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Fall Family Fun Supports ORR Early Education

By Jeanne Hopkins

Pony rides and rabbits drew children into the courtyard at Old Rochester Regional (ORR) High School on Saturday, while crafts, hair braiding and a puppet show offered more to explore inside.

The October 24 Fall Family Fun Day & Craft Market supported the school's Early Childhood Education Program, bringing together activities for young children, shopping for adults and information about resources for families.

ORR's Early Childhood Education program is a career and technical education program for students interested in working with young children as aspiring teachers, child development specialists, pediatric nurses or doctors. Launched in 2020, the program offers the opportunity for ORR students to earn the Department of Early Education and Care Teacher certification and obtain college credits in child growth and development through Bristol Community College. During their four years, they obtain more than 150 hours of classroom experience at the onsite preschool laboratory classroom, according to the ORR School District website.



Early Childhood Education teacher Liz Kennedy said the program enrolls just about 100 students in grades nine through 12. About 25 worked at Saturday's event, with students across the grades contributing to the planning.

"I think it's really important for students to learn how to engage with children outside of the classroom,"

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Kennedy said.

Working at a community event also gives students practice communicating with parents and developing customer service skills, she said.

Senior Ava Ross-Sinkler was checking in visitors, with plans to move around and help elsewhere once she finished at the entrance. She plans to study nursing after graduation.

Kennedy said students in the program are considering careers including preschool teaching, social work, nursing and pediatrics.

The event also provides a way to support their education. Kennedy said a grant received for a previous event paid for popcorn, cotton candy and hot dog machines that the program can continue using at community gatherings.

"All of the money that we earn goes back to the students, field trips and community events like this," she said.

This year, organizers paired the family activities with a craft market to appeal to adults as well as children. Fifty vendors lined the school's halls.

Children could sample three varieties of apples, decorate crafts, have their faces painted and receive free doughnuts. Sophomore Madeline Costa braided the hair of Macy Dunlap, of Rochester, while other families watched a puppet show. Outside, four rabbits and a sheep offered opportunities for a closer look at animals, alongside the pony rides.

Britney Nelles, Quinn's mother, said the family learned about the event through a flyer received through her son's pre-K program at Center School.

Another parent, returning with family after attending the previous year, said, "We came last year, and we really enjoyed it."

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Murphy also distributed backpacks containing books, toys, bubbles and paints to Family Fun attendees.

Tri-Town Halloween Events

Residents will have plenty of opportunity to get their spook on at local Halloween events. Luckily, Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, so families can enjoy dressing up and trick-or-treating without the usual

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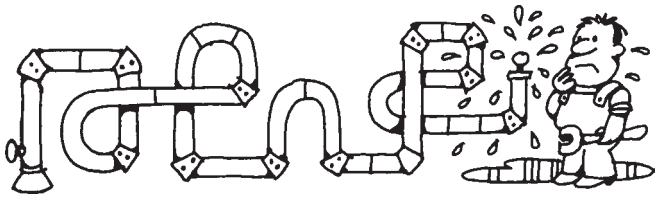
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The MAC's witches and warlocks have been brewing up plans for a festive parade through town. Costumed characters of all ages are invited to join the fun, whether dressed as witches, princesses, goblins, ghouls, wild animals or spooky spirits.

The parade will head south on Front Street, up Main Street, north on Spring Street and back down Cottage Street to the Music Hall, where the MAC's witches will hand out candy. Be sure to stop by the Music Hall at the end of the parade for treat bags prepared by the MAC's good witches. Goodie bags are also available for children with allergies or food sensitivities. Just ask for a Teal Pumpkin goodie bag.

Later that evening, the Mattapoisett Police Department will host its **annual Parade and Costume Contest**. The parade begins at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 31, at the corner of Cannon and Church streets. The costume contest follows at 6:30 pm at Shipyard Park.

A Different Look at Beth March

By Jeanne Hopkins

Katie Bernet once joked with her two sisters that, when identifying with the March sisters in *Little Women*, they were fortunate not to have a Beth.

Beth was the sister who died. For Bernet, that overshadowed everything else about her.

But researching *Beth Is Dead*, her contemporary murder mystery inspired by Louisa May Alcott's novel, changed the author's understanding of the character she had been least drawn to.

Speaking to about 20 people at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on October 24, Bernet described how her affection for her own sisters and her growing appreciation of Beth shaped her debut novel.

Beth Is Dead became a *New York Times* bestseller and the inaugural selection for Reese Witherspoon's Sunnie Reads book club. Nearly everyone attending the

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talk indicated they had read *Little Women* or watched a film adaptation.

After five unpublished manuscripts and a three-month break from writing, Bernet found her way to the idea through a "love–hate list," an exercise suggested by Mattapoisett Library Director Jenny Martin. Martin, who moved to Mattapoisett from Dallas more than a year ago, knew Bernet through the DFW Writers' Workshop. The exercise helped Bernet combine her interests in sisterhood, ensemble casts and mysteries.

Looking back, Bernet said the unpublished books had helped her develop her craft.

"I was just a much better writer by the time I wrote *Beth Is Dead* than I was with those other books," she said.

The novel begins with Beth March's death and follows her sisters as they try to uncover what happened. Beth's own perspective appears in an earlier timeline, giving her a voice alongside Meg, Jo and Amy.

Initially, Bernet thought she would need to make Beth bolder and more ambitious. Then she encountered readers online who valued precisely the qualities she had overlooked: Beth's preference for home, her appreciation of small pleasures and her willingness to care for others.

Bernet began to see strength in the way Beth faced circumstances she had not chosen while continuing to make room for the people she loved.

That discovery helped shape an unusual element of her novel. The March sisters' father is an author who publishes a book called *Little Women* about his daughters. His fictional portrayals force the sisters to consider the difference between how others see them and how they understand themselves.

For Beth, that means pushing against an image of herself as passive and angelic. For Jo, whom Bernet reimagined as an aspiring writer and social media influencer, it means wrestling with the desire to be seen and heard.

During questions from the audience, Bernet explained that the father's role also allowed her to explore children's privacy and the public identities adults create for them.

Bringing the sisters into the present required careful planning. Bernet used a large spreadsheet to organize four narrators and two timelines, sometimes changing a scene's narrator after discovering whose perspective supplied the strongest tension.

She also described abandoning about 30,000 words of an early version in which she had changed the sisters' names. Keeping a safer distance from Alcott's characters, she found, prevented her from fully pursuing the idea.

Asked about the audiobook, Bernet said she had been offered three narrator options for each sister and was pleased to get her first choice for all four voices.

Bernet's storytelling career began in dance before a back injury helped lead her toward advertising. As a copywriter, she learned to tell stories within the limits of short commercials, then rose at 5:30 am to work on novels before heading to her job.

"I always really just wanted to tell my own stories and do something longer than 60 seconds," she said.

Writing *Beth Is Dead* ultimately brought her back to a familiar story with a different understanding of its quietest sister. It has also brought her readers who say the mystery encouraged them to pick up *Little Women* for the first time.

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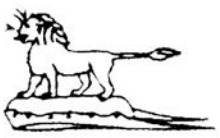






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Dahlias: Autumn's Grand Finale

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

The beautiful fall weather, a new set of bicycle tires, and the need to clear my head of the week's tribulations sent me off on a ride through hill and dale. The warming sun felt pleasant, and the brisk air did wonders for the old lungs. But by the time I had reached my quota of 20 miles, my fingers and feet were fairly numb. The ride had become a compressed version of so many autumn days: lovely one moment, decidedly chilly the next.

Such is the erratic nature of a Northeast fall. Although any season can be temperamental, autumn is the classic drama queen — composed one minute and shrieking the next. With a pleasant stretch of weather before us, it is tempting to declare the arrival of Indian summer. But not so fast! Traditionally, Indian summer refers to an unseasonably warm spell following a killing frost, often occurring later in the fall. Here in Massachusetts, we are still immersed in autumn foliage and typical October weather, so I think it is a bit too early to celebrate.

Through it all, we gardeners must cope, either embracing the weather's fickleness or reminding ourselves that spring is only a season and a half away! Getting bulbs into the ground, installing those remaining plants and dividing overgrown perennials are all good ways to take our minds off the weather. So are raking leaves and keeping the garden tidy as the season winds down.

But for those who are fretting about lifting their dahlias before winter sets in, there is still plenty to enjoy — and a little work to do before the garden goes to sleep.

