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Renovations Begin; Town House Closed

Marion Town House Construction

By Sam Bishop

Construction in the Marion Town House began on Monday, September 1 with the Town House functions being moved to the Town House Annex on the other side of Route 6 at 14 Barnabas Road. All functions, including the drop-box for payments have henceforth moved.

Renovations have so far just included a teardown. Ceiling tiles are down, wiring is exposed, walls are marked with sticky notes with messages like "new window here?" on them, and flowing has been covered up with cardboard to prevent damage.

Work was approved at this year's Town Meeting when Article 17 was passed with roughly a two-thirds vote in favor. The passed article calls for renovations that would make the site ADA and building-code compliant, while also generally making it more accessible. Also being installed in the roughly 150-year-old building is a new and more capable fire suppression system. Finally, HVAC will be added to the building, following heavy debate. Supporters say it will make the building easier on staff and visitors in increasingly hotter summers. Upon speaking with a worker in the building today, he exclaimed, "man, it's hot in here."

The Marion Finance Committee had voted not to support Article 17 prior to Town Meeting, with Chair Shay Assad recommending work should be split into multiple different articles to allow the Marion people to vote on each individually.

Construction totals have incrementally risen since the renovations were first proposed, with current and approved costs being over \$4,000,000. Work is set to continue throughout the winter and conclude sometime next summer.

On the Cover: Renovations began on the Marion Town House on Labor Day, September 1. So far, much of building has been gutted with wires exposed and walls marked. Floors were covered for protection. Work is expected to last nearly a year, completing summer 2026. Photo by Sam Bishop

Summer's Over, Sorry Kiddos By Sam Bishop

The sun has begun its slow retreat, the cicadas are turning down their concerts, and the halls are filled with the smell of erasers and sharpened pencils. Yes, summer break is over, and with it, the annual migration of backpacks, lunchboxes, and sleep-deprived students has begun. All the schools in the Tri-Town are back in session.

The start of the 2025-26 school year will be a bittersweet affair for most. Students mourn the loss of sleeping in, ice cream melting down their hands onto the sidewalk, and afternoons spent staring into the void of social media. Parents, meanwhile, have been spotted giving each other high fives, liberated at last.

Local teachers, the true heroes of our story, have emerged from their summer hibernations armed with lesson plans (ever changing), teacher-related gifts they got from their friends and family who didn't know what else to get them, and a thousand-yard stare that can silence a classroom. Coffee will soon be flying off the shelves.

But while the season's shift comes with groans, there's reason for optimism. A new year means new beginnings: a fresh shot at learning something new, trying

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a new sport or club, landing a role in the school play, or finally solving that locker combination on the first try (I never used mine – stuffed-backpack kid here). For parents, it means a chance to momentarily reclaim some silence only to miss the noise once it's gone. For teachers, another opportunity to inspire curiosity, whether anyone remembers their homework may be an ask too far.

The leaves will start to turn soon, and the pumpkin-spice onslaught will begin anew. Remember, endings are really beginnings in disguise. Summer may be fading, the Oxcart is closed, but the school year holds its own kind of promise. A chance for growth, achievement, and maybe, just maybe, a snow day or two down the line.

Beginnings of A Continental Navy

This Week in Revolutionary History...

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War History, let's discuss what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, supply issues still plagued the Continental Army with no real end in sight, all while an offensive campaign north into Quebec began and King George III signed the "Proclamation of Rebellion," officially signaling the British Empire is in an active state of war.

On August 27, 1775, Major General Philip Schuyler writes to Washington from Albany, New York, different from his usual post at Fort Ticonderoga. Schuyler states he was in the area and had an impromptu meeting with the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, or the Haudenosaunee. At one point, this confederacy of different tribes encompassed a colossal landmass, from what would become Montreal, down the Saint Lawrence to Ohio and south to areas of Kentucky and Virginia. At the time of the meeting, they are further being driven into present day Upstate New York. The general tells Washington that the committee he met with was open and accepting to their neutrality in the conflict but had no interest in their own involvement on the American side. Schuyler writes, "they explicitly declared that as it was a family quarrel, they would not interfere, but remain [neutral] and hoped we would not desire more of them."

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Unfortunately, this agreement was not to last. With hindsight, we know the confederation would suffer its first major splinter with some tribes supporting the British, and others the Americans. This would primarily be due to a lack of trade and immense pressure from both sides. The conflict would spell the doom of the Haudenosaunee, a peaceful network and confederation of tribes and peoples that had lasted roughly half a millennium.

For now, the tribes are neutral. On August 29 in his General Orders, Washington reminds his men to adhere to his previously implemented food (bread) standards, as "complaints are continually making of the badness of the bread." The same day, he writes to the Massachusetts Council, primarily working out of Cambridge, Concord, or Watertown due to Boston's continued occupation, pushing for price controls on exorbitant fees for firewood, oats, and hay. He feels he is being extorted due to the army's need. He writes, "I have great Reason to believe that this is an artificial scarcity partly created by some persons who are monopolizing

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those articles in order to advance the price." Should prices not come down, Washington warns "the great Law of Self Preservation must authorize us to compel them." Basically, coercion or forced acquisition.

The following day, Washington's General Orders are to mobilize about 600 men from two different brigades and march to the recently recaptured "Plough'd Hill" just outside Boston, present day Mount Benedict in Somerville. Surgeons and medics, he mentions, must also follow suit. Action is predicted as the army holding the hill is underequipped and being assaulted from the British.

On August 31, Washington addresses confusion over pay, and a lack of pay, in his General Orders.

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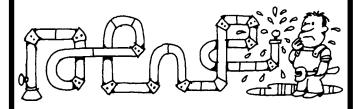
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Some regiments pay by lunar month and others by calendar month. Washington commands all regiments of Massachusetts Forces to pay their men immediately, at the same time, by calendar month. The same day, Washington is made aware that Messr Clarke & Nightingale of Providence have imported a substantial quantity of gunpowder, lead, and arms. He dispatches his Aide-de-Camp, Captain George Baylor, to strike a deal and acquire this material. He tells them to send the material and the bill, and whatever is asked will be "honored on the shortest notice."

On September 1, Philip Schuyler is joining up with General Montgomery in Quebec at Isle-au-noix. He is under the belief that both natives and Canadians will be friendly with the Continental Army, eventually helping them in driving out British forces. The same day, Washington hears from Lieutenant Colonel Loammi Baldwin in Chelsea that the Select Men (the Tri-Town still carrying on a long history of local governance) of the town have stated their worry and opposition to the 80-or-so men stationed in the town. He states the town is "vastly destressed and impoverished by repeated difficulties" and barracks should be built with great haste.

Finally on September 2, Washington lays the groundwork for the Continental Navy, assigning Nicholson Broughton as Captain of recently acquired 4-gun schooner *Hannah*, eventually to have the name *USS Hannah* awarded after its service.

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The Seaside Gardener

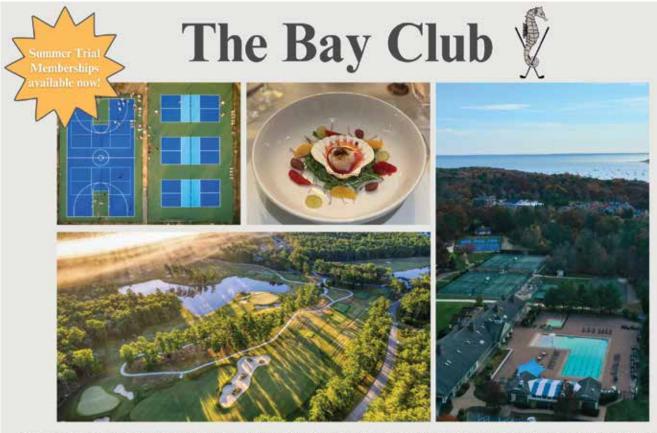
By Laura McLean

Third in a series exploring Europe's diverse landscapes and gardens, from formal designs to wild, natural beauty...

Labor Day is finished and with it most of the summer, but I'm still reveling in some of the lovely memories of two months ago.

My last piece recalled the beauty of Paris and how a promenade can lead to joyful discoveries. This segment of the trip focuses on more up-close and personal highlights in locales we visited in the south of France and





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along Spain's east coast from Catalonia in the north to southern Andalusia, all touching the Mediterranean Sea.

Together with friends and family (as well as my daughter and son-in-law's cat Victor), we took the train from Paris's Gare de Lyon to Montpelier where we felt the surge in temperature immediately. Arriving at the wedding venue (in Agde, near Sete) we heard the deafening chorus made by billions of cicadas - and felt the unremitting sun. This area is rich with grape vineyards that produce a wine grape known as Piquepoul. It has both dark-skinned (Piquepoul noir) and light-skinned (Piquepoul blanc) versions; by the way, both permitted blending grapes for the production of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. The vineyards surrounding the wedding venue, a



former winery, are juxtaposed against something like a Sonoran Desert scene with towering succulents amid flora that is suited to the semi-arid Mediterranean climate. Set against stone buildings, it came with a resident goat and dog that Victor the cat would befriend.

After the days surrounding the wedding, we headed onward by car to Cadaques, just over the French border into Catalonia, Spain. The Costa Brava is the coastal region in northeastern Spain (that stretches some 45 miles north of the Catalan capital of Barcelona), a place of pristine beaches, celebrated cuisine, and ancient fertile vineyards. Here, we spent several splendid days footsteps from the sea and within easy walking distance to the

town with its white-washed buildings and picturesque harbor dotted with boats and lined with open-air restaurants.

The landscape here is striking if



not surreal, with umbrella-shaped pine and olive trees framing the rocky coast with views of the Pyrenees Mountains and tiny coves that once served as hideouts for pirates. The area became a retreat for surrealist artist Salvador Dali. We visited his former home in Portlligat, once a collection of fishing huts that he and his wife transformed into their home, now a museum. It is captivating in its eccentricity, reflecting the Surrealist artist's creative process. You truly get a sense that Dali is standing with you as you tour the maze of rooms; there is such a sense of him being alive through his art and his collections. The tour guide revealed that Dali boasted of being the first to see the sunrise every morning on the Iberian Peninsula, having installed a specially angled mirror for this purpose, viewable from his bed.

The sun-dappled garden frames a long pool



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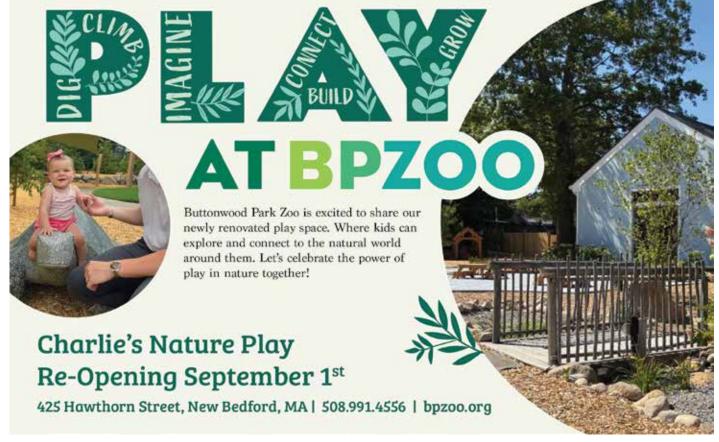
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that serves to showcase Dali's surreal art, including sculptures, Greek statues, a giant egg, a bright pink lip sofa surrounded by Pirelli tire signs, and the famous Michelin Bibendum, all of this is set against irregular white stucco walls and stone hard scape with olive trees, palms, grasses, and white and pink geraniums leading up to a delightful tented seating area, all part of Dali's elaborate staging. He and his wife, Gala, were known for hosting lavish and eccentric parties here with famous rock stars, actors and artists such as Walt Disney and Andy Warhol (no surprise there). The gardens were designed for public life and contemplation, with unique architectural elements like hidden corridors and peep holes, and a tower.







Back to earth, a hike near this area, in the natural park of Cap de Creus, led to a commanding lighthouse built in 1853 serves as both a navigational light and a coastal reference point in one of the most challenging areas of the Catalan coast called Punta de l'Esquena. Cliffs plunge down to numerous watery inlets where boats seem antlike in perspective. It seems as untouched as the nature reserve above, with diminutive flowers juxtaposed against the majestic Pyrenees backdrop. The reserve is a sure destination for hikers and adventurers.

