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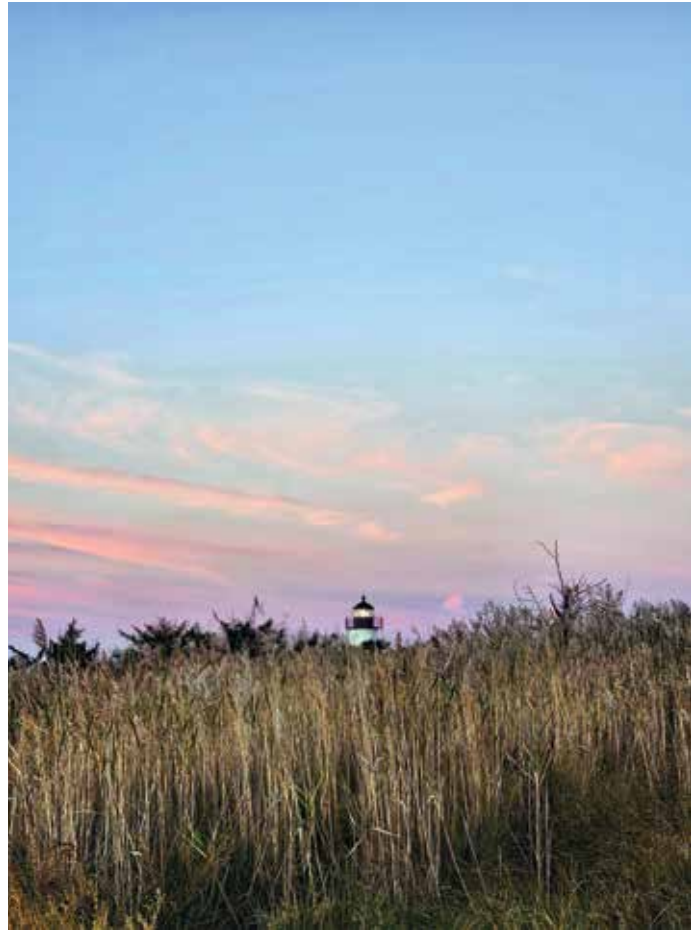
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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Wanderer travels with Mattapoisett residents Carol and Brien Barnewolt to Barcelona, Spain, where they prepare to enter Antoni Gaudi's masterpiece, Basilica of the Sagrada Familia.



Ned's Point light on the horizon. Photo by Amy Laurendeau



On Wednesday, October 14 the museum's afterschool group learned about why the leaves of deciduous trees turn color in the fall. We conducted an experiment to draw the colors out of the red, yellow, green and brown leaves then walked around town with a map we made to identify the trees mentioned in the Tree and Park Committee's guidebook. The kids did a great job identifying the trees and even ones that were not mentioned in the book. At the end of the program the group were rewarded by a beautiful rainbow while counting London Plane Trees at Island Wharf. Many thanks to the Marion Trees and Parks Committee for their kind donation of the guides for the kids to press their leaves in and take home. Please check the museum's website for all upcoming programs: www.marionmuseum.org. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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Deep-Sea Discoveries Draw an Engaged Crowd

By Jeanne Hopkins

As more visitors arrived at the Marion Natural History Museum on Friday evening, October 16, additional chairs had to be found. The audience had gathered for a journey to the bottom of the ocean, led by someone who knows the trip remarkably well.

Dr. Stace Beaulieu, a senior research specialist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), has descended aboard the deep-sea submersible Alvin approximately 16 times. She brought that experience, along with specimens collected from the ocean floor, to an enthusiastic audience eager to learn about hydrothermal vents and the surprising life found around them.

Beaulieu's fascination with the deep ocean began in 1977, when she read a National Geographic article about extraordinary communities of animals thriving around hydrothermal vents. She recalled deciding that day that she wanted to become a deep-sea biologist.

"I mean, after that day, I never changed my mind," she told the audience.

Hydrothermal vents occur where heated, mineral-rich water escapes through the ocean floor. Despite the absence of sunlight, these environments support thriving communities of tube worms, clams, crabs and other marine animals. Their ecosystems depend on chemical energy rather than sunlight.

But what happens when the vents stop flowing?

That's the question driving Beaulieu's current research. Working with colleagues, she is investigating inactive sulfide



On the Cover: Golden light bathed Leonard's Pond in Rochester on a perfect fall afternoon. Photo by Jeanne Hopkins

structures, where scientists are discovering communities of marine life that include small snails and other invertebrates, some representing species previously unknown to science.

Finding these structures requires sophisticated mapping equipment, sonar and careful navigation. Beaulieu described the challenge of locating narrow formations rising from the ocean floor, including one inactive structure standing approximately 18 meters tall.

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She also gave the audience an entertaining look at the practical realities of traveling aboard Alvin, which carries two scientists and a pilot. Holding up a pillowcase, she demonstrated how she packs wool socks, a warm hat and hard candy for the journey. Natural fibers are required because of fire safety concerns, and the submersible has no bathroom, a detail that brought laughter from the audience.

To illustrate the tremendous pressure at those depths, Beaulieu passed around a Styrofoam cup that had been taken down with the submersible. The ocean pressure had compressed the cup to a fraction of its original size, shrinking the writing and decorations along with it.

Throughout the evening, visitors examined ocean-floor specimens, watched underwater footage and asked questions about ocean pressure, marine animals and the challenges of working miles beneath the surface. Beaulieu answered enthusiastically, frequently acknowledging the scientists, students, pilots and crew members whose work makes these expeditions possible.

The presentation offered a glimpse of both the remarkable life already discovered in the deep ocean and the mysteries researchers are still working to understand.

Lions Club Celebrates 10 Years of Free Fall Family Fun

By Jeanne Hopkins

Cold, gray skies and damp weather greeted families at Shipyard Park on Saturday, October 17, but Kimberly Ray wasn't particularly troubled by it.

"It's fall weather," said Ray, who started the Mattapoisett Lions Club's Fall Free Family Fun Festival in 2016.

Many of Saturday's younger visitors arrived in

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Halloween costumes, often with coats, hats and gloves added for warmth. Halloween songs played from speakers at the Shipyard Park gazebo while the Lions handed out cider, treats, and gift bags, and children picked out pumpkins to take home.

The Lions purchased 250 pumpkins for this year's festival, typically enough for one per child.

The hayrides have become so popular that the Lions now use two tractors to carry families around town. Lines formed regularly throughout the afternoon. This year's ride followed a different route because of repairs at Town Beach and a road closure affecting access to Ned's Point.

At 1:00 pm, the Halloween music stopped and the

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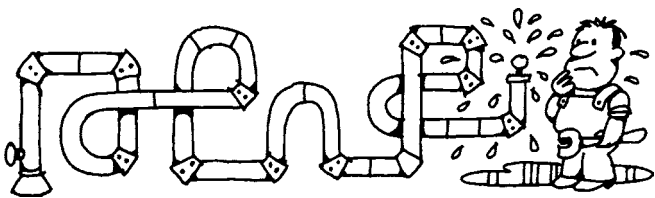
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gazebo became a science classroom.

"Jolting Jonathan" Breindel of Mad Science quickly had dozens of children raising their hands, listening for instructions and volunteering to participate. Mixing humor with science demonstrations, Breindel kept his young audience engaged while slipping in lessons about listening, taking turns and following directions.

Ray, a three-time past president of the Mattapoisett Lions Club, said she created the festival during her first term as president. Her goal was to give families an afternoon to enjoy themselves, regardless of their financial circumstances.

She wanted "a day where it doesn't matter if you have money or not" and families could simply spend time together, she said.

Throughout the past 10 years, that commitment has carried the festival through changing circumstances. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Lions adapted the event into a drive-through celebration at Old Hammondtown School. The traditional gathering returned to Shipyard Park in 2021.

The festival has also evolved, with the Lions adding face painting and special entertainment. The Mattapoisett Fire Department supports the event by bringing a fire truck for children to climb aboard and explore.

Keeping the festival free requires both volunteer effort and financial support. The Mattapoisett Cultural Council awarded the Lions Club a \$1,200 grant toward the event's anticipated \$3,000 cost. The Lions spent about \$750 on pumpkins alone, plus additional costs for entertainment, face painting, refreshments and other supplies.

Current Lions Club President Paul Stubbs and club volunteers kept the activities running throughout the afternoon despite a turnout that appeared lighter than in recent warmer years. There were still plenty of families willing to embrace Ray's assessment of the day as simply "fall weather."

Jayla Cromwell of Wareham sat patiently as pink flowers were painted across her cheek, while Milania and Alexandria Amaral carried pumpkins and posed for a

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Nobody Does October Like New England

The Seaside Gardener

By Olivia McLean

Once again, I'm turning this space over to my daughter, who has a seasonal message for those of us already groaning at autumn's arrival: Stop complaining and start marveling. Writing from Paris, she makes a spirited case for why no one does October quite like New England. I'll let her take it from here. — L.M.

Of all the months living away and abroad from my native Massachusetts, October is when the homesick yearning hits hardest. That glorious time that officially

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I imagine most of my Northeast peers would more often cherish the bombastic and sea-sprayed summer months, but for me, no one does fall like New England. I've now lived across several cities and countries, where the season passes quickly and



unceremoniously, particularly with the absence of Halloween and Thanksgiving. And what's so magical about October itself? While September still carries sunburns and November commences the harrowing freefall into the start of winter, October is perfectly poised in between, the splendid midpoint between the apple-picking and the gourd gathering.

I live in France, where the fall is incredibly underrated compared to the titans of ski season, beach holidays and, of course, the undeniable allure of a French springtime. September in France is called "La rentrée" — a nationwide societal reset in September following the final thrills of the summer season, a period met with unanimous gloom. Now three years into this world, I'm



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more accustomed with the October offerings — some regional food and wine festivals, the occasional plans to mushroom-hunt in the countryside. You certainly won't encounter pumpkin-flavored anything; even tracking down a single pumpkin itself is a challenge. "Olivia, I found a shop that has pumpkins!" excitedly texted one of my expat friends last week, along with a photo of four sad looking options huddled together on the floor of a florist shop, slightly misshapen and deflated.