Recently, I hopped over the garden wall to admire my neighbor Jim Nordquist's dahlias, and what a sight greeted me! Jim has one of the loveliest gardens in our vicinity, as anyone who has joined a local garden tour can attest. One day, I will devote a column to the entire spread, but for now, let's focus on the here and now: dahlias.

There is an amusing twist to the dahlia's history.

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When most other flowers have faded or gone to seed, dahlias are still putting on a show. They burst forth in a dazzling array of colors, shapes, and sizes, commanding attention just when we need a little reminder of summer's exuberance. From petite, tidy blooms to enormous dinner-plate flowers, their variety is astonishing. Their rich colors and sculptural forms seem to defy the shortening days, offering one last glorious performance before frost brings the curtain down.

Jim's dahlia bed sits in the middle of his backyard, making it a dazzling centerpiece. He finds that dahlias do best in full sun. When planting, he adds compost, aged manure, and peat moss, along with a tall stake to support the plants.

"They're great for late-season color and something to look forward to at the end of the gardening season," he says.

And that is precisely why dahlias are worth a little extra effort. While many garden favorites have called it quits for the year, these late-season stars are still giving us their all. The question now is how best to preserve them for another season — and what local growers have learned from years of experience.

I asked Jim about his favorite varieties. His main source is Swan Island Dahlias, and he rattled off a list: "Wildcat," "Pooh," "Cabana Banana," "Maarn," and a hot-pink beauty named "Helen Richmond."

The last one caught my attention. Jim bought it in part because it shared the name of our late neighbor.

"No connection, but it's really nice, just like she was," he said.

For those reluctant to part with these beauties, a bit of advice from fellow dahlia enthusiasts may make the task less daunting. With a little care now, we can tuck away the promise of next summer's flowers and look forward to another spectacular show.

Preparing Dahlias for Winter Storage

Proper winter storage is key to dahlia success. With a little care in the fall, you can protect your tubers through the winter and enjoy healthy plants and beautiful blooms the following season. Here are some tips from experienced local growers.

-When to dig: Wait until the foliage has been blackened by a killing frost before lifting your tubers, giving them time to mature. Avoid leaving them in the ground if freezing conditions threaten, as tubers can be damaged by frozen soil.

-When to divide: Some growers recommend dividing tubers in the fall, when the stalks are still relatively soft and easier to cut. By spring, they can become as hard as wood. Fall division also allows the cut surfaces time to dry and heal before planting season.

-Wash and cut: Once you've lifted the clumps, use a hose nozzle to wash away the soil. Then, using a sharp, serrated knife, divide them carefully. It's fine to do this while the tubers are still wet.

-Keep a piece of the crown: Make sure each division includes a portion of the crown with at least one viable eye, or growth bud. Without an eye, a tuber will not produce a new plant. Remove excess roots and



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thin, dangling tuber tails to make storage more manageable. Discard any tubers that are rotten or badly damaged.

-Label your varieties: If you grow several varieties, now is the time to identify them. Write each variety's name on the tubers with an indelible marker or label the storage container clearly.

-Let the cut surfaces dry: After dividing, place the tubers in labeled boxes and leave them overnight so the cut surfaces can begin to dry and heal.

-Pack for winter: The following day, pack the tubers in a suitable storage medium. Some local growers recommend fresh pine sawdust that is only slightly moist—not wet. Place a layer beneath the tubers and cover them with another layer to help prevent shriveling while minimizing the risk of rot. Jim uses a different method: he stores his tubers in zip-top bags with holes punched in them for ventilation, along with a scoop of peat moss.

-Choose the right storage spot: Dahlias are vulnerable to freezing temperatures, so store the tubers in a cool, frost-free location. A temperature around 40–45°F is generally suitable. If storing boxes on a dirt floor, raise them on a pallet or another barrier to protect them from ground moisture. Check the tubers periodically through the winter and remove any that show signs of rot.

For more information on growing and caring for dahlias, visit the American Dahlia Society at www.dahlia.org.

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Plumb Library Opens Designated Teen Room

By Zakary Sarkarati

On October 27, the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester opened its teen room. The room was previously a meeting room and was recently remodeled into a dedicated space for middle- and high school-aged students. Prior to the opening of the space, the library's only amenity for teenagers was a single bookshelf on the first floor.

Library Director Kristen Cardoso said, "We have a fantastic children's area. We have a fairly good adult area. We have this basement space, which is great for programs and meetings. But there was nothing dedicated to teens. Even the book collection is smaller than the

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ORRJHS students attending after-school activities that are not picked up by their parents are taken by bus to their town's library, but have nowhere to go in the library, according to Cardoso.

"They sit in the corner, they sit on the floor, they sit in the kids' room, and they play with the kitchen," she said. "We never had a dedicated space before being able to offer this. Obviously, we want to expand beyond the late bus kids, but we already have teens who are here three times a week."



The idea of the space came from Fuchsia Haskell, youth services librarian, who proposed creating a teen room when hired last July as a way to engage older students. This past spring, Cardoso brought the concept back up; construction would begin in July and be fully furnished by the end of October. Rochester's Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel and two Old Colony students completed the renovations. Work included correcting water damage and repainting the basement room's walls.

According to Haskell, the room was designed for cohesion and fluidity, enabling easy walkways and social opportunities. Upon entering the room, to the right is an electronic whiteboard connected to a Nintendo Switch loaded with games. In the corner opposite the entrance, an egg chair sits beside purple and yellow bean bags. Finally, a closet in the corner by the entrance holds games and crafts that teens can bring to the large table at the center of the room.

Renovations and furnishing were largely funded by a $5,000 grant from state Senator Michael Rodrigues. He said, "Anything to attract and engage teenagers to come to the library, and then they discover what else this building has to offer, is a great thing."

There is currently a monthly game of Dungeons and Dragons scheduled in the room, and plans to add more monthly events, such as crafts, in 2027. Two study chairs with whiteboard tables will also be shipped soon.

The Battle of White Plains

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the early United States. Last week, the British encroached on American positions outside New York, and the Americans kept falling back toward White Plains. The Continental Army put up a good defense, but outnumbered, outgunned and undersupplied, their chances seemed to be diminishing as the British made camp two miles outside General George Washington's new headquarters.

On October 25, 1776, battered Americans had no time to fortify their new positions in White Plains following their withdrawal from Manhattan before the British already came upon them. Washington's General Orders urge caution and discipline in their patrolling, as he struggles to find a way to bolster defenses. Lieutenant Colonel Robert Hanson Harrison of Maryland, who is also Washington's military secretary, writes to President John Hancock, saying, "The whole of our army is now here and on the neighboring heights — our removal and that of the stores, have been attended with a great deal of trouble,

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owing to the scarcity and difficulty of procuring wagons; however, they are nearly effected and without any loss."

He adds that the army is busy defending the main passes, likely why he writes rather than the general. The Americans now wait for an imminent battle, one which will decide the fate of winter ahead and, seemingly, the fate of the new republic.

The next day, 70-year-old Benjamin Franklin sets sail from Philadelphia aboard the *USS Reprisal* on his important emissary voyage to France. His mission: secure military and economic assistance from King Louis XVI. The mission will not be an easy one. Though France feels jubilation at the British imperial ambitions staggering, it requires some convincing to get involved. Franklin's journey is the pushing of a domino that will both secure America's future and set the world alight.

The battle on October 28 would be a short one. The roughly 3,000 Americans under Washington are outnumbered 2-to-1. Skirmishes erupt on the outskirts of White Plains, with the Americans falling back up Chatterton Hill. The British and Hessians push hard, led by Johann Rall of Hesse-Cassel, not sacrificing their advantage. Eventually, outflanked to their right, the American line disintegrates. Upwards of 500 Americans are killed and many more captured. Washington retreats north, blanketed by sudden rains and (luckily, again) heavy fog.

Alexander Hamilton serves in this army as the





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Captain of the New York Provincial Company of Artillery, whose guns are later famous for raining down fire from above, though contemporary reports show the army's quick retreat means the American artillery may not have even been fired.

The day following the battle, Lieutenant Colonel Harrison again writes to Hancock, describing the battle that has befallen them, saying, "The situation of our affairs not permitting his excellency to write himself, I have it in charge to inform you, that on yesterday morning about ten o'clock the enemy appeared in several large columns in our front." He describes the British flanking of the American forces and their retreat. He ends the letter, saying, "The enemy coming on so suddenly has

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distressed us much. They are now close at hand, and most probably will in a little time commence their second attack — we expect it every hour perhaps it is beginning I have just heard the report of some cannon."

From the White Plains HQ, increasingly surrounded, the Americans collect themselves and assess their diminishing options.