Next stop was Barcelona but only for a night before a train took us south. Rather than searching out

Gaudi's architectural wonders (that will have to wait until some future time), we spent much of the day walking Las Ramblas, a famous tree-lined pedestrian



boulevard that stretches past shops, restaurants, historic sites, and winds up at Port Vell. The energizing atmosphere is a huge draw for people, and you can expect street performers and artists, but be aware that pickpockets thrive here too. A bird's eye view of Las Ramblas (once a riverbed) would show one long green strip of bisecting buildings, markets, and roads. To walk it is to appreciate the trees that cool the July heat. The garden atop our hotel extended this ambience, giving one pause to imagine how we could duplicate this idea back home.

The trip south by train gave us a little rest before getting our rental car in Alicante and provided views of the east coast towns (well, what is viewable from the train). We rented a villa in the mountains near Bedar within reach of the sea as well as ancient fortresses built

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by the Moors and dating back to the 9th through the 14th centuries. Some days we would stay put whereupon I could "study" the structure of the gardens. In this hilltop community, the gardens are informal but still with a sense of design. Seemingly part of that "design" is the sound of house sparrows intermingled with Eurasian doves and a softer drone of cicadas but none of civilization.

A multiple-species hedge that includes plumbago, two different colors of bougainvillea, hibiscus, sweet pea vine, and the ever-present pink oleander (which our host left a few sprigs of in little vases as a welcome gesture) grow against the interior wall surrounding the pool. Also, within the confines are palm, yucca, fig, bay, and lemon trees, along with a shrub-sized rosemary and scented geraniums and succulents that can withstand drought. As I studied these beauties, I wondered how my own plants were doing back home. The greenery is interspersed with terra-cotta pottery with functional or decorative features.

Many villas in the region boast exquisite formal gardens. Symmetry is a key feature as well as the way the garden frames the view at hand such as the Mediterranean Sea. Box trees, yews, balustraded terraces, hedges of azaleas, tightly designed borders, and stone statues are frequent components.

In places such as Mojacar, the steep terrain is studded with flowering vines, olive trees, and gigantic pines and cypresses. We nicknamed one restaurant (La Muralla) the "treehouse" for our pleasurable dining





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outdoors experience.

I noticed that throughout these hotter regions of the Med, oleander and bougainvillea thrive miraculously! Vines - including bougainvillea, mandevilla, passion vine, Spanish Flag (aka firecracker vine), as well as grape vines counter the dry summer landscape. Many people will display planters and urns of geraniums or cyclamens, adding a riot of color to the earthly shades of stucco.

All of these experiences leave an impression. Mediterranean gardens are vivacious, relaxing, uplifting, and inspirational all at once. Mostly though, they are necessary.

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'Just The Facts' of The Case

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

On a recent sunny Wednesday morning, the members of the Town Coffee Committee, charged with solving all the world's problems, gathered at the town wharf. The meeting was called to order citing all members present (save one who absconded across the pond to the UK); a quorum was declared.

First order of business (again) was a discussion of the five-member Select Board matter which has been discussed ad nauseum before the Committee. It was announced that the matter whizzed though the State House and the Senate in record time. The Governor signed it into law on August 22, a mere three months since it was voted upon.

It seems that a cage fight is brewing. Not the one the current occupant of the Peoples' House plans for the south lawn of the White House on the Fourth of July 2026 to celebrate the America' 250th Anniversary. No, the one about the origin, process and possible result of this change.

Following the lead of famous Sergeant Joe Friday, the "just the facts" detective of the old TV show Dragnet, this intrepid reporter has decided to get the facts concerning this bruhaha. I promise, dear reader, to leave no stone unturned.

The issue began when a group of citizens

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concerned about the efficiency of the current threeperson configuration filed a petition to place an article on the Town Meeting warrant urging the change to five members. They suggested that an increase would offer more qualified people the opportunity to run and serve. Notwithstanding the fact that historically past elections have had numerous uncontested races, including the last one where there were 10, was of no concern. Darn facts.

With the required 10 voter signatures acquired and certified by the Town Clerk, the question was moved to the Town Meeting floor where it was voted upon by voice vote and passed.

The Select Board in their wisdom first decided to table the urgent matter (typically a death knell for



an issue), prompting some proponents to suggest that the "will of the people" was being ignored. The Board promptly sent the result onto the State House for approval, thus washing their hands of the issue.

In the meantime, a second petition circulated for a Special Town Meeting to rescind the first vote, leaving the Board at the current three members. That one collected 283 signatures, 83 more than required. Both petitions followed the law. A Special Town Meeting is now required at a cost to the town even though the issue is moot. The Special Town Meeting will be merely an opinion poll. That's all. There you go. Those are the facts. Darn those facts.

Hackles are still being raised. One side has

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suggested that the first article was not voted on correctly. The other side proclaims the second petition was a "misuse of the process" and a "taxpayer-funded stunt."

Whoa, wait a minute, a stunt? When did our little hamlet become the harbinger of the Washington-style circus? The Town Coffee Committee has a rule... no politics. No name calling allowed. Just the facts. The issue was tabled before coffee was spilled or breakfast sandwiches were thrown.

The agenda for the next Town Coffee Committee meeting has yet to be decided and that's a fact.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.



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What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

There was a surge in Covid infections this summer, and most predictions are for another in the coming winter. We are also facing flu and RSV outbreaks as surely as the sun rises.

The best defense against respiratory viruses is immunization.

While nothing is guaranteed 100% safe, vaccines offer the best combination of effectiveness and safety of any medical procedure offered.

Upsetting all our plans for combatting the viruses is the chaos sown by RFK Jr, our conspiracy-theorist Secretary of HHS.

Unless you have decided to ignore all available news media, you must be aware that Kennedy summarily fired the entire expert committee that was meant to advise Americans on which immunizations to receive and more recently arranged to fire the head of the CDC (Communicable Disease Center) because she refused to endorse his unsupported anti-vax ideas.

While Kennedy has zero medical or scientific training on which to base his opinions, he has made millions of dollars in recent years peddling his conspiracy theories, both as salary from the Children's Health Defense group he founded and from generous "referral fees" paid to him by law firms when he sent plaintiffs to



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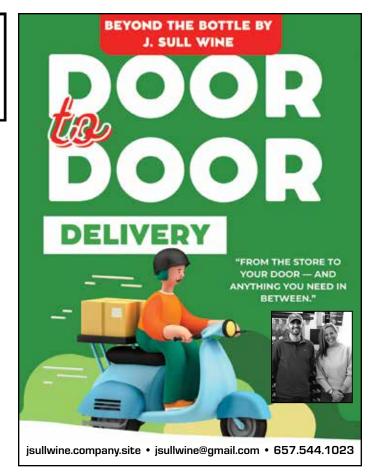
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However, the list includes many other less obvious conditions that are common: obesity, current or past smoking, physical inactivity and current or recent pregnancy.

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guidelines. If you fit one of the broad groups that I listed, you may have to get your shot at a medical office or ask your doctor's office to send you a prescription outlining your eligibility to take to the pharmacy.

It is worth the extra effort. While most of us by now have been vaccinated and/or been ill with Covid, you CAN catch it again (and again) as it mutates, and vaccination is the best way to ensure it is a nuisance rather than a serious illness.

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

Eagle Scouts Receive Official Honors

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board met Tuesday to award citations congratulating four local Boy Scouts for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Noah Bellesville, Logan Empey, and Reece Bethoney of Troop 31 were present to receive their honor in person. The fourth honoree, Quinn Thompson, was

unable to attend.



"While it's a rare honor, it's not so rare in Rochester, "Town Administrator Cameron Durant said when announcing the presentation. He noted multiple young scouts have earned Eagle Scout status since the local

troop began in 1961. "It says a lot about the values of the people of this community."

After the presentation, Empey told The Wanderer the project he completed to earn his badge was building an archery and ace practice board for the Mattapoisett YMCA. Bethoney's project was to build community boxes for storing recreational gear, one for local pickleball play equipment and the other for beach balls at Silvershell Beach. Bellesville built a picnic table for Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School.

In other meeting action, the Select Board approved and signed a contract with Indus for seal-coat services on the town's roads. Durant said the contract price is \$14.47 per gallon of seal coat. He said the final cost will not be known until the total project is complete but will be paid through town and Chapter 90 funds.

Durant announced the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School District is conducting a regional meeting at the school to vote on the district's plan to fund a new school facility on November 10. He noted the town website will post important information





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on this plan.

Durant also announced the next Select Board meeting will include a joint meeting with the Water Commission on how to solve the problem with invasive milfoil weeds growing in the town's ponds. Options include herbicide treatments and renting or buying a harvester to stop them from choking off the ponds.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, September 15 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Work Remains on MS4 Bylaw

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

On Tuesday, September 2, the Marion Planning Board met and held a public hearing on the proposed addition of a new section to the Zoning Bylaw to address Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) General Permits to the Code of the Town of Marion.

Per the Marion Department of Public Works, "In compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA), the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) authorizes any operator of a small municipal separate storm sewer system to discharge stormwater runoff under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), in accordance with the conditions and requirements set forth under the MS4 General Permit." In order to maintain compliance with state laws, the town is late and must pass MS4 guidelines soon or face state-imposed penalties.

Before talks on the MS4 Bylaw itself, Jennifer Francis and Kerry Saltonstall of the Marion Transportation & Circulation Task Force spoke first and focused on Route 6. They stated in their presentation that the road through town has "poor pavement condition and drainage issues." The panel said the road has not been paved since 1987, or about 40 years. They also mentioned the route basically bisects the town, blocking those on the north side from easy foot/bike access to Town Center and beaches. They presented various plans for the redevelopment of Route 6, with Francis saying, "making the whole area much safer and getting rid of the divide between north and south Marion" and added "nothing is set in stone. There is still a long way to go."

Widening the road will not be necessary or sought. As future development in both housing and business is planned for the area in town and connecting to Route 6 directly, they recommended improving the road as soon as possible. "The question was, how do we make the town more pedestrian-friendly?" Saltonstall said. They emphasized this being a work in progress with nothing truly finalized.

Following talks on Route 6, the public hearing on MS4 thus began. Chair Andrew Daniel stated first the bylaw is very much "ever changing" and a work in progress. Vice Chair Alanna Nelson stated the bylaw



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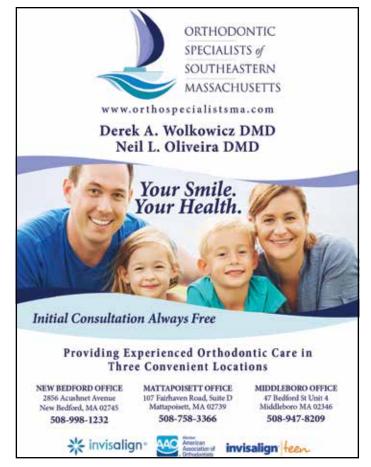
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should be easy to pass through, though there is the prevalent worry by the board that, should this be a zoning bylaw (as recommended by Nelson), it would require a two-thirds supermajority to pass. Nelson also said public hearings on the proposed bylaw "should be often" as it is "hard to do that [kind of talk] at Town Meeting."

Upon being questioned by a member of the audience, the board agreed that the MS4 Bylaw draft should be available online for download on the town website (marionma.gov). Member Tucker Burr said, "I think too many people [will] see it the first time at Town Meeting."

The public hearing didn't contain many comments from the public, and instead there was a discussion by the board on the current draft and areas of focus for change. When asked whether to close or

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The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board will be held on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street or remotely accessible through Microsoft Teams.

Survey of Ponds Approved

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Conservation Commission Tuesday continued its review of a Notice of Intent application to permit ecological restoration work at the former Stuart Cranberry Bog on Walnut Plain Road proposed by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Coalition consultants Alex Patterson and Sara Quintal explained when the hearing began at the last meeting that the plan is to remove the existing berms, culverts and irrigation lines, re-grade the bog surface, fill ditches, and create recreational improvements. The 230-acre parcel became cranberry bogs in the 1930s and discontinued as bogs only a few years ago. The BBC will restore 64 acres of the parcel back into natural wetlands.

