want to personally thank all of our staff who put in the time and effort to make the night a success,” Murray said in a statement. “A special thank you goes to our volunteers from the Auxiliary for making sure everyone had food and beverages. Events like this take a lot of work, and I appreciate everyone who helped make it happen.”

Marion Fire Department’s open house event on Friday, October 9, at its 50 Spring Street station also drew a large crowd. The Fire Department operates two fire stations and employs a combination of career and on-call firefighters, plus part-time EMTs and Paramedics who staff the duty ambulance. In 2025, the department responded to 1,691 calls for service, according to the Town of Marion website.

“We take every opportunity to connect with the community with our Fire Prevention and Community EMS programs. We schedule visits at the elementary school and daycare centers and are scheduled to complete over 500 home visits this year to ensure the safety of our residents,” said Fire Chief Brian Jackvony in a social media post following the event.

“The members of Marion Fire/EMS deserve credit for their work in these areas throughout the year, and for making [the event] successful,” Jackvony stated.

On the Cover: Children explore the controls of the Mattapoisett Fire Department’s Engine 4 during the department’s annual open house on Thursday, October 8. Several hundred community members attended. Photo courtesy of Fire Chief Andrew Murray

“I am proud of all their hard work and I am grateful for the support we receive from Marion residents.”

MAC’s *Tiny Beautiful Things* Opens October 16

By Laura Pedulli

A universal truth is that we all need a little more empathy and compassion — and humor — in our lives.

The Marion Art Center’s production of *Tiny Beautiful Things* explores what makes us human and

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highlights the power of listening and really seeing one another. Based on Cheryl Strayed's bestselling book and adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos, the play dramatizes an unusual phase of Strayed's career before she found fame for her 2012 bestselling memoir *Wild*.

At the time, Strayed admired an anonymous online advice column called "Dear Sugar." She wrote a fan letter to the columnist, who replied, revealing his identity as a fellow writer she had once met. He invited her to take over the column. Despite knowing she'd get no writing credit and no pay, she said "yes."

From 2010 to 2012, Strayed used empathy and her personal experiences to help

people overcome obstacles, both large and small. The questions and answers published online form the backbone of *Tiny Beautiful Things*.

"I really loved the structure of it and the fact that the letters revealed in *Tiny Beautiful Things* are all true letters that went to and were answered by Cheryl Strayed," said director Jennifer Palmer.

"Cheryl [Sugar in the play] was so forthright with her answers and pulled from her own life experiences to respond," Palmer said. "I think that's so brave and generous ... there is so much trust back and forth in the



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letters."

The honesty of the letters is especially relevant today, Palmer said. "We certainly are experiencing a time period where we are expected to believe what we are told even though most of it is lies and misrepresentation."

"In *Tiny Beautiful Things*, there's none of that ... it 'pulls off the band-aid,' so to speak, and all parties are very honest and true. It's refreshing in that way ... and, while there are some difficult subject matters, there is also humor and awkwardness in them. It is very healing!" said Palmer.

Actor Macy Kinney plays Letter Writer #1, representing several people who write to Sugar for advice.

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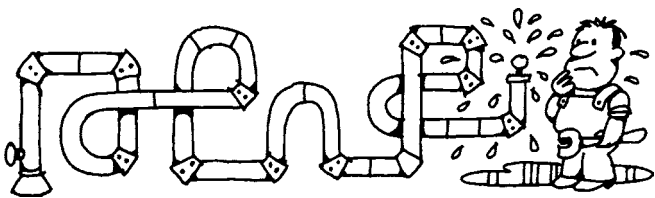
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"As an actor, this has required finding the motivation for numerous different voices, some of whom only say a couple of sentences but need to be distinct from each other," Kinney said.

Kinney said she hopes audiences leave the show thinking about the emotions and nuances of the human experience. "This show really runs the gamut of experiences, and as we're reminded in the show, all of the letters and advice given are real. The things in this play aren't made up, and I think they inspire an emotional reaction."

Actor Amy-Susie Bradford plays Letter Writer #2 and also gets to represent a wide variety of people seeking advice from Sugar.

"[This] has given me a unique chance to explore the nuances of so many different voices. The show is deeply heartfelt and focused on real human connection," Bradford said. "It really forces you to look at yourself, and I hope audiences walk away with that same thing: a little more compassion for their own lives and the comfort of knowing we're all in this together."

As stage manager, Sarah Jick helps coordinate all the moving parts, including the multiple characters, that bring the story to life.

"The cast and crew have been delightful; everyone is so nice and lovely to work with. It's been amazing to see the show grow and get better and better with each rehearsal," Jick said.

Palmer hopes audiences take away a message of self-forgiveness, support and hope.

"That we all do the best we can in a world that can be very difficult and non-forgiving at times ... that it's OK to feel the joy ... and OK to be supportive and get support from outside your own sphere," Palmer said. "That it's OK to forgive yourself and move forward toward that joy!"

Palmer also praised the cast and crew's dedication to the production.

"The actors have dedicated a chunk of their lives to learn these lines, of which there are many, with so much determination and love. They 'own' them, in a way, now! It's incredible to hear and see," she said.

Palmer also said of Jick: "This is Sarah's first time working with us and the MAC, although she has tons of prior experience. So glad that she volunteered." Steve McManus is technical director, with Hannah Bessey serving as technical assistant. Other actors featured include Margo Ruggiero, Stephanie Lawrence and Frank Mitchell Scanzillo.

Tiny Beautiful Things opens on **Friday, October 16, at 7:30 pm** at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, 80 Pleasant St., Marion.

Subsequent performances are October 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25, with Friday and Saturday curtains at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$23 for members and \$28 for nonmembers; for details, visit marionartcenter.org/events.

Murder Mystery Takes Shape at Mattapoisett Library

By Jeanne Hopkins

There was talk of poison, revenge, a Japanese sword and a particularly unpleasant librarian at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Wednesday evening, October 7. Fortunately, it was all fiction.

Three mystery writers from Sisters in Crime New England — one of the largest chapters of Sisters in Crime International — invited library visitors to help create a murder mystery from scratch, using audience suggestions for characters, weapons, motives and settings. (Sisters in Crime was founded in 1986 to promote the ongoing advancement, recognition and professional development of women crime writers.)

Authors Edith Maxwell, Sharon Healy-Yang and Kit Irwin led the interactive program, drawing suggestions from four bags and brainstorming their way through a story that nobody, including the authors, knew how to finish.

Among the dozen or so attendees was Sandy Churchill of West Bridgewater, who made the roughly 40-minute trip to Mattapoisett. A longtime fan of Maxwell, who also writes as Maddie Day, Churchill said she had read all the author's books.

The setting for the developing mystery became Fairhaven in the early 1900s, during a surprise snowstorm. The proposed victim was Jason Stebbins, an

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unpopular librarian who seemed to know everyone's secrets. Among the suggested weapons were a katana sword, a poisoned apple and a Perrier bottle.

An inn emerged as a possible setting, with guests stranded by the storm and plenty of reasons for someone to want Jason dead. There were suggestions of jealousy, revenge, inheritance disputes and even a stolen family recipe.

The exercise demonstrated how mystery writers develop their stories, although the three authors don't necessarily approach the process the same way.

Maxwell explained that she often begins with a victim, a setting and several possible suspects, allowing the story to unfold as she writes. Sometimes she doesn't

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know who the murderer is until well into the book.

Healy-Yang, dressed in a suit and hat reminiscent of the 1940s, looked as though she had stepped out of one of the classic films that inspire her mysteries. She prefers to envision scenes before writing and generally knows who committed the crime before she begins.

Irwin described an approach somewhere between the two, sometimes planning ahead but allowing the story to change as she writes.

All three discussed the importance of leaving clues for readers without making the solution too obvious. The authors talked about misleading suspects, believable motives and giving readers enough information to solve the crime themselves.

The conversation also turned to what makes readers return to a mystery series. Maxwell, whose books include the Country Store Mysteries and Cozy Capers Book Group Mysteries, said the appeal extends beyond the crime itself.

"So cozies are really about community," she said, describing the familiar places, relationships and recurring characters that keep readers invested in a series.

Audience members asked questions about character development, plotting, audiobooks and whether fictional characters are based on real people. The authors shared stories about characters who seemed to develop minds of their own and plots that changed direction during the writing process.

By the end of the evening, the group had assembled the makings of a historical mystery, complete with suspects, motives and potential murder weapons.

The killer, however, remained at large.

The October Garden: It's Not Over Yet

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Like inconstant lovers, the garden and gardener go into chill mode as autumn advances. It's never easy, and while the ground is still warm, the transition can be downright painful.

Listening to Roy Orbison's immortal lines, "Golden days before they end / Whisper secrets to the

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wind," from his song "It's Over," captures the mood I'm feeling at this time of year. Is the final curtain really about to drop? Songs that lament the end of a relationship can speak to all kinds of loss, and the garden is no exception. That doesn't mean you have to throw in the trowel just yet, but the growing season is shifting from major to minor, to borrow a phrase from Cole Porter. And we all know what comes next.

I'm of the mindset that it's NOT over yet. There are still lovely days to be had — and plenty to do. This past week, I spent a couple of glorious afternoons in the front garden, snipping back and tidying while studying how the landscape has matured over time.

It's only October, and I'm already thinking about next July. I'm picturing how I might tweak this border or rework that planting in my never-ending quest to improve our garden plot. Gardening is a continual process of problem-solving, and I've been satisfied with many of the modifications I've made over the years. But growth brings change, and sometimes that means removing or relocating plants, rethinking a planting scheme, or reconsidering the end goal itself.

I always start by looking at the cornerstones of a space. In an area I've dubbed the "Shower Garden," thanks to its proximity to our outdoor shower, I've planted hydrangeas and ornamental grasses — including the straight-as-a-soldier Karl Foerster feather reed grass and taller zebra grass — along with a panoply of shrubs, from butterfly bush and Rose of Sharon to Lespedeza, also known as bush clover. A goldenrod that planted itself has added an unexpected splash of color, creating a pretty scene. Assorted roses and seasonal perennials round out the mix, with thyme growing between the slate stones of the path.

This is a true summer garden, and it's undergone

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plenty of changes over the years. I installed short grasses along the slate pavers, only to take them out as they really didn't work well. As the garden grew and I expanded the beds, the space became nearly impenetrable. Several years ago, I carved a path down the middle, making it easier to navigate while adding an appealing visual element.

I'd call this garden a late bloomer in the sense that it's taken a long time to evolve. My husband planted an apple tree at one end and an apricot tree at the other, and both have grown enough to cast dappled shade. Now I have a decision to make: prune the trees, where appropriate, to preserve more sunlight — the likely choice — or embrace the changing conditions and redesign the garden with plants better suited to the shade.

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And so the planning begins. Even as the garden prepares to settle in for winter, I'm already thinking about what comes next.

One key to gardening is not to lose the plot. Take time to actually experience your garden, admiring it and engaging all your senses. That is the point, after all. It's about the gardener's willingness to keep observing, rethinking and imagining — even when the season seems to be telling us to stop.

