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Mattapoisett Frightfully Fun Film Festival

By Sam Bishop

This past Tuesday, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library continued their October Frightfully Fun Film Fest. This week was James Whale's *Frankenstein* from 1931.

This version of *Frankenstein* was the first time Victor Frankenstein's monster was put in a major motion picture. The film, based on a 1927 play of Mary Shelley's 1818 novel, spawned numerous sequels over the next 15 years. Boris Karloff, or "Karloff the Uncanny," played the monster in three films.

At the library that night, the temperature had finally started to cool, and the sun began to set. A projector and pop-up screen were set up on the front lawn, and those looking for true chills showed up with lawn chairs, blankets, and popcorn to watch; some passersby slowed down their stroll too. The famous "it's alive!" could be heard down on Church Street. If only there was a thunderstorm to complete the immersion!

This continuing series of spooky films will grace Mattapoisett on Tuesdays this month. The next movie will be *Blackbeard's Ghost* from 1968.

Looking Back: The Wanderer, October 2000

October Y2K

By Sam Bishop

To look back to the year 2000 is to nearly look back across the entire extent of my life. Though for others, it will bring back (hopefully) good memories of a time now lost, where I couldn't merely pull out the little one-pound block in my pocket and instantly answer any question I could ever have. Maybe I could afford a house then, too! Using *The Wanderer's* online archives, this article seeks to look back to October 2000 to see what was going on in the Tri-Town then, some 25 years ago.

Still fresh off our victories over the machines 10 months after the Y2K computer error, or lack thereof,

On the Cover: The Mattapoisett Free Public Library's spooky movie series, the Frightfully Fun Film Festival, continued this past Tuesday with a screening of the original Frankenstein on the library's front lawn. Though the movie is approaching its centennial, it holds up and those who showed up were in for a treat! Photo by Sam Bishop

October 2000 was an eventful time in the Tri-Town. A Letter to the Editor at the end of September had said, "I am appalled and disappointed in the Town of Marion for allowing a Dunkin' Donuts on the Route 6 area!" For some reason, I had assumed the Dunkin' had always been there, since time immemorial. Also, the median home price in Massachusetts was about \$160,000. Today, it is over \$650,000. No, I am not letting that go.

In our first October edition for 2000, Tim Lynch of Mattapoisett was on the cover, posing aboard the USS George Washington aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf. *The Wanderer* reported on the start of BULLDOG TV, a program at Old Rochester Regional High School started thanks to a \$600 donation from AT&T Broadband, now defunct. This service allowed students to learn about news coverage and technology while also being able to report on current events on cable TV. Speaking of ORR, the class of 1975 held their 25th reunion on October 20, 2000. They just held their 50th last week.

On October 18, we reported "Old Rochester

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Since I like to listen to people who are smarter than I am, I have been doing some research. Ben Franklin, a Founding Father, was way smarter than me. You remember old Benny, the chubby fellow with the tiny glasses who, when asked what kind of a government we created said, "A republic, if you can keep it." He sure was smart. (Well, he did stand out in a lightning storm flying a kite with a metal key attached, but we all do stupid things from time to time.)

He had a lot to say about the Office of the President. He didn't want one! Yup, he wanted an executive council making the big decisions. Having lived under a king, he was worried about all that power going to one person. Old Benny liked George Washington but was thinking about the future. He wondered what if a real despot somehow got elected, what then?

He said in a speech at the Constitutional Convention that a government "likely to be well administered for a course of years... can only end in despotism, (so) corrupted as to need a despotic government." He thought the people might become

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"uninformed or disinterested."

He told James McHenry, a delegate to the Convention from Maryland, that executive power "will be always increasing here, as elsewhere, till it ends in a monarchy." Wow!

That can't be right. Must be fake news or AI.

But, as a true politician, Benny voted for a president anyway. So, if a president was good enough for Ben Franklin, it's good enough for me. I'll be a great president. I'll guarantee a chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage. Hmmm, that slogan may already have been taken. I'll check.

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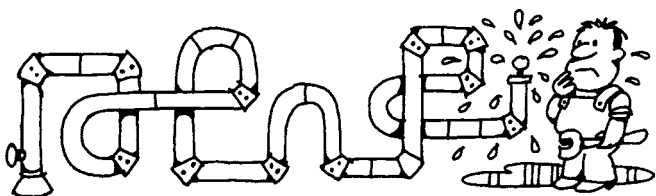
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How about Thomas Jefferson? I have faith in his opinion because he was pretty smart too (and tall). After all, he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Tom said he had "no ambition to govern men. It is a painful and thankless office." He said he was also afraid of "corruption." Well, you wouldn't have to worry about my presidency, I'm not a crook.

He also said "...my movement to the chair of government... would be like... those of a culprit who is going to the place of his execution." Whoa wait! What? That's not very encouraging.

Maybe I should give this whole running for higher office a second thought.

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

Finding Solace in Nature

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Autumn is here, like an old friend arriving with ease and familiar comfort. Welcome back! Your return gives us much to be thankful for. Empty beaches to roam, comfortable weather and some of the most dazzling colors in nature.

We know the signals – the orange, red, and yellow foliage that begins to blanket the landscape, the maples ablaze with color, and pumpkins appearing at farm stands.

What comes to mind when you think about fall? I asked Suzanne – we've tallied many falls together

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since meeting in 5th grade – coincidentally she visited yesterday when I was thinking of this column. Her response: “Crisp mornings, sunny blue afternoons, fall festivals and hayrides and corn mazes, coastal bike rides, vineyard tours, apple picking, chili cookoffs, apple cider, and pumpkin latte.”

We heartily agree – the sights, the smell and the taste of fall and the colors of the trees seen on the commute to work – all of fall’s present and past converge. When you grow up in New England it’s a much-cherished time. For many of us, it’s the sensory overload that is so captivating. Not all of it is about pumpkin-flavoring, but more the natural scents that fall brings – the decaying leaves, wood fires, crisp morning air, the orchard’s fallen

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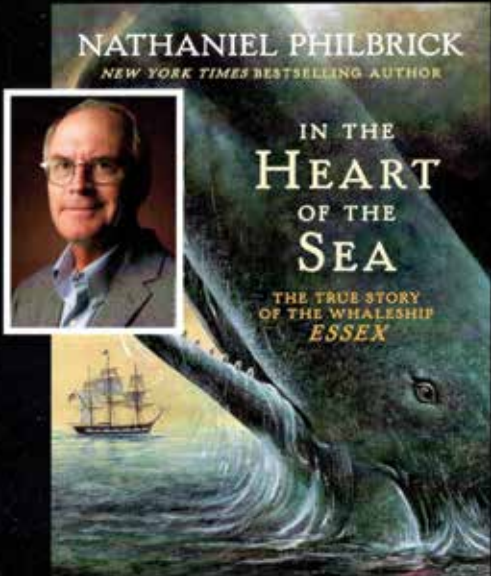
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apples fermenting. This morning's mist, mingling with the crunch of fallen leaves, deepens the simple pleasures of the season. The quiet hush of birdsong has given way to the steady chorus of crickets.

Gardening season is winding down, but there is still plenty to do and it's much more comfortable now with temperatures hovering in the 70s. Now is the time to assess and to (in following the lead of our local squirrels) get everything inside that isn't hardy. Any avid gardener knows that fall is time to take inventory of plants and also to make plans for alterations and expansions of borders.

While clearing the withered remains of plants in a woodland garden yesterday, I instinctively considered ways to improve it. The understory of this garden is home to epimediums, bluebells, lily of the valley and other spring blooming wildflowers and ferns. I think it might be nice to add a companion to the fall-blooming *Kirengeshoma palmata* (yellow wax bells) to add more interest. I tackle the uninvited vines that have woven



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their way into the rhododendrons and mountain laurel. It becomes more than a few hours of work.

Sometimes I think fall comes too quickly as there are things I forgot to do or didn't quite get to yet. Like gathering seaweed to overdress the winter garden. Some gardeners go further – drying the seaweed, then combining it with fallen leaves and chopping them up (with the mower) and spreading it over the beds like a winter blanket. In spring it can be incorporated into the soil to add tilth.

Fall is also the time to collect seeds of flowers and add them to the already numerous piles of labeled paper lunch bags. That reminds me I have to purge the shed again and replace a broken windowpane. I need two label

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seeds that I have saved. Divisions and decisions about how the garden will be shaped or changed next year happen now. Many of these flood my head – one such is creating a dahlia bed – I used to grow them, and I’ve missed these beauties.

Autumn is also a time to take note of stone walls again – plants having receded or in some stage of decay. As I was taking in the laundry from the clothesline the other day, a section of wall caught my eye – a large cinnamon fern splayed out underscored by ivy and above them the shrubbery – now shedding its leaves... all of this backlit by the afternoon sun.

Another great feature of fall is the blue slanted light. It doesn’t seem real. Notice how everything is sharply defined. It has a solitary quality. Fall is sort of like the goodnight kiss at the front door. There’s no follow up.

Well, there is winter. But we’ll leave that alone for now. There are still pleasures to be had. Watching the bees rustle the blossoms overhanging our patio, I try to recall lines from the romantic poets.

“To bend with apples the mossed cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o-er-brimmed their clammy

cells.”

- from “To Autumn,” by John Keats

Winter Approaches, Firewood Dwindles

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, George Washington set out to make a detailed list of all soldiers in all regiments in his army. This is so he can send it to the Continental Congress to gauge supply needs for the encroaching winter. Colonel Benedict Arnold wrote from Maine, making great distance on he and his troops to Quebec. Just north of him, Ethan Allen had been

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captured outside Montreal. British ships are increasingly seen off the southern New England coast, creating further worries as supplies run low. Finally, the Chief Physician & Director General of the army is found to have committed treason.

On October 1, 1775, supplies are still on the mind of Washington, the Congress, and the men in the army. This fear is exacerbated by cooling temperatures. Without much supplies, Washington's General Orders instruct "all the carpenters in their several regiments, to erect barracks for the regiments and corps they respectively belong to." In other words, start building winter barracks and shelters in and around Cambridge.

On October 2, The Portsmouth Committee of Safety in New Hampshire writes to Washington, claiming they have captured a British ship, the *Prince George*. They say the ship had departed Bristol, England and was on its way to Boston but entered their harbor by mistake. The ship was "loaded with eighteen hundred & eighty barrels, & twenty four half barrels of flour, for the supply of General Gage's army" and it "was taken possession of by our people this day."

On October 3, Washington officially bans "games of chance," or gambling, from men in the army. He specifically mentions "toss-up" and "pitch & hustle" as two coin games that cannot be played. Those found guilty of these crimes were to be "confined and punished for disobedience."

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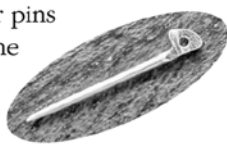
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On October 6, Washington writes to the Massachusetts General Court expressing the army's need of firewood for the upcoming winter siege of Boston. He says, "evil is increasing & more alarming as the winter approaches." Prices are going up, and lumbermen and woodcutters are hoarding supplies, refusing to sell to the army. This will be a prevalent theme in the weeks to come.

Five-Member Select Board Upheld

Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

By Marilou Newell

When the smoke cleared on October 4, 2025, at Old Rochester Regional High School, site of Mattapoisett's historic, one-article Special Town Meeting, more than 500 voters slowly poured out the doors and into what remained of a brilliant fall day. They had shown up in numbers almost never seen at town meetings, and they had participated in what was dubbed the purest of democratic activities – a town meeting.

Voters came out to say "yes," we want a five-member Select Board or "no," three is working fine. They came to either affirm what the May Town Meeting had voted – for a five-member board (subsequently becoming law in August after it was processed through the state legislature) – or to try and unwind the May 12 Town Meeting vote.

Paul Criscuolo, author of the Special Town

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Before proceedings could begin, however, long lines waited up to 30 minutes to check in. The meeting began 37 minutes late.

Criscuolo said that voters on that May night had not had sufficient time to weigh Article 34 or ask questions of the petitioners. He said that the vote was "called" from the floor which stopped the debate. Those in favor of keeping a three-member board felt the author of Article 34 had rushed the vote that ultimately was in favor of a five-member Select Board.

The supporters of Article 34 held that an expanded Select Board would bring greater diversity, would tap into heretofore untapped talent that could help the town and bring greater diversity to the decision-making process.

Criscuolo and his supporters believed the change would bring chaos to the Select Board process, and possibly less coherence to complicated issues and projects facing the town.

In August, the legislature affirmed Article 34, making it a law.

Nicki Demakis defended the May vote. In her comments to the voters, Demakis asked for a subsidiary motion to indefinitely postpone voting on this new petition. The vote was called. The debate was over, and the motion to permanently postpone was passed, 317-218.