On Tuesday, the commission asked Patterson and Quintal to hire someone to conduct a peer review of the site's hydrological (water) issues. This conclusion came after Chair Christopher Gerrior reported the majority of residents who have contacted him have expressed this concern. The residents want to make sure will not be more flooding of their properties, he told them. "We need to see how the water moves there," Gerrior said. "It's a matter of how the restoration project will affect the neighbors. That will not adversely affect them. We want the hydrology of the whole setup."

As Walnut Plain Road abutters in the hearing



room looked on, Patterson said this project will not create more flooding. "The site will soak up the water and the water will not leave," he said. The commission instructed Patterson and Quintal to suggest what peerreview firm they prefer. The commission will hire that firm. The Coalition will pay the tab. The commission then continued the hearing to its next meeting.

In other action, the commission also continued to its next meeting the Notice of Intent hearing for work within wetlands for a ground-mounted solar array in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road and the Notice of Intent hearing on the construction and installation of floating and ground-mounted solar arrays at 53 Dexter Lane, both upon the petitioners' requests.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported plans to address the problem with the invasive plant species milfoil growing within Snipatuit Pond, as well as the town's other ponds, Snow's, Leonard, and Hathaway. The options to eliminate the weeds are either herbicide treatments or a harvesting machine, she said. But a map survey of the pond should be the first step and should be done soon. Such a survey would cost the town \$5,000. The commission approved spending for this plan, "and the town administrator will source funds," Gerrior said.

Kelly reported the solar projects on Snipatuit Road, Featherbed Road, and Braley Hill Road have begun construction. Gerrior said residents need to know that they will soon see a lot of tree cutting in those areas because of those projects and should be aware of that.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Shed Expansion Granted

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 28 to review a Special Permit Request made by Mark Verille of 74 Allen Street for the removal of a 10x13foot shed. The applicant seeks the removal of the existing shed and replacing it with a larger, 16x24-foot shed that would lie closer to the lot line than allowed by existing



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zoning guidelines.

Board Chair Cynthia Callow began by explaining the review of this request would generally pertain to the 230-61.C Nonconforming Structures Bylaw. Member Will Tifft asked the applicant the first question, "why do you need a bigger shed?" Verille explained they've owned the house a little over five years, with the house itself having only a crawl space and no attic, and described it as having "extremely limited storage." He stated its purpose was to be a summer house, but they are now spending more time at it and require increased storage. The applicant also stated the existing shed is less than 3 feet from the lot line, with the new shed having a "better impact on the neighbors" and being 3 feet from the line. He also added

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they spoke with all their property neighbors and have received all positive feedback on the proposed changes.

Alternate member Tucker Burr brought up recent accessory dwelling unit (ADU) regulation changes and said he believes "you should only be able to build within the setbacks if it's a permanent building." Burr expressed worry that, in the future, the permitted shed could be used as justification to convert it into a larger ADU. Callow said those requests are made on a case-by-case basis, and the ADU concern would be addressed in the future should it manifest.

The hearing was closed, and the Special Permit was granted with a unanimous vote of 4 in favor.

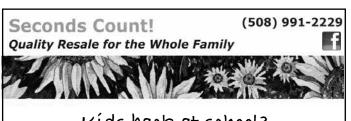
The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the Marion Police Station or hybrid via Microsoft Teams.

Proposed Gym Sparks Complaints

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

After hearing the details of homeowner Jorge Rodriguez's plan and neighbors' concerns, Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals on August 28 continued a Special Permit Request to allow a personal fitness gym at 12 Mayflower Lane to its next meeting to give Rodriguez time to rethink his proposal.



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Mon-Sat 9am-4:30pm 270 Huttleston Ave. Lifestyles Plaza, Fairhaven Rodriguez explained he is looking to teach small classes in what he called Functional Fitness four days a week at his home on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, lasting no more than one hour each time. There would be one class in the morning and one in the afternoon, serving around five and a maximum of 10 students each time. His goal, he noted, is to try out the possibility of expanding these classes into a larger business at a separate location, "... to test the waters to see how it goes," he said.

Board Chair Donald Spirlet raised the first concern. Ten participants would require parking for 10, he said. Will there be enough off-street parking available? Rodriguez answered he has a long driveway and space for parking behind his home and that 10 participants would be the limit that would make him expand elsewhere.

Rodriguez's neighbors said they were concerned about the noise and traffic this business would bring to their neighborhood. Steve Bobrowicki, who lives across the street, complained about what Rodriguez has already been doing out of his home. Workouts sometimes happen in the street, he said. Plus, Rodriguez's workout music is so loud it projects right into Bobrowicki's yard. "My kids are (Rochester Memorial School) students," Bobrowicki said. "Eight o'clock they're in bed, and the music's still too loud."

Neighbor Doug Sims, who had just been appointed as a Zoning Board associate member but had to recuse himself from the hearing to speak, said he too objects to Rodriguez's loud workout music and workouts in the street. He noted Mayflower Lane is shaped in an S-curve and has been the site of two motor-vehicle accidents in the nine years that he's lived there.

Rodriguez's business would only add to the traffic flow, he said. Neighbor Preston Faulkner said there is a garage on a new foundation there that is open and exposes his exercise equipment. "I hear the noise, too," he said. "I echo the concern."

Rodriguez said he and his two partners are willing to do what it would take to keep peace with the neighborhood. His partner Ken Pearlman said they will not do any programming in the street. "That's an easy accommodation," he said.

The Zoning Board concluded the proposal was not as simple as it seemed on paper. Member Richard Cutler said Rodriguez's plan goes against the town bylaws allowing home businesses, wherein the intent is that they blend with the neighborhood and be conducted solely by the homeowner. But Rodriguez has two business partners.

Jeffrey Costa said Rodriguez had three options. He could risk a "no" vote from the four members in attendance that night (all four would have to vote in the affirmative for the special permit to pass under this option), he could withdraw his application so he can rework it, or request a continuance to a future meeting for

that same purpose. Rodriguez chose the continuance to the board's September 11 meeting.

In other business, Board Administrator Andreia Lacerda reported there are enough petitions for meetings on September 11 and September 25.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 11 at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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Come sing with Sippican Choral Society

Rehearsals for "A Winter Wonderland" begin on Monday, September 8, at 7:00 pm, at Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring Street, Marion. New members are always welcome; no audition is required. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., so singers are encouraged to come early to register and pick up their music envelope. Anyone unsure about being able to sing with the group is encouraged to attend for the first two weeks, then decide.

Dues of \$40.00 are due by the third rehearsal for all singers. The concert itself will be Sunday, December 7, 4:00 p.m., at Wickenden Chapel and will feature Canadian composer Sarah Quartel's "A Winter Day," complemented



by a variety of selections guaranteed to chase away the December darkness and lighten your spirits as we look ahead to the holiday season. Details can be found at: sippicanchoralsociety.org.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Results

MYC August Series Ends on a perfect night - August 27. The Wednesday Night PHRF racers faced light and shifty winds during the races which concluded with a fantastic rainbow and sunset as they returned to the harbor afterwards. Before prizes were awarded everybody enjoyed pizza and drinks under the MYC tent. A round of applause was given to the MYC race committee for their hard work throughout the year.

It was a perfect night for Lindisfarne to, winning their fourth straight race in B Fleet, capturing the August Series. Coming in second tonight was Chickadee, Kinsail in third and Fir Na Tine in fourth.

In A fleet, Restless was again the winner followed by No Quarter Given and Cocnuts. Surprise didn't race in tonight's race however posted a great win in the Buzzards Regatta last week in the Cruising class. Congratulations to Charles Churchill and crew.

Final August Series results:

A Fleet - 1st- Restless, 2nd- No Quarter Given, 3rd- Surprise, 4th- Coconuts

B Fleet - 1st- Lindisfarne, 2nd- Kinsail, 3rd-Chickadee in a tie breaker over Fir Na Tine placing 4th.

Tuesday Night Ensign races were cancelled due to heavy winds leaving the final August standings as they were the week before. Odyssey wins the tight battle over Black Ice by one point. Uncle Fester finishes third for August, Brass Monkey fourth, Brou Ha Ha fifth, Hamburglar sixth, and Recess seventh.

Next week MYC hosts the Phoenix Cup on Wednesday night. Boats from the Ensign class and A and B fleet compete against each other in a one race winner take all. Race starts at 6:00 pm.

The last race of the season is the MYC Fall Round the Bay race on September 13.

Kindergarteners' First Bus Ride

The first day of kindergarten is a significant moment - and this year, some of Rochester's newest students had a little extra company for the ride.

On Friday morning, August 29, Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson joined Rochester Police Chief Michael Assad Jr. and Lt. Zack Dupere aboard Bus 5 for a special ride-along with incoming kindergarteners on their very first trip to school.

The bus, driven by long-time driver Annie, picked the trio up outside the Rochester Police station before stopping to pick up students.

"Hey, does anyone need a ride, fellas?" Annie, the bus driver, asked.

Superintendent Nelson, Chief Assad, and Lt. Dupere joined in the fun, joking about their own Paw Patrol backpacks and first-day nervousness.

"The kids weren't quite sure what to make of us being on the bus at first," Superintendent Nelson said. "But within minutes, they were telling us all about their summers and showing us their new backpacks. It was an awesome way to share in their excitement."

Chief Assad said the idea came to him as a way to make students feel welcome.

"For a kindergartner, that first bus ride to school can feel like a huge step," Chief Assad said. "We wanted

to be right there with them to show them that school is a safe and fun place, and that their community is cheering them on."

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The ride lasted nearly an hour before

the students and their special guests all walked into school together, where teachers and staff greeted them.

Superintendent Nelson wishes to extend a special thank you to bus driver Annie, who has been transporting Rochester students for many years.

"Annie is truly the best of the best," Superintendent Nelson said. "Families know her, kids love her, and she connects with students in a way that makes every ride a great one."

Friday marked the third day of school overall, but the first day for kindergarteners. Thanks to the extra effort from school and police leaders, it was a day they won't soon forget.

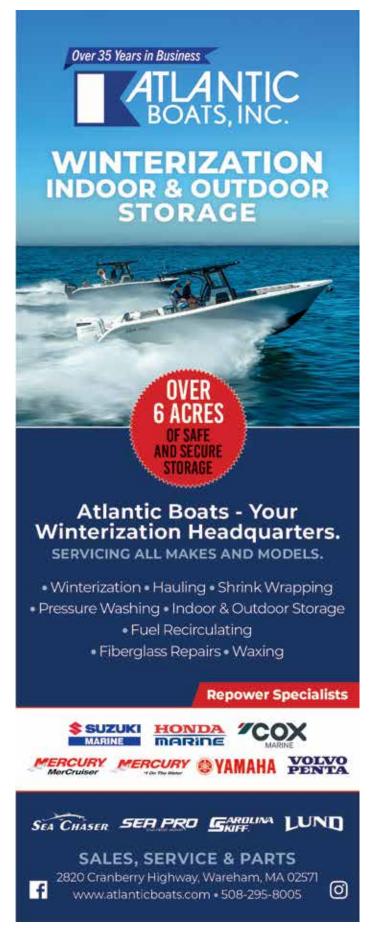
"By the end of the ride, the kids were asking if we'd be there in the afternoon," Superintendent Nelson





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said. "Starting kindergarten is a big milestone. We just wanted to make it a little more special!"

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold their next meeting on Monday, **September 8**, at the Ponderosa Sportsman, located at 242 Robinson Rd, Acushnet. All are invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **September 8** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The public and new members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

A while ago Walter Hartley gave me a copy of a 1917 newspaper article that he had come across. Just recently, I found a similar copy in papers from Carol Higgins that had been passed on to the museum. The article is sub-titled "Rochester Center Mourns the Death of a Most Estimable Lady" and is both an obituary and a biography of Mary Lewis Hathaway on the occasion of her funeral.

Mary Lewis Hathaway was the oldest child of Capt. Judah Hathaway. She was born at her maternal grandparent's (the Lewis of her name) home as her father was at sea. When Capt. Hathaway retired from the sea, he became a large landowner in Rochester with both a large farm and a sawmill industry. The home he bought for his family was on today's Marion Rd.

Growing up in Rochester, Mary attended the town schools, including the Academy in what is now the Church Vestry building. Around 1875, she attended the newly opened Wellsley College for three years, a somewhat unusual path for a woman in the 1800's.