On October 31, King George III addresses Parliament for the first time since the Declaration of Independence spread across the world. He says, "Nothing could have afforded me so much satisfaction as to have been able to inform you, at the opening of this session, that the troubles, which have so long distracted my colonies in North America, were at an end; and that my unhappy people, recovered from their delusion, had delivered themselves from the oppression of their leaders, and returned to their duty: but so daring and desperate is the spirit of those leaders, whose object has always been dominion and power, that they have now openly renounced all allegiance to the crown."

He finishes his address by reaffirming his desire to reclaim America, saying, "No people ever enjoyed more happiness, or lived under a milder government, than those now revolted provinces: the improvements in every art, of which they boast, declare it; their numbers, their wealth, their strength by sea and land, which they think sufficient to enable them to make head against the whole power of the mother-country, are irrefragable proofs of it. My desire



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is to restore to them the blessings of law and liberty, equally enjoyed by every British subject, which they have fatally and desperately exchanged for all the calamities of war, and the arbitrary tyranny of their chiefs."

It is around this time that Thomas Paine was writing the first volume of *The American Crisis*, where he would say, "These are the times that try men's souls."

Judge Denies Michael King's Request for Immediate Court Intervention

By Jeanne Hopkins

Plymouth County Superior Court has denied Michael D. King's request for immediate court

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intervention in a dispute with Mattapoisett over his use of a privately owned vacant lot at 0 Cove Street on Angelica Point.

King, the town's Conservation Commission chair, filed suit October 15 seeking $1 million in damages and alleging disability discrimination, selective enforcement, and interference with agricultural activities.

"Although my Motion for a Temporary Injunction or restraining order may have been denied, I have every confidence that the appropriate legal process will play out over the long term," King said in emailed comments to *The Wanderer.*

In his recent complaint, King challenged the Board of Health (BOH) enforcement involving a seasonal tent and sought court orders requiring approval of a 14-day camper permit and participation in a composting-toilet pilot program.

"105 CMR 410 State sanitary code applies to dwellings; it does not apply to temporary structures," King stated. "Mattapoisett does not have a tent camping bylaw for pitching a tent on private property. [Absence] of [a local] bylaw normally defaults to state law."

King argued that under the state building code, his 120-square-foot tent qualifies as a temporary structure. He said the tent also has a valid conservation permit for beach camping and therefore should not be considered a dwelling subject to state sanitary code regulations. He further disputed the board's position on the composting toilet, saying the state's definition of a privy requires an underground excavation, such as a hole in the ground, which he said was not present.

He also rejected the suggestion that the Cove Street campsite was part of the Point Connett Association and subject to its bylaws. "It is not a part of Point Connett. The property owner is not a member of the association, nor am I a member of the association," he said.

Following an October 20 hearing, Judge Sharon E. Donatelle denied without prejudice King's request for a preliminary injunction in an order dated October 21, finding that he had not demonstrated a likelihood of success on his claims or irreparable harm without court intervention.

The judge credited town affidavits stating that the camper and composting-toilet requests had neither been approved nor denied. The order does not dismiss the lawsuit. In an amendment and supplement to his complaint dated October 26, King alleged that enforcement against his campsite was retaliation for his work investigating regulatory violations as a town official.

"I have made referrals to the AG's Office of Public Integrity and the State Ethics Commission," King stated.

Legal Counsel Addresses New Zoning Law

Marion Select Board, Planning Board, and ZBA

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

At a joint meeting of boards at the Marion Town House on October 22, members of the Select Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals had many questions about a new state law aimed at promoting more housing development.

"We are kind of confused, and we needed some explanation," ZBA chairwoman Cindy Callow said at the start of the meeting.

Timothy Zessin, legal counsel with KP Law, noted that this state law, effective July 21 of this year, changes notice requirements for pre-existing nonconforming uses and structures.

Zessin said that this new law will present more challenges for authorities in other communities, but Marion would still face challenges.

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Zessin said that, under the new law, officials no longer have to notify all abutters by certified mail. He said officials can notify members by either email or mail.

Officials had concerns, and Zessin said a good approach would be to notify residents by email if they were active in the community and emailed a town official within the past six months. He said officials can still notify all other abutters by certified mail.

Zessin also said that authorities can seek a read receipt or confirmation that the email was received.

Zessin also noted that if a project represented a nonconforming use through only one indicator, the applicant would need to apply only to the zoning commissioner, and no hearing would be held.

For instance, if someone were looking to build a deck on his or her home and the deck does not meet the setback requirements, that hypothetical applicant would not have to meet with officials through the public hearing process.

"The general intent is to promote more residential developments and not have to get a special permit for minor alterations," Zessin said.

Zessin also indicated that an unpopular development would not be hampered by a bylaw change, as long as that development application started before the bylaw change.

Bylaw changes require a Town Meeting vote and, in many communities, an unpopular development rallies residents or officials to enact a bylaw change to stop that development from moving forward.

Zessin said that with this new law recently in effect, many cases will go before a land judge, and case history will help shape how officials respond.

Zessin also said abandoned properties would be allotted more time for owners to meet town compliance requirements than in past cases.

Unpaid Taxes, Abandoned Homes Dominate Discussion

Marion Select Board

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Abandoned and unsightly properties were central topics at the October 20 Select Board meeting at the Marion Town House.

Officials and authorities discussed a dilapidated, abandoned home at 28 Pitcher Street, which neighbors say has become a site visited by wild animals such as raccoons and possibly even fisher cats.

"Why is there no policy for vacant properties that sit and sit and deteriorate?" resident Margie Baldwin asked.

Other neighbors said this home, which is also allegedly rodent-infested, devalues the neighborhood.

John Murray, who is building a home on 36 Pitcher Street, recommended that the fire department inspect the property for potential fire safety issues and vagrancy.

"Hearing about property taxes not paid infuriates me," Murray said.

Select Board Chairman John Hoagland said he has lived in town for 40 years and has been hearing about this home for 20.

Hoagland said only the health board can







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condemn a property, but it reached out to the Select Board for leadership and guidance. Some legal issues prevent authorities from visiting a property without owner permission.

Hoagland directed Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman to ask the fire department to investigate the potential fire and related issues. He also recommended that Gorman investigate whether the town can seek help from the state Attorney General's office.

Hoagland said the town should have a municipal policy addressing such abandoned homes.

According to town records, the home once belonged to Barbara Garty Balboni, but she died in 2010, and the home now belongs to an estate.

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The Select Board, for the second consecutive time in two months, addressed unpaid property taxes, dating back to the early 1990s. Some of these homes and properties are abandoned, but others still have occupants receiving town water and sewer services.

Officials have said at least $3 million is owed to the town, and Hoagland said some properties have received water and sewer services for the past 10 years but have not paid their taxes.

Gorman said he is working on reaching out to these homeowners to collect taxes. But for abandoned homes, Select Board members Randy Parker and Toby Burr said it might be more costly to bring some of these properties back into compliance.

In other business, Baldwin, also chair of the Parks & Tree committee, received Select Board permission for the tree warden to begin removing an estimated 100-year-old red oak tree on Park Street.

Baldwin said some residents have noted unusual roots connected to the tree, and removal is necessary for public safety.

She said the historical nature of this tree calls for a vote from the Select Board, which was granted.

Baldwin said she is unsure of plans to replant another tree, given the costs.

The Select Board also approved, for the second time in the last month, a liquor license for Marion Town Liquors on Route 6.

The applicant's attorney said the state Alcohol Beverage Control Commission overturned last month's Select Board vote because abutters were not notified.

The Select Board granted the license, but only on conditions that the new license holder improve plumbing and other issues there, including mattresses and unsightly items on the property.

The applicant and attorney said they expect those issues to be resolved within the next few weeks.

Land Swap Petition Denied

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael DeCicco

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October 27, denied a petition to allow a land swap modification to the definitive subdivision plan for the previously approved "Snipatuit Pond Estates" at Gerrish Road and Bishop Road.

The plan to swap two open space parcels within the development to create a 3.5-acre buildable lot failed to pass after board members and other town officials raised doubts that it would be an even exchange.

"I don't see the land conservation gain in this," Russ Keeler of the Rochester Land Trust said. "One lot is wild and unused. The other is being used. The swap has little conservation value."