In Massachusetts, it feels like you can't turn a corner without the glorious reminders of the high season. Some of my fondest memories are associated with childhood outings to cider mills and haunted hayrides; even the mundane task of raking leaves led to the reward of stuffing the piles into homemade scarecrows on the front lawn. October is a magical dance with the last fruits and foliage and flora of the natural world before we succumb to root vegetables and pine trees and the bitter cold. It launches at us like the dazzling finale song of an opera or musical.

And so, as I type this all from a grey Paris morning, I remind my fellow Bay Staters to find time to cherish this seasonal chapter. I offer here no gardening advice nor horticultural education. I leave that to my mother and usual scribe of this article. I simply want to wax poetic of a month so precious and lovely and, if I may be incredibly biased, unrivaled by every corner of the world outside of New England. Hopefully, this has

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inspired some appreciation for this beautiful month in its final stretch. It's not too late to bring home that pumpkin. "O hushed October morning mild, Thy leaves have ripened to the fall..." — Robert Frost

Marion Flute Recital Showcases the Americas

By Laura Pedulli

World-renowned flutist and Marion resident Wendy Rolfe will join Mattapoisett pianist Janice Weber for "A Flute Spectacular: Celebration of the Americas," a benefit recital Sunday, October 25, at the First Congregational Church of Marion.

"Wendy Rolfe on flute and Janice Weber on piano are exceptional artists on the national and international stages," said Carolyn Gilmore for the Congregational Church's Music Committee. "We are thrilled to host them at our historic church.

The concert will feature music from Latin and North America, including works performed on the Ecuadorian indigenous quena flute and the Brazilian pífano, usually made from wood or bamboo. The program will include compositions by New England composer Amy Beach, African American composer



William Grant Still and Brazilian composer Chiquinha Gonzaga, among others.

"I hope people will come and enjoy a small slice of the sounds of different parts of the Americas," Rolfe said in an interview with *The Wanderer*. "I chose music that is very melodic and captivating to listen to."

Rolfe, an internationally recognized performer, educator, and recording artist, has built a career spanning

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classical, Baroque, and contemporary music. She has performed with ensembles including Boston Baroque, the Handel and Haydn Society and Toronto's Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra. She also teaches flute at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Her fascination with global instruments stems from early exposure to music beyond the traditional Western repertoire, thanks to a music teacher in Lincoln, Massachusetts, where she grew up.

Every culture has its own type of flute," Rolfe said. "The sound quality and sound characteristics are different depending on material and aesthetic. I was interested in historical flutes because of the different colors and tone qualities. There is a wide world of flutes to explore."

Many years ago, a trip to Brazil with her husband for a UNESCO music meeting ignited her interest in South American music. There, she met Brazilian musicians, exchanged ideas and performed works that introduced her to new styles.

"I came to love that music," she said.

Since then, she has performed and taught at festivals and universities worldwide, including in Brazil and Ecuador, where she has created lasting musical relationships with local performers and composers.

Rolfe continues to perform recitals and give master classes abroad frequently. In fact, she recently returned from the Perla del Pacifico flute festival in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and will travel to Brasilia, Brazil, after the Marion concert to attend a festival organized by the Brazilian Flute Association.

She sees cross-cultural exchange as central to musical development.

"We have many musical languages, so when we play music from other cultures, we need to learn other cultures," she said.

Rolfe pointed to the ways musicians borrow from and adapt other traditions, creating new styles over time. The recital's varied repertoire will let audiences hear some of those influences, including music written for traditional Latin American instruments.

It will also feature Still's "Summerland," a lyrical



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work originally written for string quartet and arranged for flute and piano. Rolfe said she is looking forward to performing it, along with a lively sonatina and works by Ecuadorian composers.

Weber, a Mattapoisett pianist and artistic director of the South Coast Chamber Music Series, has known Rolfe for many years. The two first played together as fellows at the Tanglewood Music Festival, the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer fellowship program. They later worked together at Berklee College of Music and the Boston Conservatory.

"She's a great chamber musician and collaborator," Rolfe said.

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performance, she added. "It's intimate and has a nice high ceiling. There is a lot of wood, which really lends itself to some ensembles and the organ."

Rolfe thanked the church's music committee and Pastor Eric Osterday for supporting community performances.

"I'm grateful to the music committee for supporting music in the community," she said. "We're fortunate to have churches that really want to bring music into their spaces."

"A Flute Spectacular: Celebration of the Americas" is sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Marion Cultural Council. Concert proceeds will support Marion Congregational Church music programs, including adult and children choirs led by organist/choirmaster Beverly Peduzzi as well as our Meetinghouse Bells, a 10-member handbell choir directed by Karen Sanborn. Refreshments will be served following the program.

The First Congregational Church is at 28 Main St. in Marion and is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the church office, Penny Pincher's Exchange in Marion, the Marion General Store, Friends Market in Rochester, and online at marionfirstchurch.org. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

A Fighting Withdrawal: The Battle of Pelham

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 struggled with both supplies and personnel as he attempted to rally his demoralized men. As General William Howe landed thousands of men behind the American lines, Washington and the Continental Army began to pull back toward White Plains.

On October 18, 1776, the British, after being contained at Throgs Neck the prior week, sought an alternative landing location. General Howe had sent an advance guard of 4,000 men, led by General Henry Clinton, who landed further up the Long Island Sound at

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The American colonel John Glover of Salem, Massachusetts, was atop a nearby hill with around 750 men and spotted the landing ships. Glover sent word to Major General Charles Lee, though upon receiving no orders, he himself gave the orders to attack the disembarking men. Though beginning as a skirmish between the Americans and a small portion of the British, eventually, the full might of the British and Hessian landers fell upon Glover. Following the 17th volley of bullets, Clinton's men began to push the Americans back. The defenders fell back across Hutchinsons River, continuing to Yonkers, and were not pursued by the attackers, who set up camp along the river.

Though heavily disputed, the Americans reported eight killed in the fighting to the British report of three deaths. Varying reports of additional casualties put the British at losing between 200 and 1,000 additional men, although modern historians are unable to agree on an exact number. Many today point to the lower estimate, still vastly higher than Howe's original assessment.



With the British push halted, the Americans continued to retreat from Manhattan and move to White Plains. This time, Washington struggled to send orders out through the army in a timely manner, recognizing his men in New York were now too decentralized for the prior system. In his General Orders for the day, he directed one Brigade Major from each division be tasked with hourly distributing orders to brigades "as fast as possible."

On October 20, the first of the British "prison hulks" was commissioned in New York. The *Whitby* was anchored off Long Island and was being used as a prison for captured Americans, soon to be accompanied by many others in an armada of floating prisons, including the

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On October 21, Washington continued to withdraw most of the army to White Plains, following various reconnaissance missions showing the British encroachment. In his General Orders that day, he wrote that he "hopes that every other part of the army will do their duty, with equal duty and zeal whenever called upon; and that neither dangers, difficulties, or hardships will discourage soldiers, engaged in the cause of liberty, and contending for all that freemen hold dear and valuable." He also thanks Colonel Glover and his men for their commendable actions at Pelham a few days prior.

The next day, General Howe's army in the Bronx is reinforced by 8,000 more men landing at New Rochelle. On October 23, Washington establishes a new headquarters in White Plains at the Elijah Miller House. Miller had served in the local militia before dying in August. His two sons, also enlisted, would die of fever by December. Here, Washington hurried to unload supplies and prepare defenses.

On October 24, Howe's army, heavily outnumbering the Americans, moved closer, establishing camp at Scarsdale, about two miles south of White Plains.

Board Endorses All Nine Town Meeting Articles

Mattapoissett Select Board

By Jeanne Hopkins

The Mattapoissett Select Board recommended all nine articles for the November 9 Special Town Meeting during its October 20 meeting, including funding for municipal building projects and an increase in the proposed allocation for online permitting software.

Town Meeting will begin at 6:30 pm at the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium. Voters will consider the spending requests and other proposed changes.

Article 1 would expand the authorized use of funding approved for the Water Street culvert replacement to include renovation of the highway building. Town Administrator Michael Lorenzo said grant

funding secured after the spring Town Meeting would cover the culvert project, allowing the town to redirect the existing authorization.

Lorenzo said highway building bids came in below the available funding, including a contingency, but recommended retaining flexibility for unexpected conditions during renovation of the aging building. Any unneeded borrowing would not be undertaken, he said.

Article 2 seeks an additional \$3,956,500 for the water and sewer building on Industrial Drive. Officials discussed using retained earnings and borrowing to fund the request. Debt payments would affect water and sewer rates rather than the general property tax levy.

The Select Board and Finance Committee recommended increasing Article 6 from \$250,000 to \$300,000, raising the online permitting allocation from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

Board members favored providing enough money upfront to select and implement a system that would serve residents and multiple departments, rather than starting with insufficient funding and returning to Town Meeting in the spring. No software provider was selected.

The article also includes \$100,000 to replace a rooftop heating and cooling unit serving the Center School cafeteria; \$75,000 for digitizing public records; \$25,000 for building and grounds maintenance; \$15,000 for engineering review of the landfill cap before solar installation; and \$10,000 for website accessibility improvements.

Article 8 requests \$500,000 for the Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road improvement project. Lorenzo estimated approximately \$300,000 would complete engineering work, with the balance supporting easement appraisals and assistance working with affected property owners.

He cautioned that additional funding would be needed for acquiring temporary and permanent easements. The project involves more than 200 easements, he said.

Article 9 would transfer management and regulatory responsibility for the transfer station to the Select Board. Lorenzo said operational oversight could then be assigned to the highway surveyor, reducing demands on health staff.