Upon her mother's death, she stepped up to the task of becoming the mistress of her father's home and

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also, to the raising of her youngest sister who was still a child. As time passed, her grandmother, Mrs. Delia King Lewis, moved in with the Hathaway household when her health began to decline, extending Mary's duties. She then took care of her father as he too developed health issues leading to his death.

After that, she continued to make sure that the family home remained the center for Christmas and other celebrations with her siblings and their families (which contained many nieces and nephews) in attendance. All of these responsibilities would seem to have kept her busy and at home. However, Mary Lewis Hathaway was much more than just the family caregiver and the maintainer of the family home.

The First Congregational Church was important to her and not just as a Sunday attendee. Her service on the part of the church was extensive. She was a charter member of the "Christian Endeavor" where she held a variety of offices including that of president. She was





active in the local union of Christian Endeavor Societies. She would drive her horse and carriage to area meetings, making sure to provide transportation to those who needed it.

She took over the job of church clerk which she held for ten years. She was also a member and officer of Rochester Auxiliary to the Women's Board of Missions. She was a "skillful and energetic director of the Ladies' Sewing Circle" as well as its secretary. Perhaps most importantly, she was the Superintendent of the Sunday School beginning in 1908.

One wonders where she found the time, but she also served the town as one of the trustees of the Public Library and secretary of the Library Board. Needless



to say, her death in 1917 left large gaps in many local organizations.

Just this past week the 105th anniversary of women finally receiving the right to vote was celebrated. This was accomplished by many strong and dedicated women. Mary Lewis Hathaway, who didn't live long enough to exercise that right, is only one of Rochester's many such women whose stories can be found in our town's history. They were the women who stepped forward to accomplish work important to the town and its people and could also be considered " most estimable."

Rochester Historical Museum

On **September 17** at 7:00 pm our monthly meeting will be held at the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Rd., Rochester. The speaker will be Bruce Bassett who went on a search for ancestors on Ancestor. Com which led him first to the Sons of the American Revolution and then to Rochester. This is our second meeting related to finding Rochester's Revolutionary veterans, either information about them or hopefully, their gravesites. Packets, containing lists of names, websites, and possible cemeteries, will be available at the meeting. Bruce may be able to answer questions on how to search after his talk.

We are still looking for tools from Rochester's past to be loaned or donated for our exhibit. You can bring them to the meeting or get in touch with me at eshbach2@ aol.com or call 617-750-2818 or 508-763-4932.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Lapsit story time begins for the fall on Monday, **September 8** at 10:30 am. This program is designed for babies who are not yet walking. This program features songs, rhymes, bounces, and stories and focuses on child/parent engagement and early literacy skills!

We're excited to announce that our full moon parties are back for the fall! Join us this Saturday, **September 6** to celebrate the Corn Moon. We have story time at 11:00 am and our full moon party from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Pick one, or both, and get ready for a poppin'

good time at the Library.

It's not too late to sign up for our kids book clubs. Call 508-748-1252 to register your child. Clubs meet from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursdays with our Nonfiction Nerds club starting **September 11**, Chapter Book Champions on **September 18**, and Fantastic Fiction on **September 25**. Books are available for pick up at the Library today.

Calling all Tweens - it's time for Tween Takeover at the Library. Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm we host a program just for kids in grades 5-7. On Wednesday, **September 10** we'll be snacking, chatting, and crafting with perler beads.

Monthly Memoir Writing workshops at the library start Thursday, **September 18** from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Call the library to register.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org.

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The Irving Berlin Musical Revue opens at the Congregational Community Center in downtown Marion on Friday, **September 5** at 7:30 pm with only two more performances on Saturday **September 6** at 7:30 pm and Sunday **September 7** at 4:00 pm. Directed by Paul Sardinha, the show features two pianists, Cassandra Morgan and Linda Johnston; as well as seven singers: Brad and Mary Cardwell, Johnny Ashley, Lynne-Marie Dandeneau, Sarah Jackson, Caroline Sargent-Blaise, and the multi-talented, Mr. Sardinha.

Their renditions of Irving Berlin's classics from the American Songbook include favorites from Alexander's Ragtime to Broadway shows to Patriotic songs to Movie scores and romantic ballads. The music is interspersed with audience sing-a-longs and amusing stories told by volunteer narrators: Will Tifft, president Sippican Historical Society; Tara Calabrese, president Sippican Women's Club; Nancy McFadden, COA, area charities; Suzy Taylor, Marion Garden Group; Col John Henry, US Army, retired; Diane Cook, retired teacher and avid gardener; Suzie Kokkins, MAC volunteer, actor,



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Proceeds from this special "Evening of Timeless Tunes, Tales and Tributes" will be used for the ongoing Community Historic Preservation Project to restore the E. Howard clockworks in the tower of The First Congregational Church of Marion. Tickets are \$35 and are available online at marionfirstchurch.org or at the Marion General Store, Penny Pinchers, or by emailing office@ marionfirstchurch.org. The performance venue is located at 144 Front Street, Marion. It is air conditioned and equipped with a stair/chair lift. Handicapped parking is available. Contact The First Congregational Church office at 508-748-1053 or office@marionfirstchurch.org.

New Programs at the MAC

The MAC has added two new programs to their fall slate of fun activities.

Art + Play - Instructor Aylin Cetik brings Art+Play back to the MAC, for ages 2-5 years old. We practice process art, which is a playful and explorative approach to creating. Here, the journey is more important than the final product. We believe children learn best through hands-on exploration and experimentation with a variety of materials and techniques. Each class offers several creative opportunities, empowering your child to make their own choices and work at their own pace. Classes are on Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the MAC Studio, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

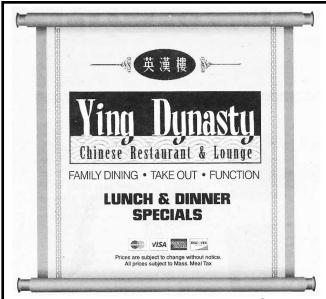
All children must be accompanied by an adult. The MAC is offering a free Trial Date on October 1 at 9:30 am. Registration is required for the free trial class. The class runs October 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. The cost is \$90 for MAC members and \$105 for nonmembers. One-day drop-in classes are available for \$28 each. More information and registration are at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

Youth Theater

The MAC is pleased to announce a new afterschool program for ages 10-15. Young actors in this interactive afternoon theater program will explore multiple facets of theater craft both on stage and behind the scenes. Activities may include acting, improvisation, costume creation, stage management, tech, and movement. The class is led by Garrett Olson, who joined the MAC as our ArtStart Music and Movement teacher in 2025 and served as our program director for our successful new summer camp, All Things Theater.

The class runs on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, six weeks from October 20 through November 24. Classes take place at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant St, Marion. The cost for the program is \$195 for members and \$225 for nonmembers. More information and registration at marionartcenter.org/youth-theater.

Three Art in the Afternoon Early Release Half Day Camps - The MAC is offering three Early Dismissal Half Day Camps for ages 6-12. Join us for an afternoon packed



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combining different materials and techniques. When it's time to stretch our legs and soak up some sunshine, we'll head outside for fun and active games to keep the energy flowing! Dates include: Wednesday, **September 24**, 12:20 pm to 3:00 pm (2.5 hours, \$70 for MAC Members, \$80 for nonmembers): Thursday, **October 23**, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm (3.5 hours, \$95/\$110), and Friday, **October 24**, 11:30 am to

3:00 pm (\$95/\$100). Register online at marionartcenter. org/art-lab.

South Coast Children's Chorus Welcomes New Singers

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

The first rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, **September 16**. New singers are accepted during the first three weeks. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday nights, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm (Preparatory Chorus) and 5:30 pm to 7:00pm (Advanced Chorus) at Tabor Academy in the Fireman Center for the Performing Arts, 245 Front Street, Marion. To register visit the SCCC website at www.



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OBITUARIES



Jean (Lawrence) LaPointe 76, July 13, 1949 - August 21, 2025

It is with great love and sadness the family of Jean (Lawrence) LaPointe announces her peaceful passing at home in Rochester, Massachusetts. Surrounded by her family, Jean left this world in the same loving spirit with which she lived her life.

Jean grew up on her family's farm

in Rochester, Massachusetts. She was a proud graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School, where she built the foundation of values- hard work, dedication, and kindness, that would guide her throughout her life.

Jean began her working life cleaning eggs at Lawrence's Egg Farm. In 1969, she embraced her most treasured role as a mother. In the late 1970s she entered the auto parts industry, stepping in to watch over her husband's business, Corsini Truck & Auto Parts. With determination and skill, she managed every aspect of operations, from bookkeeping and staff management to customer relations. Under her leadership, the business flourished, eventually requiring a larger location in Middleboro MA.

Jean was not only known for her business acumen but also for her warm and generous spirit. Jean's heart always belonged to her family. She loved hosting every holiday and family gathering, ensuring that no occasion went uncelebrated. Jean enjoyed collecting old beer steins, searching for treasures at yard sales and flea markets. She took great pride in her restored 1954 Chevrolet Corvette, painted in French banner blue.

In retirement, Jean cherished her time on the Old Fart Tractor Farm in upstate New York, where she delighted in feeding cows and calves and enjoying the quiet rhythms of country life.

Jean was the beloved daughter of the late Maxwell M. Lawrence and Florence (Merrill) Lawrence. She is survived by her devoted husband of 57 years, Brian LaPointe, her daughters, Christine LaPointe and Pauline Bonneau. Her grandchildren Andrew and James Caswell, and Madeline Bonneau were her true pride and joy.

She also leaves behind her loving siblings Geraldine Dudley of Norway, Maine, and Maxwell M. Lawrence Jr and his wife Polly of Rochester MA.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jean will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Her legacy lives on, not only in her family and friends, but also in the warmth of her traditions, her boundless generosity and the joy she brought to every gathering. Certainly, for those lucky enough to have enjoyed them, her famous whoopie pies will never be forgotten.

Family and friends are warmly invited to join in a celebration of life that will be held on Sunday September 7th 2025 11:00 - 4:00 at Arch at the Meadow 332 Mendell Road.

Rochester MA.

Jo-Anne M. (Sites) Lombardo, age 70, of East Providence, Rhode Island, formerly of Brockton, East Taunton, Boston, Northbridge, and Nashua, NH, passed away at the Evergreen Nursing Health Center of East Providence.

The daughter of the late Roger F. and Rosemarie F. (Sullivan) Sites, she was a 1973 graduate of Brockton High School. She attended Boston College. She worked in the data processing field for numerous companies, then worked as a Financial Adviser with Ameriprise. She was predeceased by her husband, John Lombardo.

She is survived by her brother, Michael G. Sites and his wife, Kathleen A. Flaherty Sites, of Mattapoisett. She leaves behind numerous cousins, and is greatly appreciative of the efforts and support of the Lombardo family.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no calling hours. She will be interred at Pine Hill Cemtery in West Bridgewater, MA. Services provided by Conley Funeral and Cremation Service, 138 Belmont Street, Brockton.



Susan Braley Drake, 84, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts and Largo, Florida, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025, following a courageous and tumultuous battle with heart disease.

Born on July 27, 1940, in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Susan was the daughter of Helen F. Patasin (Braley) and Warren G. Pierce. She was a proud graduate of Fairhaven High School and went

on to earn her RN degree from Truesdale Hospital School of Nursing, beginning a lifelong career devoted to the care and well-being of others.

In 1961, Susan married the love of her life, Bradley "Stet" Drake. Together they shared 64 extraordinary years of marriage filled with love, laughter, and unwavering companionship.

Sue dedicated her professional life to community health nursing, with a special focus on elder care. She served both the town of Mattapoisett and the state of Massachusetts through her work with Coastline Elderly Services. Her compassion and commitment touched the lives of many and left a lasting impact on the communities she served.