In a follow-up, Criscuolo said it was unclear what the way forward should be but that focusing on the elections to come was a priority.

Demakis was also thinking about the future elections, saying, "there is a lot to be done both locally and for the mid-terms. She said she was aware of several residents interested in running for the Select Board. She hoped to hold an informal meeting that would explain

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Town Meeting on Horizon

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board Monday approved two warrants for the November 18 Special Town Election. One will ask voters in the Old Colony Regional Vocational-

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Technical High School district (Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester) to approve a new school building. The other will be the town's question seeking approval of a debt-exclusion override to fund its share of the new construction.

The vote came as the board added its own take to that Election Day approval by motioning there be no early voting allowed in Rochester with the new school question "pending Town Counsel approval." Town Administrator Cameron Durant urged this qualifier after noting this voting provision might not be legally allowed.

Durant said, due to state mandates, the elections must be on separate warrants but on one date, and neither election can have a no-early-voting restriction. He

agreed the questions Rochester voters are being asked to decide on are confusing and complicated and might need some separation. The new school building would mean a \$288,000,000 borrowing measure the district's five member towns would share in funding (with or without the help of a debt exclusion; that part is up to the individual town). Either way, Rochester's two warrants must be run simultaneously.

Durant said, however, Rochester's Town Counsel is studying the matter further. That's why his ultimate suggestion was the "pending Town Counsel approval" phrasing. Select Board member Brad Morse noted absentee voting will still be allowed either way.

In other action, Durant announced a variety of grant awards the town has received. Rochester has been awarded a \$66,000 Rural Development Grant to fund recodifying town bylaws. The results of this rewriting of town regulations will need to be approved at a Town Meeting, he said. Other new grants totaling \$158,000 are funding new electric-vehicle charging stations (\$50,000), library hotspots and digital access devices (\$17,000), and Police Department radar guns (from a \$25,000 traffic-safety grant). Durant said one of these new charging stations will be available for the public to utilize, for a cost.

The board approved a \$41,000 contract with Vadar for new financial software services.

The board approved adopting a new wine and malt license law that will allow restaurants with this type of license to trade up to an all-alcohol license "pending Town Counsel approval."

The board appointed Sarah Jacques and Kathryn Tarkenton to the Cultural Council.

The board appointed Keith Riquinha as a new associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

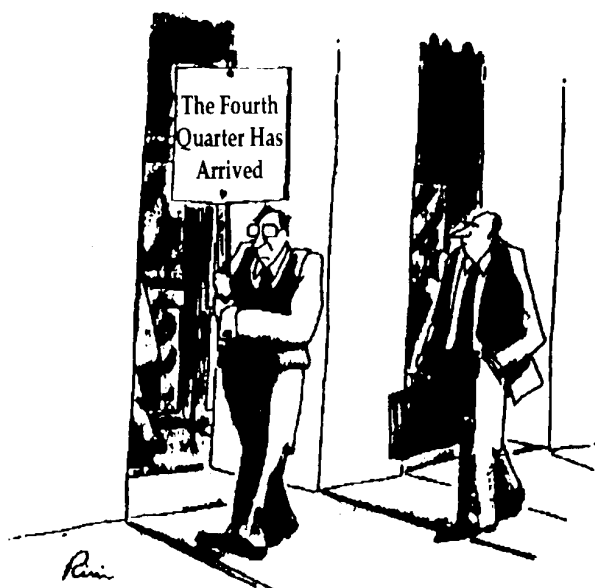
The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, October 20 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Healy Takes FinCom Chair

Marion Finance Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Finance Committee met on



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Wednesday, October 1 to go over various action items, including the reorganization of the committee with new appointments, discussion on the town's Budget Timeline, and deliberation on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

It was announced at the beginning of the meeting that Shay Assad, not in attendance, would be stepping down as committee chair. Sean Healy was nominated and sworn in as the Finance Committee's new chair with a unanimous vote. Healy recommended Assad become the new vice chair, though a decision couldn't be made due to his absence. Healy explained Assad's schedule has been busy, but "is gonna calm down next month, and he expects to be fully engaged in the budget process. Discussion on a vice-chair was tabled until the next meeting.

Next, member David Herron volunteered and was subsequently nominated and confirmed as committee clerk with a unanimous vote. Prior to this meeting, GR Pitman and Mal Durkee were appointed as alternate members.

Onto the meeting itself, chair Healy delegated work regarding the town's budget, saying "I communicate with Mike Nelson and the School Committee; Tom (Crowley) would talk to police and fire; Fred (Mock) would work on civic, Dave (Herron) might do civic." In planning like this, he'd like to have each member become an expert of a certain facet of the town's budget.

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For the Fall Town Meeting, the Finance Committee agreed they should, similarly to last Town Meeting, offer recommendations towards the different articles to the Select Board. The Select Board will discuss and close the warrant on Tuesday, October 14 at the Marion Police Department Conference Room at 6:00 pm. A Town Meeting Review has yet to be scheduled. The Fall Town Meeting will be held on Monday, November 24 at 6:45 pm at Sippican School.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was unscheduled at adjournment, but will be held in November.

Pleasant Street Land Swap Approved

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday to discuss a land-parcel swap, the Special Permit for the Toll Brothers plot at 78 Wareham Road, comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals over Heron Cove Estate's development, and the draft of the Stormwater Management Rules and Regulations.

An Approval Not Required hearing for lot lines at 9 Pleasant Street began, with Bob Rogers of GAF Engineering speaking on behalf of the applicant. Due to an agreement between the owners of 3 Pleasant Street and 9 Pleasant Street, a swapping of equal-sized land portions would take place between the two properties. Rogers explained frontage and total area of both properties would remain the same, but two parcels, referred to as "Parcel A" and "Parcel B," would be swapped. As approval is not required, the representative sought the endorsement of the Planning Board as well as the plan being put in the public record and being used in the deed descriptions of both properties. Without question, the Planning Board voted in favor of the proposal and signed the plans.

Next was the Continued Public Hearing for an amendment to the Major Site Plan and Special Permit for the Toll Brothers' work at 78 Wareham Road. This hearing was again continued, this time to Monday, October 20, per request of the applicant.

Keeping with the Toll Brothers, the Planning Board then accepted a Field Engineering Peer Review Invoice of \$3,910 paid by the developer for consulting at 78 Wareham Road.

The board then moved to make comments on the recently continued variance hearing from the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals for Heron Cove Estates LLC's work on their plot on Wareham Road. That hearing was continued by the ZBA to December 11, as the applicant's representatives felt a vote against the variance was likely and needed more time to deliberate. The Planning Board declined to offer more comments, as their previously given discussion still stands.



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Finally, there was a discussion and review of the Draft Stormwater Management Rules and Regulations scheduled. Much of this review was pushed to the Planning Board's next meeting to allow more time to check on neighboring towns and their own similar plans. Chair Andrew Daniel also requested Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee talk with town attorneys about consistency in the wording of various sections of the Draft Stormwater Management plan and the MS4, especially highlighting possible redundancies. Guey-Lee clarified, saying "it is not about wording. It's about how (the two potential bylaws) interact with each other." He added, "do we need to do anything to either to accommodate one or the other?"

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board will be held on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

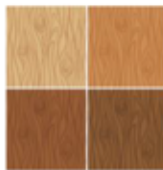
Snipatuit Road Solar Array Approved

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday approved the Order of Conditions for Logging Swamp Solar's plan to install a solar panel array on 49 acres in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road, a property located within a Residential-Agricultural District and partially within a Groundwater Protection District.

Project representative Sarah Sterns of Beals and



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Thomas Engineering reported she and her associate Jeff Murphy were back after several months of continuances with a comprehensive plan that has been modified based on the public's and the town engineer's comments. The proposed access road has been moved in a southwesterly direction away from abutters' property lines, as these abutters had requested. "The access road has been shifted significantly," Sterns said.

Murphy elaborated that an old logging path is being extended, and a culvert is being removed. A water channel will be connected, and a timber bridge will be built over it. Sterns added that test pits have been done. The data from these pits and Town Engineer Ken Motta's comments were all incorporated into the new



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plan.

"I think you've addressed all our comments," Member Mike Gifford said. The commission motioned the positive Order of Conditions after the abutters who have been attending the hearing since it began in the spring had no further comments.

The proposal includes work within bordering vegetated wetlands, the 200-foot riverfront area associated with an on-site perennial stream as well as within a local 25-foot No Disturb zone. Next, the project itself must be reviewed for approval by the Planning Board.

The Conservation Commission next reviewed a request for a negative Determination of Applicability to wetlands regulations for a proposal at 756 Snipatuit Road. This plan would relocate a drainpipe that currently runs under the house and level off the grading in a

backyard within the 100-foot buffer zone of a vegetated wetland. Homeowner Cameron Pierce explained he simply wants to match the grading of his neighbor's yard. This hearing was continued to the board's next meeting so Pierce can return with engineered plans.

Next, the commission granted a negative Determination of Applicability to a proposal at 0 County Road to develop an agricultural water supply reservoir as a "normal improvement" of land in agricultural use as a cranberry bog. Saunders Family Cranberry Company engineer William Madden explained supplying water to the bog will be the reservoir's only purpose.

In other action and onto continuances, the commission continued to its next meeting an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation hearing for work at 0 Walnut Plain Road proposed by Botelho Custom Homes.

The commission also continued to its next meeting the Notice of Intent hearing for a plan to construct a single-family home within the 200-foot riparian zone at 0 Robinson Road.

The commission again continued to its next meeting the Notice of Intent hearing for the construction and installation of floating and ground-mounted solar arrays at 53 Dexter Lane, upon the petitioners' requests.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be October 21 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Heron Cove Talks Lack Conclusion

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met on Thursday, October 2 following an Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy regarding Heron Cove Estates LLC vs. Marion Zoning Board of Appeals through Plymouth Superior Court.

ZBA Chair Cindy Callow moved to discuss a variance for the modified application from Heron Cove Estates which would allow single-family dwelling units on the 17-acre plot on Wareham Road (Route 6) with a density not exceeding 3-to-4 units per acre.

Attorney Mark Bobrowski represented Heron

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Cove Estates LLC and began by asking the board if there was anything in the planned draft that troubled them. He added, "I understand that there's a considerable difference between the amount per unit that was being contributed before and the amount being contributed now."

Upon discussion, board member Danielle Engwert stated "most things were resolved" in prior talks. Member Dana Nilson stated "originally, we had approved a 40B project and we went through an exhausting process and came to an agreement that everyone was satisfied with." He added, "now we're doing something completely different." He expressed his concern, stating he believed the proposed variance detracts from the intent of town bylaws. He later reiterated, saying "I believe our approval of this will seriously detract from the intent of the bylaw, and I don't know a way around that..."

Following this, Bobrowski asked the chair for her opinions, to which Callow responded she believes there is still a 3-2 split in the voting members of the board who feel the same way. At this time, Bobrowski asked his counsel to step into the hallway to discuss. After the private discussion, Bobrowski and the petitioners returned, with Bobrowski saying "we are back, we'd like to hear what you talked about." Chair Callow quickly responded, "We didn't talk. We talked about the Red Sox, we talked about the Chicago Cubs, we talked about which three baseball fields – we talked about my mother. We didn't talk about anything. We were waiting for you."

Bobrowski stated they had used their time to discuss the original \$110,000 cap on the pump station, saying he'd like to "make a better offer" and raise it to \$150,000. Zoning Board Member Margie Baldwin responded, "it's not so much about the money for the members that are inclined to vote 'no.' It's meeting the requirements of the variance."

Bobrowski then set out to walk through the variance process to discern where the disagreement lies, but after a short discussion on the land excavation and soil composition, Callow replied, saying "I don't want to delay the inevitable anymore." But rather than conducting an official vote, per Bobrowski's request, the board held



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a "straw vote" to gauge opinions of the members. The board still retained a 3-2 split. Bobrowski requested a continuance, which was granted for Thursday, December 11 due to various scheduling conflicts.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

Cottage Bylaw Discussion

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Planning Board met on Monday for two continued discussions and a vote on new filing

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requirements for the board.

Talks began with a continued discussion regarding the Draft Cottage Housing Bylaw. Research and examinations of such a bylaw began by the board in early May. Member William Wennerberg stated he wanted to "talk through each part" in order to make sure each item is agreed upon by the board members as to have it done and ready for a public hearing. Most discussion and change revolved around wording, grammar, and consistency in the document. Member Karen Field mentioned the town's lack of affordable housing, making the passing of the bylaw paramount to rectifying this issue and others.