Other articles address acceptance of Cooper's Way as a public way, unpaid prior-year transfer station expenses, public works easements and replenishment of the grant-matching fund.

In a separate hearing, the board deemed Dash, a 6-year-old Irish Setter owned by Cindy Pemberton of Church Street, a nuisance dog because of excessive barking.

A neighboring resident testified that barking disrupted work, use of the home and potential rental income. Supporting witnesses described hearing prolonged barking and difficulty studying at home.

Pemberton attributed the barking to separation



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anxiety. She said Dash generally accompanies her to work but remains home alone for four to five hours on Wednesdays and Fridays. She described efforts to reduce the disturbance, including arranging care with a friend and trying a bark collar.

The board required documentation of training addressing the barking and limited the dog's time alone to a maximum of five hours on Wednesdays and Fridays. It planned to review progress within 45 days and requested written logs documenting time alone and barking incidents.

The board also approved Eversource's road-crossing petition. During discussion, officials said Eversource would pay to replace approximately 100 feet

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of aging water main on Crystal Spring Road and repave the affected road section.

Special Town Meeting Set for January 25, 2027

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board on Monday scheduled a Special Town Meeting for January 25, 2027.

Before the approval vote, Town Administrator Cameron Durant said he should have enough warrant article material for that date. He hinted the warrant might include measures to fund a consultant to help with the transition when long-time Financial Director Suzanne Szyndlar retires next year, as well as the proposal to

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acquire the YMCA property on Snows Pond. But he offered no further details on town meeting plans.

In August, the select board began considering purchasing the 29-acre property on Snows Pond Road at Snipatuit Pond for \$1.3 million to preserve it as conservation land. At that meeting, Durant announced that the regional YMCA, which bought the property from the Fairhaven Unitarian Church and used it for a boys' camp, was looking to sell it.

The Special Town Meeting was set for January 25, 2027, at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Memorial School cafetorium at 16 Pine St.

Monday's meeting began with the board approving an addendum to Facilities Director Andrew

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Daniels' contract that will allow him to oversee all Parks Department property maintenance, a task that was previously the responsibility of the Park Commission.

In May, Durant explained the Park Commission needs help with the department's daily operations because one member of the commission has decided against running for re-election and another member wishes to retire. Durant's proposal to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOI) with the commission that will give the select board the ability to manage the park's day-to-day operations has since been finalized.

On Monday, select board member Adam Murphy asked if there had been any complaints since the change. Daniels answered that the Park Commission used to have older, retired members who were able to supervise day-to-day maintenance. Now it has younger members with jobs and families who can't get to the parks daily to make maintenance is happening. New staff is filling that need.

In other action, Durant updated the board on the Flock camera issue. In early October, the board suspended the use of the AI-powered Flock cameras scattered around town that video-record car license plates and, townspeople complained, spread their private data. Durant said Monday he has reached out to the Flock camera company for answers. He said he expects a resolution to the townspeople's concerns more than 30 days from now. This will take time, he said.

Durant also announced that a subcommittee will be considering appointing Dr. Michael Amato to a vacant seat on the Finance Committee on Monday following the select board meeting. The hiring committee, which includes Select Board Chair Paul Ciaburri, Town Moderator David Arancio and FinCom Vice-Chair Anthony Ruocco, considered Amato for the seat in



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early October. The appointment stalled then because Amato was unable to be present, as he is also an on-call firefighter.

The board announced that the October SEMASS in lieu of taxes payment to the town is \$385,199.

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

Beach Access Proposal Reaches Decision

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Zakary Sarkarati

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, October 14, to hear from citizens and vote on requests to modify their properties. The Commission determines whether sites near a wetland are subject to regulation under Massachusetts' Wetlands Protection Act, which the Conservation Commission enforces.

The night concluded a nearly six-month review of a proposal to clear vegetation and establish long-term management for an access route to the waterfront near Bryne Avenue and Shell Beach Road. The applicant is easement holder Stephen Vaitses.

Under the commission's decision, the project would not use machinery, historical stone walls must remain intact, and picnic tables must be removed seasonally. For major storms, the commission would impose a 10-foot height restriction on trimming and, if applicable, require the applicant to find a location of equal

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or lesser impact for the mats on the dune.

A recent expansion to the project included laying wheelchair accessible mats over a dune, which drew controversy. While the applicant argued the mat would give residents with disabilities access to the beach, neighbors said it would damage the already eroded dunes and potentially cause flooding during storms.

In another case, the commission unanimously issued a negative determination, meaning the project requires no oversight for the Wetlands Protection Act, for a proposal for 6 Water Street, the location of Demakis Family Real Estate at the town wharf.

The request — filed by applicant Tyler Hathaway — was to replace the staircase on the west side of the building, currently brick, with granite/bluestone. The existing staircase is 5-foot-by-5-foot, and the applicant proposes expanding it to 10-foot-by-5-foot. The applicant also wants to remove the asphalt and replace it with garden beds.

In another matter, the resident of 11 Seamarsh Way agreed to remove a metal pole with a no trespassing sign that he had installed where he believed the high-water mark at his waterfront property to be.

Members of the commission contested that the pole was placed below the high-water mark, and the land “was subject to storm floodage.” The property owner was given the opportunity to take down the sign or submit an application to the commission for review, but he chose to

take it down.

Planning Board Releases \$745,300 for Marion Pointe

Marion Planning Board
By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Toll Brothers developers came before the Planning Board seeking to release bond money for the developers to finish some infrastructure issues that have arisen at their ongoing housing development on Route 6.

Toll Brothers representatives said the water line needs for Marion Pointe, 78 Wareham Road, have changed since construction began, and proceeding with the project will require another 1,500 feet of water line infrastructure.

Board representatives compromised, agreeing to release funds for work that has been completed, which adds up to \$745,300.

Planning Board Chairman Sean Sweeney equated the release of any additional funds to paying a home builder the entire price when the house is only halfway complete. Sweeney indicated that if the project failed to reach completion, the town would be financially liable.

“To be fair to the town, we need, at a minimum, systems that have been fully installed, tested and approved to release money,” Sweeney said.

“We are under no obligation to grant it,” Sweeney also said.

The board agreed to release funds in line with the work that has been completed, including site preparation and demolition, clearing of land and granite curb work.

The board also deliberated on another Toll Brothers project that would be adjacent to Marion Pointe: a 55-unit townhouse development dubbed Heron Cove Estates.

Last month, Toll Brothers appeared before the board for a preliminary hearing and both developers and board members noted that this project could be expedited because it mirrors Marion Pointe. Developers can design it with the previous project’s recommendations and modifications.

The October 19 meeting featured the more formal site plan review hearing.

At the September meeting, Toll Brothers representative Jeff Heidelberg said road lengths will be the same and its connection to Marion Pointe reflects the fire and safety access concerns from the Marion Pointe project.

“We brought in elements consistent with the town’s desires and MassDOT’s [Department of Transportation] approval for the previous project,” project engineer Phil Cordeiro said.

At the October 19 meeting, Planning Board members had concerns about the parking, with only 11 visitor spots for the entire development.

Heidelberg said the driveways are large and



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the additional parking is within the town's zoning requirements.

Some residents nearby complained about construction traffic, as well as safety, claiming that additional traffic from these two housing projects would put a strain on Route 6.

Board and project representatives said Route 6 is considered a state route and only the state DOT could install a traffic light or other traffic mitigation measures.

The board directed Toll Brothers to have the town's engineer review plans and return to the board for the next phase.

The board will meet again on November 2.

New Home's Four-Car Garage Approved

Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals met on Thursday, October 15, and heard two petitions: one for a variance and one for a special permit.

The board began with the hearing for Andre



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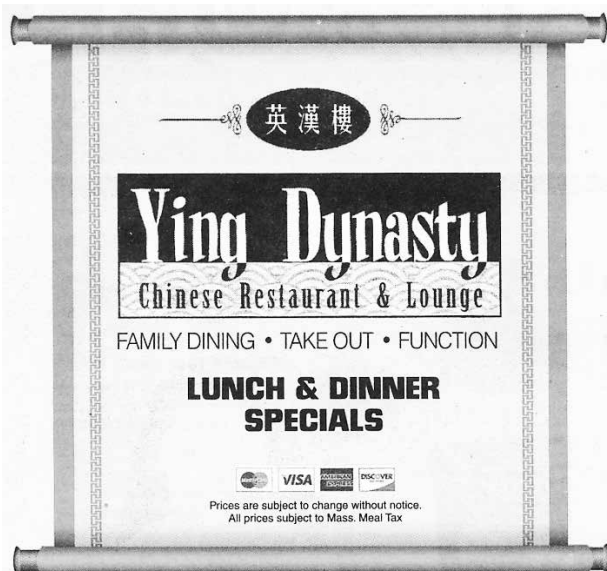
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Rieksts and Lisa Francis of Taunton. The couple seeks to construct a 6,000-square-foot new home and four-car garage on the vacant lot at 2 Boardwalk Drive, a roughly six-acre lot that connects to Park Lane. The garage exceeds the allowed square footage, though the board had received three letters in favor of the project from abutters.

"I'm building a custom home that my wife and I designed," Rieksts told the board. "We've been in the process of trying to get a building permit and planning our retirement here for eight years."

He noted that over that time, they have altered plans and added various things to the plan, which now incorporates their daughter and son-in-law, as well as Francis' mother, into the home's plans.



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The nearly 1,400-square-foot garage is to accommodate said family members' cars and would also contain a second entrance to access the daughter's section of the home. There were no public comments, so the board closed the public hearing and moved to discuss amongst themselves. They offered no comments and quickly moved to vote on the project, which they all voted in favor of. Thus, the variance was granted.