Above all else, Sue cherished her family and friends. She found great joy in being surrounded by loved ones and was the heart of her family—always supportive, deeply kind, and endlessly generous.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Bradley "Stet" Drake; her devoted daughters, Deborah Raposo (Joseph) and Pamela Besse (Kevin); her grandchildren, Michael Raposo (Crystalyn), Kelly Puryear (Preston), Christopher

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The mission of the South Coast Children's Chorus is to provide a joyful, educational choral experience for young singers, helping them to develop responsibility, confidence, musicianship, and a passion for excellence in all they do! The SCCC core values are Service, Culture, Confidence & Community. SCCC performs throughout the South Coast with interesting musicians such as Candida Rose and the Kabu Jazz Ensemble, the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Singers and with the internationally renowned African Children's Choir at venues including at AHA, the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, The Children's Advocacy Network Gala, Big Sing Central, Salve Regina University in Newport and Fenway Park in Boston.

For more information contact: SCCCsings@ gmail.com also, visit us on Facebook and Instagram southcoastchildrenschorus, and SCCC website at www. singsouthcoast.org.

Woodland Walk for Mushrooms

Join the Marion Natural History Museum for an early autumn hike looking for what mushrooms are fruiting on Saturday **September 13**, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. We will chat about basic anatomy and diagnostic features for identifying mushrooms as well as how to identify a few beginner edible mushrooms and their closest non-edible look-alikes. Some potential species of

fungi we may see at this time of the year include chicken of the woods, hen of the woods, shrimp of the woods, old man of the woods, various coral and ramaria spp, oysters, honey mushrooms, and the iconic fly agaric.

Adam Korejwa studied math at UMass Dartmouth where he focused on complex systems and networks before studying Ecological Engineering at Oregon State University where he studied coupled human and natural systems under climate change. He is a biophile, amateur naturalist, enthusiastic teacher, and proud father.

We will be meeting at the Shoolman Preserve, located near 204 New Bedford Road, Rochester, just west of Captain Bonney's Ice Cream. Off-street parking is available in the area marked with a Rochester Land Trust/Mattapoisett Land Trust sign. The kiosk is at the parking area. Please RSVP at www.marionmuseum.org to enroll.

Rochester Cultural Council

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

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

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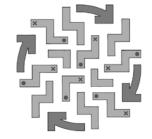
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Besse (Sara), and Matthew Besse (Hana); and seven adored great-grandchildren: Kinsley Raposo, Pierce, Jackson and Reese Puryear, Madeline and Kevin Besse, and Zoey Besse.

A graveside service will be held at Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven, Massachusetts on September 27th, 2025 at 2:00 pm. All who knew and loved her are welcome to attend and share in the remembrance of a life beautifully lived.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.



Dora Kate (Vollgraff) Doubrava, 96 of Mattapoisett, MA, died peacefully at her home on August 25, 2025. Dora Kate was born in then-rural Lake Grove, New York. Depending on whether she or her twin brother was telling the story, she was the fourth or fifth of the six Vollgraff children. She grew up in the house adjacent to her grandparent's farm on Hawkins Avenue, the street named for her extended family.

As she would say, Dora Kate was a lot of name for a little girl and she was called DK by her father, which became Dukie to her siblings and friends. Dukie met and married Joseph Doubrava of Bohemia, NY in 1953. The couple shared almost 67 years of marriage, living in Bellport, Lake Grove and Mattituck, NY before moving to Mattapoisett, MA in 2013. Together they raised four children, witnessed the birth and growth of five grandchildren as well as the birth of four great-grandchildren.

Following the path of her mother, older sister, grandfather, aunt and uncle, Dora Kate became an elementary school teacher, and taught until the birth of her first child. After spending thirty years raising her family, she became a realtor working in the Hamptons for her third career.

Dora Kate was known for her love of animals, starting from the time on her grandparent's farm. She helped raise or host a series of animals including chickens, cows, horses, a donkey and a long series of dogs and cats. As an adult she always had several cats, all of whom adopted her, showing up on her back deck and staying for the party. She also loved the water, beginning with long road trips to Florida as a child (6 children in one car, driving 1,500 miles on Route 1!) and continuing during her time in Mattituck and Mattapoisett.

Dora Kate was predeceased by her husband Joe in 2020. She is survived by her four children: Tim Doubrava and his wife Christina of Riverhead, NY, Jeff Doubrava and his wife Beth of Marion, MA, Derrick Doubrava and his wife Debbie of Clintondale, NY and Tracey Doubrava of Newport, RI; five grandchildren Andrew Doubrava and his wife Tiffani Ortiz, Alex Doubrava and his wife Renata, Erin Buboltz and her husband Billy, Matthew Doubrava and his wife Hailey, and Emma Finnerty; and four great grandchildren Isabella Doubrava, Alexander Doubrava, Riley Buboltz and Carson Buboltz. Dora Kate was also predeceased by her five siblings

and their spouses - she was the last of her generation.

The family would like to express its thanks to the caregivers who helped Dora Kate remain comfortable and independent in her last years: Darlene Oliveria; Erin Spooner; the Community Nurse hospice team - most notably Sandi Diaz; and the FCP team - most particularly Valura Robinson.

A joint memorial service for Dora Kate and Joseph Doubrava will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals at 50 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Mary E. (Clarke) Kelleher, 70, of Mattapoisett died Friday, August 29, 2025 at home after a period of declining health.

She was born and raised in New Bedford and graduated from Holy Name Grammar School and Holy Family High School. Mary graduated from Southeastern Massachusetts University (UMass Dartmouth) and received her Doctor of Laws

degree from Boston College Law School. Known for her strong work ethic and commitment to justice, she practiced law for more than 40 years. She served as fishing industry liaison to the U.S. Small Business Administration and concentrated in business law, administrative law and civil litigation. She was a partner of the law firm Koldys and Kelleher, P.C.

Mary was a gifted athlete from early on. In grade school, neighborhood boys would knock on the door, looking for Mary to join them in a game of football or basketball. Later, she excelled at tennis, winning numerous citywide tournaments. Eventually, she would meet her husband Steve on a tennis court and they often golfed together.

A talented musician, Mary enjoyed playing guitar for friends and church services. She often performed blues and folk music at coffee houses with her sister Fran. Fishing and relaxing at the cottage in Brewster were other favorite pastimes.

Mary had a true gift for bringing people together. She loved cooking and hosted countless gatherings, big and small. Her kitchen was always filled with delicious aromas, laughter, and the comforting sense of home. She made everyone feel welcome, and her meals were made with love.

In recent years she was devoted to her family and was very proud of her daughters Katherine and Laura. She cherished every moment spent with family. Her grandchildren, Elias and Ayla held a special place in her heart. Her face would light up with every tale of their adventures—whether it was a new sport they tried, a funny moment at school, or a skill they proudly mastered. Her love for them was deep and unwavering, and they brought her endless joy and pride.

Mary is survived by her husband of 36 years, Stephen Kelleher, daughter Katherine Gonzalez and her husband

Rochester community.

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

If you have a great idea for bringing culturally enriching programming to the Rochester area and need funding to make it a reality, We can help. All those who have questions regarding the RCC or the application process are invited to join us for an Applicant Support Workshop on Thursday, **September 11** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester, as well as via Zoom at Meeting ID: 756 2867 5077, Passcode: 7hEwjA. Quick links to tips for grant writing and the application process can also be found at bit.ly/RCCTips. The online application window will be open from **September 2 to October 16**.

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

South Coast Chamber Music Series

The South Coast Chamber Music Series offers a Place to Pause. When life moves too fast and the world feels loud, we all need a place to pause. The South Coast Chamber Music Series returns this fall with five weekends of transformative musical storytelling designed to help you slow down, breathe deeper, and reconnect - with yourself, with others, and with the beauty around you.

From soulful string quartets to joyful piano quintets, this season invites you on a journey through soundscapes that stir the spirit and quiet the mind. Whether you're seeking inspiration, healing, or just a



moment to exhale, there's space for you here.

Under the inspired direction of pianist and Artistic Director Janice Weber, the 2025–2026 season is a vibrant mix of the familiar and the unexpected - featuring beloved classics, boundary-pushing works by contemporary composers, and rare gems that surprise and delight.

Five unforgettable concerts. One intention: to leave you changed.

Rach 'n Soul - **October 4 and October 5** - Begin in breath, end in brilliance. From Reena Esmail's meditative Saans to Rachmaninoff's heart-pounding cello sonata, this program is pure catharsis.

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Jonathan, daughter Laura Kelleher, and grandchildren Elias and Ayla. She is also survived by her sister Frances Guilbert, brother John Clarke, and her three nephews, Matthew, Christopher, and John. She was pre-deceased by her parents John and Rita (Swistak) Clarke of New Bedford, and her sister Christina Clarke.

Her Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 1 PM at St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St., Mattapoisett, with everyone meeting directly at Church. Burial will be private. Visiting hours will be held Friday, Sep-

tember 5th from 4-8 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Flowers and/or memorial contributions to Tunnel to Towers Foundation or the Mattapoisett YMCA are equally welcome.

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

LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING Check www.orctv.org for the latest updates to the schedule.

10:30 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday September 7, 2025

6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian

9:00 AM First Congregational

10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church

11:00 AM Easton Fire Department

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

6:00 AM Health Source

8:00 AM Mattapoisett

Congregational Church

Church of Rochester

- Close Before You Doze

11:30 AM For your Health

1:00 PM Deutsche Welle -

1:30 PM Deutsche Welle -

2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global

Good Shape

Church

Coastline

Euromaxx

Tomorrow Today

10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

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PUBLIC ACCESS Comcast Channel 9 Verizon Channel 36 Thursday September 4, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson 8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Lee Gunschel

9:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - Cemeteries, Genealogy & The Revolutionary War 10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - Dr. Michael Moore 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show 2:00 PM The Collective Chat 2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

3:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music

4:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle -

Euromaxx 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle -

Tomorrow Today 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US

7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe 8:00 PM NolanFest 2025 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday September 5, 2025 7:00 AM Seniorcize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle -Euromaxx

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on Europe 10:00 AM Southcoast Matters 11:30 AM Easton Fire Department

- Close Before You Doze 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM Rochester Affordable

Housing Inc ADU Presentation 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre 3:30 PM The Collective Chat 3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie
Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical
Society Oral History - Jonathan
Howland & Mary Howland-Smoyer
5:00 PM Sippican Historical
Society - Women's Involvement
in the History of Preservation in
New England

6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - From Submarine Vents to Life on Other Ocean Worlds! 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

8:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz 9:00 PM A Conversation With...

9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers 10:00 PM For Your Health 10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic

10:30 AM Easton Fire Department

11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Band - Annual Pops Concert

- Close Before You Doze

Burr and Brooke Johnson

12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie

11:30 AM Reeling: The Movie

1:30 PM The Human Truth - with

2:00 PM The Collective Chat

2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt

4:00 PM Sippican Historical

5:00 PM Sippican Historical

the History of New England

Museum - Amazing Animals

7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

8:30 PM Paltrocast - with Darren

9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

9:30 PM A Conversation with...