The October To-Do List

- Plant spring bulbs and garlic; divide rhubarb.
- Divide or move perennials while the ground is still warm.
- Collect seeds from purple coneflowers, zinnias, marigolds, hollyhocks and other favorites. Label and store them in dry, airtight containers.
- Rake leaves and shred prunings to add to the compost pile.
- Scratch bone meal into peony and iris beds, as appropriate.
- Give the lawn one last cut, leaving the grass about 1½ inches high.
- Water evergreens if conditions are dry.
- Harvest pumpkins and winter squash once their skins have hardened. Cure them in a warm, dry place, then store in cool, dry conditions.
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A Necessary, Though Late, Retreat

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, General George Washington continued to press the Continental Congress for more innovative recruitment techniques, as the number of men dwindled in this crucial hour, especially as the end of the year approached, and reenlistment for most may seem like a deathtrap. The British all but abandoned their posts in the south and shifted resources north, seemingly fully committing to the campaign in New York and the Hudson Valley.

By this point in the conflict, the Continental Army is wholly a volunteer-based militia, not a standing army as Washington desires. On October 11, 1776, Washington writes to Colonel Edward Hand in Pennsylvania with strict instructions for future enlistment. One stipulation is "to enlist men to serve during the continuance of the present war between Great Britain and the States of America." Typically, men are enlisted by the year, though Washington continues to push to eliminate the flow of



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men in and out of the armed forces at the end of the year. Washington also suggests the same payment he recommended to Congress the prior week: \$20 pay and 100 acres of land.

That same day, the Battle of Valcour Island takes place on the west side of Lake Champlain. Following their defeat in Quebec, the Continental Army retreats to Ticonderoga and surrounding forts. The British regroup and begin to move south in an effort to link up with the push north from New York and sever the American connection to New England across the Hudson. On October 11, a handful of smaller American ships under the command of General Benedict Arnold ambush the British Navy while concealed in Valcour Bay.

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Around 9,000 British men are beginning to make their move from Fort Saint-Jean near Montreal, and Arnold seeks a way to halt the ensuing onslaught. Arnold has the ships *Congress* and *Royal Savage* draw the British into a trap, though the Continental Navy is heavily outnumbered and outgunned. Right after the battle begins, the *Royal Savage* runs aground, and many other American ships are damaged or sink. Eighty Americans are killed, and another 120 are captured, with 40 British killed. Arnold, aboard the *Congress*, flees in the night with what other smaller ships could make the trek. A few miles to the south, Arnold scuttles and burns his ship at Buttonmold Bay and moves over land toward Ticonderoga, stopping at Crown Point. Four other ships that have escaped the British dock to resupply and repair at Ticonderoga. Another defeat for Benedict Arnold, though most escape to fight again.

On October 12, British General William Howe embarks a large portion of his army and sails north up the East River. General Henry Clinton and around 4,000 men land at Throgs Neck. This now places a large portion of the British army behind the Americans, able to strike north and potentially cut off Washington's army on Manhattan. This is, in fact, a minor miscalculation by the British, who find themselves not on the mainland as they had thought, but instead, bogged down in a marsh. The small number of dozens of American defenders are quickly reinforced, and Howe decides to pull back and establish a camp near the water's edge.

On October 14, General Benedict Arnold and Colonel Thomas Hartley abandon Crown Point, coalescing all men and hopes of defending the north to Fort Ticonderoga, razing and evacuating Fort Crown Point. Today, the ruins of the fort at Crown Point can still be explored near the modern Lake Champlain Bridge between New York and Vermont. Highly recommend!

On October 16, Washington, who has received reports of the British landing at Throgs Neck and calls to pull the army back, summons his officers to the Council of War to discuss options. They agree their current post should be defended, but the majority of the army should retreat north.



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On October 17, around 2,000 men stay to defend Fort Washington with the remainder moving to White Plains.

Water Street Road-Opening Work Approved

Marion Select Board

By Jeffrey Wagner

The Select Board met on October 6 at the Marion Police Conference Center to address routine water and sewer commission matters.

The board agreed to lift a moratorium on road-opening work on Water Street to help a homeowner seeking to increase the gas line size for a new home there.

Kenneth Michaels Jr. met with the Select Board and Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Jody Dickerson. Michaels said the new homeowners of 49 Water Street are looking to widen a portion of the line and connect it to a three-inch line, twice the size of the older line.

Michaels said the homeowners have requested a backup generator and the home, in general, will require more energy usage.

Select Board member Randy Parker met with Dickerson and Michaels before the October 6 meeting. He said that despite the moratorium on opening the road, this work will not be intrusive and will be similar to a road opening on Spring Street, which did not require road opening on the travel portion of the road.

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Parker made a motion to approve it with conditions — the line, if necessary, should go 24 feet deep rather than the outdated 18-inch depth of the current line. Another stipulation requires Michaels to offer a one-year warranty on the work if something goes wrong after completion.

In other business, the board recovered money from several water meters that have been updated.

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman said that with new meters replacing outdated ones, some residents have been receiving higher but more accurate bills.

Gorman says he has discussed and reviewed the changes with some residents, and some have been put on payment plans.

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At the meeting, the board appointed former Select Board member Norm Hills as Music Hall Advisor and DPW director Dickerson as the alternative tree warden.

The board also met with Finance Director Heather O'Brien, who gave a report, including that the new audit is available for the public.

She also announced good news: the Board of Assessors clerk, Cindy Visotski, was named Clerk of the Year. The board nominated her and recently received the news.

O'Brien said strong public relations skills are one of the criteria for receiving this award.

Study Recommends New Town Hall

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Jeanne Hopkins

A new municipal building may be the most practical long-term solution for Mattapoisett's aging Town Hall, according to a space needs study presented to the Select Board on October 13. But where that building might go, how much it would cost, and whether existing town properties could provide an alternative remain open questions.

Representatives from Catalyst Architecture / Interiors presented findings from a study intended to guide the town's municipal space planning over the next 25 years. The consultants examined Town Hall and municipal departments housed at Center School, interviewed department heads and evaluated opportunities to consolidate services.

The study identified a need for approximately 18,500 square feet to accommodate municipal offices, the Council on Aging, Recreation Department and public health nursing services, compared with approximately 14,500 square feet currently occupied by those functions.



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Renovating the existing Town Hall was deemed impractical and financially infeasible, largely because of its location in a coastal flood zone. Significant renovations could trigger requirements to elevate the building and bring it into compliance with current building and accessibility codes.

A separate structural assessment identified damaged supporting members and problems in the building's crawl space. Capital Planning Committee representatives said some repairs may be necessary to keep Town Hall in service while longer-term decisions are considered.

The consultants also examined constructing a new municipal building while converting the historic Town

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Hall to another public use. That option presented similar challenges because changing the building's use could trigger expensive code upgrades. A third alternative, distributing municipal departments among multiple buildings, was considered feasible but less effective because it would leave services separated.

The study recommends pursuing a purpose-built municipal facility outside the flood zone, with improved accessibility, parking, meeting space, storage and room for future needs.

During the discussion, officials estimated that a new municipal building could cost approximately \$15 million to \$24 million, depending on construction costs and the final design. No site has been selected, and no

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— Ecosystem Solutions, Peer Reviewer for the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

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construction project has been approved.

The conversation also turned to whether existing school facilities could eventually help address municipal space needs. One possibility raised was studying whether school operations could be consolidated and Center School repurposed for municipal use.

Officials made clear that this was an exploratory discussion, not a decision to close a school. Any such proposal would require additional study, consultation with the School Committee and careful consideration of educational needs, building conditions, operating costs and potential state funding.

Members noted that school construction or renovation projects may qualify for reimbursement

through the Massachusetts School Building Authority, while a new municipal building would not have the same funding opportunity.

The board discussed beginning conversations with the School Committee to better understand the long-term needs of the town's school buildings and determine whether further study would be worthwhile.

Board members also emphasized the importance of comparing the costs of purchasing land and constructing a new building with the costs of renovating or adapting existing public facilities.

No final decision was made. The Capital Planning Committee will continue examining alternatives as the town considers its next steps.

In other business, the board approved a consolidated local permitting process for certain clean-energy infrastructure projects, following a presentation by Robin Stein, an attorney with KP Law, the town's legal counsel.

The process, required under Massachusetts law, establishes a 12-month deadline for municipalities to issue decisions on qualifying projects. Applicants may choose the consolidated process rather than seeking separate approvals from multiple local boards.

Stein explained that the requirements are intended to coordinate reviews involving departments and boards such as Planning, Conservation, Zoning and Health. The board discussed how the new procedures

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would be communicated to the affected departments and commissions.

Building Commissioner Ken Murphy was designated as the town's local government representative responsible for coordinating the permitting process. Town officials said additional procedures and guidance will be developed as the state implements the new requirements.

During public comment, a resident asked about the long-delayed solar project proposed for the town landfill. Officials explained that the approximately six-megawatt project had been delayed by electrical grid interconnection requirements but is expected to return for local permitting. No construction date was announced.

Following a public hearing, the board voted its intent to lay out Cooper Way as a public road, advancing the proposed acceptance to Town Meeting. Representatives of the property owner said the roadway had met the necessary requirements and received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board.

The board also voted to open recreational scallop fishing in the inner harbor and commercial scallop fishing in the inner harbor and Brandt Island Cove, effective November 1.

Erika Corriea was appointed Treasurer/Collector. She brings previous municipal experience in Dennis, Lakeville and Middleborough.

The board closed the warrant for the November 9 Special Town Meeting and approved \$798.75 for Council on

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Aging signage identified in the town's Americans with Disabilities Act transition plan. Officials reported progress in addressing accessibility concerns at the Council on Aging, including improvements to its newsletter.

Several Highway Department vehicles and pieces of equipment were declared surplus and will be offered through a public auction process.

Town Planner

Victoria Alfaro has submitted her resignation, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco announced. Mattapoisett currently shares the planning position with Acushnet, with the towns dividing costs equally. Lorenco said the position will be advertised and that he intends to discuss the shared staffing arrangement with Acushnet as

the hiring process moves forward. Mattapoisett currently shares the planning position with Acushnet, with the towns dividing costs equally. Officials said they intend to advertise the vacancy and discuss continuing the arrangement with Acushnet as the hiring process moves forward.

Discussion of a proposed reporting policy for boards and committees appointed by the Select Board was postponed allowing members more time to review the draft.

Town officials also addressed concerns about simultaneous roadwork and detours affecting Oakland Street and Water Street. They explained that unexpected deterioration of a sewer main required work that had not originally been scheduled for this period. The Water Street culvert project is proceeding under a grant-funded timeline, and officials said the repairs could not reasonably be delayed.

Residents were reminded that Community Preservation Committee grant applications are due November 6. Early voting for the November 3 state election begins October 17, with additional hours and information available on the town website.

Home Addition Gets Green Light

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

It was a split decision night for the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals on October 8. The board approved a variance allowing a 12x12-foot addition to the home at 113 Walnut Plain Road but tabled a vote on a variance for a 16x26-foot shed/garage in the front yard of 174 New Bedford Road for a future meeting.