Next was the hearing for the application of Deidre Galway for a special permit and variance to construct a 7.5-foot-by-11-foot storage (originally proposed as a bathroom) addition and a 12-foot-by-12-foot porch addition at 18 Sagamore Road. Project lead David Davignon explained the proposed extensions to the home, originally built in 1964 on the corner of Sagamore and Antassawamock Road. Davignon explained the porch and interior storage additions would be adjacent to and to the rear of the cottage.

The board moved to approve the project, which they voted on unanimously, and then closed the meeting.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, a week prior to Thanksgiving, in Town Hall, 16 Main Street.

ORR Football Scores Homecoming Win

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Football: The Old Rochester Regional High School football team hosted Bishop Fenwick (3-3) on October 16 and won 53-18. Junior **Benji Baptiste** rushed for 273 yards and scored 5 touchdown runs from the 54, 22, 4, 34, and 2-yard lines. Junior quarterback **Connor Nelson** had 131 yards and a touchdown, as junior **Logan Hiles** scored a 4-yard touchdown run and had a 44-yard pick-six. Senior kicker **Nolin Vieira** scored 5 PATs.

"That's a good win against a good team who was in the state semifinals last year. We are starting to click on all three phases of the game. We are proud of the boys, and it was nice to win on senior night and homecoming," said ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault.

The Bulldogs are 5-1 on the year and will play at Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech (2-4) on October 23.

Girls Volleyball: Old Rochester faced

Apponequet (1-14) on October 14, and won 3-0 by set scores of 25-11, 25-17, and 25-14. Freshman **Ady Chua** had 10 aces and junior **Lucy Lombard** had 5 aces. They're 13-2 this season and 11-0 in the SCC heading into Monday's game against Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech (8-6), and Wednesday's game against Joseph Case (12-3).

Golf: The Bulldogs came in first in the SCC tournament on October 13, with a score of 306 over the second-place team of West Bridgewater (15-1) with a score of 314. Old Rochester had a perfect year, winning the tournament and going 14-0 in the regular season. **John Bongiorno** was the second medalist in the tournament shooting a 75(+3), as **August Herbert** tied him shooting a 75(+3). **Jack Czerkowicz** shot a 77(+5) while **Drew Butler** and **Luke Pierre** shot 79(+7). **Brendan Fuller** rounded out the team shooting an 86(+14).

Boys Soccer: The Bulldogs played at Apponequet (5-5-1) on October 14 and won 3-1. Goals were scored by **Grady Oliveira**, **Cole Hitchings** and **Noah Robitaille**. Old Rochester is 6-4-1 going into Monday's game against Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech (9-1-1), Tuesday's game at Falmouth (6-5-2), and will host Westport (8-1-2) on October 23.

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Marion Board of Health Issues Rabies Advisory

The Town of Marion reports that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) notified the Marion Board of Health and Animal Control that a raccoon found in the area of Point Road near the water tower has tested positive for rabies.

The raccoon was acting oddly and was sent to the state for testing.

The Marion Board of Health asks the public to watch for wildlife showing signs of rabies and to refrain from interacting with wild animals.

Please be vigilant if you are out walking in that area. If you or your pet encounter an animal that may be infected with rabies, do not approach the animal. Keep a safe distance and call Animal Control as soon as possible.

Call Marion Animal Control at 508-748-1212 or call 911 to report animals you suspect may be exhibiting signs of rabies infection.

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In Massachusetts, animals that are most likely to be found infected with rabies include raccoons, bats, skunks, foxes and woodchucks (groundhogs). Cats are the domestic animal most frequently found to be rabid due to lower vaccination rates as compared to dogs.

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-Do not let pets roam freely. Keep them in a fenced yard or on a leash.

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Marion Veterans Day Ceremony

The Annual Marion Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at Old Landing Veteran's Park on Front Street on Wednesday, **November 11**, at 11:00 am. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved into the Sippican School Multipurpose Room.

Our guest speaker is our Tri-Town Veterans Service Officer, Lieutenant Christopher P. Gerrior, U.S. Navy (Retired).

The Sippican School Band, led by Jennifer Estacio, will perform selections of patriotic music. Please join the Town of Marion as we honor our Veterans at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center; the Marion Council on Aging will host a luncheon on November 11 at noon for veterans, active-duty service members, spouses and guests. Please RSVP for the luncheon by November 6 by calling 508-748-3570.





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Mattapoisett State Election Information

The State Election is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 3**. Polls will be open at Old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw Street, from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Community volunteers, including members of the Disability Commission and the Council on Aging, will be present outside the polling location to offer physical assistance to any voter in need of some extra support to navigate the voting experience.

Early voting will take place at Town Hall, 16 Main Street on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, and Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm on October 19 to 23 and October 26 to 30. Any registered Mattapoisett voter may cast a ballot during



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Ballots have been mailed to those who have requested them and will continue to be sent out as applications are received by the Town Clerk's Office. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, October 27. The voter registration deadline is October 24. If you have any questions regarding the election, please contact the Town Clerk, Catherine Heuberger, at 508-758-4100 Ext. 2.

Church Mouse Thrift Shop

The Second Anniversary of Church Mouse Thrift Shop in the former rectory of St. Rose of Lima Church in Rochester is celebrated on Saturday, **October 24**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Rev. Jude Thaddeus Osunkwo, pastor of St. Isidore Parish, and the administrative staff are happy to announce this anniversary with a special thank-you to the many people who have so generously supported us this past year, including our patrons and donors and our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who strive to make this budget-friendly shopping experience a delight.

Please note our extended hours, beginning Saturday, October 24, are Saturdays 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

For this anniversary, our special sale is 50% off everything in the shop. In addition, we are introducing Mouse Money. You will receive \$5 off a future \$30 purchase. Please enjoy hot cider and cookies while you shop.

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ORRHS Fall Family Fun Day & Craft Market

Old Rochester Regional High School's Early Education Program invites the community to its Fall Family Fun Day & Craft Market on Saturday, **October 24**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett. This family-friendly event will feature a variety of activities for children, local vendors, delicious food and opportunities to kick off holiday shopping while supporting students in the Early Education Program.

Admission to the craft market is free, with more than 40 local vendors offering a wide selection of handmade and unique items, including seasonal decorations, candles, jewelry, crocheted creations, quilts, pottery, woodworking, personalized gifts, artwork, children's toys, baked goods, and much more. Families are encouraged to shop local and support small businesses while browsing for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts.

Children can enjoy a variety of activities for just \$5 per child (cash only), including apple tasting, face painting, temporary tattoos and more. Special attractions include pony rides from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and a performance by Pitter Patter Puppets at 10:30 am. Families can also visit the Scholastic Book Fair and enjoy refreshments and food available for purchase from local businesses.

This event is organized by the Old Rochester Regional High School Early Education Program and provides students with valuable hands-on experience in event planning, community engagement and leadership while bringing families and local businesses together for a fun-filled fall celebration.

Community members of all ages are welcome to attend. Come enjoy a day of fall festivities, support local businesses, and celebrate the hard work of ORRHS Early Education students.

For additional information, please contact Elizabeth Kennedy at elizabethkennedy@oldrochester.org.

Marion Social Club Steak Dinner

The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road, is hosting a steak dinner and dance on Saturday, **November 14**, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Dinner will include steak, baked potato, green beans and dessert for \$40. Music will be provided by Time Machine. Please

call Betsy Youngson to reserve your tickets at 508-295-8253; the cutoff date to purchase tickets is November 7. Hope to see you there.

Marion Awarded \$2.09M for Wareham Road Water Main Project

The Town of Marion is pleased to announce it has been awarded \$2.09 million from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) through the HousingWorks Infrastructure Program in support of the Wareham Road Water Main Project.

The grant-funded project will replace 3,200 feet of the existing Wareham Road water main, which was installed in 1928. The Wareham Road water main has a history of frequent breaks and has become a maintenance burden for the town, creating an obstacle for future development.

As a result of the project, the water main will be increased from 6 inches to 12 inches, improving system reliability and providing greater hydraulic capacity for area residents, businesses and future housing.

The project will also support firefighting operations through the installation of new, strategically placed hydrants and improvements to water flow, which will bolster firefighting resources in the area.

The water main project is planned for completion before the reconstruction of the Route 6 corridor by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT), avoiding the need to cut into new pavement when road reconstruction begins.

The Town of Marion will coordinate with EOHLC and expects to finalize the necessary contracting requirements with the state in the coming weeks.

Additional information regarding the construction timeline, traffic logistics and neighborhood impact will be shared with the public as project planning progresses.

"This grant will allow the Town to improve critical infrastructure, ensuring a safe and reliable water supply while reducing the risk of future infrastructure breaks, [improving] fire flow and overall hydraulic

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deficiencies within the water system," said Town of Marion Engineering Manager Meghan Davis. "The grant funding allows the Town to execute vital water utility upgrades without placing additional financial burden on Marion residents or depleting the municipal budget."

"We are deeply grateful to the Healey-Driscoll administration for this grant funding," said Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman. "This is a major improvement for Marion. This grant-funded project will provide greater public safety and will support construction and economic development. We look forward to our new water main and all the benefits it will provide our community."

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Marion Natural History Museum Programs

"Stone Walls as Drylands: Viewing New England's Landforms as Habitats" with Professor Robert M. Thorson on Friday, **November 6**, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please register in advance through the Marion Natural History Museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

In early New England history, freshwater wetlands were considered miasma to be loathed, drained and converted to more productive use. By the early 1970s, however, the values of freshwater wetlands in New England had been recognized and they began to be protected by state and federal regulations, even though the majority had either been created or altered by agroecology and hydropower development. Much the same can be said about New England's gridwork of drystone walls estimated at 200,000 linear miles within an area of about 50,000 square miles. What has turned out to be the region's signature landform resulted from the same human agencies at wetlands. But with respect to wildlife habitat, they are complementary drylands whose ecological functions as volumes, areas and lines enrich habitat diversity in ways that are only just beginning to be investigated. This talk will be a status report on this emerging science.