On cars and parking, Wennerberg stated each house should be allotted room for two cars and "we should come up with a calculation that says, if there's eight houses in a development, there should be four additional parking spaces beyond that" to account for guests. For garage additions, member John Mathieu highlighted the importance of maintaining the existing house's style for such an add-on, saying, "the garages have to be the architectural standard of the house." A public hearing on the bylaw will likely be scheduled during the next meeting.

Next was another continued discussion with a vote, this time on filing requirements. The Planning Board approved the new filing requirements as written, with a unanimous vote.

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The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room and remotely on Zoom.

195 Flu Inoculations So Far

Marion Board of Health

By Sam Bishop

At the Marion Board of Health's last meeting on October 2, the board heard updates from town health officials and held a Public Hearing for a variance requested for work at 24 Ichabod Lane.

Following a quick update from Health Agent Gabrielle Almeida regarding septic inspections and restaurant compliance, the board heard Public Health Director and Nurse Lori A. Desmarais give an update regarding diseases and vaccines.

Desmarais explained the town has been "ramping up" their administration of flu vaccines. They operate at a few local clinics, including the Tabor Clinic, as well as regularly conducting home visits. At the drive-through flu clinic held on September 25 at the Cushing Community Center, Desmarais reported that the town had 110 originally sign up, and despite a stormy day, 103 came to receive their inoculation. Those who couldn't make it were offered alternative dates or home visits.

With various other vaccine clinics and home visits, Desmarais stated 195 have been administered, with work still ongoing.



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Board of Health Vice-Chair Dr. Ed Hoffer then moved to the Public Hearing for a variance requested by Zenith Consulting Engineers regarding sanitary waste at 24 Ichabod Lane. The requested variance is away from the required 2,000-gallon septic tank for a dwelling of five bedrooms or larger and instead to a 1,500-gallon tank.

Tom Morris of Zenith Consulting Engineers explained the property's existing system is being upgraded with a MicroFAST system, with Morris explaining "the unit sized for this flow comes with a 1,500-gallon tank, and the only way to get a bigger tank would be a bigger unit, which is significantly more expensive."

Chair Albin Johnson III requested if it would be possible to move the new denitrification system further away from the water table. This is in reference to a large hump over the system, which Johnson recommended applying for a variance against. The board closed the hearing with a conditional approval of both the original variance and another variance pending the submission of changed plans regarding the depth of the separation of groundwater, as discussed.

Following the Public Hearing and back to the Public Health Director's update, Desmarais said the first Covid vaccine clinic would be held on October 8 at the community center. She said they have about 50 doses, and if interest is high enough, another clinic can be scheduled.

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Arbovirus has seen one animal test positive, and West Nile Virus has had eight humans test positive. She noted "nothing so far in Plymouth County or Bristol County," though she added the risk prevails until the first frost. Desmarais said the oral-rabies vaccine program, administered aerially (bait via helicopter) to local wildlife, has been completed.

The town's health director also said the Community EMS program has conducted approximately 360 visits so far this year, including wellness checks and vaccinations.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, October 16 at 4:30 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

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Hogan, ORR Run past Fairhaven

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's unified basketball team played at Fairhaven in their season opener on October 1 and won 58-51. Michael Hogan led the team with 28 points, followed by Tom Grondin with 8 and Traeh Carrington with 6. David Wilson was named the Player of the Game for his outstanding defense, as well as adding 10 points.

"With a handful of new players joining a strong core of returners, it was great to see everyone come together and contribute to a hard-fought team victory," said ORR Head Coach Emma Fenton.

The Bulldogs took their 1-0 record into Wednesday's home opener against visiting Apponequet on October 8.

Boys Soccer

The Bulldogs played at Fairhaven on October 1 and won 4-0. Goals were scored by Grady Oliveira, Garrett Ignacio, Brendan Foster and Nolan Blanchette. Goalkeeper Owen Harrington made 3 saves in the shutout. ORR's JV squad also played and won 2-0, as goals were scored by Quin DeMello and Sidney Medeiros. Old Rochester took a 7-2-2 record into Wednesday's game against Apponequet (2-5-3).

Girls Volleyball

Old Rochester hosted Fairhaven on October 1 and won 3-0 (25-12, 25-11, 25-15). Leading the Bulldogs was Maya Morrison with 24 assists and 4 aces. The win officially qualifies ORR for the state tournament. The Bulldogs were 10-2 heading into Wednesday's match at Apponequet (4-9).

Golf

The Bulldogs hosted Bishop Stang on October 1 and won 230-236 in cumulative stroke play. Jack Czerkowicz shot 35, Brady Mills shot 37, John Bongiorno shot 38, and Luke Pierre shot 39. ORR took a 13-0 record into Wednesday's match against Catholic Memorial (8-5).

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To the Editor:

On October 5, Mattapoisett held a Special Town Meeting to consider a certified citizen petition - signed by 335 residents, nearly 10% of all registered voters - calling for a vote to rescind the May 12 action expanding the Select Board from three members to five. Unfortunately, the meeting never voted on the substance of that question. Instead, a motion to postpone indefinitely was approved — a parliamentary move that ended debate and prevented a Yes-or-No vote on the issue.

In other words, the meeting voted not to vote.

The Moderator and Town Council acted within their understanding of procedure, but the effect was to silence discussion and deny citizens the vote they requested - an outcome that may follow the letter of the law but not the spirit of Home Rule.

Our petition was not improper and did not challenge the legality of the May vote. It simply asked voters to reconsider a major change - a right guaranteed under Massachusetts law.

A former State Representative claimed the speed of the earlier bill's passage was "normal." But the record shows the original Home Rule petition sat in committee for months before suddenly advancing and being signed into law on August 22 - just days after our petition was certified. That sequence was highly unusual and

effectively preempted a local vote.

Some say they "had the votes" anyway. But democracy isn't about predicting outcomes - it's about allowing citizens to decide. If opponents were confident, they should have welcomed a public vote, not blocked it.

To those who signed but couldn't attend, this shows why participation matters. When we don't show up, others decide for us.

No vote was taken on rescinding Article 34. The law expanding the board to five stands. But the question - whether Mattapoisett should remain with three, a model that has served us well - remains unanswered.

Paul Criscuolo

21 Beacon Street, Mattapoisett

To The Editor:

There are reports that Buzzards Bay shellfish beds can be contaminated with pollutants from various sources, including boats, runoff from roads and farms near the shore, and naturally occurring bacterial outbreaks. However, the main offender is combined sewage overflows.

Massachusetts seeks to address the pollutants by creating a Coastal Waters Waste Management Financing Committee to combat nitrogen pollution and outdated sewer systems that jeopardize coastal ecosystems and public health in the communities of Acushnet, Carver, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Lakeville, Gosnold, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, New Bedford, Plymouth, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport.

To safeguard these precious coastal ecosystems, the community must embrace the transformative potential of Bill H.R. 1000 and S. 638. This legislation envisions the formation of a commission dedicated to assessing infrastructure needs and nitrogen reduction targets across multiple towns. It aspires to craft equitable and sustainable funding and cost-sharing mechanisms, laying the groundwork for essential upgrades, expansions, and groundbreaking innovations.

The true impact of this bill hinges on the committee's ability to design effective funding structures, allocate costs fairly, and implement strategic initiatives. Securing robust state and federal support to bolster local resources is crucial, alongside fostering seamless collaboration among local governments and stakeholders across municipal lines.

When thoughtfully structured and adequately funded, the committee can unleash a dynamic portfolio of engineering, policy, and ecological strategies to tackle nitrogen pollution head-on, modernize aging sewer and septic systems, and ultimately protect public health while nurturing the richness of the SouthCoast waters. By joining forces, we have the opportunity to foster a healthier and more dynamic future for both our communities and the precious environment we cherish. Eileen J. Marum, Marion



To The Editor:

The residents of Mattapoisett came out on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, to vote overwhelmingly to approve the Select Board of the town to 5 members next year.

It is time to accept the desire of the residents and let this issue end.

The unnecessary meeting has cost the town money that could have been used for many other needs.

Let's stop the division and make this community united again.

"Mattapoisett is Special," let's keep it that way!
Sandy McGowan

Marion's 175th Anniversary

In 2027, the Town of Marion will proudly celebrate its 175th Anniversary, and we want you to be part of the festivities. The Marion Select Board is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join the 175th Anniversary Committee.

The committee will be responsible for planning and organizing events throughout the year to honor Marion's rich history, vibrant community, and bright future. Whether you're passionate about local history, event planning, arts, or simply love Marion, your ideas and energy are welcome.

Interested in volunteering? For more details, reach out to the Select Board Office at 508-748-3520 or dhempfill@marionma.gov. The Volunteer Application is available at the Marion Town House Annex at 14 Barnabas Road or online at www.marionma.gov/277/Vacant-Board-Commission-Committee-Seats-.

Let's make 2027 a year to remember.

MAC Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the Marion Art Center will be held on Thursday, **October 16** at 4:30 pm. The meeting will take place in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. All members are invited to attend, in person or virtually. A Zoom link will be provided a few days prior to the event at www.marionartcenter.org/ events.



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Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will be meeting on **October 13**, at 6:30 pm, at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, Acushnet. David Hughes, an Old Colony School Committee member, will be in attendance and will speak about the Old Colony Vocational building project. All are welcome to attend.

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **October 16**, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Neimad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett.

The meeting will address important community concerns. The evening will also feature light refreshments, a cash bar, and open conversation among community members. Please visit [Facebook.com/MattapoisettGOP](https://www.facebook.com/MattapoisettGOP) for information on our scheduled monthly speaker.

"This meeting is about working together to protect our local voice and ensure citizens are represented fairly," said Paul Criscuolo, Chair of the Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee. "We encourage all residents to join the discussion and learn more about these critical issues."

Marion Special Fall Town Meeting

The Marion Special Fall Town Meeting will be held on Monday, **November 24**, at 6:45 pm in the Sippican



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Thursday October 9, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
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 - Bill McDougall
9:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - An Ancestor Search
10:30 AM Sippican Historical Society - The History of Marion's Portuguese, Azorean, and Cape Verdean Community
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 MAC Jazz Jam
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 ORR Boys Soccer vs West Bridgewater
9:30 PM ORR Girls Field Hockey vs Fairhaven
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday October 10, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus 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
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Bill McDougall
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Marconi Building
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animal Ambassadors
7:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz 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
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday October 11, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
10:30 AM Easton Fire Department - Close Before You Doze
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Bill McDougall
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Marconi Building
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animals Ambassadors
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation with...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday October 12, 2025

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Thrift and Sip
11:30 AM For your Health
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs DR
5:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
8:30 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest - Swing Band
10:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Jazz Through the Decades
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday October 13, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM For Your Health
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 Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
6:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
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
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday October 14, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
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 - The History of Marion's Portuguese, Azorean, and Cape Verdean Community
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 October 15, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
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 Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett 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 Tri-County Symphonic Band - Annual Pops Concert
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

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion Planning Board
10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Marion Water and Sewer Commission
1:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
2:00 PM Marion Board of Health
3:30 PM Marion School Committee
4:30 PM ORR School Committee
5:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
6:30 PM Marion Stewards of Open Space
7:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
7:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
8:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee
10:00 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
1:30 PM Rochester School Committee
2:30 PM ORR School Committee
3:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
5:30 PM Rochester Select Board
8:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 PM Rochester School Committee
11:30 PM ORR School Committee

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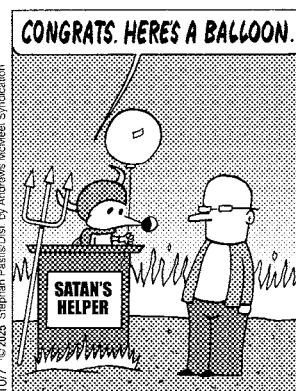
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM ORR District School Committee
9:30 AM ORR FORM Instrumental Concert
10:30 AM FORM Choral Concert
12:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Westport
2:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Fairhaven
4:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Bourne
5:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne
8:00 PM ORR Hockey vs Plymouth South
9:30 PM ORR Football vs Dartmouth
11:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Bourne

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



School Multipurpose Room.

The Select Board will close the warrant at their Tuesday, **October 14**, meeting which will be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, at 6:00 pm.

The Select Board and Planning Board will hold an informational Special Town Meeting Warrant Review on Monday, **November 17**, at 6:00 pm in the Music Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **October 13** 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.

Marion Art Center Unplugged Jazz Series By Matt Richard

On Friday, October 3, 2025, the Marion Art Center presented Nina Ott and Chris Lopes Unplugged in the MAC Gallery. This series of jazz concerts began in 2023, and this was the tenth program since its inception.