The applicant for the New Bedford Road plan, Michael Ryan, explained he needs a shed or garage in his front yard to store one of his vehicles because he has no other place for it on his property.

Board member Davis Sullivan was the first to voice the board's concern that the property's plot plan is not stamped and thereby does not show formal approval by a professional engineer.

"I don't have a problem with your plan," he said.



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"But we need to have a stamped and approved plot plan in front of us."

Ryan said he has reached out to his original engineer to correct the oversight. That engineer has retired but referred him to another professional who is sifting through the original engineer's records to solve the problem. He said he wanted to know how the board would decide before spending money on stamped plans.

Board members echoed Sullivan's response, saying they had no problem with the variance application itself but needed a stamped plot plan to refer to when making their decision. Ultimately, the board continued the New Bedford Road hearing until November 12.

Next, Amy and Brian Berube told the board they need a variance from the side setback requirements to build an addition at their 113 Walnut Plain Road residence because both work out of their home. Amy Berube's office for her social work is in the breezeway and is constantly subjected to interruptions from the entrance. He said it would be a place with no interruptions. He also said his work at home requires a separate space.



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The board ultimately approved this variance with conditions that the structure be no closer than 32 feet from the side setback and that its architectural features match the rest of the residence.

In other action, board administrator Andreia Lacerda reported the board has received no new petitions as of this date. There will be no meeting on October 22.

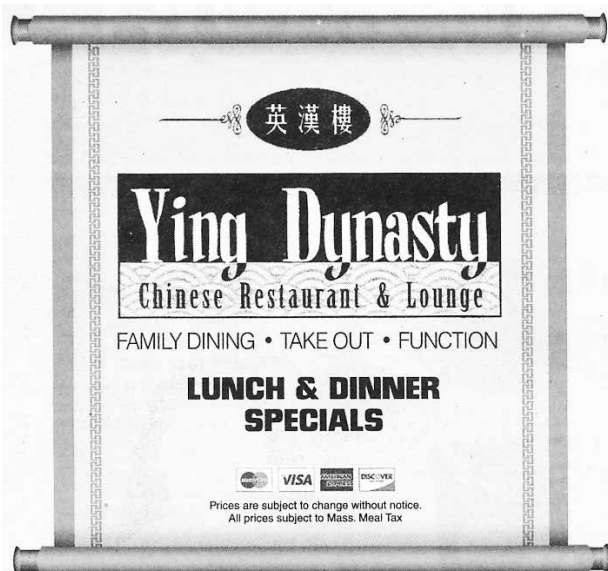
The board did not set a new meeting date before adjourning.

Case of the Mystery Brush Cutter

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jeffrey Wagner

The Conservation Commission met on October



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7 in the Marion Police Station conference room and discussed how to address an unknown brush cutter working within the wetlands buffer zone around Seaside Lane and Holly Lane.

Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee received a complaint last month about someone encroaching on their private property with a brush cutter and working within a wetlands buffer zone.

After a meeting last month, Conservation Commissioners decided to conduct a site visit at 9 Seaside Lane and talked to one property owner. However, the commissioners and Guey-Lee received conflicting information.

Commissioners unanimously voted to send a



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letter to two property owners — one whose property was cut without permission and the property where they believe the landscaping work originated.

Commissioners were told an outside landscaper was doing the work, but Guey-Lee, who also conducted a visit, was not told a private contractor was involved. To complicate the issue, one property is owned by a private trust.

"One of the challenges with this is we don't have firsthand knowledge of who did it," Walsh said.

Commissioners directed Guey-Lee to write a letter instructing property owners that there is debris that should be cleaned up and the area in question is within a buffer zone. Any landscaping or brush clearing needs clearance from the Conservation Commission, according to the board.

Commissioners said they do not believe any restorative plantings should be conducted within the wetlands resource area.

"It's [brush] cutting that Mother Nature will likely restore itself," Commission Chairman Shaun Walsh said.

Also at the meeting, the Conservation Commission determined that there is no need for a request for applicability for a project on town property used for walking trails. The application proposed replacing an existing 25-foot-long by 39-inch-wide wooden bridge that stretches over a bog at Hales Brook.



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The Conservation Commission approved the project but will send a letter to John Rockwell and other Open Space Acquisition members asking them to remove and properly dispose of the old bridge.

Rockwell is the listed applicant of the project.

Walsh and fellow commissioners said the old pedestrian bridge at that site poses a safety threat, and they encourage replacing similar trail bridges on town-owned property.

Board Signals Support for High Street Solar Project

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The plan for the massive High Street Solar project, 0 High St., Rochester, has now been endorsed by both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.

The Rochester Planning Board signaled its approval of the Site Plan and Special Permit for High Street Solar, Site B, the northerly portion of the project, close to Mayflower Lane, by agreeing Tuesday to write a draft decision to be voted on at its next meeting.

In mid-September, the Conservation Commission approved a Positive Order of Conditions for the Notice of Intent application for the Site B work near wetlands. In July, the commission endorsed the plan for Site A, which is in the southerly portion of the property close to High Street itself. Meanwhile, the Planning Board considered High Street Solar Site A in August. The entire array will cover 23 acres of a 68-acre property.

Tuesday, before signaling its endorsement, the planning panel approved the waivers the developer requested and the performance bonds. The board will waive the requirements for traffic study data and reporting on tree sizes to be cut and landscaping plans.

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The demolition bond the High Street Solar must post was set at \$910,000. The five-year water maintenance bond was set at \$700 and a third bond performance bond was set at \$36,000.

Next, the board was not as willing to approve the request to modify the definitive subdivision plan for the previously approved "Snipatuit Pond Estates" at Gerrish Road and Bishop Road, with a land swap of two open space parcels to create a 3.5-acre buildable lot.

Project applicant Robert Pellegrini began the discussion by noting he has been unable to find a conservation group to take the parcel being swapped out from open space to take it under a Conservation Restriction. He proposed setting the parcel under a Deed

Restriction instead.

Board member Ben Bailey led the opposition to this plan, saying it is a cranberry bog and therefore not buildable. This would not be an equitable swap, and the board would be wrong to approve the plan without soil-sample proof that a house can be built there.

Board chairman Arnold Johnson said he was not as certain as Bailey but agreed the board needs more proof the lot is buildable. He proposed contacting town counsel for an opinion and asking what is deemed reasonable for such a swap. The board approved continuing the hearing to its next meeting.

Lastly, the board signaled endorsement of the special permit to divide an existing parcel into two separate housing lots at 72 Marion Road by agreeing to draft an approval decision. At its September meeting, the board learned the land might be in a groundwater protection district. Town Planner Michaela Shoemaker reported Tuesday that, according to her own research, the property is not in a groundwater district, freeing the board to approve it as is.

In other action, the board continued to October 27 its site plan review hearing for Walnut Plain Road Solar, 0 Walnut Plain Road, upon the applicant's request.

The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 pm at the Town Office Building, 1 Constitution Way.

Senior Molly Franco Records 500th Career Kill

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Girls Volleyball: The Bulldogs hosted Somerset Berkley (9-5) on October 7 and won 3-0 by set scores of 25-20, 25-17, and 25-21. Senior **Molly Franco** recorded her 500th career kill, notching 14 kills in the game. Junior **Erin Root** contributed with 13 kills, as freshman **Ady Chua** had 28 assists. Old Rochester improves to 11-2 on the season and 10-0 in the SCC going into Wednesday's game against Apponequet (1-12) and will also play Hopkinton (7-4) on October 16.

Football: The ORR High School football team hosted Dighton-Rehoboth (1-4) on October 9 and won



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20-14. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 7-0 lead on a 40-yard touchdown run by junior **Benji Baptiste**, as Baptiste made it 13-0 with five minutes remaining in the 1st on a 15-yard touchdown run. Right before the half, Baptiste scored again to make it 20-0. Dighton-Rehoboth fought back and scored a 53-yard touchdown pass as time expired, making it 20-7 at halftime. Old Rochester hung on to win, as Dighton-Rehoboth rallied for a late comeback. Senior **Hunter Horsey** had several tackles for loss and sacks. He contributed with two big catches on offense for a combined 53 yards. Benji Baptiste had 173 rushing yards on 23 attempts and 3 touchdowns. The Bulldogs are 4-1 and will face off against Bishop Fenwick (3-2) at home on October 16.

Boys Soccer: Old Rochester played Bourne (2-8-1) on October 8, and won 6-3. **Grady Oliveira** scored 4 goals and had 1 assist. **Jack Thompson** had 1 goal and 2 assists. They're now 5-4-1 heading into Wednesday's game at Apponequet (5-4-1), and will play at Catholic Memorial (5-1-2) on October 17.

Field Hockey: The Bulldogs faced Seekonk (4-7-2) on October 8, and won 1-0. Senior **Morgan LeBlanc** scored the only goal of the game to secure the win for Old Rochester. They're 7-2-1 going into Tuesday's game at Wareham (2-8-1), before playing Fairhaven on October 15.

Learning About Our Local Mushrooms By Eileen Marum

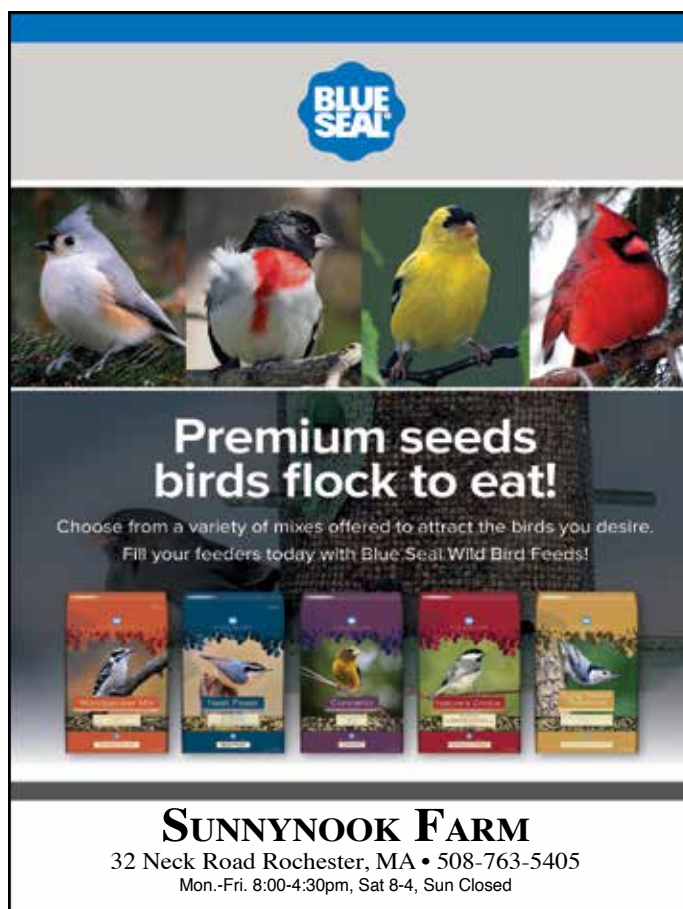
In early October, I joined a mushroom group for a walk through Shoolman Preserve in Rochester, and for a few hours, the forest seemed to invite us into a secret world. The air was cool and crisp, the trail smelled of damp earth and pine, and birds chattered from the trees as we walked through the woods.