Robert M. Thorson is a Midwestern native, turned Northwestern geologist, turned Northeastern academic. Currently, he's a professor of earth sciences at the University of Connecticut with a research focus on

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the link between New England's landscape, archaeology, history, ecology and literature. His work as a journalist was recently featured in *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, and *Smithsonian*. His Thoreau scholarship was recently featured in a three-part Ken Burns-PBS-Ewers Brothers reframing of Henry David Thoreau aired nationwide on March 30 and 31. His most recent book, *The Walden Experiments*, is upcoming at Princeton University Press. Several others are in the works. This event is a virtual and live presentation at the museum (arranged by the sponsor). Donation of \$10 per person. Preregister in advance at www.marionmuseum.org.

Archaeological Collections at the Marion Natural History Museum with Heather Olson, Laboratory and

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Milania and Alexandria Amaral show off their pumpkins with Marnie Amaral during the Mattapoisett Lions Club's annual fall festival on October 17 at Shipyard Park. Photo by Jeanne Hopkins



"Jolting Jonathan" Breindel of Mad Science engages children during the Family Fun Festival. Photo by Jeanne Hopkins



Jayla Cromwell of Wareham gets her face painted during the Mattapoisett Lions Club's fall festival. Photo by Jeanne Hopkins



Cranberry harvest. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



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Collections Manager, The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. on Friday, **November 13**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Please join the Marion Natural History Museum for a presentation on one of Marion's valuable cultural resources: the museum's Native American archaeological collections. For more than 154 years, the museum has preserved objects that reflect the natural and cultural heritage of the region, including bird nests, butterflies, minerals, shells and Native American artifacts from Marion and beyond. This program will highlight recent research into the museum's Native American collections, examining what these artifacts reveal about the area's past and why they remain important to our understanding of local history today. To register, please go to the museum's

website: www.marionmuseum.org

Music at the MAC

The MAC invites you to join us on **November 7** at 7:00 pm for an unforgettable evening with Grammy-nominee Reed Foehl, Putnam Murdock, Jeff Berlin and Colin Bradley. The show opens with Murdock and Bradley and then Reed Foehl will headline with Murdock and Berlin. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Tickets are available at marionartcenter.org/events. Tickets are \$28 for MAC members and \$35 for nonmembers.

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Bernard Philip Greenwood, 81, passed peacefully at home on October 10, 2026, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Donna Howes Greenwood; his son Brett Greenwood (Adrienne Hull) and his daughter Bridget Greenwood; his grandson, Cole Robert Greenwood; and his brother, Richard Greenwood (Donna)

of New Jersey. He was a brother-in-law to Robin Zora (David Besse) and Timothy Zora (Jackie), and an uncle to Leslie Ann Cappadona (Michael) of New Jersey, Tristan Besse (Sarah) of Marion, and Kiernan Besse (Gianna) of New Jersey. He was also an AFS host parent to Amina Beyer-Kutzner (Lars Kutzner) of Germany, continuing his role as a father over the years, and was a grandfather to Rahel, Lilith, and Gideon.

Born in New Bedford to the late Jeannette (Galipeau) and Richard Greenwood, Bernie graduated from New Bedford Vocational High School. He was a Master Electrician and taught Massachusetts Electrical Code and OSHA classes.

As a dedicated member of the Massachusetts Electrical Contractors Association, he served as both secretary and treasurer. He was also a Master Mason of 43 years with the Pythagorean Lodge in Marion, where he served as secretary, and belonged to the Masonic group "Brothers of the White Ash."

Bernie loved traveling with his wife and family, especially enjoying their many Disney trips over the years. He was also a model train enthusiast with an extensive collection of various scaled trains.

He was a kind man, a loving husband and father, and a loyal friend to many.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham from 2 to 4 pm. Due to allergies, please omit flowers.

For directions or to leave a message of condolence, visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com



John Redferne "Jack" Cannell, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away peacefully after a brief illness and a day of family goodbyes late on October 16th.

Jack was born on April 3, 1937 to John and Thyra Cannell. He grew up in Wellesley, MA, spending summers in North Falmouth, where he developed a

lifelong love of sailing and Buzzards Bay.

He attended the Fessenden School and Milton Academy (class of 1954, cum laude), before matriculating to Princeton University (class of 1958). At Princeton, he was a member of the Tiger Inn and 21 Club and Business Manager

of the Princeton Tiger Magazine. He was a proud and active Princeton alum, attending all the reunions and serving as Alumni Class President and Class Secretary.

His senior year, he was selling subscriptions to the Princeton Tiger on the Vassar campus where he met the love of his life, Betty Ann May. Jack and Betty Ann were married for 66 years.

Following Princeton, Jack attended Columbia Law School (class of 1961), where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He practiced corporate finance law at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, becoming a partner in 1970, and retiring as a member of the firm in 1995.

Jack and Betty Ann settled in Montclair, NJ, where they were active in the community and raised their three sons, John Jr., Jim, and William. They threw fantastic parties, including their annual Christmas caroling party, where their guests went door to door singing to their neighbors.

They loved to travel and saw the world together as a family and with their close friends. Jack also enjoyed scuba diving, tennis, squash, and golf.

In 1981, Jack and Betty Ann moved to Singapore, where Jack headed the Simpson Thacher & Bartlett office. Jack looked back on their four years in Singapore as among the happiest of his life, enjoying adventures around Asia and a thriving expat community.

Jack and Betty Ann began spending their summers in Mattapoisett, MA in 1989, before eventually moving to Mattapoisett full-time.

Jack served on a number of non-profit boards, including the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation (Chair), Henry H. Kessler Foundation (Chair), and New Alternatives for Children. He was a member of the Montclair Golf Club, the University Club of New York, the Singapore Cricket Club, the Mattapoisett Casino, and the Bay Club in Mattapoisett.

Later in life, Jack enjoyed spending time with family, especially his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

Jack is predeceased by his son, John Jr. He is survived by his wife, Betty Ann, sons: Jim (Joanella) and Will (Kathy), grandchildren: Josephine Barrington (Sam), Alex, John, Rix, and Margo Goldberg (Sinjon), and great-granddaughter Elizabeth.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 11 am in St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street, Marion, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to New Alternatives for Children, 825 7th Ave, New York, NY 10019, nackidscan.org.

For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

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Gries. There are two shows on Friday, **November 20**: one at 7:00 pm and one at 8:30 pm. The shows are held upstairs at the MAC and feature an intimate cabaret-style setting. Concessions are not sold at the event so patrons are encouraged to bring their own. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Tickets and information are available at marionartcenter.org/events.

Santa-worthy Seashells — Sip & Shell Workshop: In conjunction with Coastal Nomad, the MAC is offering a one-day class on oyster shell ornament making, paired with a special wine-tasting from J Sull of Marion. The class will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on **December 5**. During this two-hour workshop, you'll learn the art of decoupage while transforming oyster shells into beautiful, one-of-a-kind ornaments. Choose from a variety of holiday, coastal and everyday designs to create two unique ornaments to take home, perfect for decorating or gifting. No experience is necessary for this class. All materials and step-by-step instructions will be provided by the instructor. The cost is \$55 for members and \$65 for nonmembers. The class will be held at the MAC Studio, on the lower level at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. Registration and information are available at marionartcenter.org/events.

TTAR Community Conversations Event

Tri-Town Against Racism invites community members to join Community Conversations: Navigating Trying Political Times on Tuesday, **October 27**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The event will be facilitated by Kate E.

In a time when the political landscape can feel overwhelming, coming together as a community offers an opportunity to find connection, understanding, and support. This gathering is not about debating policies, winning arguments, or reaching consensus. Instead, it will provide a welcoming, supportive space for neighbors to share their experiences, practice active listening, and connect through empathy and shared values.

Through open conversation and mutual support, participants will have the opportunity to explore how we navigate challenging times together and build resilience within our community.

RSVP is required. Location will be disclosed in an email the day before the event. Register at tritownagainstracism.org. All are welcome to join this opportunity for meaningful conversation and connection.

Holiday Craft Fair at the Mattapoisett Museum

The Mattapoisett Museum, a community museum dedicated to sharing local history, announced today that the 2026 Holiday Craft Fair will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on **November 7** at the Mattapoisett Museum.

The event features 18+ vendors offering a diverse selection of handmade goods, including jewelry, woodworking, original drawings and prints, crocheted and knitted items, woven items and upcycled creations.

Attendees will be surrounded by a festive atmosphere including cookies and cider to enjoy as well as live music by "Guitar Dave" Sterenchock. The event offers an opportunity for local residents to discover unique, handcrafted gifts and get started on holiday shopping.

Fall Nature Drawing & Journaling

The Marion Natural History Museum community program Fall Nature Drawing & Journaling in New England has been re-scheduled to Saturday, **October 24**, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Come join us for nature drawing and journaling the fall in New England. You can bring any media, but we will focus on graphite and colored pencils. Tricia Cassady will demonstrate how she uses colored pencils in her nature sketchbooks. Bring toned sketch paper if you have it but Tricia will have some paper as well. We will talk about how the various ecosystems at Washburn Park in Marion, change in the fall (besides the obvious leaves changing color). Let's document the nature around us and get lost in its beauty. No experience necessary. Please register at www.marionmuseum.org

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this upgraded space. Join us from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Monday, **October 26**, for a ribbon cutting ceremony and light refreshments. Drop by; no registration needed for this event.

Through the hard work of Town Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel, and financial backing of Senator Michael Rodrigues and the Community Empowerment Fund, and the Friends of the Library, we have converted a former small meeting space into a warm, welcoming room for our teenaged patrons. Thank you all.

This new space will put to immediate use, hosting a Spooky Painting Workshop on Tuesday, **October 27**, and a one-shot Halloween themed D&D event on Saturday,

October 31. Teens are encouraged to sign up for these events via the Events Calendar on our website. Feel free to call or email the library with any questions.