The unplugged concerts are held upstairs in the Patsy Francis Gallery which is transformed into an intimate jazz club, complete with cabaret seating and mood lighting. Introduced by MAC director Jodi Stevens, Ott and Lopes proved to be the perfect duo for this

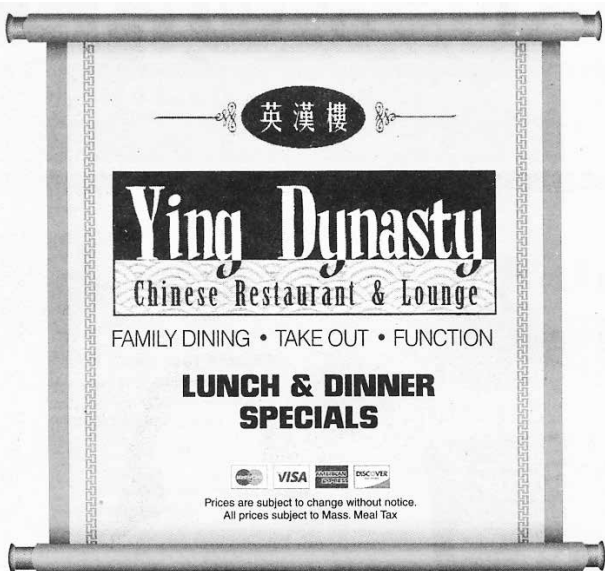


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space, mixing an interesting collection of jazz standards, some lesser-known jazz tunes, and two of their own compositions. Playing “things that they like”, these two skilled accompanists and improvisers took the attentive audience on an interesting journey.

The Latin-American influenced ‘Angelica’, written by Italian pianist and composer Salvatore Bonafede, opened the set, followed by Worcester, MA jazz legend Jaki Byard’s twelve-bar blues ‘Chanda’, and Gerry Allen’s jazz fusion tune ‘Unconditional Love’. This mini-set of the lesser-known songs was introduced by Ott as, “great jazz tunes not heard as much”. By highlighting specific artists and styles of jazz, Ott says that she tries to “vary the energy and tempos, and factor in the context.



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So, for a duo, realistically, it won't work to play much Afro-Cuban music. I try for a theme."

Thomas "Fats" Waller's lively 'Jitterbug Waltz' followed, and then a pair of their own very imaginative jazz compositions, Ott's 'Orbit 13' and Lopes' 'Snowy Owl'. As far as including original music in a set, Ott says, "We both love to write and arrange jazz music." She added that when presenting original music, it helps to have a "friendly and open-minded audience." I also asked Ott if there is an advantage to being a "married jazz couple". She said, "Yes I think so. We definitely rehearse for our concerts, and we inspire one another, for sure."

The one-hour set concluded with the Thelonius Monk standard 'Bemsha Swing' and the oldest song in the program, Whiting and Chase's 1930's popular song 'My Ideal', here reimagined in a jazz style and completing a span of almost 100 years of jazz music compositions.



Both Ott and Lopes loved the small venue, calling the atmosphere upstairs in the Marion Art Center "a dream with a very chilled vibe". They will continue with several performing and recording projects this fall, working with a new quartet named "Hum" which includes saxophonist John McKenna, guitarist Steve Fell, and the multi-talented Lopes on drums. Ott and Lopes are also working toward a trio recording of some "minimalist jazz" in November with drummer Steve Langone.

Ott and Lopes will perform with their Latin-jazz ensemble at UMass Dartmouth on October 23 in CVPA room 153 from 7-8 p.m. This group features Bertram Lehmann on drums, Manolo Mairena on congas, and Jared Sims on sax and flute.

There are two more Unplugged Jazz programs at the MAC this year. On **November 21** (sets at 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm), Donn Legge will be joined by keyboardist Jack Coleman, and on **December 17** (7:00 pm and 9:30 pm), a "holiday jazz" program will feature Legge and vocalist Dori Rubbico, joined by keyboardist Matt Richard. Additional information on all MAC music events can be found by visiting www.marionartcenter.org/music.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club invites interested local residents to its **October 16** monthly meeting featuring local author Jack Matthews. Mr. Matthews grew up in Mattapoisett, where he sailed and fished on Buzzards Bay, the setting for his novel *Arte Perdida*. Jack, a retired professor, spent seven years working on the novel, traveling to Germany, the Azores, and Newfoundland, exploring background material for the book. *Arte Perdida*: A saga of art, love, greed, revenge and murder, has been described by readers as a thrilling page turner with complex characters and a frightening twist. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Visitors are welcome to attend this program which will begin at 12:45 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in

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OBITUARIES



Pamela A. (Hoyt) Newell, 83, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully at home on September 30, 2025, surrounded by her family after a long illness.

She was the wife of the late Piatt Andrew Newell.

Born and raised in Fort Fairfield, Maine, Pamela was the daughter of the late Albert F. and Ella L. (Armstrong)

Hoyt. She graduated from Fort Fairfield High School in 1960. Shortly after, she moved to Boston, where she worked as an administrative assistant until her marriage in 1970. She then settled in Mattapoisett, where she would spend the rest of her life.

Pamela was a devoted mother and grandmother who found deep joy in the company of her family and friends. For more than 30 years, she looked forward to her weekly Monday afternoon Mahjong games with close companions. She loved to entertain and often hosted gatherings in her home. A lifelong animal lover, she cared for many cherished dogs and cats over the years. She was an avid reader who especially enjoyed mystery novels and loved sharing that passion with friends through her book club. She was also a longtime member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church and served on several church committees over the years.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Newell, and her husband, Joseph Smith, of Dedham; her son, Peter Newell, and his wife, Eileen, of Mattapoisett; four cherished grandchildren, Ella Modzelewski, Samuel Modzelewski, Piper Newell, and Reese Newell; a niece, Joyce Nelson of Florida; and a brother-in-law, James Newell, and his wife, Sally, of Vermont. She also leaves behind cousins David Armstrong, Dale Armstrong, and Linda Hayes, all of Fort Fairfield, Maine; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat, Gatsby.

Pamela was predeceased by her sister, Natalie Nelson; her sisters-in-law, Paula P. Doty and Nancy C. Newell; and her brothers-in-law, Henry H. Newell and James J. Doty.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, October 10th, from 4-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Her memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 11th, at 11 am at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the ASPCA.

Elizabeth (Bette) Willis Scholter passed away peacefully on October 2, 2025 at the home Bette and Ed built. She was 88. Bette was born on February 17, 1937, daughter of Elton and Doris (Adams) Willis. She grew up in Needham and graduated with the Class of 1955. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Lesley University in 1959. On

January 2, 1960, Bette married Edward A. Scholter, whom she met in Mattapoisett, where she spent her summers. Ed and Bette lived and raised two children, Ellen and Eric, in Mattapoisett. They enjoyed traveling around the world and experiencing many cultures.

Bette volunteered as a member of the New Bedford Rescue League board, Wampanoag Kennel Club, and served as a docent at the New Bedford Whaling Museum for 20 years.

Bette is survived by her daughter Ellen, and children Justin Gracia, Ethan Gracia, Anya Walker; and her son Eric and his wife Kim and their son Evan, son-in-laws Michael Gracia and Scott Walker, cousin Laura McLeod and her beloved cat, Randall.

Arrangements are private. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to an animal rescue of your choice.



George Howard "Indian George" Smith Jr.

of Marion passed away on September 28, 2025 at age 76. George was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on January 28, 1949, the middle child of the late George H. Smith Sr. and Angela Miller Smith.

He grew up in Mattapoisett with his sisters Angela and Elizabeth until the family moved to East Hartford, Connecticut where his Father worked at Pratt & Whitney. George's family bond with his sisters only grew stronger when the family split up, with two young brothers by the late 1950s. George never lost sight of the importance of family and supporting each other, which he earnestly sustained in his later years. He attended South Grammar School in East Hartford, and later the West Main School in Milford, CT in the Class of '63.

George met the woman of his dreams through his brother Eddy at the Blue Door in downtown Hartford, marrying her in 1967. With his wife Karen, he shared a passion for motorcycle culture and living life to the fullest. George owned and repaired countless Indian motorcycles, helping to revive their status with his participation in the 1st annual Indian Come Home Day at Springfield, MA in 1972. George worked for many industries over the years, but was most notably a master mechanic and machinist who was most proud of his time as the maintenance man for about a decade at the CRRA in Hartford, CT from 1987 on. He lived in Hartford, East Hartford, Glastonbury and Manchester, CT at various times, and finally moved in with his sisters Elizabeth and Angela Smith at Marion, MA where he was kept in good company.

George supported his family up until the end, always making sure his wife, two sisters, sons and grandkids were taken care of, sharing a special bond with his grandson Alexander in recent years.

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the objectives and mission of the organization. For more information or questions please contact info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org.

Upcoming Meeting at Rochester Historical Museum

October is an eerie month with ghosts, witches and all types of spookiness. This month's meeting on **October 15** at 7:00 pm at the museum, 355 County Rd. will peer into "The Case of the Vanishing Screenhouses". Find out why these ubiquitous buildings are disappearing. We will be opening at 6:30 pm to give anyone interested in checking out the new exhibit a chance to do so before the meeting and talk.

Refreshments and conversation will follow.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Elizabeth Taber Library will remain closed on Sundays for the remainder of 2025.

Join us in welcoming Jeff Belanger back to the Elizabeth Taber Library with *Wicked Strange New England: Your Guide to Ghosts, Monsters, Oddities and Urban Legends from New England*, Friday **October 10** at 6:00 pm. Copies of Jeff's newest work will be available for purchase during the program. No Registration required.

The Banned Book Club will meet at the Library on Tuesday **October 14** at 6:00 pm to discuss the horror classic *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. All are welcome to attend, find copies available at the circulation desk.

There will be a break in regularly scheduled children's programs between **October 15** and **October 24**. Storytime and Afternoon Activities will be held as scheduled on Tuesday, **October 14**.

School is out early on Thursday, **October 23** and Friday, **October 24**. You can join us for Early Dismissal Lego Days from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm both days. Participate in our building challenges or free build.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

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Marion Road Work

The Marion Department of Public Works will begin reclamation work and structure adjustments for roadway improvements on Tuesday September 30, on the following roadways:

-Delano Road (Point Road traffic lights to Cross Neck Road).

-Point Road (Jenna Drive to West Drive).

-Hiller Street (Front Street to Main Street).

-Spring Street (Main Street to Fire Station).

Installation of permanent pavement will occur during the week of **October 12**, and line striping will follow. Schedule and completion of all work is subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

During permanent paving, a temporary traffic detour may be implemented.

Every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to residents and motorists. Driveway access for residents within paving area will be maintained throughout the project, though there will be small delays. Please do not park vehicles along the roadway during the construction period. Motorists can expect delays while traveling through the construction area and should seek alternate routes. As always, please slow down and use caution while traveling through the construction areas.

Please contact the Department of Public Works should you have any questions: 508-748-3540 Monday

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He was predeceased by his brothers Edward C. and Clifford J. Smith, and is survived by Angela E. and Elizabeth A. Smith of Marion, his former wife Karen O'Connor Smith of East Hartford, CT, his son Michael of Farmington, CT and grandsons Caleb and Alexander, his son Jeffrey of East Granby, CT and grandchildren Evangeline, Kallen, and Cheyenne, his son Matthew Smith of East Hartford, CT and many Miller and Silveira family cousins locally.

George was a free spirit in every sense but also made his way in this world determined to provide a secure upbringing for his boys. He did so selflessly and will forever be remembered for it.

His Funeral Service will be private. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Ralph G. Washburn was born on April 16, 1931 to parents Ralph E. and Pearl Washburn. He attended New Bedford Vocational High School where he learned a lot about electronics. Shortly after World War II, he built a ham radio station on the family farm. Later on, he earned a living fixing TV's for customers of the family hardware store. He eventually went to work for Sippican Corporation in Marion as a test technician. He had a long career with Sippican and advanced into many of their product design and testing areas. Some of the equipment he worked on was in the Apollo space program. One of these was the warning system that alerted the crew of Apollo 13 that they "had a problem". Traditionally, advancement usually involved stepping into management positions. Ralph was not interested in that so they designed a new position of principle engineer that he held until retirement. With only a GED high school education, he was still able to be awarded 7 patents during his time at Sippican.

His love of electronics also extended into the realm of audio. He had an early interest in audio recording and was a very early purchaser of a reel-to-reel tape recorder. After retirement from Sippican, he operated a recording business that recorded the concerts of several local groups including musical performances at Tabor Academy, the Sippican Choral Society, and the Tri Town Band. He recorded most of the early years of the annual Buzzards Bay Music Fest.