Society - Women Involvement in

6:00 PM Marion Natural History

Society Oral History - Lee

Cartoon Festival

Review Show

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11:30 PM Classic Movies 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus Saturday September 6, 2025 on Europe 3:30 PM NolanFest 2025

3:30 PM NolanFest 2025 7:00 PM Old Colony Graduation 10:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday September 8, 2025 7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle -

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9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US 9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus

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10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift

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11:30 AM Money Matters 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters

2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment 3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz 3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show 4:30 PM The Human Truth 5:00 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day

Gunschel

Events
6:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie
Burr and Brooke Johnson
6:30 PM Sippican Historical
Society Oral History - Lee

7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Women's Involvement in the History of Preservation in New England 8:30 PM Marion Natural History

Museum - Amazing Animal Ambassadors 10:00 PM The Collective Chat

10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

Tuesday September 9, 2025

11:00 PM Classic Movie

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Good Shape
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9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment 9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning

10:30 AM The Collective Chat 11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

11:30 AM In the Toy Box 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM Easton Fire Department
- Close Before You Doze
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford
Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle -Tomorrow and Today 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle -

Euromaxx 3:30 PM Deutsche Welle -Global US 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus

On Europe 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk 6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Historical What If's with Kirt Mead

8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report

9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show 10:00 PM Gay USA 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday September 10, 2025 7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM Cape Conversations 8:30 AM For Your Health 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the

10:00 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events 11:00 AM Mattapoisett

Road

Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie
Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday

3:00 PM A Conversation With... 3:30 PM Old Colony Graduation 4:30 PM ORR Graduation

5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report 6:00 PM Building the Future 6:30 PM Pete on the Street

7:00 PM World Fusion Show 7:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra

9:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Chamber Music

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7:00 ÅM Marion Board of Selectmen 9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission 11:00 AM Marion Planning Board 12:30 PM Marion Zoning Board

of Appeals 1:30 PM Marion School Committee 3:00 PM Marion Open Space

Committee
4:30 PM Marion Finance
Committee
6:30 PM Marion Affordable

Housing Trust
7:30 PM Marion Board of Health
8:30 PM Marion Marine Resource
Commission

10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

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Commission 10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board

11:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

12:00 PM Rochester School Committee

2:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

4:00 PM ORR School Committee 6:00 PM Rochester Select Board 6:30 PM Rochester Conservation

Commission 9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board

10:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

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11:30 PM Old Hammondtown School - Autism Acceptance 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 1:00 PM ORR Senior Assembly 2:30 PM ORR Senior Awards Night

4:30 PM ORR Promenade 5:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs

Marshfield 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 7:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives 8:00 PM ORR Class Olympics 9:00 PM ORR Spring Concert

10:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Fairhaven 11:00 PM ORR Varsity Baseball vs Case

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TRI-TOWN POLICE Logs



MARION

Log highlights Aug 24 - Aug 30

- Mill St EMS/medical
- Olde Meadow Rd Follow up
- Route 6 MV collision
- Converse Rd MV collision
- Olde Knoll Rd Assist other dept
- · Rezendes Ter EMS/medical
- Lady Slipper Ln Suspicious activity
 Village Dr EMS/medical
- Creek Rd Found property
- Front St Fraud
- · Wareham Rd Health/welfare
- Mill St EMS/medical
- Front St General service
- Mill St MV complaint
- Island Wharf Rd General service
- Converse Rd EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd Suspicious MV
- County Rd Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd MV collision
- · Spring St General service
- Main St Smoke investigation
- Abels Way EMS/medical
 River Rd Parking enforcement
 Village Dr EMS/medical
- Crapo St Paper service
- Hartley Ln Paper service
- Dexter Rd Animal control
- Mill St Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd MV collision

MATTAPOISETT Log highlights Aug 24 - Aug 30

- Angelica Ave 911 call
- Railroad Ave Parking violation Fairhaven Rd MV violations
- County Rd Disturbance
- Marion Rd MV crash
- Upland Way General services Park PI MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd Arrest/warrant
- Park St Health/welfare
- Foster St Lost property
- Shady Oak Dr General service
- Ripple St General service
- Marion Rd Assist other agency Cannon St Medical assist Jane Ln MV violations

- Mattapoisett harbor Boat violation
- Harbor Acres Ln Assist other agency
- Cathaway Ln Animal control
- Marion Rd Restraining order
- Railroad Ave Parking violation
- Old Mattapoisett Neck Rd Disturbance
- Reservation Rd Marine-shellfish
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd Follow up
- Long Plain Rd MV crash
- Pearl St 911 call
- Acushnet Rd MV crash
- Pine Island Rd 911 call
- Pine Island Rd Medical assist
- · Park St Disturbance

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Aug 24 - Aug 30

- · Walnut Plain Rd Burglar Alarm
- Featherbed Ln B&E Dwelling
- New Bedford Rd Disturbance
- Stevens Rd Suspicious Activity
 Mary's Pond Rd Animal Control
- North Ave MV Stop
- Dexter Ln Follow Üp
- Comstock PI Fire Alarm
- Dexter Ln Animal Control
- Walnut Plain Rd MV Crash
- · Cushman Rd Lost Property
- · Quaker Ln General Service
- · County Rd Disturbance
- Cranberry Way Community Policing
 Braley Hill Rd Directed Patrol
- · County Rd Harrassment
- Dr Braley Rd Burglar Alarm
- Mattapoisett Rd Šmoke
- Dexter Ln Animal Control
- · Cranberry Hwy Panic Alarm
- · New Bedford Rd CO Alarm
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- Cranberry Hwy MV Stop
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- New Bedford Rd Directed Patrol
- · Cranberry Hwy Burglar Alarm
- Marion Rd MV Crash
- · Negus Way 911 Call

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



EGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Sept 8: Turkey & garbanzo bean chili w/shredded cheese, carrots, whole grain buttermilk biscuit, peach cup Tuesday, Sept 9: Stuffed shells w/ marinara & parm, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, pudding, diet: fruit Wednesday, Sept 10: Honey mustard

chicken, roasted potatoes, green peas, wheat roll, sugar cookie, diet: fruit Thursday, Sept 11: Honey garlic salmon, orzo, green beans, wheat bread, orange

Friday, Sept 12: Beef w/thai curry sauce,

white rice, broccoli, Hawaiian roll, apple

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 8: Hamburger (or) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, Sept 9: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll Wednesday, Sept 10: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown

patty, orange smiles Thursday, Sept 11: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli Friday, Sept 12: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain

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

OLD HAMMONDTOWN Monday, Sept 8: Hamburger (or) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven

baked potato wedges Tuesday, Sept 9: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy,

golden corn, whole grain dinner roll Wednesday, Sept 10: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown

patty, orange smiles Thursday, Sept 11: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli Friday, Sept 12: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Sept 8: Hamburger (or) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, Sept 9: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, Sept 10: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Sept 11: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli Friday, Sept 12: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Sept 8: Hamburger (or) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, Sept 9: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, Sept 10: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Sept 11: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli Friday, Sept 12: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 8: Hamburger (or) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, Sept 9: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll Wednesday, Sept 10: Warm ham, egg &

cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown

patty, orange smiles Thursday, Sept 11: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli Friday, Sept 12: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh

veggie sticks

OLD COLONY REGIONAL Monday, Sept 8: Ramen bowl

Tuesday, Sept 9: Popcorn chicken, fries

& steamed carrots Wednesday, Sept 10: Chicken broccoli

alfredo & garlic bread Thursday, Sept 11: Linguica sandwich,

baked beans & fries Friday, Sept 12: Assorted pizza & Caesar

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For more info., visit ww.aarp.org/driving36. Location: COA, 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. Cost: \$20 - AARP members; \$25 - non-members. Register: 508-758-4110 or coadirector@mattapoisett.gov.

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Street, on **September 4**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for its Annual Meeting. After a brief business meeting, noted historian and author, and member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag, Linda Coombs, will speak on the subject of historical erasure - the systematic reduction or elimination of the presence of a people when history is being related by their colonizers of the original people. She will also discuss the Mattapoisett Museum's upcoming permanent exhibit about the Wampanoag, of which she was the primary author.

The upcoming exhibit, titled "From the Land to the Shore: The Wampanoag of Mattapoisett" will explore the history and culture of the Wampanoag People who have continuously inhabited this part of New England for at least 12,000 years. Told from the Wampanoag perspective, in Coombs voice, it follows the story of the Early Contact Period and Colonization through King Philip's War and its outcomes to the Wampanoag culture and community as they exist today. The exhibit weaves in local, Tri-Town-Area-related examples of broader historical narratives whenever possible. However, the scarcity of these examples may actually be pointed to as an example, in and of itself, of the thorough nature of historical erasure.

Coombs began her museum career in an internship at the Boston Children's Museum, and later worked there in the Native American Program. Coombs also worked for 30 years in the Wampanoag Indigenous



MOVIE REVIEW



Blood Simpler

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Caught Stealing. Starring Austin Butler and Regina King. Directed by Darren Aronofsky. Running time: 107 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

The one thing you can count on with director Darren Aronofsky (*Requiem for a Dream, Black Swan*) is that you never know what he's going to do next. So after 2022's stagey drama *The Whale*, Aronofsky has made what is, for him, a just-for-fun thriller, *Caught Stealing*, scripted by Charlie Huston from his own novel, involving vicious killers of the Russian, Hasidic, Puerto Rican, and law-enforcement persuasion. (It's set in New York City, of course.) All these bad people revolve around the key to a storage unit that contains four million dollars. Somehow Hank (Austin Butler), a bartender and former pro baseball prospect, gets in the middle of it. Really, it's his British neighbor Russ (Matt Smith) who gets him into it. It's 1998, and Russ looks like a literal punk circa 20 years earlier, so one's trust in him is limited. Russ isn't very bright.

Caught Stealing is as light-headed as last week's Honey Don't!, but also unfolds behind a mesh of grain, care of regular Aronofsky cinematographer Matthew Libatique. It has a gritty patina and a couple of sad deaths, but for the most part it's a dark comedy of desperate stupidity. Everyone wants that money except for Hank. He just wants to clock out of his bartending job every day and go home to his paramedic girlfriend Yvonne (Zoë Kravitz) and otherwise be left out of everyone else's trouble. But trouble finds him; despite a tragic accident in his past, he's basically an innocent, and too intelligent to get into this mess of his own will.

Aronofsky indulges in some show-offy camera moves tracking way back or way in from a focal point and passing through things a camera can't pass through. It's entertaining, and reminiscent of some of the maneuvers Steven Soderbergh likes to do when he's working in genre. Aronofsky, though, isn't much known for genre; even a sports drama like *The Wrestler* or a Biblical epic like *Noah* feel as though they strain against category. Despite the indie moves, *Caught Stealing* plays like Aronofsky's first real genre film, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. Aronofsky isn't trying to expand this story into the territory of art (which his other films, successfully or not,



aspire to). He's just trying to serve the material. All it means is that, other than technical curlicues, Aronofsky might be difficult for his fans to find in here.

The plot, which proceeds at a physically traumatized shuffle (people are always getting hurt even a cat who comes into Hank's custody, though he thankfully survives to the end, still walks with a limp), really exists in order to get Hank in various rooms or car backseats with people who stab him with sharp Charlie Huston dialogue. And Huston's plot, like many noirs and neo-noirs, allows for a juicy ensemble to have fun. Liev Schreiber and Vincent D'Onofrio turn up as Hasidic mobsters ("scary monsters," they're called by Regina King's detective) who stop off at their Bubbe's house for Shabbos dinner. (Bubbe is played by Carol Kane, who delivers the movie's best line.) An unrecognizable Griffin Dunne makes an impression as a biker-looking bar owner. There are others, at least one of whom I won't mention so as not to spoil the happy surprise of their one-word (profane) cameo.

I know Aronofsky can be better and more artistic and serious. I've seen and reviewed all his films, and even when they didn't, for me, stick the landing they still impressed me as his. He still hasn't really sold out; it's not as though this is a superhero film or something. This is far from a surefire hit, and will probably end up doing about the same business as Aronofsky's art-house flowers. There's a sense, though, of existential struggle in the earlier films that you could probably see here if you squint. Hank's struggle is the good old noir kind where a sap is abandoned in an alley with a dead body and a satchel of hundred-dollar bills. What's weird about this latest film from a director known for weirdness is that word I've used twice now and will again: fun. Or as fun as an Aronofsky film that still finds time for vomit, a clogged toilet, and bloody urine can be.

Program (WIP) of Plimoth Plantation, now called Plimoth Patuxet, including 15 years as WIP's Associate Director; and 9 years at the Aquinnah Cultural Center. Presently she does independent museum consulting and cultural presentations.

In her latest book, *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story*, Coombs aims to educate students about the Wampanoag perspective of the European colonization of New England. It was published in September of 2023, as one of five titles in Penguin Random House's Race to the Truth series of similarly themed stories intended for middle grades. She is also co-author (with Mark Skipworth) of *The Massachusetts Chronicles: The History of Massachusetts from Earliest Times to the Present Day*, published in 2020 in partnership with Plymouth 400. It aims to provide a new way of looking at Massachusetts history, incorporating perspectives from both the English settlers and the Indigenous peoples.

Early Life History Of The Humpback Whale

On **October 10** the Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting "Early life history of the humpback whale" at 6:30 pm at the museum. Humpback whale mothers give birth in the Caribbean and travel with their babies to New England waters to feed each summer. This talk will dive into the world of young calves and juveniles of Humpback whales. Associate Professor Kathryn Kavanaugh and doctoral student Eman Khwaja



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will share some recent research on humpback whale behavior. They study the reproductive and developmental biology of vertebrates including whales. They will share current studies of the humpback whale population, in particular related to maternal care and life history. The museum is located in the building we share with the library, 8 Spring Street, Marion, second floor. Please register in advance at www.marionmuseum.org.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Yard Sale

On Saturday, **September 6** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will once again host their annual yard sale in Reynard Hall, rain or shine.