The teen room will be open for use when staffing is available, potentially Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Study desks, white boards, a large table, an egg chair, beanbags, a book exchange shelf, Wi-Fi access, crafts and games are some of the things on offer in the space.

Library hours: Monday / Thursday, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday / Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; closed Sundays and holidays. To contact us, call 508-763-8600 or

OBITUARIES



Leda Decorie Kim passed away on October 7, 2026, at the age of 80. Born on December 29, 1945, to Earl and Steffie Decorie, she was raised in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. Her life was distinguished by professional accomplishment, a lifelong love of learning, and personal interests.

Leda attended The MacDuffie School, a college preparatory school, before earning her degree from the College of Saint Rose. An avid reader, she maintained a lifelong enthusiasm for books and learning. She was exceptionally articulate and well-spoken, with a gift for expressing herself thoughtfully and an appreciation for the written word.

Leda built an accomplished career in banking, beginning as a teller at Schenectady Trust Company in New York, which later became TrustCo Bank. Through years of dedication and professional growth, she advanced to Senior Executive Vice President at TrustCo. She later transitioned to SEFCU, where she also served as Senior Executive Vice President. Her career spanned decades, from the teller window to senior executive leadership.

Outside of work, Leda enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, orchids, quilting, antiques, and collectibles. She amassed an extensive collection of cookbooks and created memorable dishes for her family over the years.

Gardening and orchids held a special place in Leda's life. At the family's former home in Guilderland, her husband, Sung Bok Kim, built a greenhouse addition at the front of their house, where she spent countless hours tending to her orchids. She was a longtime member of the American Orchid Society. The greenhouse remains a fond childhood memory for her family and a pursuit she cherished.

Animals were another constant source of companionship and joy throughout Leda's life. During the family's years in Guilderland, pugs were a familiar presence at her feet and on her lap. Later, during her retirement in Mattapoisett, she became especially devoted to her beloved Bouviers des Flandres. Her affection for animals extended beyond her own pets.

For many years, Leda was involved with Peppertree Rescue, an all-breed animal rescue organization, helping animals find loving homes. When a home was needed, she was often willing to make her own home the answer. Her love for animals was expressed both through her own dogs and through her efforts to give other animals a second chance.

Leda valued being involved in her community. During her years in Mattapoisett, she volunteered in support of local polling stations and library sales. She also served as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of the Mattapoisett Housing Authority.

Leda and her husband, Sung Bok, shared more than 50 years of marriage and family life. Together, they raised their three children and later enjoyed retirement in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, where they spent the final 15 years of their lives in the home of their dreams. Sung Bok predeceased Leda in February 2026.

Leda is survived by her daughter, Briana Kim-Owens; her twin sons, Blakeley Kim and Cortland Kim; daughter-in-law Tia Kim; grandchildren Nicholas, Lucas, and Luna; niece Kimberlee Morrissey; and nephew Tommy Morrissey. She was predeceased by her husband, Sung Bok; her sister, Mondra Decorie Morrissey; and her brother-in-law, Walter Morrissey.

Leda's life encompassed a successful career, a lifelong commitment to learning, devotion to animals and gardening, and service to her community. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her memory will live on through her family, the experiences they shared, the community she served, and the many animals she helped find loving homes.

Leda's wish was to be cremated. Information regarding any memorial service or celebration of life will be shared when arrangements have been finalized. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Want to stay up to date on library happenings? Sign up for the monthly email newsletter, check out the Events Calendar on our website, or "like and follow" us on Facebook and Instagram.

Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

Come to an Author Talk with Katie Bernet this Saturday, **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.

The MFPL Writing Group meets on **November 3**, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm this month. The group will do a combination of brief writing exercises, progress check-ins, out-loud readings of work, peer reviews and silent writing. No registration is required; just drop in.

Bob Ainsworth will be at the Mattapoisett Library for a historic conversation about Fraud through the Ages on **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.

This month, the Fantasy Book Club is reading "Trail of Lightning," by Rebecca Roanhorse (2018). Copies are available for pick-up at the library. Read some or all of the book and then come to the monthly meeting on **November 4** at 6:00 pm to discuss. New members are welcome, and no registration is required.

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

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.

Kids Graphic Novel Book Club will be reading Dracula's Brunch Club by Brian Gonsar. Copies will be available at the children's desk. Contact faguiar@sailsinc.org with any questions. Registration is optional. Perfect for ages 9 and up. The club will be meeting on Friday, **October 23**, at 3:30 pm.

On Saturday, **November 7**, at 10:30 am, join us for a roaring good time at Dino-vember Storytime. No

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Oct 11 – Oct 17

- Quail's Crossing Rd – Animal control
- Maple Ave – Paper service/arrest
- Quelle Ln – Animal control
- Spring St – Road hazard
- Cove Cir – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Burglar alarm
- Front St – MV collision
- Front St – MV collision
- County Rd – MV complaint
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Suspicious person
- 195 East – MV collision
- Parlowtown Rd – Suspicious activity
- 195 East – MV collision
- Moorings Rd – Suspicious person
- Pleasant St – Road hazard
- Converse Rd – General service
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Hermitage Rd – General offense
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – Gas leak
- Parlowtown Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Holmes St – EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Oct 11 – Oct 17

- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Church St – Ambulance request
- 195 East – 911 call
- Pine Island Rd – Assist citizen
- Depot St – Burglar alarm
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd - Assault
- North St – Officer wanted
- Beach Rd – Property lost
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- 195 East – MV collision
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Marion Rd – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Shaw St – Suspicious persons
- Ocean View Ave – Suspicious persons
- Pine Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Church St Ext – General service
- Silver Shell Ave – Animal control
- 195 West – Ambulance request
- Aucoot Rd - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- North St – Medical assist
- Driscoll Ln – Parking complaint
- Uncas Way – Animal control
- Stony Hill Rd – MV crash

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Oct 11 – Oct 17

- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – Road hazard
- High St – Road hazard
- Benjamin Dr – Suspicious activity
- Clapp Rd - Vandalism
- Cherry Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Pine St - Investigation
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – Inside investigation
- Annies Way – Animal control
- Pine St – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- High St – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Wolf Island Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – General service
- County Rd – MV collision
- Pierce St – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Forster Rd – Suspicious activity
- Forbes Rd – Noise complaint
- Burgess Ave – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Message delivery
- Clapp Rd – MV collision
- Pierce St – Suspicious activity

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 26: Sausage w/abruzzo sauce, rice pilaf, Tuscan veggie blend, wheat bread, peach cup
Tuesday, Oct 27: Herb roasted chicken thigh w/gravy, mashed potatoes, diced carrots, wheat roll, pumpkin bread, diet: fruit
Wednesday, Oct 28: Shrimp alfredo, whole grain pasta, broccoli, dinner roll, pound cake w/ blueberries, diet: fruit
Thursday, Oct 29: Southwest beef & black bean chili w/shredded cheese, green peas, whole grain cornbread bowl, banana
Friday, Oct 30: Chicken Carbonara w/ham, whole grain pasta, Cali blend vegetables, wheat bread, pears

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 26: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine crackers
Tuesday, Oct 27: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Oct 28: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli,

garlic breadstick

Thursday, Oct 29: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick
Friday, Oct 30: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Oct 26: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine crackers
Tuesday, Oct 27: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Oct 28: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Thursday, Oct 29: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick
Friday, Oct 30: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Oct 26: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine

crackers

Tuesday, Oct 27: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Oct 28: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Thursday, Oct 29: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick
Friday, Oct 30: Pizza crunchers, garden salad, roasted chic peas, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct 26: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine crackers
Tuesday, Oct 27: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Oct 28: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Thursday, Oct 29: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick
Friday, Oct 30: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 26: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine crackers
Tuesday, Oct 27: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, Oct 28: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Thursday, Oct 29: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick
Friday, Oct 30: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Oct 26: Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll
Tuesday, Oct 27: Gyro chicken in pita bread & Greek fries
Wednesday, Oct 28: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread
Thursday, Oct 29: Waffle & chicken sliders with tater tots
Friday, Oct 30: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

registration required, just come down in your best dino clothes and enjoy.

More information about all of 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.

Teen Events at the Mattapoissett Library

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

Teens in grades 6 to 12 are welcome to join us for a 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 is 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 faguier@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.

Rochester Historical Society Museum

The Rochester Historical Museum at 355

County Rd., Rochester will be open on Sundays through November from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The current exhibit is "Rochester and the Revolution." If you would like to view the exhibit at a different time, you can make arrangements by calling Connie at 617-750-2818 or emailing eshbach2@aol.com.

Cushing Cemetery

Cushing Cemetery is holding its biannual meeting on Saturday, **October 24**, at 10:00 am, downstairs at the Mattapoissett 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 Janice Weber 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.

The First Congregational Church of Marion is located at 28 Main Street and is accessible. Tickets are \$20 to benefit the church's music program and are available at The First Congregational Church of Marion's

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ACROSS

- 1 Unsettles
9 Beginning of a process
16 Opposed to
20 Woman from Madrid's land, to Madrid natives
21 Relatives of grapefruits
22 Cut of beef
23 Start of riddle #1
25 Pea holders
26 Kyoto coin
27 Actress Longoria
28 Astern
29 Diameter halves
30 Middle of riddle #1
37 Star of "10"
40 Foe of Spinks
41 Most polar
42 End of riddle #1
48 Second-rate
49 Suffix with glob or duct
50 Spicy
51 V-shaped cut
55 Hand-talking syst.
56 90 degrees from norte
58 Intend to do
61 Great sorrow
62 "That's it!"