He married Phyllis Mattson on May 16, 1952. They had three children, Peter, Debbie, and Charlie.

Ralph loved vacations in Vermont and ice cream. He enjoyed photography, classical music, raising roses, and good stereo systems. He built and flew a Benson Gyrocopter which looked similar to a very small helicopter, but the rotor blades were unpowered.

He and Phyllis adopted mute swans in Marion

Harbor. They published a book called "Good Morning Sam" about their friendship and adventures with a handicapped swan that couldn't fly. Phyllis wrote the story and Ralph provided the photographs. They were known around Marion as the "Swan People" and often had many onlookers when they fed Sam and his friends at the Old Landing. They launched their son Peter's skiff and rowed it exactly one time to follow Sam. The next time the skiff had a brand-new Honda 5hp outboard! From there, they went to a 27' trawler named Cygnus Olor which is the Latin genus for mute swans, all so they could be closer to Sam and his friends.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Phyllis, his three children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His Funeral Service will be Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 11 am at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in Little Neck Cemetery, Marion. Visiting hours will be Wednesday, October 8th from 4-7 pm. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com



With profound sadness and abiding love, we announce the passing of **Robert "Bob" E. Keegan**, 82, of Mattapoisett, who entered eternal rest on October 5, 2025, at 3:30 PM, the Hour of Mercy.

Bob's life was a testament to faith, family, and quiet strength. Raised in Roxbury, Massachusetts, by his devoted mother, Bob was an only child who never knew his father, but he grew into a man of deep conviction, guided by the light of the Church and the love he cultivated in his own home.

From a young age, Bob's spiritual foundation was strong. He served faithfully as an altar boy at St. Patrick's Church in Roxbury and St. Philip's Church in Roxbury and was an active member of the Legion of Mary, embracing a life of service, humility, and devotion. His Catholic faith was not just a belief, it was the compass by which he lived, and the comfort that sustained him through life's trials and triumphs.

Bob married his beloved Joyce in a sacred ceremony officiated by Fr. William J. Connolly. Their union, blessed by God, endured for 60 beautiful years. Together, they built a life rooted in love, laughter, and unwavering commitment. Joyce was his partner, his confidante, and his greatest joy. Their marriage was a shining example of grace, patience, and enduring devotion.

Professionally, Bob was a skilled foreman with Local 17, specializing in HVAC systems for hospitals and prisons throughout Massachusetts. His work was meticulous, his leadership respected, and his dedication unmatched. He believed in doing things the right way with integrity and precision. Bob's hands built comfort for others, and his heart built a

- Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. For outside of the regular DPW office hours, please contact the Marion Police Department and they will relay any concerns to the appropriate Town Department: 508-748-1212.

Harvest Festival at FCCR

First Congregational Church of Rochester will host a Harvest Festival on Saturday, **October 18** from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The outdoor festival will take place on the church green at 11 Constitution Way in Rochester and will include delicious treats and fun for the whole family such a pony rides, bounce house, and face painting. Linda Summer of Agape Puppet Ministries will give two

performances using props and chalk art. The Harvest Festival is free of charge, but the church welcomes donations of instant potatoes, stuffing mix, or cans of soup or cranberry sauce to support community families at Thanksgiving. For questions or more information, contact the church office at rochestercongregational@comcast.net or 508-763-4314.

How to Slash Energy Costs

The Marion Energy Management Committee welcomes David Green on **October 29** to learn from his experience saving thousands of dollars annually on energy bills. The event will provide actionable,

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legacy of care.

A member of the Knights of Columbus, Bob continued his lifelong commitment to faith and fellowship. He was a man of quiet generosity, always ready to help a neighbor, mentor a friend, or offer a prayer. His friendships were deep and lasting, marked by loyalty and mutual respect.

Bob's life was not defined by titles or accolades, but by the love he gave and the family he devoted his life to. A faithful husband to Joyce for 60 years and a loving father, he found his greatest joy in the home they built together. He is predeceased by their first daughter: Mary. He is survived by his children: Pamela Chan, and her husband John; Robert Keegan, and his wife Ramune; Catheryn Keegan; Joseph Keegan, and his wife Maureen; Matthew Keegan, and his wife Kaitlin; and Therese Keegan. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Gabriella, Katrina, Kierra, Bridget and Peter; his adopted family: Jessy and Binu and their children, Rion and Roma; and a community of friends who were blessed to know him. Though our hearts are heavy, we take comfort in knowing Bob has returned home to the Lord he served so faithfully.

His Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 11 am at St. Anthony's Church, 1359 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Mattapoisett. Visiting hours will be Monday, October 13th from 4-7 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Bob's memory, honoring his lifelong commitment to service and compassion. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Rest in Peace, Bob. Your faith was your foundation, your family your joy, and your life a quiet triumph of love.

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.



Henry Stopka, 95, of Rochester, passed away on October 3, 2025, at Alden Court Nursing Home in Fairhaven. He was the husband of the late Nancy A. (Lake) Stopka. They were married for 60 years. He was the son of the late John and Alexandria (Ostrawski) Stopka.

He was born in Wareham and lived in Rochester since 1957.

He began his military service in the U.S. Air Force and was a Korean War Veteran. He then joined the U.S. Coast Guard and served for 30 years, retiring as a Senior Chief Firefighter. He also served in the Massachusetts National Guard.

Mr. Stopka worked in civil service at Otis Air Force Base as a firefighter for 26 years. He also worked for Decas Cranberry Company for many years. He and his wife were commercial quahog fisherman, a job which he and his wife enjoyed very much.

He was a member of the Tri Town Veteran's Association, and he enjoyed gardening. Most of all he loved his family and attending various family events and being surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Survivors include his children, Stephen Stopka of Middleboro, Deborah Veary and her husband, Kenneth of Rochester, Gary Stopka and his wife Anne Marie of Rochester, and Jennifer Thomas and her companion Dennis Lynch of Fairhaven; 5 grandchildren, Justin Thomas, Ryan, Trevor, Caitlin, and Jethro Stopka; a step granddaughter, Heather McIvor and her husband, Thomas; a great granddaughter, McKenna Thomas; many nephews and nieces. He was the father of the late Jeffrey Stopka.

Visiting hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – WAREHAM, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256 or online at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>



MOVIE REVIEW

Sit, Stay

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Good Boy*.** Starring Indy the dog and Shane Jensen. Directed by Ben Leonberg. Running time: 73 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.

Dogs sense things; they seem to see things that aren't there. One of my dogs has a grudge against the range in the kitchen, growling and scowling at it. I hope the oven isn't haunted. The titular dog in *Good Boy* is Indy, which is also his name away from cameras. He, too, appears to perceive dark and menacing things in an old cluttered house that might be haunted. The house used to belong to the grandfather of the movie's human protagonist Todd (Shane Jensen), who is Indy's owner. Now Todd has moved himself and Indy into this brackish, inhospitable-looking house, whose electricity is iffy. Todd has the same thing Grandpa presumably had, a lung disease that causes him to hack up blood. In this house there may be ghosts, or something dark looking to take Todd away.

Good Boy is exceptionally clever in its methods to get a worried, urgent performance out of Indy, whose character doesn't understand what's going on. All he knows is that his favorite person is hurting, and sometimes acts mean to Indy (when Todd's illness is acting up and affecting his lucidity), and there's a strange being that looks like James Brolin covered in black muck near the end of *The Amityville Horror*. There is also a mysterious apparition of an earlier dog, belonging to Grandpa. There is a local hunter who seems friendly with Todd and lays down fox traps around the surrounding woods. Indy reacts to all of this with the curiosity and wariness we expect of a good dog.

The movie would seem to be right in my wheelhouse, but I can only give it a limited recommendation. A lot of effort went into building a stark, atmospheric ghost story around Indy, who in life belongs to the film's director and co-writer Ben Leonberg. More often than not, it succeeds, but too much of the time I was too aware of *Good Boy* as a gimmicky calling card, with the interiors and night exteriors being far too dark — sometimes too dark, frankly, to make out what's happening. Indy is an untrained performer, and sometimes we can tell when Leonberg settled for a reaction shot of Indy that kind of approximates what Indy



is supposed to be conveying.

We don't want to see Indy convincingly injured or emotionally put out, so those kinds of scenes are done sort of obliquely. But we may miss what a performer who understands what he's doing — either a trained human or canine — can bring to a movie that relies so much on a dog's experience of mystifying sounds, sights and smells. Most of our time is spent with Indy encouraged to look watchful or concerned, with not enough sunshine or glimpses of Indy as a joyous pupper who gives of his love freely and purely. Here we watch Indy try, with decreasing efficacy, to shield his beloved person from looming death. We're immediately drawn into his feelings — some of Indy's blank faces don't really match what *we* feel he should be feeling — and anything other than a clearcut happy ending for Indy is going to strike us as sad. (The marketing has taken a page from *Sisu* and *Arthur the King* and suggested we shouldn't worry too much about Indy.)

Good Boy does have a gratifying analog quality — Leonberg didn't have the budget to create a CGI Indy, and the spooks and scares happen in real (albeit poorly lighted) space. It'll likely be interesting to see what Leonberg does next; this is often a precisely realized work, and maybe the screener I was watching had a problematic transfer and some remastering for home video might bring out some of the shrouded details. At the moment, the movie feels like a project that warrants applause for having been accomplished at all, and expecting some of the more challenging technical spots to be more clearly rendered, or expecting Indy to have the range of a trained dog actor, sounds a little churlish. It's also a lesson in making the most out of a few available elements — a handful of hardly-seen actors, an old house, a rain machine, a dog — the way indie newcomers have always done.

independent advice for achieving significant financial returns while cutting carbon emissions.

He will draw from personal experience, having cut his own home's carbon emissions and bills to zero and powering his house for 24 hours with his Ford F150 Lightning during an outage. The presentation will also cover subsidies in the Inflation Reduction Act (available through 2025) and Massachusetts programs that can make heat pumps free or deeply discounted for many homeowners.

A past attendee praised his talks, stating, "Minute-for-minute, point-for-point, one of the best webinars I have ever attended. Thank you." Green's advice is completely independent, as he has retired from a successful career in biotechnology and does not work for any installer or manufacturer of energy products.

David Green is the author of two books on cutting carbon emissions, endorsed by Bill McKibben and Paul Hawken. He holds a BA in physics from Oxford University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. All attendees of the webinar will receive a complimentary copy of his book, *Zero Carbon Home*.

The Energy Management Committee invites the wider community to the Marion Music Hall on **October 29, 6:30 pm**. RSVP encouraged at: bit.ly/48CXiue.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

Not surprisingly, that with the opening of our new exhibit, "The Tools and Industries That Made Rochester" (supported by the Rochester Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency) that I didn't find time to research an article, but a bit about our new exhibition.

The first inspiration for this exhibit was a patent for a cranberry picker submitted by William Clapp in 1920 and donated by his grandson, Bill Clapp, who now lives in Florida. While that seed of an idea silently began to grow, the donation of a "banjo" cranberry sorter moved that idea for an exhibit from a maybe to the exhibit we debuted this past Saturday.

Loans and donations ranging from a rock scoop,



wooden boat tools and Levi Bisbee's woodworking tools to tools used on farms, in mills, and on cranberry bogs made this exhibit possible. We want to thank all those who shared their antique tools with the museum and I also want to thank those who took the time to explain their uses to me. I also want to thank area businesses who help to support our museum with their generous donation of gift cards or merchandise.

The exhibit will be up until Spring. We will be open Sundays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and are always happy to open by appointment. This can be arranged by contacting Sue at 508-295-8908 or Connie at 617-750-2818.

An additional thanks to Gary Florindo for getting to the heart of Rochester's working history by pointing out that the most important tools were the hands of the men and women who first turned grazing land purchased from Plymouth into homes and farms and later worked in mills, joiners' shops, boat yards, dairies, and on cranberry bogs to create a town incorporated 336 years ago.

Sippican Woman's Club

The magic of our Holiday by the Sea House Tour doesn't end when the doors close - it continues all year long through the good we're able to do together. Thanks to the generosity of our community and the success of last year's tour, the Sippican Woman's Club is proud to continue distributing proceeds to local organizations that make a difference every day.

Our recent giving includes support for the Taber Library, helping bridge the gap created by recent budget cuts so this cherished community resource can remain a center of education, entertainment and exploration. We're also helping Marion Recreation enhance accessibility with new handicap-accessible equipment, ensuring everyone can enjoy the town's recreational spaces.

Our philanthropy extends to Anchor Academy, a special education therapeutic day school providing vital support and opportunities for students with unique needs. We're excited to support the Rochester Council on Aging, which enriches the lives of local seniors and preparing for expansion, and we continue to support the General Store's Family Fund, which partners with school nurses to assist local families in times of need.