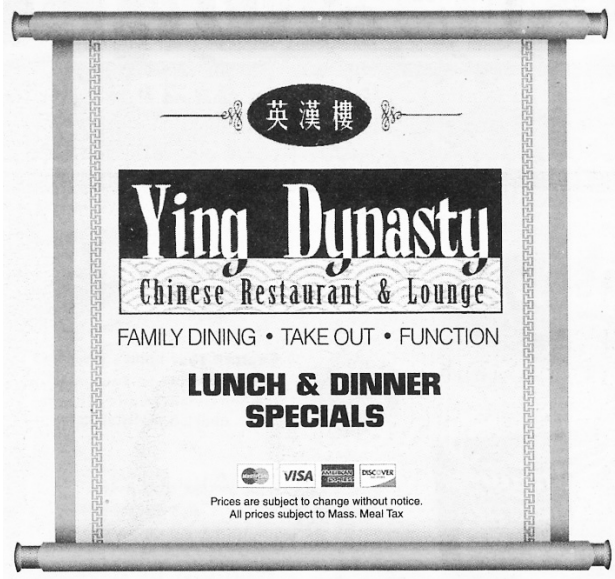
Project Representative Robert Pellegrini reported at the last Planning Board meeting that he has been unable to find a conservation group to take the parcel being swapped to become open space and place it under a Conservation Restriction. That is because the land is a cranberry bog; one state agency won't even consider a Conservation Restriction on a cranberry bog. He proposed placing the parcel under a Deed Restriction instead, though it would last less time than a conservation restriction, only 30 years.

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On Tuesday, Planning Board Chair Arnold Johnson, referencing these facts, said, "The original plan stamps it as permanent open space. But it's in private hands. Open has to be accessible to the public, not in private ownership."

"I'm against a [Conservation Restriction]," developer Mark Wilson said, "because it restricts me. I prefer an agricultural restriction." He added that he is struggling to work with state lawmakers to make that happen.

"I'm not sure what we're getting for conservation land," board member Ben Bailey said. "It will stay as a bog." Bailey then moved to deny the vote, and the board



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unanimously approved the denial.

The board started Tuesday's meeting with an informal discussion of Highland Development's storage building project at 667 County Road and the need for a modification of its landscaping design. The board ultimately approved the modifications as minor rather than major and set a site visit for November 6 at 4:30 pm.

Next, the board approved the ANR (Approval Not Required) application to divide an existing lot at 72 Marion Road into two separate building lots. Project representative Matthew Leone said the parcel is under eight acres. The back lot will be two acres; the other will be 5.6 acres.

In other action, the board continued to November 10 the Site Plan Review and Special Permit hearing for Walnut Plain Road Solar, 0 Walnut Plain Road, upon the applicant's request.

The board approved and officially signed the High Street Solar Site B Special Permit and Site Plan Review approval and the Back Lot Subdivision permit for 72 Marion Road.

The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 pm at the town office building, 1 Constitution Way.

Beach Nourishment, With a Walkway

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission convened on Wednesday, October 21, for a series of public hearings for ongoing developments.

The meeting began with Chair Shaun Walsh opening a public hearing for an Amended Order of Conditions for the construction of an elevated staircase down to the beach at 162 Point Road, submitted by Jon Delli Priscoli. Project representative Dave Davignon spoke, explaining the project to build a staircase from the property's lawn down to the beach, which was originally approved around 18 months ago by the ConCom, according to Davignon. He explained the newly proposed change is to swap the original plans for helical anchors with galvanized steel H-piles. These would be driven into the substrate using heavy machinery and would require fewer total supports for the staircase due to their increased strength; 14 down from 16.

Walsh commented that fewer supports would mean less impact and noted: "I don't have any concerns." The hearing was then closed. At the end of the meeting, the ConCom voted unanimously to approve the project.

The next public hearing concerned a Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a three-tier split-rail fence and shed at 143 Cross Neck Road by applicant Katherine Cunningham. Board members who recently visited the site and the public offered no comments during this hearing, which was subsequently closed. At the end of the meeting, the Commission voted

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unanimously to approve this project with a negative determination.

There was then the public hearing for the construction of a new single-family dwelling on Point Road by applicant Benjamin Baptiste. Project representative Steve Cavallo explained the home is to be built upon an 11-acre lot that had originally been a cranberry bog. Access to the new home would be off an entry point near 1001 Point Road, "hugging as far away from the wetland resource areas as possible," Cavallo explained.

Walsh noted this project was "straightforward," though Commissioner Jeff Doubrava raised some concerns regarding the project's proximity to wetlands,

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and asked if it would be possible to establish some limits on work area, as to prohibit work spilling over into the wetlands under the care of a future owner. Conservation Commission members asked if a permanent boundary could be established, potentially in the form of a small cedar fence that would be marked with signs denoting "wetland boundary." Cavallo noted the applicant had no issue with such a boundary. The hearing was closed. At the end of the meeting, the board voted to approve the project and implement a demarcation line of posts or boulders between the work area and the wetland.

Next, the board returned to 162 Point Road for another public hearing. This time, for a Notice of Intent for beach nourishment for the area above the high-water line and below the vegetation line. Sand, sourced off-site, would be brought in by dump truck by road and then a conveyor belt would bring the sand from the truck down to the beach. Up to 75 cubic yards of sand would be used for the project. The hearing was then closed. At the end of the meeting, the ConCom voted unanimously to approve the project but, to avoid the beach growing into a "mound of sand," implemented a maximum depth of eight inches of sand from the original grade.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department, 550 Mill Street.

ORR Unified Basketball Victorious

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Unified Basketball: The Old Rochester Regional High School unified basketball team played at Dighton-Rehoboth (2-2) on October 19 and won 37-36 in a thriller. The Bulldogs overcame a 14-point deficit to win, as **Traeh Carrington** scored 16 points all in the second half and was



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named player of the game, along with **Tom Grondin** for his great defense. They're now 1-3 on the season going into Monday's game against Bourne (1-2).

Girls Soccer: The Bulldogs celebrated their seniors and hosted Bristol Plymouth Tech on October 22 and won 5-0. Old Rochester honored seniors **Abby Fortin**, **Bel Marujo**, **Marley Mailloux**, **Lyla Hotte**, **Lily Gendreau**, **Belle Comorosky**, **Gigi Duchaine**, **Ella Normandin** and **Elise Modracek**. **Mia Balestracci** scored 4 goals and had an assist; **Ella Normandin** scored a goal and had an assist; **Paige Mailloux** had 2 assists; and **Rylee Cusick** had an assist. In goal for the shutout were **Bel Marujo** and **Marley Mailloux**. They're now 7-7-1 heading into Tuesday's game at Fairhaven (6-9) and will play at Falmouth (10-4-2) on October 30.

Football: Old Rochester improved to 6-1 on the season after beating Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech (2-5) 36-6 on October 23. They'll play at Somerset Berkley (1-5) on October 30.

Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Valentina Hermoso, a sixth grade student at Old Hammondtown School, has taken the first step toward becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

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Thursday October 29, 2026
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM The Collective Chat
8:30 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
10:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
11:00 AM Rochester 9/11 Ceremony
11:30 AM What's Linda Cooking?
12:00 PM Mid-day Movie
1:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - How to run a Cranberry Bog in Today's Economy
2:55 PM Hammond Cemetery Plaque Dedication
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - We are all Whalers
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - She Devils at the Door
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Sunday November 1, 2026
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
11:30 PM Mid-day Movie
1:00 PM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang
2:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs West Bridgewater
4:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Dighton Rehoboth
6:30 PM ORR Football vs PLymouth North
8:30 PM ORR Boys Varsity Soccer vs Somerset Berkley
10:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk
11:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Seekonk