Our guide, Adam Korejeve, was joined by mycologist Karen Hidalgo of Northampton. Before we set out, they gave us a glimpse into the fascinating lives of fungi. I had always thought of mushrooms as something interesting that appeared on the forest floor, but I learned mushrooms are much more important than that. Fungi are among nature's great recyclers.

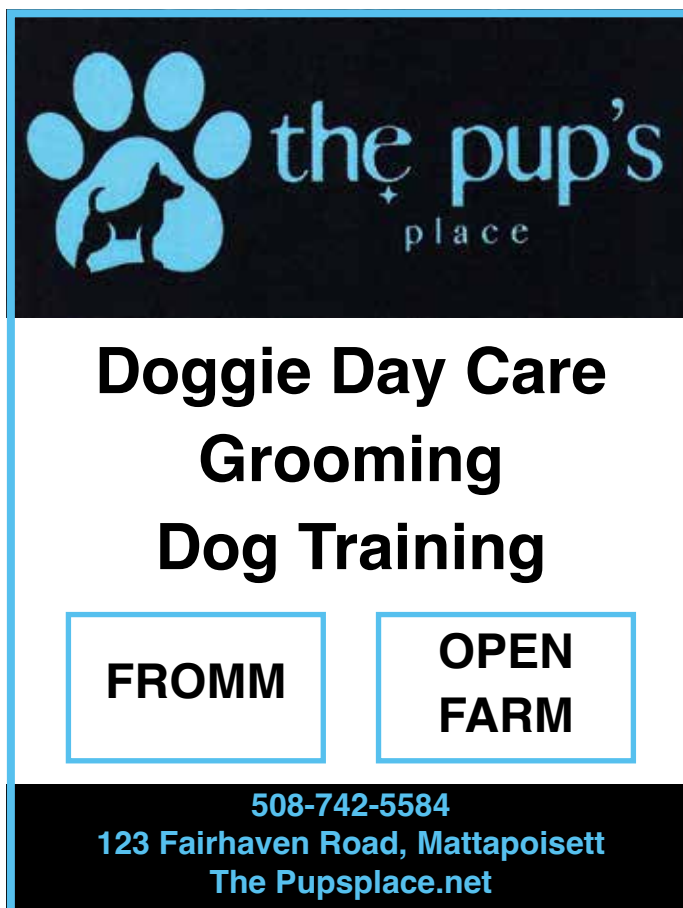
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different relationships with the living world. Saprophytic fungi feed on dead plants and trees, break them down, and return their nutrients to the soil. Parasitic fungi feed on living tissue and can cause disease. Other relationships are less harmful, and some are mutually beneficial. Lichens, for example, are partnerships between a fungus and an alga: the alga provides food, while the fungus provides structure and protection.



As we walked deeper into the preserve, these ideas became easier to understand. We began noticing mushrooms everywhere—some tucked into the ground, others attached to fallen wood or clinging to tree bark. One especially charming mushroom called a chicken of the woods (*Laetiporus*) sported bright orange and yellow coloration, with shelf-like fungal growths that looked like a tiny chicken nestled against a tree. Each discovery made us stop, look closely and wonder what was happening beneath the surface.

Fungi's quiet work is essential to the forest. By breaking down dead wood and other plant material, they help create and enrich soil. That soil supports trees, flowers, and grasses, which in turn provide food and shelter for insects, birds, and other animals. Eventually, that same chain reaches us. Healthy soil and pollinators are fundamental to agriculture and to the food we depend upon. The preserve itself seemed alive with reminders of that connection.

I left the preserve thinking differently about the forest. What had seemed like a simple walk had become a lesson in how closely everything is connected. Beneath our feet, fungi were quietly doing their essential work: recycling, nourishing and helping the forest begin again.

For a listing of all the museum's upcoming

programs, please visit the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org

ORRSD Awarded Over \$277K Through Grants

The Old Rochester Regional School Committee (ORRSD) accepted five grants at its September 30 meeting.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Sharlene Fedorowicz, Early Education Coordinator Doreen Lopes and Old Rochester Regional High School Assistant Principal Lauren Millette led the grant application work.

Preparing the applications required staff to review funding requirements, identify student and program needs, develop proposals and prepare budgets showing how the funds would be used. For the competitive grants, those applications also had to demonstrate why the school system's proposals merited funding.

"I am especially proud of the work our administrators and teachers put into pursuing these opportunities," said Fedorowicz. "Grant writing requires significant time, collaboration and attention to detail, particularly when competing for limited awards. Our team works together to identify opportunities, develop strong proposals, and create thoughtful plans for how the grants will benefit our students."

The awards include:

The Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant — \$75,468: A Department of Early Education and Care continuation grant supporting coordinated services for young children and their families, including family engagement, early learning activities and connections to community resources. The funding will support the school district's ongoing family and community engagement efforts.

The Civics Teaching and Learning Grant — \$30,000: A competitive grant through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), funded by the state's Civics Project Trust Fund, to support civics instruction, educator development and student civics projects. The school district will use the funding to support civics education and student participation in civic projects and activities.



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The Partnership for Reading Success (Massachusetts Cohort II) Grant — \$117,000: A competitive DESE grant supporting the selection and implementation of high-quality PreK-3 English language arts and literacy instructional materials, along with educator coaching and professional learning. The school district will use the funding to strengthen early literacy instruction and expand access to high-quality literacy materials.

The Career Technical Education Frameworks and Competency Based Implementation Grant — \$5,000: A competitive DESE grant supporting state-designated career technical education programs as they align curriculum, instruction and assessment with Massachusetts CTE frameworks and competency-based practices.

"These awards reflect the expertise, initiative and hard work of our administrators and teachers," said Dr. Fedorowicz. "Most importantly, they will create expanded opportunities and stronger programs for our students."



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11:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
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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
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6:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
7:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
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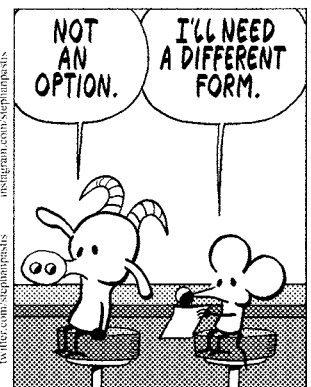
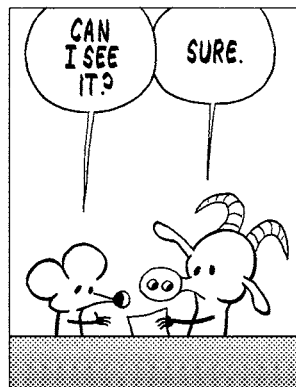
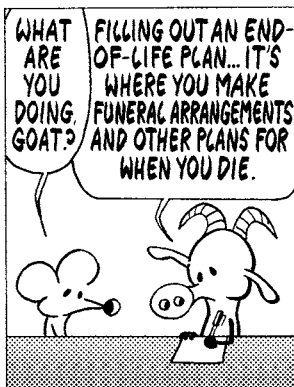
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8:30 AM Old Colony Graduation
9:30 AM Old Colony Signing Day
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11:00 AM ORR Varsity Football vs Bishop Stang
12:30 PM ORR Football vs Plymouth North
2:30 PM Girls Field Hockey vs Bishop Stang
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



We are proud of the collaborative work behind these grants and grateful to everyone who helped make these accomplishments possible."

"The Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant will allow us to continue building strong connections with young children, families and the community," Lopes said. "These partnerships are an important part of getting children ready to learn before they start school, helping us to provide resources and support that our families deserve."

"These grants will help Old Rochester Regional High School expand opportunities for students so that they can explore their interests and develop valuable skills that will help prepare them for their future careers," Millette said. "We want our students to graduate with the knowledge, skills and experiences they need to pursue their goals after high school."

"A great deal of work goes into these applications before we receive an award," said Superintendent Nelson. "Dr. Fedorowicz, Doreen and Lauren put time and care into explaining what our students need and how we would use the funding. Securing competitive grants takes a strong proposal, and I appreciate the work they did to bring these resources to our schools."

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OBITUARIES



James F. Moran, a cherished member of the Mattapoisett community, passed away peacefully on October 5, 2026, with his devoted son and daughter at his side. Born on April 15, 1936, in New Bedford, MA, James lived a life marked by dedication to his family, community and country.

James was the beloved son of the late James Moran and Natalie (Fontaine) Moran. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Annette R. (Paquin) Moran to whom he was married for 59 years, his son Stephen H. Moran and his brother Donald Moran. He leaves behind a legacy of love and strength shared by his son, retired Massachusetts Environmental Police LTC Patrick J. Moran and his wife Heather H. Moran of Buzzards Bay; his daughter Christine (Moran) Richards of Mattapoisett and her fiancé Eugene Jones of Acushnet; and his granddaughter Molly K. Richards of Mattapoisett.

In 1953 at age 17 James answered the call of duty and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and the occupation of Germany. He received an honorable discharge in 1956, having been awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon and the Occupation of Germany Ribbon. James eventually went on to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern University in Criminal Justice.

James' commitment to public service continued when he joined the Mattapoisett Police Department in 1963 as a reserve officer. He rose through the ranks and became Police Chief in 1981, a position he held until his retirement in 2001. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the construction of a new police station in 1989 and during his 20 years as Police Chief he served as President of the Plymouth County Police Chiefs. He was also a lifetime member of the MA Chiefs of Police Association and Southeastern MA Police Chiefs Association. James was also a plasterer by trade and was a proud member of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union of America.

His dedication to community extended beyond his professional career. James was an active member of the Mattapoisett Lions Club, the Machacam Club of Mattapoisett, and served faithfully as an usher at St. Anthony's Church for many years. His love for the sea was evident in his passion for boating, fishing and shell fishing in the waters of Mattapoisett- a beloved family tradition.

James was a devoted fan of the New England Patriots, holding season tickets for over 30 years and attend-

ing two Super Bowls. He had a special place in his heart for the family's many cats and dogs throughout the years. Above all, James was a mentor and friend, taking great joy in watching his younger police officers grow and rise through the ranks.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at All American Assisted Living in Wareham and the compassionate team at Sunset Hospice for their unwavering support and care during James' final days.

A Mass to celebrate James' life will be celebrated on Thursday October 15, 2026, at 10:00 am at St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Burial with military honors will follow in Cushing Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in James' memory to CARE Southcoast, Inc. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Mauk Hudig passed away peacefully in Fairfield, NJ on September 29 at the age of 87. Mauk was born to the late Maurits Hudig and Helma Heringa Hudig on January 23, 1939 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Mauk and his family made their primary home in Montclair, NJ and enjoyed many summers in Marion as renters before establishing a second home there in 2005. Mauk was born and raised in the Netherlands and immigrated to the United States after completion of his law studies at Leiden University. He subsequently earned an MBA from New York University. He married Catherine Mayer of Madison, WI; they had two children, Carl and Vivien. He spent his career in the international divisions of Merck and Bristol Myers Squibb, mostly in strategic planning and operations improvement. He was a member of the Beverly Yacht Club, the Bay Club, the Kittansett Club, and the Boston Athenaeum. He was predeceased by his spouse of 50 years, Catherine Mayer Hudig (2014) and his son Carl Hudig (2013). He is survived by his daughter Vivien Hudig and her husband Pablo Velasco who reside in Bend, OR, as well as his brother Maarten and sister Renee in the Netherlands.