Each of these contributions reflects the heart of who we are - a community of women dedicated to making Marion and the surrounding towns a better place. When you join us for the Holiday by the Sea House Tour on **December 13**, you're not just celebrating the season - you're helping us create meaningful change right here at home all year long.

All women are welcome to join us. Membership in the Sippican Woman's Club is open to anyone who shares our spirit of friendship, community, and service with a connection to Marion. To learn more about what we do - and how you can be part of it - visit SippicanWomansClub.org.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Sept 28 – Oct 4

- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- South Dr – Officer wanted
- River Rd – Paper service
- Village Dr – MV theft/past
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Field Stone Ln – Larceny/past
- Village Dr – General service
- Village Dr – Follow up investigation
- Pawkechatt Way – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Fraud
- Front St – Health/welfare
- South St – Officer wanted
- Brigg's Ter – Health/welfare
- Mill St – MV collision
- Field Stone Ln – Suspicious MV
- Olde Sheepfield Rd – Animal complaint
- Oakdale Ave – EMS/medical
- Field Stone Ln – MV theft/past
- Hiller St – General service
- Village Dr – Follow up investigation
- Dexter Rd – General service
- Point Rd – Road hazard
- Dexter Rd – Follow up investigation
- Marvel St - Transport
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Pumping Station Rd - Fraud
- Route 195 off ramp – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health welfare/arrest
- Field Stone Ln – Suspicious activity

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Sept 28 – Oct 4

- Brandt Island Rd – 911 call
- Wendell St – 911 call
- North St – MV violations
- Wildwood Ter – Ambulance request
- County Rd – MV crash
- Fieldstone Dr – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – Medical alarm
- Hitching Post Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV violations
- Harbor Nk Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Juvenile offenses
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Ridgewood Rd – Restraining order
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Ocean Dr – B&E
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – Restraining order
- North St – MV crash
- Pearl St – Health/welfare
- Randall Ln – Suspicious MV
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Marion Rd – Medical assist
- Holly Woods Rd – General service
- Crystal Spring Rd – Property lost
- Railroad Ave – Parking complaint
- County Rd – Medical alarm
- Pine Wood Way – Officer wanted
- Reservation Rd – 911 call

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Sept 28 – Oct 4

- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Burglar alarm
- Marion Rd – Lost animal
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd - Fraud
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Clapp Rd – Assist other agency
- Walnut Plain Rd – House lockout
- Marys Pond Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Dexter Ln – Lost/recovered property
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Robinson Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – Fire alarm
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/written warning
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Bradford Ln – General services
- Mendell Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – Finger printing
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – Medical alarm
- Constitution Way – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – Lost/recovered property
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Pine St – 911 call
- Ryder Rd – Suspicious activity
- Featherbed Ln – Fire alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Oct 13: Holiday – no meals served

Tuesday, Oct 14: Pork w/ mustard wine sauce, baked sweet potato, brussel sprouts, Hawaiian roll, peach cup

Wednesday, Oct 15: Chicken Anna Maria, roasted potatoes, green peas, dinner roll, pound cake, diet: fruit

Thursday, Oct 16: Shephard's pie w/mashed potato, corn & peas, green beans, dinner roll, banana

Friday, Oct 17: White fish Florentine, rice pilaf, mixed root vegetable, wheat dinner roll, pudding, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 13: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Oct 14: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 15: Whole grain French toast with maple

syrup, cheese stick, tater tots

Thursday, Oct 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Oct 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Oct 13: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Oct 14: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 15: Whole grain French toast with maple syrup, cheese stick, tater tots

Thursday, Oct 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Oct 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Oct 13: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Oct 14: Loaded tater

tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 15: Whole grain French toast with maple syrup, cheese stick, tater tots

Thursday, Oct 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Oct 17: Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct 13: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Oct 14: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 15: Whole grain French toast with maple syrup, cheese stick, tater tots

Thursday, Oct 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Oct 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 13: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Oct 14: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, Oct 15: Whole grain French toast with maple syrup, cheese stick, tater tots

Thursday, Oct 16: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, Oct 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Oct 13: Holiday – no school

Tuesday, Oct 14: Italian sub, corn & fries

Wednesday, Oct 15: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans & garlic bread

Thursday, Oct 16: Build a baked potato, steamed broccoli

Friday, Oct 17: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

St. Anthony-St. Rita Christmas By The Sea Bazaar

Mark your calendars and save the date. Please join us for the annual "Christmas By The Sea Bazaar" on Saturday, **December 6** from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's parish, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett.

Seasonal handcrafted gifts, decorations, and stocking stuffers will be offered by local vendors, including wooden and leather wares, honey, ornaments (including the 2025 parish ornament designed by a local artist), seashell art, all types of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted items such as stuffed animals, hats, mittens and bags, carved wooden birds, jewelry, and much more.

When you arrive, you will be greeted with live festive music. As always, the Bazaar will offer a huge assortment of decorated wreaths and greens arrangements, gift baskets raffles, a grand raffle (1st prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize: \$500, 3rd prize: \$250), a toy shoppe with toys, cookie decorating, and games, and a large bake sale with all types of wonderful baked goods.

There will be refreshments as well, filling the hall with festive aromas. Refreshments will include: malasadas and coffee, "Friendship soup" (recipe to be provided), popcorn, hot chocolate bar, and more. There will even be a special appearance from Santa himself.

All proceeds will benefit St. Anthony- St. Rita parish initiatives, including providing college book scholarships to local high school seniors. Please find,

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like, and share our event on Facebook. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Silvia at katsa06@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Mattapoisett Library Poetry Reading

Prize-winning regional poets will read their work on Sunday **October 19**, at 2:00 pm, at the Mattapoisett Library. This event is free and open to the public.

Featured poet Margot Wizansky will read from her most recent collection, *Random Music in a Small Galaxy*, whose poems explore the transcendent beauty of life even as they confront human mortality. Rich with images and emotion, Wizansky's tender poems bring attention "to war, migration, environmental crises, and

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21 Like Lowell's "day in June"
22 Anomalous
23 Creature in the Philippines' capital?
25 Former British prime minister Benjamin
26 Geronimo or Cochise
27 Voting "no"
29 Final inning, usually
30 Best Picture of 2012
32 "Ei —" (1961 epic film)
33 Horse-drawn carriage in Angola's capital?
37 Sobieski of the screen
39 — Plaines
40 Olympic swimmer Tom
41 Skating couples in France's capital?

- 44 Like charged atoms
45 Pear variety
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51 Massey of old movies
52 Affliction for some war vets
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57 Pollen-bearing organ from a flower in Iran's capital?
60 Golfer Hale
62 Insect's egg capsule
64 Boise loc.
65 "State Fair" actor Ayres
66 Ring thrown at a peg in Ecuador's capital?
69 Public square in Bolivia's capital?
72 Abbr. on a navy vessel
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76 Narratives
77 Feudal lords in Greece's capital?
80 TV captain Jean- — Picard
83 Big shindig
84 Has to have
85 Like a desert

- 86 Workforce newcomer
88 Harper of "No Country for Old Men"
89 Doughnut-shaped
91 Small parasite in South Korea's capital?
96 Primitive-based kind of diet
97 "OB-viously!"
98 Striped stinkers
99 Comedian in Lesotho's capital?
104 — Fridays (eatery chain)
106 "Fancy —!"
107 Flared dress
108 Feudal toiler
109 "Who — think it?!"
111 Said "OK" to silently
115 Gym sweat-boxes in the Bahamas' capital?
119 Intimate chat
120 The second "S" of KISS
121 Prez Roosevelt
122 Back spot for a rider
123 Madrid's land, to its natives

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3 Scarlet bird
4 Libyan port
5 Cantina pot
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7 Not flabby
8 — Lanka
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11 Letter before epsilon
12 Rove (about)
13 Kimono sash
14 Clip- — (some ties)
15 1996 presidential hopeful Bob
16 Bit of salt
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35 — Baba
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47 Allergic outbursts
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54 Moves with a rustling sound
55 Morse click
57 Best Picture of 1997
58 Actress Long
59 Timber tool
61 They often precede verbs
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68 Final: Abbr.
70 Target of the Salk vaccine
71 Petri dish site
75 Doc's Rx
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone from your past could arrive with welcome news concerning your future. Meanwhile, avoid taking sides in a workplace confrontation until you have more facts to go on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A decision about a relationship could have longer-lasting consequences than you might imagine, so be sure of your facts before you act. A trusted friend can help.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A strained relationship could be restored with more personal contact between the two of you. Letting others act as your go-between only adds to the ongoing estrangement.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New facts could mean taking a new path toward a goal you've been hoping to reach. However, be sure that all your questions are answered before you undertake to shift directions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week for all you fine Felines to turn your attention to some important considerations such as your health, your job situation, and the status of important relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid making a quick decision about a matter that needs more study. Keep your mind open for possibilities, even if they don't seem plausible -- at least not yet.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might welcome the emphasis on openness in relationships that mark this period. But it's a good idea to avoid sharing personal secrets with people you hardly know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still some questions that need to be asked and answered before you can feel confident enough to make a potentially life-changing decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some lingering effects from a now largely resolved workplace confrontation could make things difficult for you. Act on this before it becomes serious.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You feel like you're finally in control of your own life after months of making compromises and concessions you never felt comfortable with. Congratulations!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) No sooner do you decide to pass on one job offer than another suddenly turns up. This one might not have everything you're looking for, but it's worth checking out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations! With Jupiter's strong influence dominating this week, don't be surprised if you get some good news about a troubling financial matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are usually kind and loving, but you can be highly critical of those who don't measure up to your high standards.

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religion with intimate details,” in the words of poet Alexis Ivy.

Wizansky will be joined by two other members of the Mattapoisett Poets, Vivian Eyre and Eileen Paccia. Eyre’s most recent collection, *Ishamel’s Violets*, explores the endangerment of whales with its human, scientific and literary connections. A devoted steward of marine life, Eyre draws from her work monitoring whales and sea turtles in her writing and organizes the Poets in Conversation series at the Imago Gallery in Warren, RI.

Eileen Paccia, a New Bedford poet, works with the Martha’s Vineyard Poetry Collective. Her narrative and lyrical poems explore the connections between humanity/nature in urban/ocean settings.

The poets will be introduced by Elizabeth Sylvia. Light refreshments will be served, and questions will be taken after the reading.

Sippican Historical Society Autumn Events

The Sippican Historical Society (SHS) announces its lineup of autumn events. This season’s offerings include engaging lectures, family-friendly activities, and an exhibit that brings new perspectives on Marion’s heritage.

Kicking off the season on **October 10** is the exhibit opening *In Her World: the Life and Legacy of Elizabeth Taber* at 141 Front Street in Marion from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Vintage enthusiasts, book lovers and bargain hunters should swing by SHS the weekend after for its Sidewalk Sale. On Friday, **October 17** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and on October 18 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, you can also find craft inspiration in the boxes of free maps and ephemera.

Stop by the Sippican Historical Society on Friday, **October 31** from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm after the Halloween parade for a bit of candy and culture - no costumes necessary.

On **November 13** at 6:30 pm, award-winning author Lauren Wolk returns to the Marion Music Hall to share her guidance on *Writing Without a Map*.

The Sippican Historical Society invites everyone in the community to participate in its events. For more information and to sign up for weekly emails, go to sippicanhistoricalsociety.org.

About the Sippican Historical Society: The Sippican Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of Marion, Massachusetts. Through its collections, exhibits, and public programs, the society works to educate the public and foster an appreciation for the rich cultural heritage of the Sippican region.

Marion Special Fall Town Meeting

The Marion Special Fall Town Meeting will now be held on Monday, **November 24**, at 6:45 pm in the

Sippican School Multipurpose Room.

We will host an informational Town Meeting Review, date and time to be determined.

ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association

The ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) announces the 3rd Annual Alumni Weekend. Organized around the annual Homecoming game, the parallel events will be held on Friday, **October 17** and Saturday, **October 18**.

Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2025 is an opportunity for past students and graduates of ORRJHS and ORRHS to reconvene in proud support of our schools, and to establish an outlet for alumni and friends to volunteer and contribute resources in service to students, teachers, and staff. School pride is the nexus for our efforts, and we know that graduates of ORR are immensely proud of their experience.

The program of events is open to all ORRJHS and ORRHS alumni and friends of ORR, an all-class experience that hopes to bring together the common alumni experience spanning over seven decades from the Class of '62 to the Class of '25.

Local businesses have contributed to helping us in our fundraising efforts. Your support of the following businesses helps the BPAA to build the alumni network, support students and families of the ORR community and foster service to the school.