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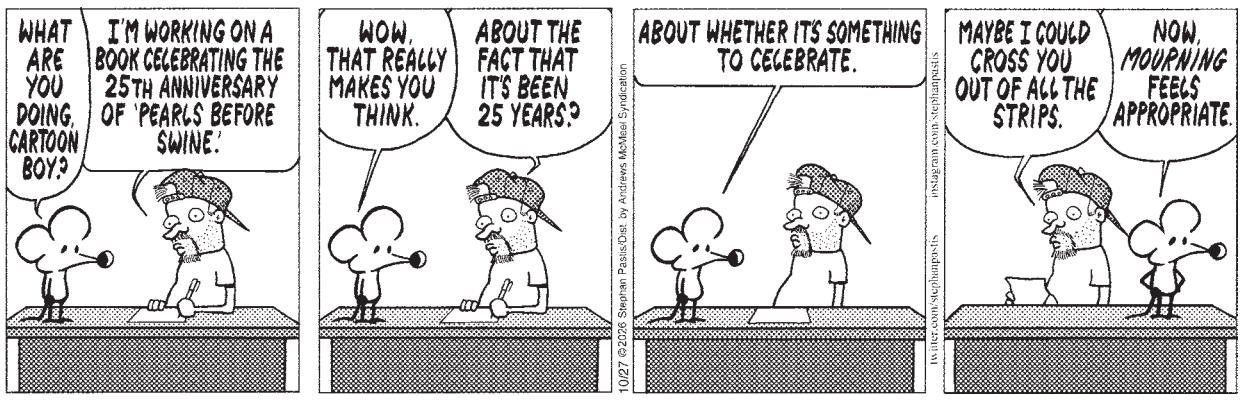
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Comcast Channel 26
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:30 AM Marion Planning Board
12:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
2:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
3:30 PM Marion School Committee
4:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
6:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer
8:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
10:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
11:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 26
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester Board of Health
12:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
1:30 PM Rochester School Committee
5:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 PM Rochester Board of Health
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 8
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee
8:00 AM ORR District School Committee
9:00 AM ORR Girls Volleyball vs NBVT
10:00 AM ORR Unified Basketball vs Joseph Case
11:00 AM ORR Field Hockey vs West Bridgewater
12:30 PM ORR Senior Parent Breakfast
1:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs West Bridgewater
3:00 PM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang
4:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs DR
5:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs DR
7:00 PM ORR Football vs Plymouth North
9:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dartmouth
10:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk

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Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The poster was selected by Lions Club members Helene Rose and Debbie Bailey for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Harmony in Humanity."

Mattapoisett Lions Club President Paul Stubbs stated that he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Old Hammondtown School.

"It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what compassion means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions," he said. "Valentina's poster will advance through the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner."

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a $5,000 cash award, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to a special award ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a $500 cash award.

"Our club is cheering for Valentina as her poster advances in the competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Stubbs said.

Locally, Valentina and numerous other students were honored for their participation by the Mattapoisett Lions Club on Monday, October 26, at Old Hammondtown School.

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Valentina was awarded a $100 Barnes and Noble Gift Card.

Second place recipient Henry Kanaly was awarded a $75 Barnes and Noble gift card; third place was awarded to Rosie Palomo, who received a $50 Barnes and Noble gift card; and fourth place was awarded to Oliver Costa, who received a $25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

Honorable mentions go out to Lucy Poulos, Avery Klein, Corey Watlington, Hannah Beaumont, Mallan Emmons and Ana Buckner.

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Cover Contest Entries

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Benny Broussard



Christina Jacobsen deVilliers



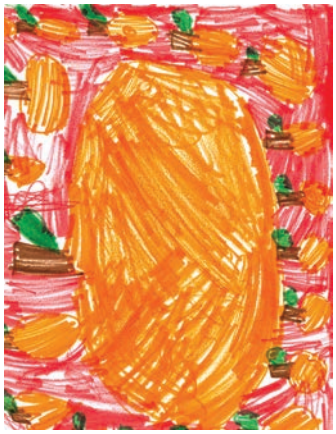
Ella Nye



Isla Broussard



Sophia Ollie Bianchi



Emilia Pease



Grace Rebello



Nora Tallman



Samantha Olival



Leah Tallman



Shelly Gaouette



Juliet Pease

Ms. Chamberlin, Mrs. Letourneau and the wonderful educators at Old Hammondtown School and parents for their continued support of The Lions Poster Contest Project.

View past international grand prize winners at www.lionsclubs.org. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in 210 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions Clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

New members are always welcome. Please contact us at mattlionsclub@gmail.com.

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All submitted copy is subject to alterations and/or condensation as space allows at the editor's discretion. All submissions become the property of *The Wanderer* and are assumed to be submitted for the purpose of publication. Submissions cannot be returned; therefore, please make sure to retain copies.

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Ideas for features, breaking news tips and other suggestions for the news department are welcome. Please call the News Editor with news tips and ideas at 508-758-9055. If it is after hours, please leave a message or email news@wanderer.com.

Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author's name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. The Wanderer reserves the right to edit, condense and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer may choose to not run letters that thank businesses, and The Wanderer has the right to edit letters to omit business names. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence. All letters must be typed and submitted directly to: news@wanderer.com.

To the Editor;

Let Every Vote Count: Abolish the Electoral



College

The United States proudly declares itself a democracy, a nation founded on the belief that every person deserves a voice in government. Yet, when Americans elect their president, millions of votes can be effectively ignored, while a handful of voters in a few battleground states wield extraordinary power. This contradiction is unacceptable. The Electoral College is an outdated, undemocratic system that undermines political equality, weakens public trust, and distorts the will of the people. It is time to abolish it and replace it with a simple national popular vote.

First, every American's vote should carry equal weight. Under the Electoral College, a vote in a competitive state can have far greater influence on the presidential outcome than a vote in a state considered safely Republican or Democratic. Consequently, candidates focus their attention, campaign resources and promises on a small number of battleground states, often neglecting millions of citizens elsewhere. Why should a voter in Pennsylvania matter more to a presidential campaign than a voter in California, Texas or Massachusetts? In a nation committed to equality, geography should never determine the value of a citizen's voice.

Furthermore, the Electoral College can award the presidency to a candidate who receives fewer votes nationwide than an opponent. This has happened in multiple elections, including those of 2000 and 2016. When the candidate who receives fewer votes wins, Americans have every reason to question whether their government truly reflects the people's choice.

Finally, abolishing the Electoral College would encourage candidates to compete for every American's support, not merely chase electoral votes in a few decisive states. Every vote would contribute directly to the final result, strengthening civic participation and reinforcing the legitimacy of presidential elections.

Tradition alone is no excuse for preserving an unjust system. America has amended its Constitution before to expand democracy and correct historic wrongs. Our democracy should evolve toward greater fairness, not

OBITUARIES



Linda Jane (Krull) Klappholz of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully at home on October 22, 2026 at the age of 87. She was the devoted, loving wife of Bruce Klappholz sharing 56 years of wonderful memories.

Born March 19, 1939 in Oceanside NY to the late Charles M. and Rosemary (Jackson) Krull, she grew up in East Rockaway NY. At East Rockaway High School she excelled as a three sport athlete accomplishing Honor student standing and was the President of the Student council. She went on to carry the same qualities forward to Green Mountain College earning her Associates degree in 1959.

She began working in the Insurance industry on Long Island. Later, having raised their family in Meriden, CT, they relocated to Mattapoisett in 1983 where Linda eventually worked for many years at a local popular gift store.

Her kitchen talents came naturally and enthusiastically. Devoted to the people closest to her she hosted many family Thanksgiving feasts at her Meriden, Connecticut home.

She cherished past friends from grade school, high school, college, and those from Meriden, CT, Venice, FL, Mattapoisett and many others having met throughout life's journey. If one were to describe Linda throughout her life they would find warmth, welcoming, selfless, and an effortless knack of your feeling important in her presence. Many came to know her default expression, a smile. A close friend once called her "Lovely" and the nickname lasted.

She and Bruce always shared in the same interests whether it be travel, reading, gardening, boating, music, golf and baseball. As a member of the Mattapoisett Women's Club her contributions included participation in the cookbook "Doorways to Dining".

During her final months and, despite her multiple illnesses, she bravely continued to inspire through her unwavering disciplines and never-failing sense of humor.

Linda was predeceased by her daughter Joann (Klappholz) Totten.

Special remembrances for: William Klappholz, Daniel Uhl and Janet Justice.

Survivors include her husband Bruce; her son, Douglas Klappholz and his wife Catherine; her brother, Charles Krull and his wife Sharon; her son-in-law, Glenn Totten and his wife Francesca; her grandchildren, Jakub Klappholz, Chloe Klappholz, Mei Totten, Lia Totten, Harper Totten; her sisters-in-law, Ellen Uhl and Mary Dike-Klappholz; her niece, Kimberly Krull; her nephews, Ryan Krull, Michael Uhl, David Klappholz and Eric Klappholz; and many beloved cousins.

Her visiting hours will be held on Thursday, October 29th from 4-6 pm with a prayer service at 5 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd, Mattapoisett.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions to the Leukemia Society online https://leukemiarf.org/donate/. A mailing address can be found online. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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.

cling to an electoral mechanism that diminishes political equality.

The presidency belongs to the American people, not to an electoral formula. Every citizen deserves an equal voice, every vote deserves equal value, and the national majority should determine who leads the nation. Abolish the Electoral College. Let the people decide.
Eileen J. Marum
Chair, League of Women Voters SouthCoast

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

Thursday, October 15, was a crisp, beautiful afternoon, and cars began rolling up to the Mechanic Street parking lot of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church at 27 Church St. at 5:00 pm to drop off bags and boxes of food for Damien's Pantry in Wareham.