- 65 Answer to riddle #1
69 Humility
72 Mensa stats
73 Performs in front of
74 Start of riddle #2
79 Casino stake
80 Flaky dessert
81 Unit of a sentence
82 Tell — story (try to evoke sympathy)
84 Undergrad degs.
87 Drinking aid
90 Part of ENT
91 Actress Ortiz
92 Actor Skeet or drummer Lars
95 Middle of riddle #2
100 Warship fleet
103 "I'll take that as —"
104 Civil War general Grant
105 End of riddle #2
111 Kicked in seed money
112 Bottom line
113 Chum
114 Crunches work them
117 Injure badly

- 118 Answer to riddle #2
125 Hotel chain
126 Greek
127 Ate lunch or dinner
128 Former rival of Nintendo
129 Tranquil and carefree
130 "Yes, it's true, alas"

DOWN

- 1 Like many wet lawns
2 "This —" (telephone response)
3 Arch across
4 Pic on a chest, maybe
5 Mom's bro
6 Jumping Aussie critter
7 Feature of a cloudless day
8 Balm
9 Secret agent
10 As well
11 Very tall bird
12 Praline ingredient
13 1957-91 king of Norway
14 "Affliction" star Nick

- 15 Course for U.S. immigrants
16 "Scarface" star
17 Strip of pasta
18 Neatens up
19 Refuse to yield
24 Pappy
29 Puerto —
30 Te- (giggles)
31 Municipal laws: Abbr.
32 Yeshiva teacher
33 Scarce
34 Styled after
35 Victory
36 Fruit drink brand
37 — Raton
38 Avian hooters
39 Genetic structure with "rungs" of base pairs
43 Novel writer, e.g.: Abbr.
44 Pooch pest
45 Gabfest
46 Charged atoms
47 Sink as low as
52 Drill attachments with spiraling grooves

- 53 Paint layer
54 Sub in a deli
57 Reaping tools
58 Arouse
59 Misplaced
60 Pittsburgh Steelers' org.
63 Whack down
64 Burning residue
66 Waterways, to Mexicans
67 "— Four" (Beatles)
68 Dark deli bread
69 Atlas features
70 Handling the matter
71 Strike gently
75 Part of UAE
76 Uncovered
77 Sharp pain
78 Morales in movies
83 Horn for taps
85 Nagging pain
86 "— Out of My League"
88 The universe of universities
89 Walked through water
91 After a while
93 Distance unit in astron.
94 Optimistic
96 Road gunk

- 97 On the — (escaping)
98 Yoko of art
99 Roast that may include chopped cashews or almonds
100 Los —, New Mexico
101 Title anew
102 Beating at chess
106 When many a driver stops
107 Touchy- —
108 To any extent
109 Jungle beast
110 Sister of Malia Obama
114 On a mattress, say
115 Squeezing snakes
116 WWII battle site in Normandy
118 X, to Greeks
119 — Aviv
120 Kin of mono-
121 — room (Ping-Pong place)
122 Prez #32
123 Car club inits.
124 Stat involving wt. and ht.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your moodier side might emerge this week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas to smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all the praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers, unless they can show a real basis for their position.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore your current job responsibilities. A personal relationship can also benefit from more of your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers that you get.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your efforts involving a pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This will allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still have some explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You might also want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

BORN THIS WEEK: You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science? (c) 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

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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.

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 Mattapoisett Congregational Church

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

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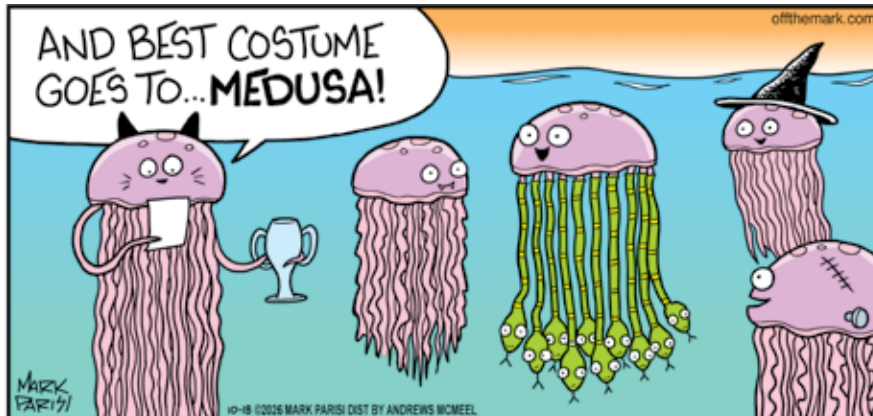
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sneakers for sale or some knitting needles hiding among a menagerie of items behind the counter. Then, let's cross the street to the beauty salon where Mrs. Langevin can work her magic and, of course, where we can catch up on all the current happenings 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 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.

Then, hiding in plain sight, we see a sign that says Handy's Tavern. Handy's Tavern, the home of the Sippican Woman's Club for over a century. The home of the Sippican Woman's Club, whose mission has remained unchanged for over a century: "to provide the opportunity for women to make meaningful connections, embrace lifelong learning, and champion humanitarian causes that make a positive impact." Whether you have lived in or have been interested in Marion for a century, for a half century, or maybe you are new to the area, why haven't you joined yet? For more information, check us out at www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

BPAA Grant Program

The Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) is pleased to announce the call for applications for the 2026-2027 cycle of the Grant Program, supporting creative and impactful initiatives at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (ORRJHS) and Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS).

The program is open to students, teachers, and current staff. BPAA grants aim to augment funding of school projects that enhance the educational and extracurricular experience during the current school year. With a view toward impacting the greatest number of students, the Grants Committee will evaluate grant proposals according to the following criteria:

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- Foster school and/or community relationships
- Develop creative programs in new areas

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For the 2025-2026 inaugural cycle, the BPAA granted \$1,800 to two applicants from ORRJHS and two from ORRHS. For the 2026-2027 cycle, the BPAA has committed to funding the Grant Program in the amount of \$3,000.

After the review process, the Grants Committee will make its recommendations to the Executive Committee, whose decision is final. Grant recipients will be notified no later than December 7.

Applicants are required to complete the digital application.

To apply, visit: <https://www.orr alumni.org/apply-for-a-grant>.

Deadline: Applications are due by Friday, **November 6**, at 11:59 pm.

For questions or more information, please contact the BPAA Grants Committee via the website.

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TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD/BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Select Board and Board of Assessors will hold a public hearing at the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of determining the classification of real property. John W. Hoagland, Chair Select Board Patricia A. DeCosta, Chair Board of Assessors 10/15, 10/22 ----- TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Rochester Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 131, §40 (the Wetlands Protection Act) for a Notice of Intent submitted by KLV Property Management proposing to clear and grade within the 200' riverfront area on Mary's Pond Road, Rochester, Map 12 Lot 1-A, in an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be viewed at the Rochester Town Hall. 10/22 ----- TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Douglas & Dena Miller for the proposed construction of a small addition to the existing home at 9 Holly Lane. The site is further identified as Lot 220 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 10/22 ----- TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Mark J. & Heidi A. Ruggieri for the proposed removal and reconstruction of a pier at 63 East Avenue. The site is further identified as Lot 61 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 10/22 -----	TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Caleb W. & Kelly S. Hudak for the proposed construction of a garage addition with an accessory dwelling unit, pool, pool deck, deck and patio replacement, driveway improvement, and utilities installation at 62 Water Street. The site is further identified as Lot 135B on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Shaun Walsh, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 10/22 ----- TOWN OF MARION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PUBLIC NOTICE Sealed bids for construction of the Creek Road Pump Station Resiliency Improvements for the Town of Marion, Massachusetts, will be received at the Marion Water Pollution Control Facility, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, MA 02738 until 11:00 am prevailing time on December 2, 2026, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes construction of: Replacement sewage pump station, including new raised electrical building, buried wet well and valve vault, extension of existing gravity sewer and force main, off-site ARV replacement, and installation of site features including grading, plantings, seeding, fencing, etc. Estimated construction cost: \$ 3,700,000 General Contractor's CATEGORY OF CERTIFICATION: PUMPING STATIONS Filed sub bids for the trades in Item 2 in Section 00 41 13 FORM OF GENERAL BID shall be addressed to the Town of Marion, Massachusetts, and endorsed to identify its contents and will be received at the Marion Water Pollution Control Facility, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, MA 02738 until 11:00 am prevailing time on November 18, 2026, at which time and place said sub bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid security for all general bidders and sub bidders in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check, payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the total bid, in accordance with Section 00 21 13 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. SUB BIDS <table><tr><th>Item</th><th>Sub-bid</th><th>Specification</th><th>Section</th></tr><tr><td>2.A</td><td>Masonry</td><td></td><td>Division 4</td></tr><tr><td>2.B</td><td>Misc. and Ornamental Iron</td><td></td><td>Division 5</td></tr><tr><td>2.C</td><td>HVAC</td><td></td><td>Division 23</td></tr><tr><td>2.D</td><td>Electrical</td><td></td><td>Division 26</td></tr></table> The Instructions to Bidders, Form of General Bid, Agreement, Plans, Specifications, Performance and Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following: Accent Printing, Inc., 99 Chelmsford Road, North	Item	Sub-bid	Specification	Section	2.A	Masonry		Division 4	2.B	Misc. and Ornamental Iron		Division 5	2.C	HVAC		Division 23	2.D	Electrical		Division 26	Billerica, Massachusetts Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge at www.accentblueprints.com. 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General Contractors shall file their bids with a copy of the certificate from Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) showing that they are eligible to bid on projects of this category, of this estimated project dollar amount and up to an aggregate limit, and with an Update Statement, DCAM Form CQ3 and Certificate of Eligibility, DCAM Form CQ7. Subcontractors shall file with their sub-bids a copy of their DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and Sub-Bidders Update Statement. All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A to 44J inclusive, as amended. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. This project is funded via the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and is subject to program requirements, project-specific regulations and requirements, and Federal Law. Refer to Section 00 73 73.33. By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids. TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS BY Geoffrey Gorman, Town Administrator Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Reading, Massachusetts 10/22 -----
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Committee will be accepting project funding applications for Committee consideration and presentation at the Spring 2027 Annual Town Meeting. The Project Application and guidelines will be available on the Town Website and in paper form at the Select Board's Office on October 5.