For Alumni Weekend 2025, the BPAA is committed to exceeding last year’s fundraising goal of \$4,000. For 2025-2026, the BPAA intends to award \$5,000 in scholarships and also plans to launch a grant program for student groups, totalling over \$7,000 in financial gifts from small and large donations, earned primarily through the fundraising efforts during Alumni Weekend. This will allow BPAA funds to reach the wider ORR community by supporting projects and experiences for all students.

Friday, October 17, “ORRHS Homecoming Football Game”, kickoff 6:30 pm. Join us at the dedicated alumni area behind the end zone. Connect with fellow alumni and the BPAA. We’ll help you register your name and class in the alumni archive. Please note that to enter the grounds, all attendees are required to purchase a ticket. The BPAA is not involved in ticket sales for the game.

“Friday Night Lights” Social, Join us to celebrate the Bulldogs at The Stowaway in Mattapoisett, an alumni-owned business. The event starts immediately following the game. Complimentary light refreshments will be served. Special cocktails will be on the menu, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the BPAA. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. No entrance fee.

Saturday, October 18, “BPAA 3rd Annual Alumni Homecoming Celebration”, 7:00 pm. Saturday’s celebration is to be held at alumni-owned The Bitter End in Fairhaven, featuring live music by Dave Dunn.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



A beautiful ship entering Mattapoisett Harbor Sunday Morning. Photo courtesy Faith Ball



Blue heron at the Mattapoisett Rail Trail. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a great time learning about Monarch life history and migration yesterday. The group sent a card to a school in Mexico near the Oyamel fir forests of the Central Highlands



to share a little information about Marion. We'll be hearing back from them next spring with more information about the Monarch's winter habitat. Many thanks to Maggie Payne for sharing her butterfly expertise with the group! Please keep checking our website, www.marionmuseum.org, for our upcoming programs! Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



The Marion Garden Group strikes again! The organization currently maintains 5 gardens along Route 6, along with dozens of window boxes and planters throughout the village. The Point Road garden was recently decorated for the holidays. Photo courtesy Suzy Taylor



The Aardvark at Plumb Library. Photo courtesy Chrystal Martin

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

Complimentary refreshments will be served. A 50/50 raffle will be held, including a silent auction. No entrance fee.

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

If you are a local business and are interested in supporting our efforts, reach out to the BPAA at bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com. Please consider making a donation in the name of an ORR grad. Go Bulldogs.

Marion Natural History Museum

Early Life History of Humpback Whales, Friday **October 10**, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion, \$10.00 donation to the Museum is much appreciated. 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 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. Please register

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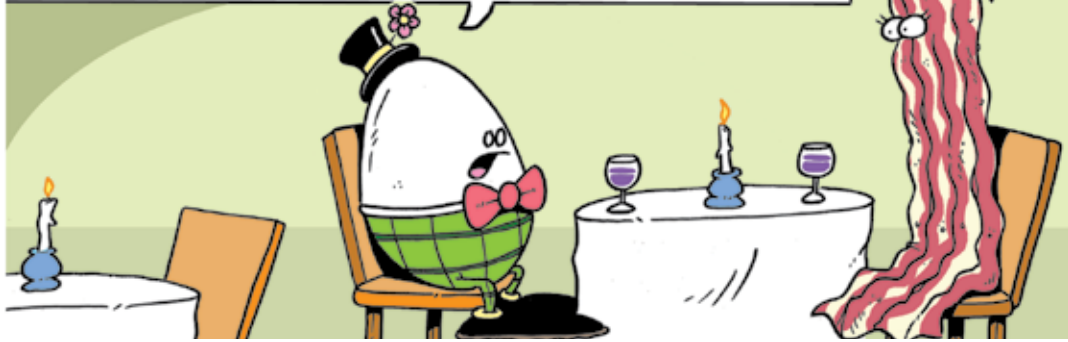
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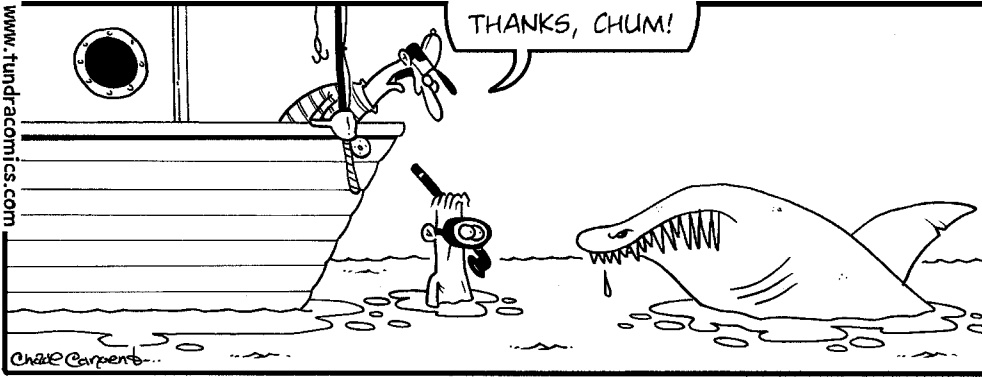
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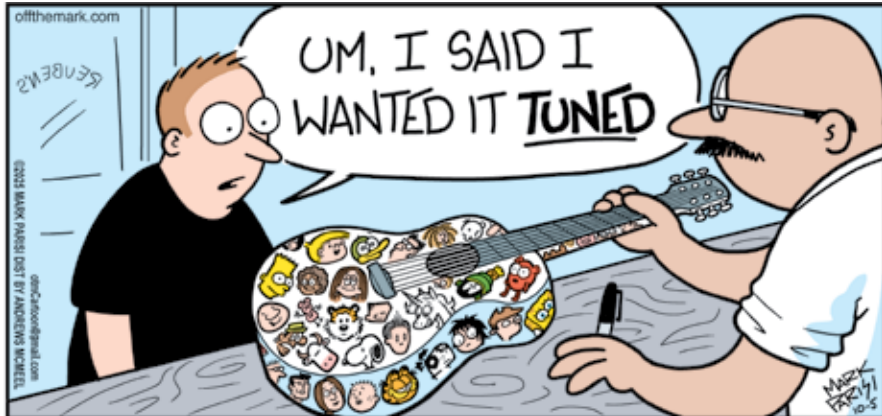
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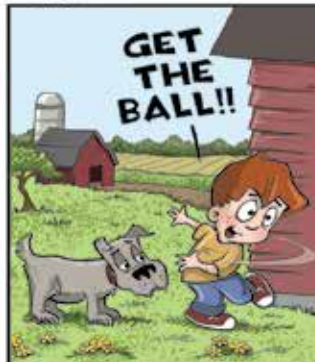


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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



through the Museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org

Nature Journaling Workshop - An introduction - **October 11**, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Meet at Washburn Park, Marion. A donation to the museum of \$10.00 would keep the program going. Join us as we learn different techniques to journal our natural world. Tricia owns and operates The Art & Nature Studio and teaches Art and Science illustration workshops. She has taught Nature Sketching and Journaling workshops for a variety of organizations in addition to ours including: the Wildlands Trust, the Soule Homestead, Clark University, and Bridgewater State University. She has a degree in Biology and Science Illustration from Bridgewater State University as well as a Certificate in Natural Science Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She is also a long-time member of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators. We hope to offer a few workshops to help us develop confidence to keep us engaged with nature and learn sketching and journaling skills to convey our observations of nature. No experience with art necessary. Please register for the program at the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org

New programs are being added frequently so keep an eye on our website.

ORR Alumni Trail Race

The Old Rochester Regional (ORR) community is gearing up for the 2nd Annual ORR Alumni Trail

Race, taking place on Monday, **October 13** at 9:00 am at scenic Washburn Park in Marion. Runners, walkers, and supporters of all levels are invited to participate in this exciting event, with all proceeds benefiting the Old Rochester cross country and track and field teams.

Following the success of last year's inaugural race, which raised over \$500, the ORR Alumni Trail Race aims to continue its tradition of fostering community spirit and supporting student-athletes. The racecourse offers a picturesque trail run, perfect for alumni, current students, family members, and local running enthusiasts.

Registration and information available at: runsignup.com/Race/MA/Marion/ORRALumniTrailRace.

Proceeds from the race will directly support the ORR cross country and track and field programs, helping to provide equipment, uniforms, and other opportunities for student-athletes.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or looking to reconnect with the ORR community, the Alumni Trail Race is a great way to stay active and support a great cause.

Community Preservation Act Application Funding

The Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee will be accepting project funding applications for Committee consideration and presentation at

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER TAX BILLS PUBLIC NOTICE FY 2026 Real Estate & Personal Property tax bills were mailed October 1, 2025 due on November 3, 2025. The second half payment will be Due May 1, 2026. If paying by personal online banking allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Please supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited. ONLINE BILL PAY; townofrochester-mass.com Click online payments then tax collector. There is a Lockbox located at the bottom left side of the front stairs for your convenience checks only please. If you have not received your tax bill in the mail please contact the Collector's Office at 508-763-3871 ext.1. If you have questions regarding property values and abatements please contact the Assessor's Office at 508-763-3871 ext.3. 10/2, 10/9 TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm, at the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, to address a complaint concerning a dog owned by Angela Brodeur, 116 Dexter Road, Marion. Randy L. Parker, Chair 10/2, 10/9 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 15C & Chapter 87, Section 3-5, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm, to review a Scenic Way Tree Removal Request as follows: The Tree Warden seeks a permit from the Tree Warden and consent of the Planning Board to cut and remove 160 trees with various DBH ranging from 1.5" to 36" that have been deemed hazardous by Eversource and the Town of Mattapoisett. The full list of the requested trees to be removed can be found at the Town Clerk and Planning Board Offices. The trees are located within designated scenic public ways (North Street, Crystal Spring Road, Wolf Island Road, Long Plain Road, Acushnet Road, and River Road). Publication is posted upon the tree(s) requested to be removed. This meeting will be held at the Fire Station Conference Room, 62 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by October 16, 2025 for zoom instructions. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto. Thomas Tucker, Chairman 10/2, 10/9 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 October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm, to review a Site Plan Review as follows: Submitted by: Sonal Patel Property owner: Krishi Krishan Corp. Represented by: Prime Engineering Scope of Work: Expansion of existing motel by construction of 2 rows of 12 units Location: 92 Marion Road & 0 Marion Road Off Map 5 Lots 142 & 143 This meeting will be held at the Fire Station Conference Room, 62 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by October 16, 2025 for zoom instructions. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto. Thomas Tucker, Chairman 10/2, 10/9 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1226 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 and a Variance for the proposed garage location being in the front yard, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 10/2, 10/9 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 15C & Chapter 87, Section 3-5, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm, to review a Scenic Way Tree Removal Request as follows: The Tree Warden seeks a permit from the Tree Warden and consent of the Planning Board to cut and remove the following trees that are severely damaged, declining, and/or dead: an Ash Tree DBH 22" at the corner of Captain's Lane and North Street, an Ash Tree DBH 23" at 12 North Street, an Ash Tree DBH 20" at 13 North Street, a Norway Maple Tree DBH 18" at 20 Pearl Street, a Norway Maple Tree DBH 22" at 25 Church Street, and a Sugar Maple Tree DBH 20" at the corner of Water Street and Mechanic Street. The trees are located within designated scenic public ways. Publication is posted upon the tree(s) requested to be removed. This meeting will be held at the Fire Station Conference Room, 62 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by October 16, 2025 for zoom instructions. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto.	Thomas Tucker, Chairman 10/2, 10/9 TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD/BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Select Board and Board of Assessors will hold a public hearing at the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:15 pm for the purpose of determining the classification of real property. Randy L. Parker, Chair Select Board George T. J. Walker, Chair Board of Assessors 10/9, 10/16 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 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, October 16, 2025. CASE #1575 Petition of Sonal Patel – Hillside Motel 92 Marion Road Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: The applicant proposes adding twenty-four motel units at the Hillside Motel site at 90-92 Marion Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1 and 3.1.2 and Section 3.9 of the Mattapoisett By-Laws. The property is further described as Plot 5, Lots 142 & 143 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District GB – General Business. It is recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book #32499, Page #162. CASE #1576 Petition of Jeffrey & Julie Hayward – 79 Grange Park, Bridgewater, MA 02324. RE: 18 Nashawena Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 111 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District W30. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 40420, Page 51. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and as provided by Paragraph 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.7. The applicant proposes to construct a 2-story garage with an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) above the exact general location of a 165 sq. ft. accessory shed, which will be demolished. The proposed living space floor area of the ADU will be 384 sq. ft. or 50% of the living space of the primary house (768 sq. ft.), the remaining 448 sq ft of the 2nd story. 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 10/9, 10/16 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October

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the Spring 2026 Annual Town Meeting. The Project Application and guidelines will be available on the Town Website and in paper form at the Select Board's Office on October 6. Submit Completed applications by **November 7**, to: Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee, c/o Mattapoisett Select Board Office, PO Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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

Friends of the Mattapoisett Library to Host Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Fall Book Sale on Saturday **October 25**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will also be accepting book donations on Friday, October 24, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success.