The Mission Team filled two pickup trucks with a total of 797 pounds of food collected, bringing the grand total of food donated from September and October to 1,265 pounds. The Mission Team is so grateful for the generosity of the Mattapoisett community.

The next food collection will be on Thursday, **November 19**, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm (note the new time); please encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. There will also be bins in the Congregational Church's Reynard Hall for food donations, if that is more convenient.

Nonperishable items such as cooking oil, breakfast foods, dish detergent and oral hygiene products are especially welcome as are diapers and wipes, shampoo, bar soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent and toiletries. Specialty foods for gluten-free diets, dairy-free/lactose-free diets and allergen-free (nut-free/egg-free) diets are also needed.

Let's do our part to feed our neighbors in need on the South Coast.

Meet & Greet with Wally the Green Monster

Unfortunately, Wally could not make the Rochester COA's last block party due to the weather. However, he is planning on joining us on Saturday, **November 7**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm inside of the Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Lane. We will also be joined by comfort dogs from the office of District Attorney Tim Cruz.

Rochester Land Trust Annual Meeting

The Rochester Land Trust's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, **November 7**, at 11:00 am at the Wildlands Trust's Rounseville II property on Mary's Pond Road, right next to Gifford Park. We will be honoring the Rounseville family and their many contributions to conserving land in Rochester. The guest speaker will be Karen Grey, president of the Wildlands Trust. All are welcome.

The main agenda item will be amending our



Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Oct 18 – Oct 24
- Mill St – General service
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Maple Ave – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- 195 East – General service
- Front St – MV collision
- Spring St – General service
- Point Rd – Suspicious MV
- Spring St – Larceny/past
- Brigg's Ter – Paper service
- Ichabod Ln – EMS/medical
- 195 East – MV collision
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Larceny/past
- South St – General service
- Point Rd – Animal control
- Planting Island Rd – Animal complaint
- Maple Ave – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Pine Hill Ln – Follow up investigation
- River Rd – Follow up investigation
- Barnabas Rd - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – MV collision
- Parlowtown Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Oct 18 – Oct 24
- Marion Rd – B&E
- Driscoll Ln – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- North St – MV crash
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Mattapoisett Harbor – Harbormaster
- North St – Health/welfare
- North St – Medical alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- 195 West – Animal control
- River Rd – Suspicious persons
- 195 East – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – Neighbor issue
- Marina Dr – Neighbor issue
- County Rd – MV crash
- Split Rock Ln – MV crash
- County Rd – Past A&B
- Wildwood Ter – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- North St – Domestic disturbance
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- 195 West – Assist other agency
- County Rd – B&E/MV
- Aucoot Rd – Officer wanted
- Angelica Ave – Officer wanted
- Park St – Suspicious persons

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Oct 18 – Oct 24
- Burgess Ave – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Message delivery
- Clapp Rd – MV collision
- High St – Animal control
- Stuart Rd – Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave – Animal control
- Cromwell Ln – Burglar alarm
- Kings Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Robinson Rd – General service
- Robinson Rd – Parking complaint
- Pine St – MV lockout
- Robinson Rd - Assault
- Stuart Rd – Well-being check
- North Ave – Juvenile offenses
- Robinson Rd - Disturbance
- Rounseville Rd – Well-being check
- Hathaway Pond Cir - Medical
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Gerrish Rd - Harassment
- Mayflower Ln – Firearms licensing
- Bennett Rd – Burglar alarm
- Snipatuit Rd – Noise complaint
- County Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd - Vandalism
- Pierce St – Civil complaint
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call

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, Nov 2: Spaghetti & meatballs, whole grain pasta, vegetable medley, Hawaiian roll, orange
Tuesday, Nov 3: Three bean chicken chili w/shredded cheese, Cali blend vegetables, whole grain cornbread bowl, vanilla pudding
Wednesday, Nov 4: White fish picatta, rice pilaf, mashed butternut squash, dinner roll, Mandarin fruit cup
Thursday, Nov 5: Pot roast w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, lemon white chocolate cookie, diet: fruit
Friday, Nov 6: Chicken noodle casserole, egg noodles, Tuscan blend vegetables, wheat bread, applesauce

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 2: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 3: No school
Wednesday, Nov 4: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce. Hashbrown patty, Jones low sodium sausage links, maple syrup
Thursday, Nov 5: American chop suey, seasoned green beans, garlic stick
Friday, Nov 6: Pizza crunchers, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Nov 2: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 3: No school
Wednesday, Nov 4: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce. Hashbrown patty, Jones low sodium sausage links, maple syrup
Thursday, Nov 5: American chop suey, seasoned green beans, garlic stick
Friday, Nov 6: Pizza crunchers, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Nov 2: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 3: No school
Wednesday, Nov 4: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce. Hashbrown patty, Jones low sodium sausage links, maple syrup
Thursday, Nov 5: American chop suey, seasoned green beans, garlic stick
Friday, Nov 6: Pizza crunchers, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Nov 2: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 3: No school
Wednesday, Nov 4: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce. Hashbrown patty, Jones low sodium sausage links, maple syrup
Thursday, Nov 5: American chop suey, seasoned green beans, garlic stick
Friday, Nov 6: Pizza crunchers, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 2: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 3: No school
Wednesday, Nov 4: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce. Hashbrown patty, Jones low sodium sausage links, maple syrup
Thursday, Nov 5: American chop suey, seasoned green beans, garlic stick
Friday, Nov 6: Pizza crunchers, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Nov 2: Ramen bowl
Tuesday, Nov 3: Popcorn chicken & fries
Wednesday, Nov 4: Bagel pizza & side salad
Thursday, Nov 5: Italian sub & fries
Friday, Nov 6: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

bylaws to better reflect how we actually do business, especially in the world of electronic communication. The proposed amendments can be found at www.rochesterlandtrust.org. Come join us to hear what we have been doing and what we have planned for the coming year. Park at Gifford Park; refreshments will be served. For more information, call 706-675-5263.

Sippican Woman's Club

Mark your calendars now for the Sippican Woman's Club's (SWC) signature Holiday House Tour 2026 on Saturday, **December 12**. The houses have been selected, and decoration plans are in full swing. Why so early, you wonder? Well, in 2025, along with our amazing sponsors, your 800 tickets supported scholarships and giving to local students and organizations across the Tri-Town area and along the SouthCoast.

Specifically, what do the Friends of Marion Council on Aging, Friends of Marion Fireworks, the Marion Art Center (MAC), The South Coast Children's Chorus, The Town of Marion Fire Department and EMS, Damien's Place Food Pantry, Elizabeth Taber Library, Friends of Rochester Council on Aging, ORR Athletics, Town of Marion Recreation Department, United Way Women of Greater New Bedford, the Marion Natural History Museum, and Washburn Park Trails have in common? Along with several other local charitable organizations, they each received donations in 2025 from the Sippican Woman's Club.

This is in addition to the many local students who received direct scholarships from the Club. All of this is funded from 100% of the profits from the Holiday House Tour.

Founded in 1904 and incorporated for more than a century, SWC continues its proud tradition of bringing women together for learning, friendship, and community service.

We are always eager to welcome new members who share a curiosity for learning, a spirit of fellowship, and a commitment to giving back.

To learn more about membership, to stop in as a guest, or to join us for the 2026–2027 year, please visit our website at www.SippicanWomansClub.org or email Charlotte Cannelli at mzlibrary@gmail.com. To order your Holiday House Tour 2026 tickets, please visit www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/holiday-by-the-sea-marion-housetour-copy.

Ned's Point Lighthouse Tour

Ned's Point Lighthouse in Mattapoisett will be open for the last tour of the season on **October 31,** 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Height restriction: 48 inches, no exceptions. No loose clothing that includes anyone in a large costume, dress and shoes. No bags, backpacks, etc. No sandals without a back strap. All headgear must be removed to climb to the top. No eyesight restrictions.