Submit completed applications by **November 6** to: Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee, c/o Mattapoisett Select Board Office, PO Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

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

Marion Special Town Meeting

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

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

FOML Annual Jewelry & Accessories Sale

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

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

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

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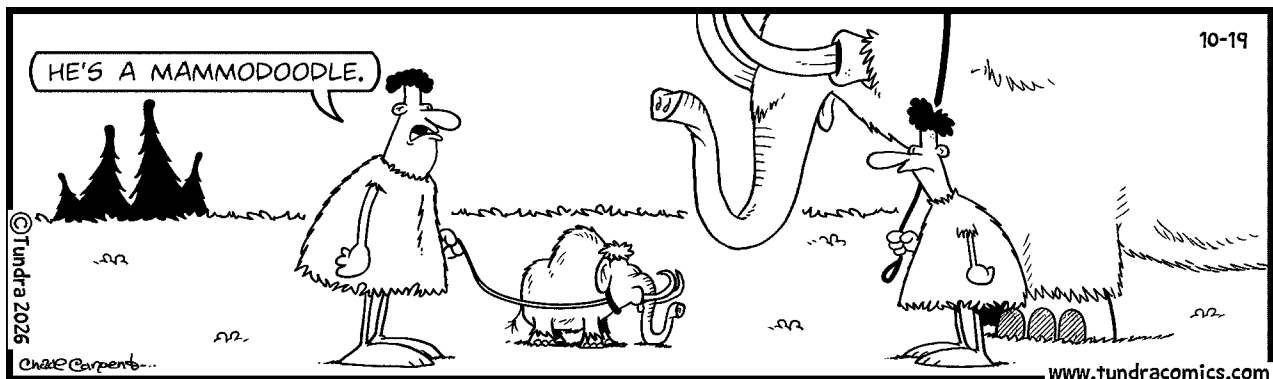
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TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 4:30 pm at the Marion Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, Marion on the variance requests submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of The James Spader Living Trust pertaining to the property located at 490 Point Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 11A. The following variances are requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): 310 CMR 15.102: Deep Observation Test Holes: 1 Soil Evaluation & Sieve Analysis vs. 2-Soil Evaluations & 1-Percolation Test Required 310 CMR 15.211: Minimum Setback Distances: Septic Tank 3.7' vs. 10' to a Property Line 310 CMR 15.211: Minimum Setback Distances: Leaching Area 5.5' vs. 10' to a Property Line 310 CMR 15.211: Minimum Setback Distances: Leaching Area 12' vs. 20' to a Bulkhead 310 CMR 15.212: Separation to Groundwater: Leaching Area 2' vs. 4' to a Seasonal High Groundwater M.S.C. 4.60.1, Minimum Daily Flow: Design Per Title 5 @ 440 Gal/Day vs. 510 Gal/Day Requesting to Design Per the Eljen Design Manual for 4-Bedrooms Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 10/22, 10/29 TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #847 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Sippican Holdings LLC, c/o Downey Development, for a Variance from sections 230-4.2, 5.3 and 230-6.5.c of the zoning by-law to allow a use variance, as permitted by section 230-2.3.D, to convert an existing commercial building in the LI District to: A) a multifamily dwelling containing 40 dwelling units, with a variance from the parking space requirement; and B) a building containing approximately 10,950 square feet of commercial office space. The property, located at 14 Barnabas Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 24 as lot 44. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 10/22, 10/29	Personal Driver - Your vehicle or mine Come enjoy my black Tesla X Available to drive anywhere seven days a week References upon request Tony Resendes 774-540-0846 Reasonable Handyman Eric Cordeiro - 24 yrs experience 508-995-4496 Roof Repairs, Gutter Cleaning, Chimney Work Call Chris 508-971-7456 Spring Cleaners Home * Office * Rentals Spring cleaning all year round! Call Samantha 508-245-9806 Tree Service 24/7 Emergency Service FREE ESTIMATES 508-991-1809 office@tritowngroup.services Updated 2 BR ranch for RENT in ROCHESTER. Modern, open quartz white kitchen. \$2700/mo. Credit/income/CORI. 1st/last/sec (508)989-6575 WANTED Cash for truck\$ & car\$ Toyota's, Honda's, etc. 508-642-9128 WANTED junk cars & trucks for salvage & parts. Paying cash. Free pickup. Heavy equipment. 508-763-4185 cell 508-524-3741 DM Auto YARD SALE Saturday, Oct. 24th 8-2 68 Weeden Road, Fairhaven Antiques, furniture, art work. Please join us! Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com	Classified Policy: All Classified Advertisements must be prepaid and can be placed at our office or on line at www.wanderer.com. Classified Deadline: Tuesday at 10:00 am for Thursday's paper. Classified Rates: Classified Advertisements are \$8.00 for 3 lines or less per week. Each additional line is \$1.00 per week. There are an average of six words per line. Bold is an addition \$1 per week. Classified Guidelines: *As a general rule, there are approximately six words per line in a standard Classified Ad. *Blank lines cannot be used in Classified Advertisements. *There is only upper case and lower case lettering. *No graphics may be used in Classified Advertisements. *Classified Ads cannot be placed on hold. *Classified Ads cannot be taken over the phone. Mailing Classified Ads: Ads can be mailed with payment to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 Placing Classified Ads On-line: Ads can be placed on line at: www.wanderer.com Dropping Off Classified Advertisements: Ads can be dropped by our office at 55 County Road in Mattapoisett, Monday, Thurs, Fri -9am to 3pm; Tuesday 9am to noon Payment Policy: All sales final, we do not offer credits or refunds. Legal Advertisements: * Legal Ads are \$1.00 per line, at a minimum of \$25. per ad.

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

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

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

Marion E-Alerts

The Town of Marion would like to remind residents that they can sign up for email alerts on the town website: marionma.gov.

From the homepage, click on "Subscribe to E-Alerts," create a login and password, and then select "News or Announcement" to receive email updates. Important information such as road work, closures, Waste Management collection changes, events and other town updates are shared through these alerts.

On the same webpage, residents may also subscribe to receive agendas and minutes. For questions, please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3520 or dhemphill@marionma.gov.

North Rochester Congregational Church

The North Rochester Congregational Church, 247 North Avenue, Rochester, has services at 10:00 am on Sundays. The services are conducted by Rev. Merrily Harris, guest ministers and members of the congregation. Communion is on the first Sunday of each month. Paul Sardinha is the longtime organist. Food and fellowship follow. Everyone is welcome.

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The historic house plaque program recognizes historic structures by placing an historic plaque.

In honor of the nation's 250th anniversary, the Historical Commission encourages Mattapoisett residents to apply for an historic house plaque or to replace existing house plaques in need of updating.

A property must meet two or more qualifying criteria:

Age: The structure must be at least 75 years old.

Historic Event: Structures must be associated with an event that has local, regional or national significance.

Person: The structure must be associated with a person or persons who have made a notable contribution to history.

Period/Style: The structure embodies distinctive characteristics of a period of architecture or style and may be associated with a noted architect or builder.

Cultural landscape/archeology: The site of the structure has an important connection to the local history.

The plaques will display the original owner's name and spouse, if applicable, and the date. There is space for three lines. It should be attached to the front of the house where it can be visible from the street. Plaques are informational only and do not restrict the owner from making changes to the property.

The application form is available on the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website. Once completed, it should be returned to: Mattapoisett Historical Commission, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Please visit the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website, www.mattapoisett.gov, for further information.

Marion Town Sticker Purchases

The following permits will be available for purchase in the Town Clerk's Office at the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road:

Marion Resident Beach/Parking Permits; Marion Resident Transfer Station Permits; Marion Resident Guest Passes; and Marion Shellfish Licenses.

These stickers will no longer be available at the Harbormaster Building.

Mattapoisett Library Online Learning Platform to Empower Adults 55+

With the number of Americans aged 65 and older projected to increase by 24 million by 2050, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is proud to announce the availability of Gale Presents: GetSetUp, a digital resource designed to support the growing needs of older adults. According to the 2024 Active Aging Report, older adults are increasingly turning to digital tools for health, wellness and lifelong learning, as evidenced by their participation in over 5.27 million GetSetUp online activities last year. To meet their needs, Mattapoisett



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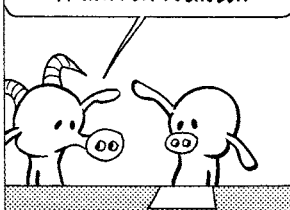
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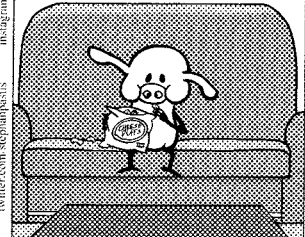
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INSPIRE ME!
Make me want to do
something other than
sit on my couch and
eat cheese puffs.



PIG YOU CANT JUST ASK LIFE TO
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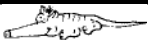
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Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	October 22	5:24	5:44	11:39	11:48
Friday	October 23	6:11	6:31		12:22
Saturday	October 24	6:55	7:16	12:22	1:04
Sunday	October 25	7:38	8:02	12:57	1:47
Monday	October 26	8:22	8:48	1:36	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
Monday	November 2	1:27	1:56	7:24	9:15
Tuesday	November 3	2:29	2:59	9:20	10:03
Wednesday	November 4	3:32	4:01	10:22	10:40
Thursday	November 5	4:32	4:58	11:09	11:07
Friday	November 6	5:25	5:47	11:48	11:31
Saturday	November 7	6:12	6:32		12:23
Sunday	November 8	6:55	7:15		12:56
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		October 26th	
		Last Quarter		November 1st	
		New Moon		November 9th	
		First Quarter		November 17th	



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 15, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 21

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

Solution

- 1. Camber; 2. Offset
- 3. Carpet; 4. Tide

Today's Word
DEBRIEF

Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi
off the mark



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ea**

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