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Dear Editor:

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast urges voters to vote YES on Ballot Questions 4 and 9 to strengthen our democracy and protect our communities.

YES on Question 4: Make voting more accessible.

Question 4 will allow eligible voters to register on Election Day, ending the arbitrary 10-day registration deadline. It will also give registered voters who encounter a problem at the polls the opportunity to resolve it and cast a ballot that counts. Nearly half the states already offer Election Day registration. It's time for Massachusetts to join them.

YES on Question 9: Keep Massachusetts safer.

Question 9 will uphold the firearms safety law the Massachusetts Legislature passed in 2024. That law bans ghost guns, prohibits devices that convert semiautomatic firearms into machine guns, modernizes red flag laws, and strengthens violence prevention programs. A YES vote will preserve these critical protections and help keep

our communities safe.

Make your voice heard. Protect our communities.

Vote Yes on Question 4 and 9

Eileen J. Marum

Chair, League of Women Voters SouthCoast

Cushing Cemetery

Cushing Cemetery is holding its biannual meeting on Saturday, **October 24**, at 10:00 am, downstairs at the Mattapoisett Library. All board members and trustees are encouraged to attend. Our meetings are also open to the public.

A Flute Spectacular: Celebrating the Americas

Flutist Wendy Rolfe and pianist Deborah DeWolf Emery will perform "A Flute Spectacular: Celebrating the Americas" on Sunday, **October 25**, at 4:00 pm. The concert will take place at the First Congregational Church of Marion.

The performance will highlight flutes and music of the Americas by one of the leading performers on historical and modern flutes in the Western Hemisphere. The selections range from lively dances and tunes to stirring romantic virtuoso melodies.

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Donnie Darko (2001). Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Jena Malone. Running time: 120 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on physical and streaming home media.

"Don't worry. You got away with it," says an eerie voice to the titular hero of *Donnie Darko*, which turns 25 this month. Those might also have been first-time writer-director Richard Kelly's words to himself on the set every day: Of the many varied and rich mysteries in *Donnie Darko*, perhaps none are so compelling as the mystery of how this mesmeric, contemplative whatsit got made in the first place. But it did — Kelly got away with it — and it's enough to give one hope for the future of movies as a medium still capable of enchantment and surprise.

Donnie (Jake Gyllenhaal) is sixteen and one of the brighter students at the Middlesex Catholic private school he attends. As Gyllenhaal plays him, Donnie isn't a dorky outsize freak of virtuosity like Max Fischer of *Rushmore*; he wears his intellect lightly. Donnie has the air of a kid who's spent a lot of time on his own reading and thinking. Oh, and receiving nocturnal visions of "Frank," which appears to be a man in a bunny suit topped with a ghastly metallic insectoid mask. "Why are you wearing that stupid bunny suit?" chortles Donnie (who seldom seems afraid of, or even surprised by, his visitor); Frank's rejoinder is chilling in its ping-pong logic: "Why are you wearing that stupid *man* suit?"

The story involves time travel, tangent universes, portals — the usual metaphysical jazz. Those so inclined can, and probably will, spend weeks deconstructing the temporal riffing, the snake-eating-its-tail circularity of the plot. I'm not so inclined; the time-travel aspect is, to me, the *least* interesting thing about *Donnie Darko*. I'm more taken with it as a diary of a mood, a moment (the film is set in 1988). Kelly catches the depressive but unbowed mood of a nation after eight years of Reagan, faced with the choice of two lavishly uninspiring presidential candidates.

Kelly keeps a bunch of plates spinning; all the plot elements add to the connectedness of it all. Drew Barrymore shows up, and Patrick Swayze, and



Maggie Gyllenhaal, Jena Malone, Mary McDonnell, Beth Grant, Daveigh Chase, Katharine Ross. Kelly shepherds this mad tumble of characters and incidents as smoothly and organically as we could want; it's like *Magnolia* foreshortened, given a patina of the uncanny, and whetted down to an edge. My favorite moment changes with each viewing; the bit that officially handed my heart to the movie during my first date with it comes late in the timeline, when Donnie asks his mom (McDonnell), "How's it feel to have a wacko for a son?" and she pauses and, with every ounce of love and honesty this great actress can work up, gives a three-word answer that just speaks volumes, and just flat kills me.

Donnie Darko will inspire some fans to geek out over its paradoxes (are they intentional or not?); I prefer to track the emotional throughline — to narrow the film and its hero down to psychological or scientific architecture is to diminish it, to draw an X on a simplistic chalkline between fear and love. Kelly has come in for some criticism for what's assumed to be his sarcastic, superior handling of some of the more self-righteous characters, but I think Kelly loves everyone he takes the trouble to put on the screen. If anything he's pointing up the folly of being sure of anything — including oneself — in this (as we're reminded by the movie's closing tune) "mad world."

I don't understand some of it — the brooding talk of wormholes and destiny zips right over my head — and many of the characters are so deftly written and delicately played that I can't help wanting more than Kelly allows me to see of them. But the flaws, if you find them to be so, are merely grit in the texture. As with any richly woven work of art, if you're attuned to it, you take what you need from *Donnie Darko* at each given viewing, and you take something different every time.

Marion's office, Penny Pincher's Exchange (Marion), The Marion General Store, Friends Market (Rochester) and online at marionfirstchurch.org. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

Rochester Democrats Meet & Greet

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee will hold a meet & greet event at Costa's Kitchen, Wednesday, **October 21**, at 6:00 pm. People interested in joining our committee, or just meeting us, are encouraged to attend. Agenda items will include sharing a pizza dinner, an overview of our 2025-2026 achievements, and an introduction of a new framework to enable greater participation with reduced time commitment.

Ballot Questions on Agenda for MDTC

The nine ballot questions for the November 3 election will be the topic of discussion at the next Marion Democratic Town Committee meeting. The questions address issues that are important to our state and our towns. This will provide an opportunity to assess the potential impact of everyone's votes. The meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday, **October 15**, in the Community Room of the Marion Police Department, 550 Mill Street. Community members are welcome to attend.

Lamb of God Christian Church

The Lamb of God Christian Church of

Mattapoisett will be presenting the following events in October:

Sunday Church Services are held every Sunday at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street; the Adult Bible Study is held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, in the lower meeting room, on **October 21** at 6:30 pm. Free Food Outreach is on **October 25**, from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm, at the American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Outdoor Prayer Outreach is on Sundays, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at the Mattapoisett Rail Trail and Ned's Point (weather permitting). For more information, call 508-998-6990 or email pastor@lambogodma.org.

Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center will hold the Annual Meeting in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater on Thursday, **October 15**, at 4:30 pm. All members are invited to attend, either in person or virtually. Zoom information will be provided on the website before the meeting and can be requested by emailing info@marionartcenter.org.

The MAC Annual Halloween Parade Returns: The MAC's annual Halloween Parade returns on Saturday, **October 31**. Our witches and warlocks have been brewing up plans for their parade around town. Costumed characters of all ages are invited to join in for this fun family event.

Participants should meet in front of the Marion Music Hall (we'll line up on Cottage Street) at 4:00 pm.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Oct 4 – Oct 10

- Converse Rd – Smoke Investigation
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Arrowhead Ln – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Planting island Rd – General service
- Bell Guzzle Ln – EMS/medical
- West Ave – Follow up investigation
- 195 West – Road hazard
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – UAS Deployment
- 195 West – MV fire
- Spring St – Suspicious person
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Found property
- Benson Brook Rd – Officer wanted
- Spinnaker Ln – Health/welfare
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Tucker Ln – General service
- Front St – Waterways complaint
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Field Stone Ln – General offense
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Island Wharf Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Hermitage Rd – Suspicious MV
- Island Wharf Rd – Waterways

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Oct 4 – Oct 10

- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Holly Woods Rd – Larceny/forgery
- 195 East – 911 call
- North St – General services
- Harbor Nk Rd – General service
- Railroad Ave – MV violations
- Wolf Island Rd – General service
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Avenue B – Health/welfare
- North St – Suspicious persons
- Laura Ln – MV violations
- River Rd – Harassment order
- Lebaron Way – Assist citizen
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Wildwood Ter - Complaint
- Dupont Dr - Complaint
- Nashewena Rd – Medical assist
- Marina Dr - Harassment
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Brookside Dr - Notification
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Church St – Animal control
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Marion Rd – Intoxicated party
- Seabreeze Ln – 911 call

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Oct 4 – Oct 10

- Vaughn Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – Assist other
- Earls Ct – Animal control
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Road hazard
- Neck Rd – Lost animal
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – Burglar alarm
- Stuart Rd – Noise complaint
- Bennett Rd – General services
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – MV stop/citation
- Hartley Rd – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Hiller Rd – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – Rd – MV stop
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Pine St - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Featherbed Ln - Medical
- Pine St – General services
- Marion Rd – MV collision
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Comstock Pl – 911 call
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Pine St – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing

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 19: French onion chicken, mashed potatoes, Cali blend vegetables, dinner roll, chocolate pudding

Tuesday, Oct 20: Beefy mac & cheese, tortellini, green peas, wheat roll, orange

Wednesday, Oct 21: Beef & pork hot dog, baked beans, mixed vegetables, wheat hot dog bun, Mandarin fruit cup, ketchup

Thursday, Oct 22: Omelet w/ cheddar cheese, potatoes w/ onions & peppers, spinach, whole grain muffin, banana

Friday, Oct 23: Salmon w/garlic & butter, yellow rice, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, oatmeal cookie

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 19: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans

Tuesday, Oct 20: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 21: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 22: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 23: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Oct 19: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans

Tuesday, Oct 20: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 21: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 22: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 23: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Oct 19: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans

Tuesday, Oct 20: Loaded tater tot

nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 21: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 22: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 23: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct 19: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans

Tuesday, Oct 20: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 21: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 22: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 23: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 19: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, oven baked French fries, BBQ baked beans

Tuesday, Oct 20: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 21: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Oct 22: American chop suey, garlic breadstick, savory green beans

Friday, Oct 23: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Oct 19: Build your own beef tacos: salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans

Tuesday, Oct 20: Macaroni & cheese OR buffalo mac & cheese w/green beans & dinner roll

Wednesday, Oct 21: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies

Thursday, Oct 22: BBQ chicken bacon ranch flatbread

Friday, Oct 23: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

Join the parade of witches and princesses, goblins and ghouls, wild animals and spooky spirits. The parade route will head south on Front Street, up Main Street, north onto Spring Street and back down Cottage to the Music Hall, where the witches of the MAC will hand out candy to all.