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas earn the respect of your colleagues, but you'll have to present some hard facts and figures if you hope to persuade those who make big decisions to support you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep your bright Bull's eyes focused on the project at hand. Avoid distractions. There'll be lots of time for fun and games later. Expect to get welcome news later on in the month.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might soon have to decide about moving a relationship from its current status to another level. Don't let anyone influence your decision. It must be yours and yours alone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You can finally get off an emotional roller coaster and get back to focusing on your goals without interruptions through the rest of the week. A nice change is due later on in the month.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Trying to make an impression on some people runs into a bit of a snag at first, but it all works out. Meanwhile, an old and almost forgotten personal matter once again needs attention.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A rise in your energy level helps you finish an especially demanding task. Take some time now to spend with family and friends before starting a new project.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good time to reestablish contact with trusted former associates who might be able to offer good advice regarding a career change you've been contemplating.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your resourcefulness combined with a calm, cool approach can help you work your way out of a knotty situation and avoid a potentially serious misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calm, quiet period allows you to recharge your energies. But later on in the month, you'll be ready to saddle up and gallop off in pursuit of your goals.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters need your attention. Check things out carefully. There might still be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to take a stand and show as much passion on your own behalf as you do when arguing for the rights of others. You might be happily surprised by the reaction.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You bring sense and sensitivity to a confusing situation. Things settle down later on, leaving you free to enjoy a weekend of fun and relaxation with friends and family.

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Welcome Home

On Sunday, **September 7** at 10:00 am the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will hold its annual homecoming in the sanctuary at 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. Everyone in the Tri-Town area is invited to celebrate with us in worship with a Blessing of the Backpacks for students returning to school (children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church).

Traditionally, representatives from the police and fire departments are recognized for their caring service to the people of Mattapoisett. Following worship at 10:00 am, there will be games for the children, registration for Sunday School and ice cream on the lawn. There will be fun and fellowship for all.

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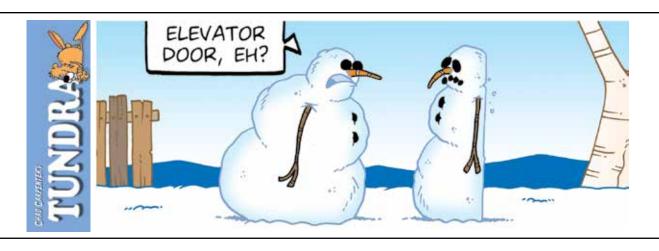
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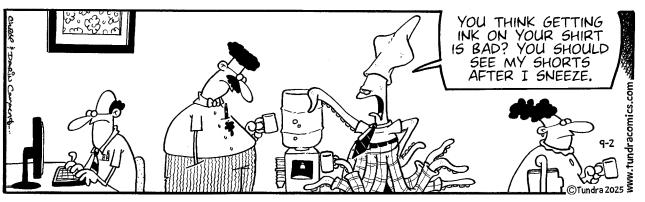
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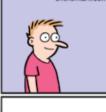


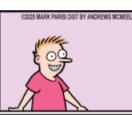


















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by Dave T. Phipps



Fall Music at the MAC

The MAC has a fantastic fall music lineup, including the hugely popular Unplugged series, with 3 dates left for 2025. Join us upstairs in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery for an evening of unplugged music featuring Nina Ott and Chris Lopes on Friday, **October 3**. Don't miss Unplugged on **November 21** with Jack Coleman and Donn Legge performing. There will be two seatings for the October and November events - the first from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the second from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets are for one seating and are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers.

The MAC Unplugged series will feature a very special holiday event to wrap up the year on December 19 at 7:00 pm, with a full concert including three performers on the MAC stage. Matt Richard (piano), Donn Legge (guitar), and Dori Rubbicco (vocalist), friends for over forty years and all graduates of the Westfield State College music program, will weave a collection of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs, reimagined into jazz, Latin, and pop styles. The performance, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, will include a break for intermission. Tickets for the concert are \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers.

All Unplugged events are held at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion. More information and tickets can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Music at the MAC: Matt York - The Songs &

Stories of Willie Nelson - Matt York will join the MAC with the Songs & Stories of Willie Nelson on Saturday, **September 13** at 7:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. General admission tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers. To purchase tickets and for more information please head to our website at marionartcenter.org/events.

York will perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson, while accompanied by fiddle player Angelica Vendetti. He will focus on Willie's long and illustrious music career that has spanned over seven decades and also talk a bit about his recent book The Words and Wisdom of Willie.

In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and last year, his album, Gently Used, was named one of the top albums by Patriot Ledger. In both 2022 and 2023 the Boston Music Awards have nominated Matt York as a "Best Country Artist" nominee.

Music at the MAC: Putnam Murdock & Friends - On Saturday, **November 8**, Putnam Murdock returns to the MAC for what has become a highly anticipated annual event. Joined by an ever-changing array of friends and collaborators, Putnam's shows always feel fresh and new. The performance will start at 7:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. More information and tickets at



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TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application in the General Commercial Subdistrict and the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District, filed by Afonso Built Homes, 15 Ledgemont Lane, Dartmouth, MA 02748 for the property located within Rochester Crossroads at 22 Cranberry Highway identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lot 41.C13.

The applicant proposes the construction of a Townhome Development with a total of 15 buildings and 44 total units. The development will consist of three unit and two unit buildings. All townhome units will feature a drive under garage and a driveway parking spot. The associated infrastructure to support the project includes individual septic systems, drainage network, underground utilities, site lighting, and landscaping. The applicant's representative is Allen & Major Associates, 10 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86171997453

Meeting ID: 861 7199 7453 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923

Arnold Johnson, Chairman. 8/28, 9/4

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing.

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday September 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm, to review a Site Plan Review as follows: Submitted by: Garrett Bauer / Highway Depart-

Property owner: Town of Mattapoisett Represented by: Field Engineering

Scope of Work: Construction of a 2.222 sq ft addition onto an existing building.

Location: 5 Mendell Road, Map 17 Lot 100

This meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by September 11, 2025 for zoom instructions.

All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.

Thomas Tucker, Chairman 8/28, 9/4

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1225

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of William Flaherty III, for property located at 45 Williams Way, identified on Assessor's Map 30A, Lot 25E, who is seeking a Variance for the proposed construction of a detached garage greater than 1,000 sq ft, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday,

September 25, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman. 9/4, 9/11

TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm, at the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, to address a complaint concerning a dog owned by Spencer Mello, 968 Point Road, Marion. Randy L. Parker, Chair. 9/4, 9/11

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Historic District Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 7:30 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding an application received from Nelson Bernardo to build a house at 28 Marion Rd. Rochester, MA 02770, further identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lots 3 and 4.

The application and associated submittal documents will be available for review at the Building Department at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during their business hours Monday through Friday starting no later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

Matthew Monteiro, Chairperson. 9/4, 9/11

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Craig Orn, 73 Walnut Street, Oxford, MA 01540. The proposed project is to install a 12.3 kw, 30 panel solar field "Ground Mount" at the back and center of the property. The project is located at 6 River Road, and is further identified as Lot 285 on Assessor Map 17.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 9/4

TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #834

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 25, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Angus Leary, for a Special Permit under section 230-5.1 of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of an addition that falls within the current existing non-conforming set-backs.

The property, located at 19 Lewis Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson. 9/4, 911

TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 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 Toll Brothers, Inc., for the construction of a 48-unit condominium development with associated clearing, grading, roadways, utilities, and a stormwater management system at 78 Wareham Road.

The site is further identified as Lots 24, 25, 27, 28C, & 29 on Marion Assessors' Map 7. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma. gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 9/4

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). New format of meetings; the start time is 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 18, 2025.

CASE #1573 Petition of Christopher & Carol Brennan, 18 West Hill Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: The applicant proposes to construct a 12.5' x 22' screened porch/mudroom off the right side of the existing dwelling on a pre-existing non-conforming lot. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1 to 3.1.6 of the By-Law and as provided by Sec 7.2.2. The property is further described as Plot 12, Lot 76 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR30. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book #46655, Page #44.

The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 18, 2025

CASE #1574 Petition of Garrett Bauer-Town of Mattapoisett, Highway Department – 5 Mendell Road, Mattapoisett, MA.02739. RE: The Town proposes to construct a 2,222-SF building addition to the rear of the existing highway barn within the Mattapoisett River Aquifer Protection District. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Sections 9.4.3 of By-Laws and as provided by Sec 7.2.2. The property is further described as Plot 17, Lot 100 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR45 (Pre 1973) RR15). It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book #415, Page 163.

The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, September 18, 2025

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chair Tony Tranfaglia Colby Rottler

Jordan Rodrigues 9/4 9/11

September Events at the Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, celebrates Library Card Sign-up Month all September long with an exciting raffle for adults and children. To earn a ticket, library users must present their library card or their barcode on the SAILS app at checkout. Staff will draw the winners from each pool of raffle tickets at the end of the month and notify the lucky winners.

Did you know your SAILS library card grants you access to more than just books and magazines? At the MFPL, you can borrow discounted museum passes, Wi-Fi hotspots, musical instruments, various household items, and more. Your library card also allows access to eContent, such as Libby, Hoopla, Mango Languages, Niche Academy, and GALE Databases. A library card has something to offer everyone in the family. Library card sign-up is easy and can be done online or in person. Ask a librarian for more information.

The library will resume Sunday hours from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm beginning on Sunday, **September 7**.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 10**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

The Friends are also still accepting jewelry donations. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, the Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

Our four-week Fall Yoga Series begins on Thursday, **September 18**, at 11:00 am and concludes on Thursday, October 9. Stretch, unwind, and relax with a beginner-friendly yoga flow series. This adaptable experience suits all ability levels. Class will be held outside, weather permitting - please dress accordingly - no registration required.

Gather your family and join us for Family Jeopardy on Saturday, **September 20** at 11:00 am. Enjoy some friendly competition as your family competes against others for an exciting grand prize. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. While you're here, don't forget to use your library card and get entered into the Library Card Sign-Up Month raffle.

Join Dr. Edward Hoffer at the library on Tuesday, **September 23** at 6:30 pm as he discusses Navigating Dementia: what it is, when to suspect it, the tests your doctor should perform to investigate it, the available therapies, and how to prevent it. No registration required.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group meets on the Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Marine Room. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 24**. We will discuss The Snow Leopard by Peter Matthiessen. New members welcome. No registration required.

Drop by the library on Tuesday, **September 30**, at 6:00 pm for the next Sippizine writing group. Bring your favorite writing accessories (e.g., paper, pen, computer) and get ready for the spark as ideas pop up in this creative writing session. No registration required.

Get Ready for a spine-tingling good time with our Frightfully Fun Film Fest kick-off on Tuesday, **September 30**. Our opening night premiere is Disney's beloved Hocus Pocus. This free, outdoor screening will be held on the library's lawn, weather permitting. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and spooky spirit as we welcome the Sanderson Sisters back to the big screen for a night of witchy fun and a little 90s nostalgia. The movie starts at 6:00 pm, but feel free to come early and get comfortable. All ages welcome - no registration required. Stay tuned for the October lineup. Full schedule available soon.

Please remember that a library card is required at checkout. If your card is missing, we can replace it. To avoid losing it again, download the SAILS mobile app. It's an excellent alternative to carrying your physical library card. Please see a librarian if you need help or have questions. Your privacy is important to us. Let's protect it together.