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

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

Bruzelius & Worthington to Show at the MAC

Artists Margaret Bruzelius & Nanci Worthington are featured in a new exhibition opening on **October 11** with a reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The artists, more than peripherally related, are excellent craftspeople in their respective mediums. One is rooted in nature, and the other in a world of myth and fantasy.

Margaret Bruzelius has worked in the fashion business as a designer for hand knits for magazines such as Vogue Knitting and McCall's Craft and Needlework. After deciding to completely change her direction, she earned a PhD in Comparative Literature at Yale. She then worked as a Lecturer and a Dean, teaching in the Literature Programs at both Harvard and Smith College. Now that she is retired, she spends her time rug hooking, gardening and travelling. She works in textile - specifically in woven rugs.

Nanci Worthington has an MFA-IA in art and ecology from Goddard College, and has kept nature journals in New Marlborough, MA for almost 50 years. Drawn mostly to botanical subjects, Nanci became interested in what a plant's role was in its host ecology.

Who eats it? Was it used by indigenous and colonists as a healing remedy? Is it a solo host plant for some insect or critter? Recently she has added mycorrhizal networking to the curiosity list. Straddling nature, science and art, she uses pen, pencil, paint, paper and measuring tools (even if it's a stick). Ecological agency is critical in this time of climate change and for Nanci, working as a natural scientific illustrator, art has become a quiet form of activism.

The MAC will be hosting Artist Presentations on Saturday, November 1, at 11:00 am with both artists.

The exhibition is open through **November 14**. The MAC Galleries are located at 80 Pleasant St., Marion, MA. Thurs-Sat 10:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. For more information visit www.marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Marion Historical Commission

The Marion Historical Commission is pleased to share the announcement of Preservation Massachusetts' 2026 round of the Massachusetts Historic Preservation Matching Grant Program. Funding for this program is provided by the 1772 Foundation, which has made \$125,000 available for preservation projects in the Commonwealth for 2026.

The 1772 Foundation, in cooperation with Preservation Massachusetts, is making available 1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000 for exterior preservation projects, such as painting, finishes and surface restoration;

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22, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Jerry Frates, for the construction of an inground lap pool at 171 Converse Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 42 on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House Annex 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. 10/9

TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 22, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Millie & Paul Seeberg, for the eradication of Phragmites and vista pruning at 13 Edgewater Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 117 on Marion Assessors' Map 7. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

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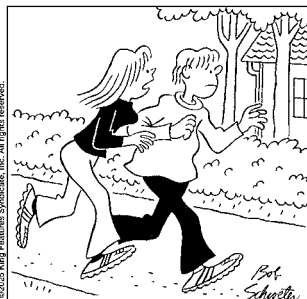
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Fall Free Family Fun Festival

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MAC Theater Presents Proof

MAC Theater Presents Proof by David Auburn and directed by Rick Sherburne. The production will be at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant Street Marion.

Catherine has been dealing with a lot. For four years, she has been the sole caretaker for her father, Robert, a genius mathematician who was dealing with mental wellness. After his death, she's left wondering if her advanced penchant for mathematics indicates an inclination toward mental illness in herself. This concern



is shared by her sister, Claire, who encourages her to leave her family home and live with her in New York. Along the way, Catherine becomes involved with Hal, one of her father's admirers and former students. Catherine is put in the position of proving that some of the mathematical genius left behind in Robert's office were actually her own work.

Catherine is played by Emma Peterson, and MAC regular Donn Tyler takes a turn as Robert, Catherine's father. Oliver Asker returns to the MAC as Hal, and Charlotte Baxter plays Claire. The play is stage-managed by Robert Mahowald, and the technical director is Steve McManus, with Jacob Sherburne as Set Designer.

The show dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from **October 10 to October 26**. Friday and Saturday curtain time is 7:30 pm and the Sunday matinee starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 MAC members and \$23 for non-members. More information and bookings are at marionartcenter.org/events/proof.

A Conversation on Housing, Healthcare, Environment

Newly elected State Representative Mark Sylvia is inviting residents to a community meeting that promises to be both engaging and forward-thinking. The event will take place on Tuesday, **October 14**, at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library. It will serve as a platform for open dialogue on the issues that matter most to local



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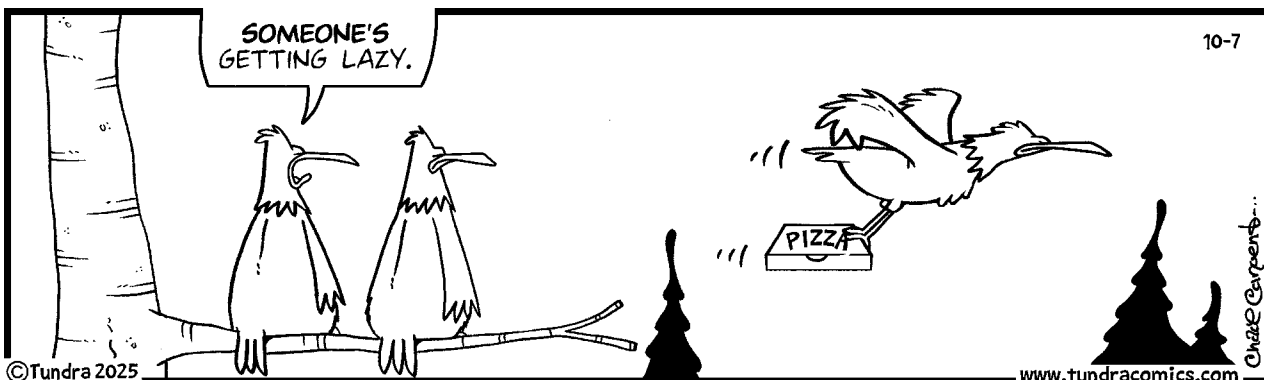
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But housing is just the beginning.

Representative Sylvia will emphasize the critical importance of prioritizing health care access and affordability. He will openly discuss ways to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure, ensuring it serves everyone more effectively.

Environmental stewardship will be another key theme of the evening. Sylvia is expected to outline his plans to preserve the region's natural beauty, combat overdevelopment, and confront the impacts of climate change.

Representative Sylvia will champion the local industries that define the region's identity - from fishing and cranberry growing to tourism.

This is more than a meeting. It's an invitation to shape the future of the South Coast together on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 pm, at the Mattapoisett Public Library, Mattapoisett.

All residents are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share their perspectives. Representative

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Sylvia believes that real leadership begins with listening—and this meeting is just the beginning. For more information, contact: lwvsouthcoast.org or Betty DeBenedictis at 617-722-2800 x7962.

Marion Natural History Museum Afterschool Programs

Rescuing Terrapins - October 15 - Embark on an enlightening journey with our "Terrapin Guardians" program, led by Deb Ewing. Explore the efforts to protect the Diamondback Terrapin, a species facing significant threats. Deb and volunteers from New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) have been working to protect Terrapin hatchlings from predation this summer and we'll be hearing about those efforts and possibly meeting one of the foster Terrapin babies during this fun and hopeful program.

Amazing Adaptation: How bugs survive cold weather - November 5 - Led by Entomologist Blake Dinius we will see how different insect species survive the cold winter months. We will have some fun looking at some examples of local insects from Blake's collection and possibly some live specimens as well.

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Introduction to animal tracks - December 3 - We will be focusing on our observational skills by looking at a variety of animal tracks. Let's look at how many toes, the presence of claws and the shape and size of the tracks to see if we can identify each species. We will be bringing home a plaster cast of a track to show others.

Annual holiday party - December 17 - Enjoy relaxing and getting creative with friends at our annual holiday party. Every year we work with natural and recycled materials to design new works of art for gift giving and decoration. Snacks and drinks are provided. Let's have some fun creating new works of art with our friends.

All programs start at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Price is \$8.00/each members, \$10.00/each non-members. Location is at the museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA, second floor. Please register at the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

Mattapoisett Cultural Council invites grant proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs until **October 16** at massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/. Grants are available to support

cultural projects and activities in and around Mattapoisett -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. These programs promote the availability of rich cultural experiences for Mattapoisett residents.

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

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

Recently funded projects included: theatrical, literary, and science programs for children and adults at Mattapoisett Free Public Library, concerts by Sippican Choral Society, SouthCoast Children's Chorus, and Tri-County Symphonic Band, programs and exhibits at Mattapoisett Museum, and in-school and summertime arts and science programs sponsored by the Mattapoisett PTA, Mattapoisett Recreation, Mattapoisett Land Trust, and New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, among others.

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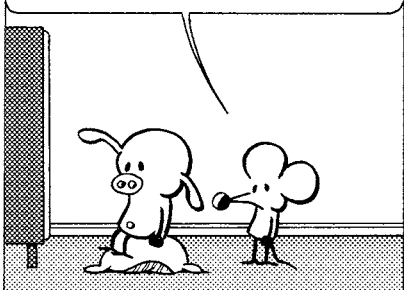
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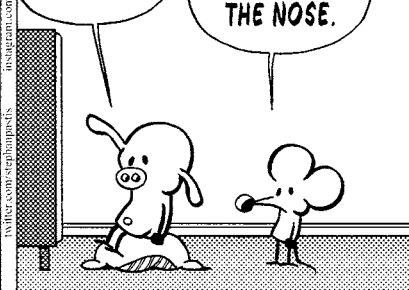
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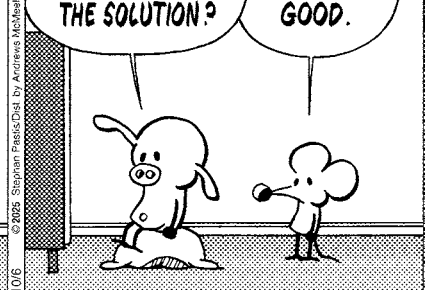
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Marion Cultural Council

Marion Cultural Council is excited to receive online grant applications for individuals and organizations for art and STEM-related projects that will help to enrich the Marion community. The Mass Cultural Council has set an **October 16** deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities and proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs in the community. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Marion-- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Marion Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For questions regarding the Marion Cultural Council, contact marionculturalcouncil@gmail.com. Online application forms, a full list of priorities and guidelines and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program and a list of the council's priorities are available online at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Marion>.

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 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,



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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. 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 until **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.

Early Life History Of The Humpback Whale

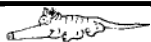
On **October 10** the Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting "Early life history of the humpback whale" at 6:30 pm at the museum. Humpback whale mothers give birth in the Caribbean and travel with their babies to New England waters to feed each summer. This talk will dive into the world of young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

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Downey, Owen Downey, Emily	Duo Dev Group LLC	9 Park Pl	Mattapoisett	09/19/2025	925,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	October 9	10:04	10:32	3:12	4:12
Friday	October 10	10:57	11:27	3:58	5:02
Saturday	October 11	11:54		4:45	6:00
Sunday	October 12	12:26	12:56	5:36	7:47
Monday	October 13	1:28	2:00	6:36	9:29
Tuesday	October 14	2:30	3:05	8:11	10:35
Wednesday	October 15	3:34	4:10	10:25	11:25
Thursday	October 16	4:39	5:14	11:26	
Friday	October 17	5:39	6:08	12:03	12:08
Saturday	October 18	6:30	6:54	12:30	12:41
Sunday	October 19	7:14	7:34	12:49	1:12
Monday	October 20	7:54	8:12	1:09	1:44
Tuesday	October 21	8:31	8:48	1:36	2:19
Wednesday	October 22	9:06	9:24	2:08	2:56
Thursday	October 23	9:40	10:00	2:44	3:34
Friday	October 24	10:14	10:37	3:21	4:11
Saturday	October 25	10:51	11:17	3:58	4:48
Sunday	October 26	11:31		4:36	5:26
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		October 13th October 21st October 29th November 5th	



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the October 2, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 2

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Enigma; 2. Tragic;
3. Banjo; 4. Tough

Today's Word
JOGGING

Sudoku Answer

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

HAROLD HAS NOT MOVED ON TO THE NEXT REALM. HE IS STILL TETHERED TO THIS WORLD TRYING TO WIN AN INTERNET ARGUMENT



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