Don't forget to pop by the Music Hall at the end of the parade route for your treat bags, made with love by the good witches of the MAC. Goodie bags are available for those with allergies or food sensitivities — just ask for a Teal Pumpkin goodie bag.

The MAC will be accepting candy donations from now through October 30. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

New Half-Day Camps at the MAC: Early dismissal day for your child? The MAC offers two new half-day camps for the kids to explore their creativity.

Turn it Up. Art Camp: Rock, Pop and Make will be held on Thursday, **October 29**, from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm in the MAC Theater and Studio. Turn the half-day into a rock concert. Campers will build a one-of-a-kind boom box from recycled materials, decorative paper and plenty of imagination. They'll create a bold rock star self-portrait that captures their own big personality, and design wearable jewelry to complete their signature look.

The Woodland Wonders: A Harvest Art Camp will be held on Friday, **October 30**, from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm in the MAC Theater and Studio. Come gather with us in the studio for a cozy afternoon of fall-inspired art. Campers will celebrate the season by making nature-themed crafts to wear, display, and take home. Campers will design a nature crown fit for a woodland king or queen, using leaves, feathers, and autumn colors. They'll craft a charming squirrel in a tree scene, complete with bushy tails and ground covered in fall foliage. They'll also create beautiful watercolor leaf prints, discovering how real leaves can become colorful works of art.

Both camps are \$95 for MAC member families and \$110 for nonmembers. Registration and information can be found at marionartcenter.org/art-lab

The Second Session of Art + Play starts **October 26**: The next session of Art + Play, the program for accompanied children from 2-5 years old, will run for four weeks, October 26 to November 16. Classes meet in the MAC Studio on Monday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Art + Play focuses on process art, which is a playful and explorative approach to creating. Here, the journey is more important than the final product. We believe children learn best through hands-on exploration and experimentation with a variety of materials and techniques. Each class offers several creative opportunities, empowering your child to make their own choices and work at their own pace.

The cost for MAC member families is \$95 and it is \$105 for nonmembers. Register online at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

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Republican Committees Host Joint Meet the Candidates Night

For the first time, the Republican Town and City Committees of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Fairhaven, Acushnet, New Bedford, Dartmouth and Westport are joining together to host a Southcoast Meet the Candidates Night on Thursday, **October 22**.

The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road (Route 6), Mattapoisett. Light snacks will be served at 6:00 pm, and the program will begin at 6:30 pm.

Every voter is welcome. Voters of all political affiliations are invited to meet Republican candidates seeking federal, state and county office ahead of the November 3 election.

The eight participating committees invite Southcoast residents to attend and meet the candidates.

Open Table at MCC

Fall is here, and it is time for a cozy meal with friends. Open Table is back for another delicious meal. The Open Table crew hopes to see you on Friday, **November 13**, for a delicious meal served in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. Invite a friend or neighbor. All are welcome.

Sippican Woman's Club

Let's take a walk through Marion Village about a half-century ago. We can start at Browne's Pharmacy right in the middle of Front Street, stocked with everything from penny candy to prescriptions. Next door, browsing the General Store, we can rummage through long-forgotten shelves and maybe even pick up the last pair of sneakers for sale or some knitting needles hiding among a menagerie of items behind the counter. Then, let's cross the street to the beauty salon where Mrs. Langevin can work her magic and, of course, where we can catch up on all the current happenings in town. Continuing down Front Street, let's pop into the Bookstall; walk up a couple of steps into the coziest bookshop around. Let's not miss

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ACROSS

- 1 Principal part of a ship's rigging
9 Glucose and dextrose
15 Want greatly
20 Phrase before a memoir co-author
21 Result of iron deficiency
22 Opponent
23 Question to someone barking orders
26 Wriggly fish
27 Extinct bird
28 Swerving billiards shot
29 Teeny
30 Suspenseful NFL periods
33 CIA worker
35 PC fixer, e.g.
37 "Hey, amigo"
39 Highest price customers are amenable to paying
47 "Less filling" Miller beer
48 Prefix similar to "equi-"
49 Vaccination fluids
50 Neighbor of Monterey Park, Calif.
51 Connections

- 53 Maximum
56 Rustic hotel
58 Lean- (simple huts)
59 Time to steel oneself and power through
66 Congregated
67 Goes past the time limit
68 Cold shoulder preventer?
69 A humidifier moistens it
71 Suddenly blazing stars
73 Pungent salad veggie
77 Lhasa (small dogs)
80 Official assisting a referee
83 "Rapa-—" (1994 Esai Morales film)
84 Classic Maurice Sendak book
89 Cabinet dept. focused on homes
90 "— culpa"
91 Wedge for filling a gap
92 Show fatigue reflexively
93 Mother on "Bewitched"
97 Aruba, e.g.
100 Steal from

- 102 Medicine bottle
104 Jesus' words after "My God, my God," in Matthew
109 "You bet!" in Baja
110 Favorite cereal of a "silly rabbit"
111 "I'm — loss for words"
112 Pub barrel
113 "La-la" lead-in
116 "Jay — Garage"
119 Best draft status
121 Business mag
123 Response upon hearing about an astonishing feat
130 "Aida," e.g.
131 Dogs from Japan
132 They often get mashed
133 Stopwatch button
134 Despot ruler
135 They begin this puzzle's long answers

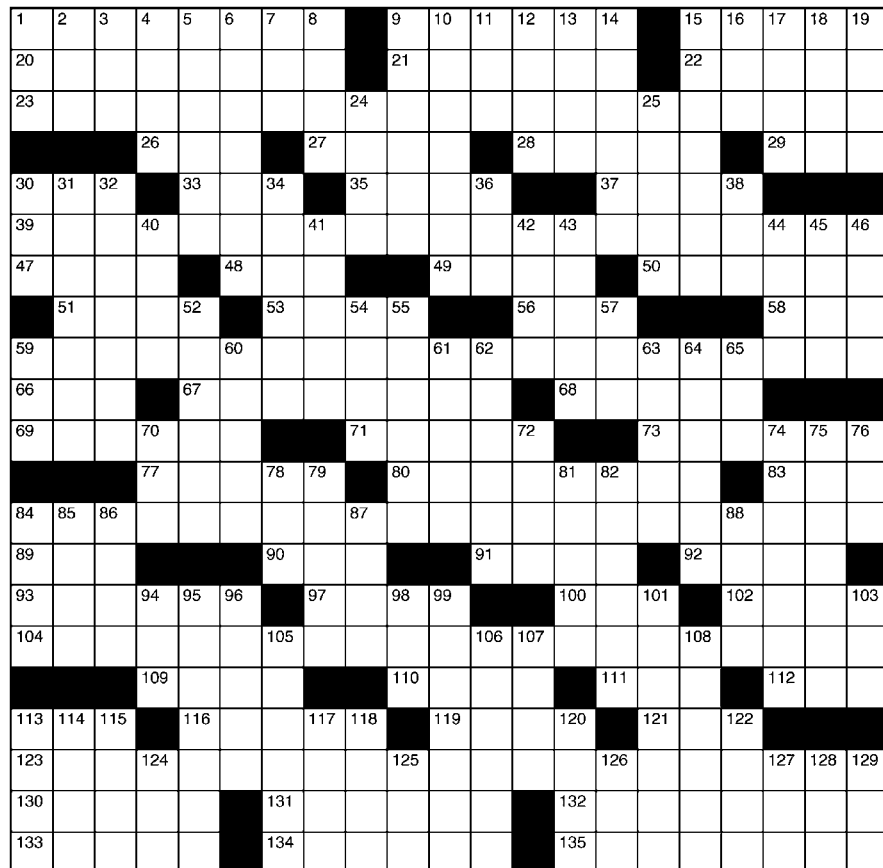
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- 1 Greedy gullet

- 2 Fire residue
3 Figure skater Midori
4 Central point
5 Superlatively sneaky
6 University on Long Island
7 "— be an honor"
8 Put freight in
9 Less happy
10 Opens with a key
11 "Well, I'll be!"
12 Radio toggle letters
13 Actress Hayworth
14 Gives a quick greeting
15 Disney villainess
16 Chest bone
17 State boldly
18 Rose holder
19 Otherwise
24 — bene
25 "— Mio"
30 Hooting bird
31 Toward there
32 Feeling of fullness
34 Sycophantic guys
36 Bray syllable
38 Crunches tone them
40 High schooler, e.g.

- 41 Some rock band synth-sizers
42 Calc prereq
43 Subsides
44 Caesar's final reproach
45 Bump on —
46 Unduly quick feature
54 Shortly
55 Resort town near Rome
57 High degree
59 H-bomb, e.g.
60 "Lummox" author Fannie
61 "A Town Like Alice" author Shute
62 Large pianos
63 Clingy wrap
64 Like a banjo's sound
65 On in years
70 Bern's river
72 Comic Rogan
74 Very shortly
75 "Smith" is the commonest one in the United States
76 Hasten
78 Resistance unit
79 Understand the point
81 Bake, as an egg
82 Brunch cocktail

- 84 "Close call!"
85 "Come again?"
86 Water swirl
87 Do laundry
88 Goalie's goal
94 Elle King's "Ex's & —"
95 Lambastes
96 Valuable trait
98 Auction unit
99 Former Volkswagen seven-seater
101 "Freedom" singer Jon
103 Shin's place
105 Soldier's steel helmet
106 Best in quality
107 Yaks, e.g.
108 Wichita site
113 Thunder god
114 Lasso, e.g.
115 Stupefies
117 Tasting of wood, as wine
118 Move a bit
120 Session with a dr., e.g.
122 — Field (Mrs. Met's home)
124 Deep anger
125 Greek vowel
126 "La-la" lead-in
127 Fight like Ali
128 Actor Ayres
129 Snaky letter



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An upcoming trip could create some problems with your schedule, unless you tie up as many loose ends as possible before you head out the door. Ask a friend or colleague to help you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Being eager to start a new project is fine. However, moving ahead without knowing what will actually be expected of you could cause a problem down the line. Ask some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting through some recent challenges in good shape might give you a false sense of security. Don't relax your guard. You need to be prepared for what else could happen.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still advised, even though you think you're as prepared as you need to be. Keep in mind that change is in your aspect, and you should expect the unexpected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's gift of persuasion helps you get your points across, even to some of your most-negative naysayers in the workplace. Meanwhile, an old friend might seek you out for some advice.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Being sure of your convictions is fine, but leave some room for dissenting opinions. You might learn something that could help you avoid a possible problem later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting good legal advice on what your rights actually are is the first step toward resolving a pesky problem so that it doesn't reemerge at a later date. Good luck!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Longtime relationships work well this week, whether they're personal or professional. It's also a good time to invite new friends and colleagues into your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to conduct research and uncover compelling facts that can back you up on your new venture when you most need it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Change is an important factor in your aspect this week and could affect something that you might have thought was immune to any sort of adjustment or "alteration."