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- 3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male duck called?
- 4. LITERATURE: In which famous museum does a murder take place in the novel "The Da Vinci Code"?
- 5. SCIENCE: What part of the plant is responsible for photosynthesis?
- 6. TELEVISION: When did the animated TV sitcom "The Flintstones" debut?
- 7. U.S. CITIES: Which city is known for the saying, "Where young people go to retire"?
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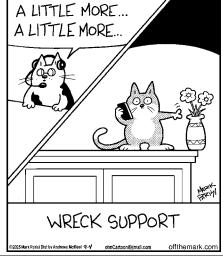
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Fun Volunteer Opportunity

By becoming a"Hospital Caring Clown" with The Smile Factory Clowns, located at 88 Hatch Street, Suite 213, in New Bedford you can have fun volunteering in our three local hospitals; St. Lukes, Charlton Memorial and Tobey Hospitals. Classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm for 10 weeks. They begin on September 16 with graduation in November/December. Each class is \$20, which covers items given out. Our students are from our Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, and surrounding communities. Come have fun and experience the heartfelt touch your clown journey can have on your heart and others. Classes are taught by multi award winning clown of over 35 years, Elaine "Daisy D.Dots" Vercellone. Please e-mail: thesmilefactoryclowns@gmail.com or call: 201-388-0225 to find out more or reserve your spot. Only 6 Class spots remain for this class session. Come have fun with us!

Bikes For All Fall Collection

"Bikes for All" is entering its fifth fall season of collecting, refurbishing and distributing the generous contributions of bicycles of all sizes. Over 282 children and adults have been able to enjoy their recycled bicycles throughout the past four years. Each bicycle was refurbished, equipped with a bell and lights as each rider was fitted with a helmet to ensure safe riding. We are thankful to all of you in the Tri-Town area who responded to our call for gently used bicycles.

And we're here once again, requesting that you respond to our need for gently used bicycles with 20-inch or greater wheels. On Sunday, **September 14** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, bikes can be dropped off at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, located at 27 Church Street, in the Barstow Street parking lot, which is across from the Center School.

Our repair team of skilled cyclists continue to refurbish donated bicycles, and we need your help to continue responding to requests for bicycles. Residents throughout the SouthCoast have been requesting bicycles to get to work, school and to enjoy the beauty of our region's bike paths. In addition to local non-profit organizations and word of mouth, our Facebook page "Bikes for All" has enabled us to receive the needed requests. We hope you will keep us in mind if you're thinking about replacing your bike or you or your children have outgrown their bikes. We know from many of our families who have been enjoying their recycled bikes that biking is making a positive difference in their lives.

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If you would like to make a charitable contribution of a gently used bicycle, please bring your donation on September 14. If you are unable to bring your bike to us, we'll arrange to meet you by contacting Jane Finnerty at 631-312-2560 or email Jane.mattrail@gmail. com.

School Supply Collection

These are difficult times for many local families as they struggle to manage rising costs for everyday needs. As the new school year is in full swing, students and staff at Rochester Memorial School could use some help with classroom supplies. To that end, the Rochester Democratic Town Committee is coordinating a collection of supplies to be donated to RMS. It's easy to help.

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On Sunday, October 5, the South Coast Bikeway Team will participate in the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride to raise money for clean water and a completed South Coast Bikeway. We are looking for more team members. If you have ridden as an individual in the past or are taking on the challenge for the first time, please join the South Coast Bikeway Team (SouthCoastBikeway.com). Use code SCBIKEWAY for \$20 off registration. The SCBA has been permitted to "piggyback" on the Watershed Ride fundraising. Whatever you raise for Buzzards Bay will be matched by (still-to-be-determined) donors to the SCBA. If you don't ride, please consider donating to the SCBA team or the South Coast Bikeway Alliance. Funds raised will be used as matching funds for design, engineering, and build grants to complete the South Coast Bikeway, a planned cycling route from Rhode Island to the Cape Cod Canal. The Goal for team SCBA is \$20,000. SCBA is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to assist our member communities in completing their portion of the South Coast Bikeway. In 2024, we raised over \$43,000 for clean water and \$2800 for the South Coast Bikeway, for over \$90,893 for the Buzzards Bay Coalition over the last 9 years.

Fall into Fun - Children's classes at the MAC

The MAC has a full slate of fun activities to acclimate the kids to the exciting fall season.

MAC Dance Academy is back - MAC Dance Academy is a classically taught dance studio that fosters individuality and fun for dancers of all ages and experience levels. This relaxed dance program provides extraordinary dance instruction in ballet, tap, jazz, and also touches on contemporary, hip-hop, and gymnastics - all in a safe, fun learning environment. Movement and music is offered for the youngest dancers.

This fall, MAC Dance Academy classes will be held at the Community Center (owned by the First Congregational Church) at 144 Front Street in Marion. Choose from a wide range of classes for ages 2.5 to 6 and up. All classes will take place on Monday afternoonsevenings and run from 30-45 minutes to 60-90 minutes depending on age range and selection (Preschool/Kinderstep, Elementary, Tumbling, or combination). Registration is open now for the 12-week fall session. The 12-week session starts at just \$95 for members and \$110 for nonmembers. Members receive significant discounts



on tuition - join at any time.

If you are not sure that your student will enjoy the class, the MAC offers a free trial class, subject to availability. More information and registration for the programs is on our website at marionartcenter.org/macdance-academy.

Art in the Afternoon is Back - Art class instructor Miss Aylin continues at the MAC with new fall programs for afterschool art. The new 6-week Maker Club is a hands-on art club for ages 6-12. Young artists will have access to a wide variety of arts and crafts materials, tools, and textures each week. From paint and paper to recycled bits, fabric, wire, and more - every session is an invitation to explore, invent, and make something uniquely their own. With creative prompts to spark ideas and a supportive instructor to help guide their process, students are free to experiment, tinker, and express themselves in a relaxed, imaginative environment. Whether they're building, drawing, gluing, or sculpting, Maker Club is all about the joy of creating without pressure - where the process matters more than the final product. Perfect for curious minds who love to explore and make art in their own wav.

In addition to the new Maker Club theme, young artists can now attend for either one hour (3:00 pm to 4:00 pm) or one and a half hours (3:00 pm to 4:30 pm on Fridays after school. The new, longer option allows another half hour for creation and exploration, and a bit



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Piper Tobia	September 6
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Brett Rudolph	September 7
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Donnetta Perkins	September 9
Laurie Plante	September 9
Sissy Halter	September 9
Tucker Roy	September 9
Douglas Matthew Blouin	September 10
Walter Rusinoski	September 10

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



more time for guardians to arrive for pickup, depending on family needs. Session 1 runs September 12 through October 17. The one-hour class runs from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the MAC Studio and costs \$145 for MAC members and \$175 for nonmembers. The 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm class runs 1.5 hours and costs \$215 for members and \$255 for nonmembers. More information and registration can be found on our website at marionartcenter.org/art-lab. Music Lessons - New Fall Schedule

Instructor Colin Bradley continues to offer guitar, piano, and more for students age 7 and up (adults too.) on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the Marion Art Center. Thirty-minute lessons are held upstairs in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. MAC Members receive a significant discount on tuition. Receive 10% back when you register two or more students from the same household. Fall session 1 runs September 9-10 through October 21-22, and Fall session 2 runs November 4-5 through December 16-17, with no lessons September 23, 24, November 11, 12. The cost for each 6-week session is \$215 for MAC members and \$240 nonmembers. More information and registration can be found online at marionartcenter.org/kids-music-lessons.

Marion Social Club Chicken Dinner

The Marion Social Club located at 44 Pumping Station Road, Marion, is having a Chicken Dinner which will include a chicken, potato salad, vegetables, and dessert for \$17.00 each. It will be held on Sunday, **September 21** at 1:00 pm but doors open at 12:00 pm for socializing. Please call Betsy Youngson for tickets at 508-295-8253.

We still have a few raffle tickets available for the scholarship fundraising. If anyone is interested, they will be available at the dinner. Hope to see you there.

League of Women Voters SouthCoast

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast is pleased to announce that Celia Canavan, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters Massachusetts, will be the featured speaker at its upcoming Community Meeting. This event will take place on Wednesday,



2 Main Street Acushnet 508-995-6272 212 Emerson St New Bedford 508-999-6269 **September 10**, at noon at the Wamsutta Club, located at 427 County Street, New Bedford.

Ms. Canavan has extensive experience as a community organizer and policy professional, showcasing a strong track record in intergovernmental affairs, a deep commitment to voter engagement, and civic education. In her previous role as the Director of Government Affairs for the City of Brockton, she:

-Streamlined federal funding processes to maximize resources for local projects.

-Engaged municipal offices in long-term civic development strategies.

-Co-managed the launch of the Brockton High School Massachusetts School Building Authority project, the Commonwealth's largest school construction initiative.

Before her tenure in Brockton, Ms. Canavan worked on landmark ballot initiatives in Maine and Massachusetts, including efforts to overturn Citizens United and advance campaign finance reform, as well as a grassroots push for universal healthcare.

A native of Brockton, Ms. Canavan was a founding member of the LWV Greater Brockton.

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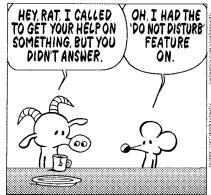
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and civic-minded residents are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at noon at the Wamsutta Club, located at 427 County Street, New Bedford, for this special Community Meeting with Celia Canavan.

RSVP is required. Please visit www. lwvsouthcoast.org/events to register and select your meal. With a suggested donation of just \$10, you'll enjoy a delicious meal, light refreshments, and great company.

For more information, please visit www. lwvsouthcoast.org/events, Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and event reminders.

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Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps are welcoming new applicants to the training program at Mass. Maritime Academy. Young men and women between the ages of 11 and 17 who may be interested in nautical or military opportunities are encouraged to join.

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Women-On-Target Program

The Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce its annual NRA Women-On-Target program which will be held on Saturday, **September 27**, located at 215 Dexter Lane, Rochester. The program will begin at 8:30 am and finish at 5:00 pm. The program's morning session will teach the NRA Home Firearm Safety Course, which qualifies participants to apply for a Massachusetts License-To-Carry (LTC), or Firearms Identification (FID) card. Following a catered and healthy lunch, the women will individually be provided practical and safe shooting experiences by rotating through the club's pistol range, 50- and 100-yard rifle ranges, and shotgun trap range. The \$100.00 fee includes all training materials, eye and ear protection which will be yours to keep, use of the club facility, morning snacks, lunch, ammunition, and use of



firearms. If any questions, please contact Michelle Pierce at 508-690-8865, or email: srgcmemberships@gmail.com. To register please provide: your full name (including middle initial), mailing address, email address, telephone number, and date of birth, along with a check made out to the "Sippican Rod & Gun Club" and mailed to: Sippican Rod & Gun Club, PO Box 182, Rochester, MA 02770. The class is limited to the first 24 participants registered. When the full class is registered, further information of the program details will be provided via email. Considering that previous programs have had a waiting list, all those interested are encouraged to apply soon.

ORR Class of 1975 50th Reunion

The 50th reunion will take place on Saturday, **September 20** from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Reservation Golf and Beach Club, 10 Reservation Road, Mattapoisett. Please share this information with anyone who may not have been contacted so that we can forward an invitation to them. Contact email: orrhs1975@gmail.com.

Local Writers Monthly Meeting

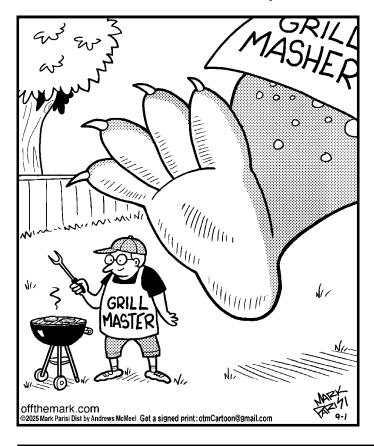
A group of local writers meet once a month to share their writing and offer feedback. If you are interested in honing your writing and want to share a rough draft in a supportive setting, come join us. No need to bring a piece of writing every time. Current members write mystery/crime, picture books, humor, memoir, etc.

The group meets on the 4th Friday of each month 10:15 am to 12:15 pm at the Mattapoisett Library's basement-level Community Room, 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.

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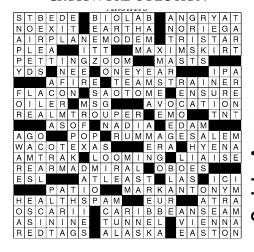
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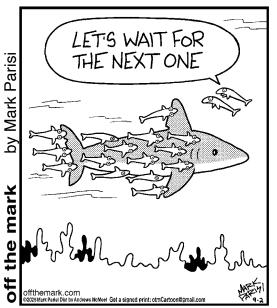
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