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Being asked to share someone's deeply personal confidence might be flattering, but accepting could be unwise. Decline gracefully but firmly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) As wise as you are, you could still be misled by someone who seems to be sincere but might not be. Take more time to assess the situation before making any commitments.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to face challenges that others might try to avoid, and by so doing, you set an example of courage for all.

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the Sitting Duck gift shop, where school kids purchase their annual rope bracelet on the first day of summer, not to be removed until school restarts in the fall. Circling back and across to Marty Sullivan's, we can shop for that perfect fall sweater.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

As the signs on the edge of town tell us, Rochester is a Right to Farm town. That "right to farm" is most evident mid- to late summer and into Fall when farmstands selling vegetables, flowers and eggs can be found off just about any of Rochester's roadways.

At the Rochester Historical Museum, we have Daybooks kept by some of Rochester's late 1800s to early 1900s farmers. CW Maxim writes about putting fruit from his orchard on his roadside stand and of many trips taking cranberries to market.

The fall cranberry harvest provides us with some of southeastern Massachusetts' most beautiful scenes. Crimson cranberries floating on deep blue water under a September or October sun is a sight that never



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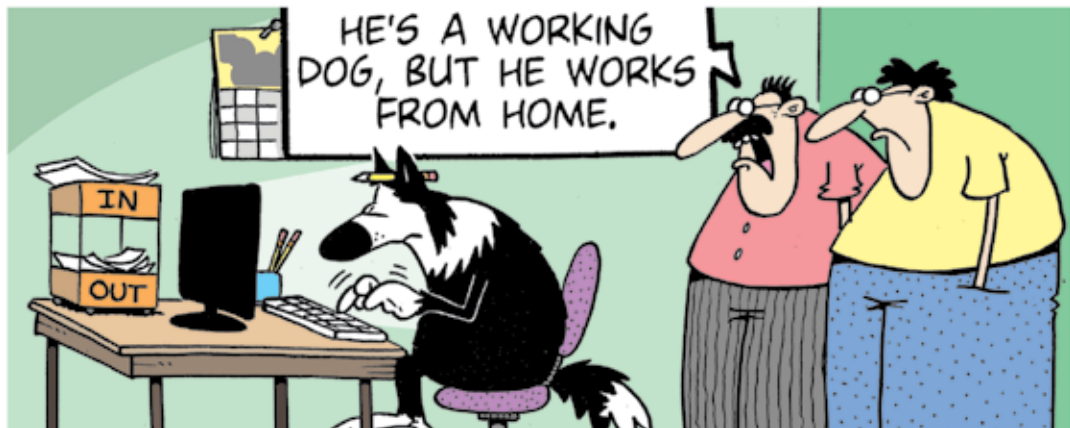
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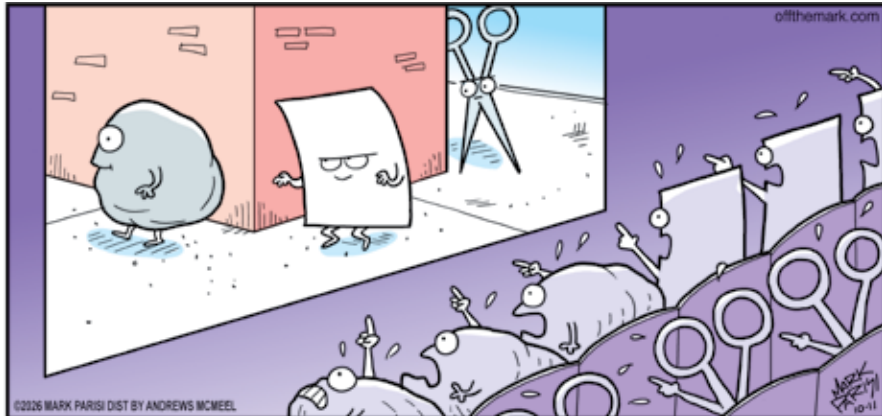
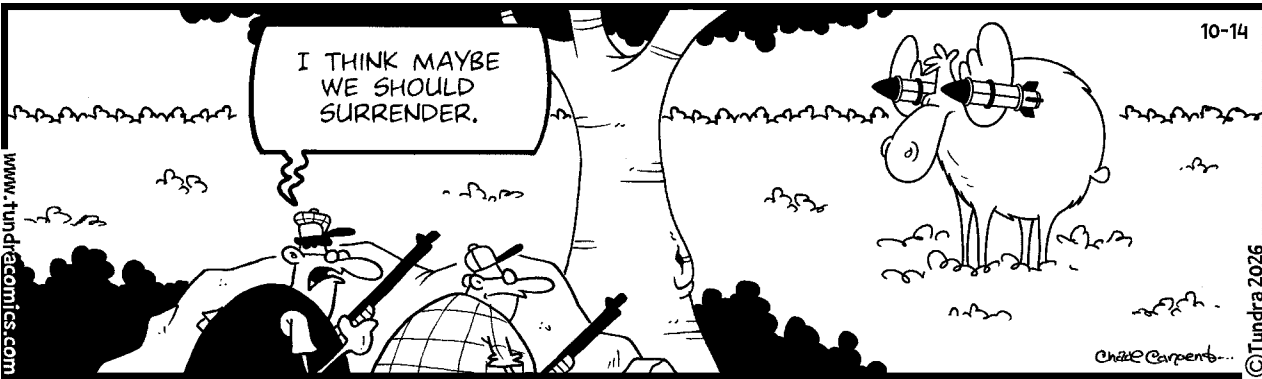
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Tundra
by Chad Carpenter
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



gets old.

Along New Bedford Road is a field that was once a pasture for sheep. It was surrounded by a stone wall. This year, the sheep moved, and both wood and wire fencing was put in, and then planting was done. I liked to think all the fencing was to keep the pumpkins growing within from escaping, even though I know it was to keep out hungry wildlife. I still do like the image of an adventurous pumpkin rolling down the road.

As you can see in the picture, the pumpkin patch had a grand harvest with boxes and truckloads filled and ready to become pies, Jack-o'-lanterns or autumn decor.

ETL Welcomes New YA Librarian

The Elizabeth Taber Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Alex Correia, MLIS, as the library's new Young Adult Librarian.

While pursuing his Master of Library and Information Science, Alex discovered his passion for teen services through an internship at the Medway Public Library. During his time there, he assisted in planning and hosting a range of community programs, helped with makerspace activities, and was involved in the summer reading program. Alex also has experience supporting students from his most recent work at the Bristol Community College Library.

Alex brings a strong foundational knowledge and positive energy to the Elizabeth Taber Library. He looks

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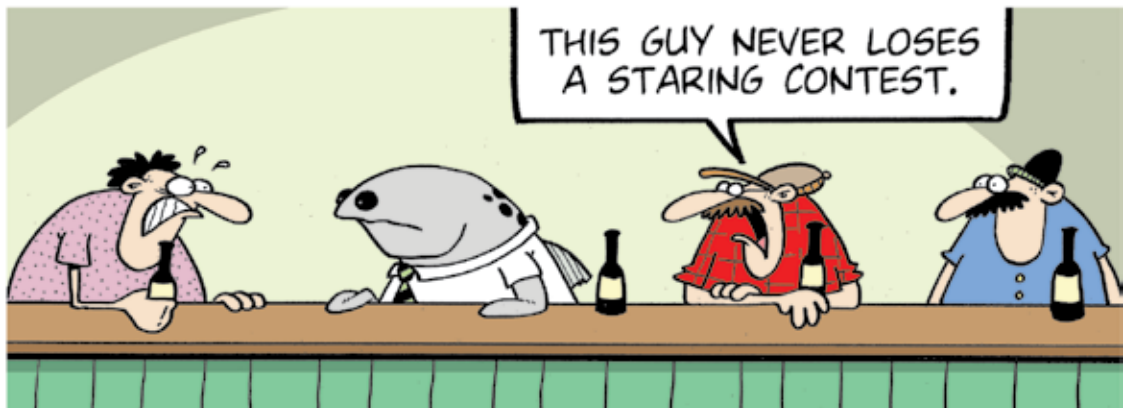
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forward to reinvigorating teen programming with new opportunities for local teens to connect, learn and explore their interests. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for upcoming programs geared toward teens ages 13 to 18.

Alex will also support the library's teen volunteer program, offering opportunities to earn volunteer hours while becoming more involved in the library community. In addition, he is passionate about meeting the informational and entertainment needs of teens through the expansion of the library collection. Alex particularly looks forward to refreshing and expanding the library's manga offerings.

"We are so lucky to have Alex joining the team. His enthusiasm, education and experience made him a great choice for this role, and I am confident that he will be a strong asset to the library and town," said Kayla King, library director.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is committed to creating a vibrant, welcoming space for residents of all ages. By expanding programs, services and collections for young adults, the library hopes to strengthen its connection with Marion's young people and continue serving as an integral part of the community.

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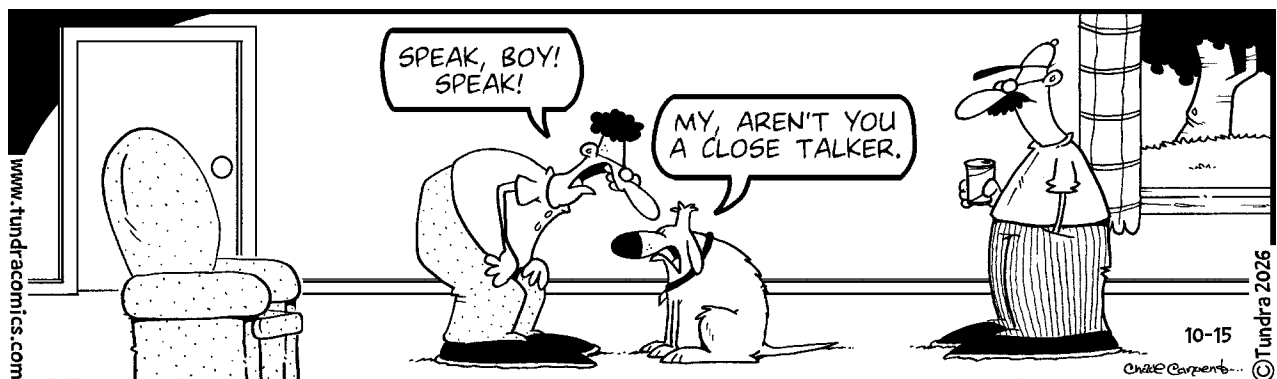
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County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will perform their 65th season opening concert, "Maritime Chronicles." The program will be held in the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Tabor Academy in Marion, and will feature a collection of dynamic pieces that help illustrate life on the high seas. From high on the mast of a tall ship to below deck in crew quarters, the compositions are all very programmatic and display the symphonic band at its fullest, spirited and most energetic, while also showing the gentle side of the flexibility of wind and percussion orchestration.

After opening with Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Sea Songs," the band will perform "The Sea Treaders" by W. Francis McBeth, "Martinique" by Robert Washburn, and the concert march "Parade of Tall Ships" by John Philip Sousa. After intermission, the band will offer their rendition of "Songs of Sailor and Sea" by Robert W. Smith, which includes whale sounds produced by some alternative percussion performance techniques. John Gibson's opus "Resting in the Peace of His Hands" is next as this solemn piece is offered as a tribute to those who have lost their lives at sea. The program concludes with two dramatically contrasting pieces: "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" by Hans Zimmer and John Philip Sousa's "Hands Across the Sea."

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Marion General Store, Mimis of Marion, the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth and online at tricountysymphonicband.org. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

RHS Museum Fall Schedule

The Rochester Historical Society Museum exhibit, "Rochester and the Revolution," will be open Sundays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We are also happy to open by appointment. You can do this by calling 617-750-2818 or 508-295-8908.

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Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

Join us for a Sunset Cinema Movie Showing on the MFPL Lawn on **October 21** at 6:00 pm. We will be showing *Scooby-Doo* (2002). Bring lots of blankets, chairs to lounge on and some snacks to fully enjoy the movie experience. This event is designed for community members of all ages; no registration required.

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

Learn how to fold various spooky origami designs on **October 27** at 3:00 pm. Ms. Betsy will teach the basic folding steps and guide you through the process. This program is designed for ages 16 and up.

Bob Ainsworth will be at the Mattapoisett Library for a historic conversation about Fraud through the Ages on Wednesday, **November 4** at 12:00 pm. Learn about the seagoing merchants in the Mediterranean, Charles Ponzi in the 1920s, Bernie Madoff in the 1990s, and even bitcoin on the internet. No registration is required.

Join Reed McLaren from The Sustainable Garment for a Save Our Sweaters Workshop on Sunday, **November 15**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Learn to remove unsightly pills with a DIY sweater comb and experience the magic of needle felting for subtle and colorful hole repair and embellishment. Bring a few items from your closet that you are happy to play around with. Woolens and cashmere work best; however, it may be possible to explore these methods on other natural and synthetic



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Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Join us for a Teen Craft Workshop on **October 20** at 3:00 pm. Draw a Halloween still life using oil pastels with librarian guidance. All supplies provided and registration required. It is recommended to wear clothes that can get dirty. For youth in grades 7-12. Email faguilar@sailsinc.org with questions.

Help us make the library a better place. Teens in grades 7-12 can come to our Library League meeting on October 22 at 3:00 pm to make decisions about the teen collection, programs and community projects. Earn volunteer hours every time you come to a Library League meeting. No registration is required; just drop in.

Watch *Camp Rock 3* at the library on **October 27** at 6:00 pm. Teens in grades 6-12 can join us to relax and watch the movie, socialize with friends and enjoy some snacks. No registration is required; just drop in.

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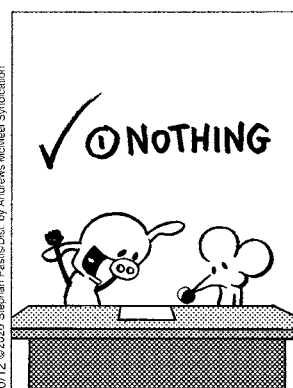
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Video Game Takeover on **October 28** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy playing games on the PlayStation and Switch consoles, hanging out with friends and having some snacks — no registration required.

On **October 29** at 3:00 pm, stop by the library to play “Mysterium,” a spooky cooperative deduction game. All teens are welcome, but you must register to play. Contact faguiar@sailsinc.org with any questions.

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 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.

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. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Mattapoissett Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Join us for a Sunset Cinema Movie Showing on the MFPL Lawn. We will be showing *Scooby-Doo* (2002). This outdoor movie will start at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, **October 21**, and has a run time of 1 hour and 26 minutes. Bring a blanket, chairs to lounge on and some snacks to fully enjoy the movie experience. This event is designed for community members of all ages — no registration required.

On Thursday, **October 22**, at 3:30 pm, we’re offering a fun seasonal craft for kids ages 10 and up. Create a Halloween Miniature Garden with tiny gravestones, skulls, spooky trees and figurines like witches or ghosts. Supplies are limited; registration is required.

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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.

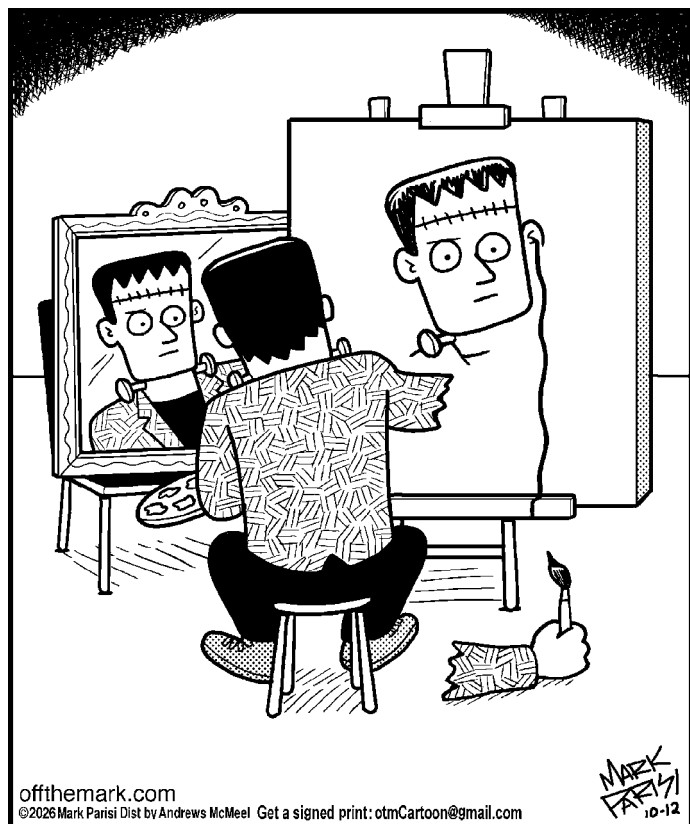
Fall Free Family Fun Festival

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.

Marion Social Club New England Clamboil

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

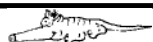
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Mcelligott, Peter Mcelligott, Rachel	Linnehan, Anna M Linnehan, Joseph R Jr	17 Island St	Mattapoissett	09/23/2026	425,000.00
Garvey, Ryan M TR Rpg Irrevocable Trust	Surprenant, Laurie A TR Laurie A Surprenant FT	145 Dexter Ln	Rochester	09/24/2026	695,000.00
Barbero, Edie D Barbero, Paul	Goetz, Michael Goetz, William Henry Est	10 Old Mattapoissett Neck Rd	Mattapoissett	09/25/2026	650,000.00
Jordan, Rita Jordan, Jeffrey	Whittaker, Phillip D Whittaker, Jessica D	281 Neck Rd	Rochester	09/28/2026	800,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	October 19	2:42	3:04	8:24	9:56
Tuesday	October 20	3:35	3:58	9:50	10:40
Wednesday	October 21	4:31	4:53	10:51	11:16
Thursday	October 22	5:24	5:44	11:39	11:48
Friday	October 23	6:11	6:31		12:22
Saturday	October 24	6:55	7:16	12:22	1:04
Sunday	October 25	7:38	8:02	12:57	1:47
Monday	October 26	8:22	8:48	1:36	2:33
Tuesday	October 27	9:09	9:37	2:19	3:20
Wednesday	October 28	9:58	10:29	3:04	4:07
Thursday	October 29	10:51	11:24	3:51	4:56
Friday	October 30	11:49		4:41	5:53
Saturday	October 31	12:24	12:51	5:35	7:25
Sunday	November 1	1:25	12:54	5:40	8:12

Phases	First Quarter	October 18th
of the	Full Moon	October 26th
Moon	Last Quarter	November 1st
	New Moon	November 9th



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 October 8, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 8

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Ponder; 2. Polish
3. Pierce; 4. Salami

Today's Word
ASPIRINS

Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi
off the mark

GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

Half Liter Bottles 24 Pack
Poland Spring
Water

\$5.99



9.3 - 12.1 oz Select Varieties
Quaker
Instant Oatmeal

\$3.49



12 oz
Velveeta
Mac & Cheese

\$3.99



16 - 32 oz Select Varieties
Vlasic
Pickles

\$2.99



16 oz Select Varieties
Land O Lakes
Butter Sticks

\$3.99



12.3 - 18 oz Select Varieties
Kashi
Cereal

\$4.99

5 oz Select Varieties
Bumble Bee
Solid White Albacore Tuna

3/\$4

6.5 oz
Snow's
Minced or Chopped Clams

2/\$5

10 oz
Kikkoman
Soy or Teriyaki Sauce

\$2.49

CHEF PREPARED

With Salsa & Avocado Crema
Pork Carnitas Burrito

\$13.99

Spicy Sesame
Peanut Noodles

\$10.99

Pint, with Butternut Squash
Farro Salad

\$10.99

Pint
Orzo Salad

\$10.99

Various Styles
Take & Bake Pizza

\$8.99 - \$10.99

Homemade
Savory Pies to Go!

Small Large

Chicken Pot Pie

\$13.99 \$19.99

Shepherd's Pie

\$12.99 \$19.99

BAKERY

24 oz
Jessica's Brick Oven Bakery
Cinnamon Raisin Swirl Bread

\$5.49

20 oz Select Varieties
Table Talk
Crumb Cake

\$6.99

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Fresh
Bell & Evans
Chicken Thighs

\$5.49



Fresh
Bell & Evans
Split Chicken Breast

\$5.49

7.5 oz Select Varieties
Al Fresco
Chicken Breakfast Sausage

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14 oz Beef
Boar's Head
Natural Casing Franks

\$9.99

Deli Sliced Firesmith
Boar's Head
Grilled Chicken

\$11.99

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
Pepper Jack Cheese

\$7.99

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Applesauce

\$7.99

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store made
Primavera Salad

\$7.99

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Red Bliss Potato Salad

\$6.99

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Beet & Onion Salad

\$10.99

4 oz
La Clare Creamery
Pumpkin Goat Cheese

\$4.99

10 oz Select Varieties
Boar's Head
Hummus

2/\$7

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, October 16 to Thursday, October 22, 2026

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

16 oz Select Varieties

**Hormel
 Black Label
 Bacon
 \$6⁹⁸**



6 - 8 oz Select Varieties

**Cabot
 Shredded
 Cheese
 or Bars
 2/\$6**



5.3 oz Select Varieties

**Chobani
 Greek Yogurt
 4/\$5**



26 - 32 oz Select Varieties

**Ore-Ida
 Frozen
 Potato Sides
 \$3⁹⁸**



SPIRITS

**Fall
 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**

28 oz Vanilla or Coffee

**Häagen-Dazs
 Ice Cream
 \$6⁹⁹**



QUALITY PRODUCE



**Make Fresh Guacamole!
 Hass Avocados **68¢_{ea}****

**Fresh
 Green Grapes **\$2⁹⁹_{lb}****

**3 lb
 Granny Smith Apples **\$4⁹⁹****

**Fresh
 Red or Yellow Bell Peppers **\$2⁹⁹_{lb}****

**10 oz
 Celery Hearts **\$1⁴⁹****

**Zesty
 Red Onions **89¢_{lb}****

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!