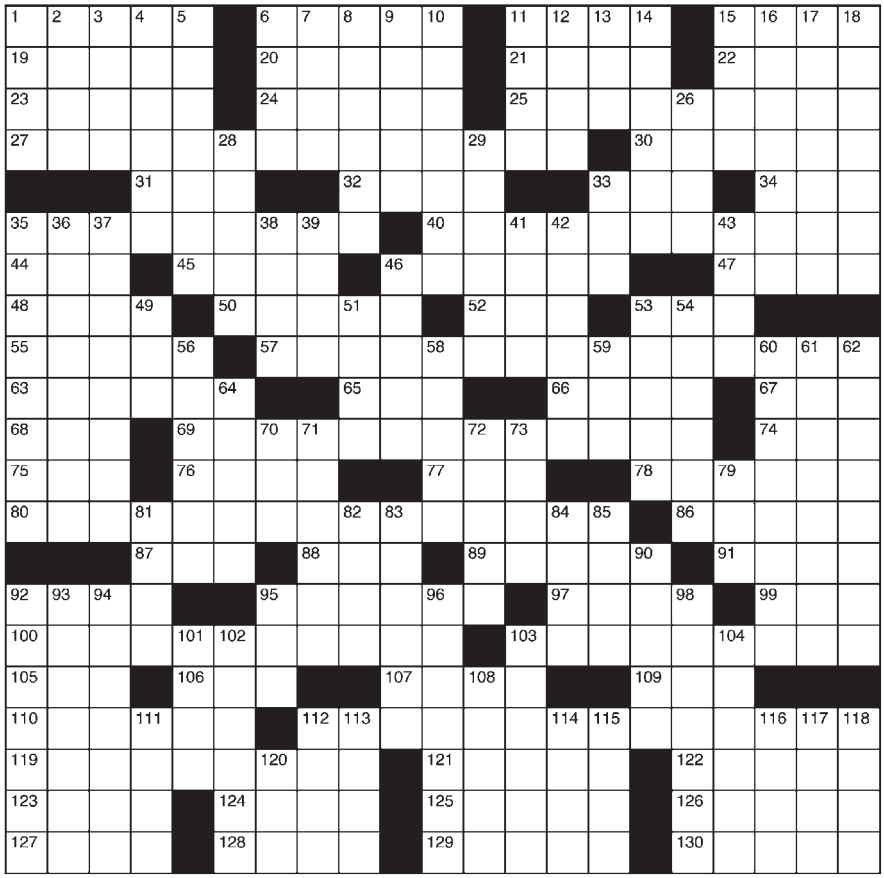
Super Crossword — TITLEHOLDERS

ACROSS

1 Perp's excuse
6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
19 "Cheers!," in Spain
20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival
46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimpy, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt
66 Succotash ingredient
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
74 Sick-dog link
75 Levy
76 Conical-bore woodwind
77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "BUtterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"
91 Morning TV's Kelly
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier clogs
97 Free-for- — (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With 119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See 112-Across
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs
128 1980s Dodge
129 Quickness
130 Catnaps, e.g.

DOWN

1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar
26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With 107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy
60 Small tablet from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"
70 Fish eggs
71 Become irate
72 "That's for sure!"
73 — and void
79 — Lingus
81 California wines, in brief
82 — sapiens
83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
84 Circle relative
85 Irritate
90 Replay mode, for short
92 Defamed in print
93 Causing to wear down
94 Raincoat fabric
95 Srs., last year
96 Ancient Egyptian king
98 Toy racer
101 Actress Suvari
102 In the habit of
103 Regions, weatherwise
104 For a bit
108 Camera brand
111 Morays, e.g.
112 IRS guy, e.g.
113 Half: Prefix
114 Chair part
115 Hawaiian goose
116 — of March
117 Following
118 Mardi —
120 Chair part



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some flashes of ARIES ire might erupt as you confront an unusually bewildering situation. But you should be able to keep your temper under control as you work through it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The marriage 'twixt the arts and practicality, which Taureans excel at, once again highlights your enjoyment of much of the week. However, you need to watch any sudden urge to splurge.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Even with all the plusses apparently outweighing the minuses, you still might want to defer an important decision to make sure that you have all the facts you need.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) One or two problems might threaten to derail otherwise smoothly running situations at work or at home. But a few well-placed words should help get things back on track quickly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you LEOs and LEOnas in the spotlight to open your generous Lion's hearts and share the glory with those who've helped you accomplish so much along the way.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before investing time or money (or both) into a questionable matter, you might want to get advice from someone who has been there and knows these situations better than you do.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful with how you handle a workplace matter that seems out of place in the schedule you've prepared. Before you act, one way or another, find out who set it up and why.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your entertainment aspect is strong this week. Besides providing a wonderful break from everyday obligations, sharing fun times brings you closer to those you care for.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Having a weekend fun fest? Your friend or relative who's down in the emotional dumps could perk up if you find a way to include them in your plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) If you're stuck in one of those "the Goat knows best" moods, you might want to ease up and try listening to what others have to say. You could learn something.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new challenge is getting closer, so you should now be out there showing facts and figures to potential allies to help persuade them to rally to your support. Good luck!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a head start on holiday plans could help free up some time later for you to spend on other projects. Meanwhile, a colleague has some ideas that you might find worth discussing.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're always there for others, but sometimes you need to be reminded that you need to be there for yourself as well.

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Vetting for those with costumes is at our discretion for climbing the tower. Weather and wind permitting.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 4**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm on Monday, November 2. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net or call 617-470-7804.

Volunteer at the Rochester Senior Center

The Friends and Family Breakfast Cafe located inside the Rochester Senior Center needs substitute dishwashers and servers for the months of January, March and April. The shift is from 7:00 am to 9:30 am (approximately). We need the most help on Thursdays and Fridays for those months. One or two days per month would help us greatly, plus it's a fun place to work, and you are able to enjoy a complimentary breakfast. All the money raised at the Cafe goes back into the Rochester Council on Aging through the Friends of the Rochester Senior Center, including the addition that is being built now. If you are interested, please contact Ann Cambra at ann.cambra@comcast.net or text 774-849-8360.

Marion Special Town Meeting Childwatch

The Elizabeth Taber Library will be offering a childwatch program during the Marion Special Town Meeting on Monday, **November 9.** Registration is required for this program, and space is limited. Parents attending the special town meeting can drop their potty-trained children ages 3+ off at the library at 5:45 pm. During the town meeting, kids will enjoy storytime, a light snack and activity stations. Children must be picked up immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.

Registration and more details can be found at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

by Connie Eshbach

In our previous exhibit, we had many tools used in Rochester's early days. All these tools were important as they were used for everything from harvesting cranberry bogs, moving rocks from fields and debarking trees felled for lumber. We know that Rochester had many skilled carpenters, furniture makers and sawmill workers.

The Cowens of North Rochester were carpenters who made all types of furniture as well as sea chests for whaling vessels. Hopestill Bisbee was known for his woodworking skills, producing chairs and other items used into the 21st century. Another item was made in Rochester. It was not decorative, nor was it made of heavy

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

PRIVATE ROADS THAT NEED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION
PRIOR TO SNOW PLOWING FOR THE 2026/2027 SEASON.

Brush and tree grooming is the responsibility of the Property Owners of that Private Road. Trees & brush must be cut back 2 feet from the edge of the road and 12 feet in height to provide clearance for plows and emergency vehicles.

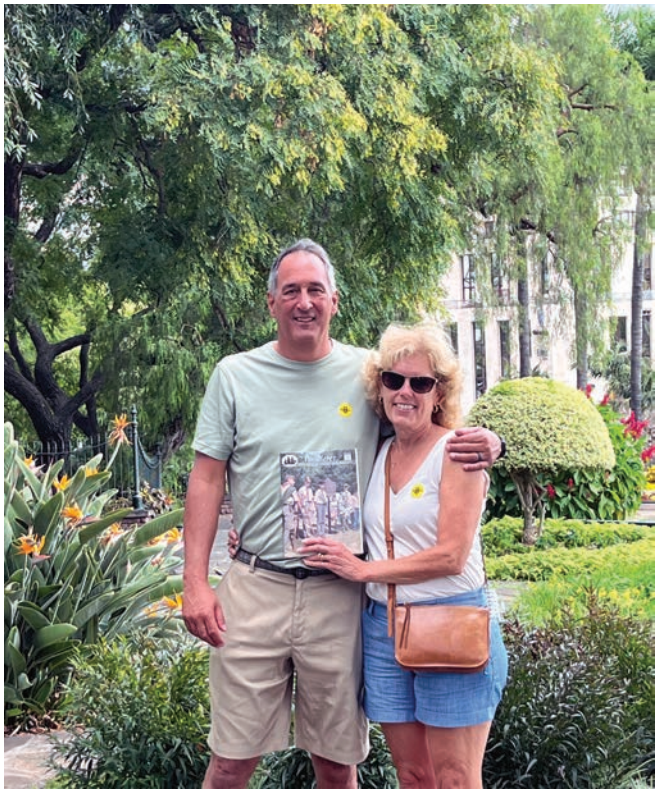
Private Roads that need trees and brush Trimmed:
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The Mattapoisett Highway Department does not provide trimming services to Private Roads.

Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of Material	Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of Material
WATERMAN,CHANNEL,UNION&ISLAND	$180	HOLLYWOODS	$90
SILVER SHELL	$180	STARBOARD,SHOREVIEW,PORT	$180
RIPPLE, CEDARCREST, BAY	$180	OCEAN DR	$180
OLIVER, CEDARCREST, LAUREL	$180	PLEASANTVIEW AVE	$90
OLIVER, MARSTEN CT	$90	DYAR RD	$90
WENDELL, WEST SILVER SHELL	$90	MEADOWBROOK LN	$360
THE CEDARS	$90	HIGHLAND AVE (BB)	$180
PICO BEACH ROAD	$180	RYAN'S WAY	$90
OAKLAND TERRACE	$90		
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Please call Highway Dept for further details 508-758-4181.

TriTown Happenings



Jeffrey and Melanie Perry of Rochester visit Funchal, Madeira



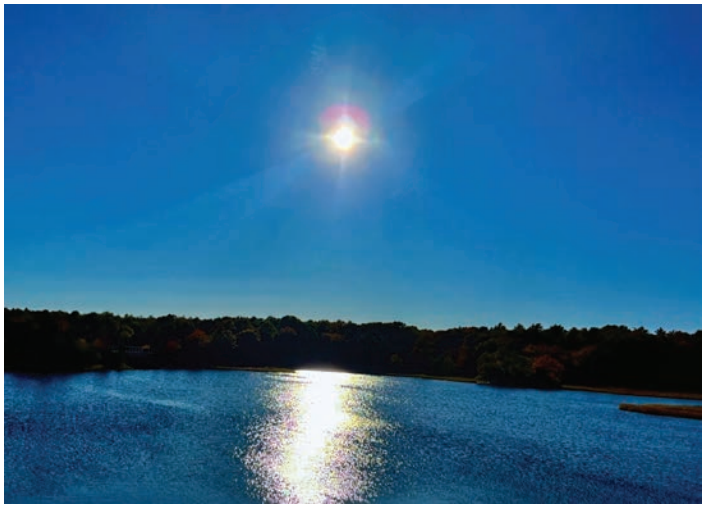
A new day at Ned's Point. Photo by Amy Laurendeau



West Coast guests experience quahogging in October. Photo by Cecile Callahan



Ben Marks, of Mattapoisett, enjoys a pony ride in the ORR courtyard during the October 24 event.



View from the Mattapoisett Bike Trail. Photo by Ruth A. Griffin

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



iron and wood, and it was the lowly "bung."

The bung is the partner of the wooden barrel. The use of wooden barrels goes back at least 2,000 years. They were chosen to store and ship all kinds of merchandise, including liquids. They were appreciated for their strength, leak resistance and ease of handling. They fit well into the holds of ships. (Of course, this was long before there was cardboard and plastic).

The bung comes into play when liquids were being shipped. A bung is a stopper for a hole in a wooden barrel or keg. Stoppers have been used in barrels since the mid-15th century and were considered a practical tool in a "cooperage." Coopers were the skilled craftsmen who made casks, barrels and any other container made from "timber staves traditionally bound with wooden or metal hoops."

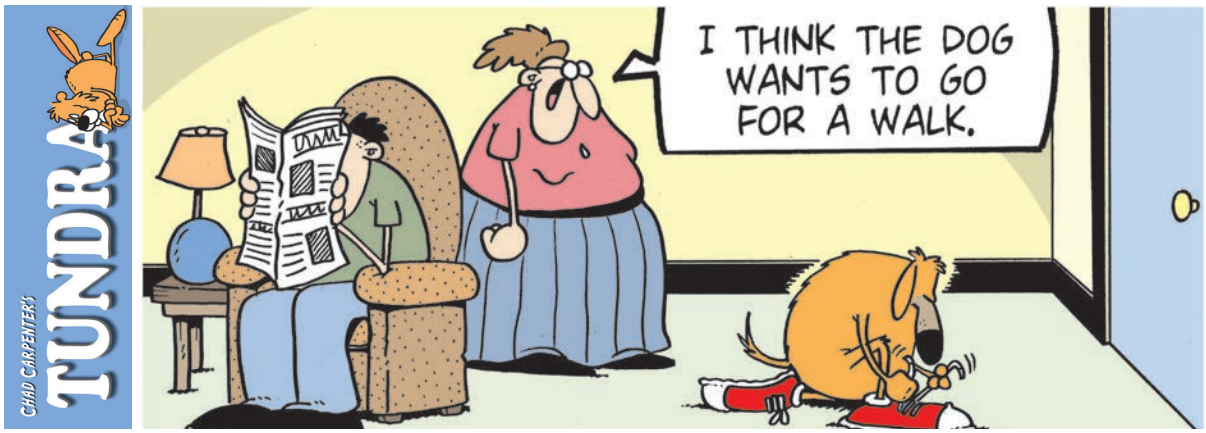
Once the barrel was purchased from the cooper and filled with beer, wine, water or even whale oil, it was ready to be shipped or loaded onto a vessel or other means of transportation. To retrieve the contents, a hole would be created in the head or staves of the barrel by an auger or bung starter. After removing a portion of the contents, a bung would be hammered in to seal the hole. The hole became known as a "bung hole."

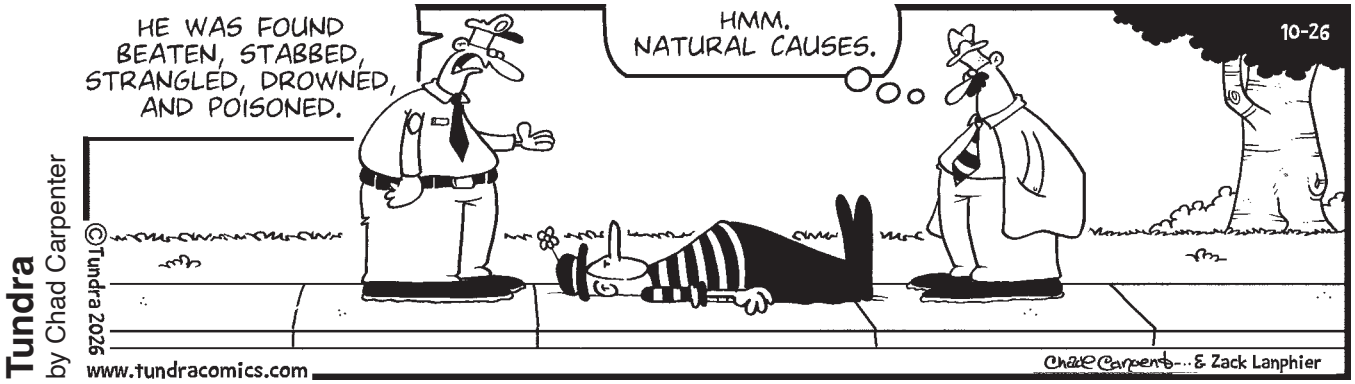
Bungs were manufactured in Rochester on at least one farm that had a bung shop. The picture of the farm with its location can be found in the Land Trust's old Barn Calendar. It was in our last exhibit, but since then I've mislaid it. If anyone knows the location or name of the farm, email me at eshbach2@aol.com.

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TRADE YOU SOME GUMMY WORMS FOR THOSE MILK DUDS?
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Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

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

The Mattapoisett Library Genealogy Group meets this month on **November 4** from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. They have a different topic each month and you can come to one or all of them. Contact Robbin at the library at 508-758-4171 or rsmith@sailsinc.org for additional information.

Come to our Adult Craft Workshop on **November 8** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. During this workshop, we will transform seashells into beautiful handmade holiday gifts through the art of decoupage. Use everyday paper napkins to create one-of-a-kind coastal treasures. This program is for adults ages 18+; registration required.

Join Reed McLaren for a Save Our Sweaters Workshop on **November 15** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Enjoy our favorite sweaters for another season by exploring methods of care and repair and visible mending fun. Remove unsightly pills with a DIY sweater comb and experience the magic of needle felting for subtle and colorful hole repair and embellishment. Bring a few items from your closet that you are happy to play around with. Woolens and cashmere work best; however, it may be possible to explore these methods on other natural and synthetic fibers. Registration required.

The Fiction Book Club is meeting this month on **November 15** at 2:00 pm to discuss *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi. Copies are available at the library. For more information, please email librarian Robbin Smith at rsmith@sailsinc.org.

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

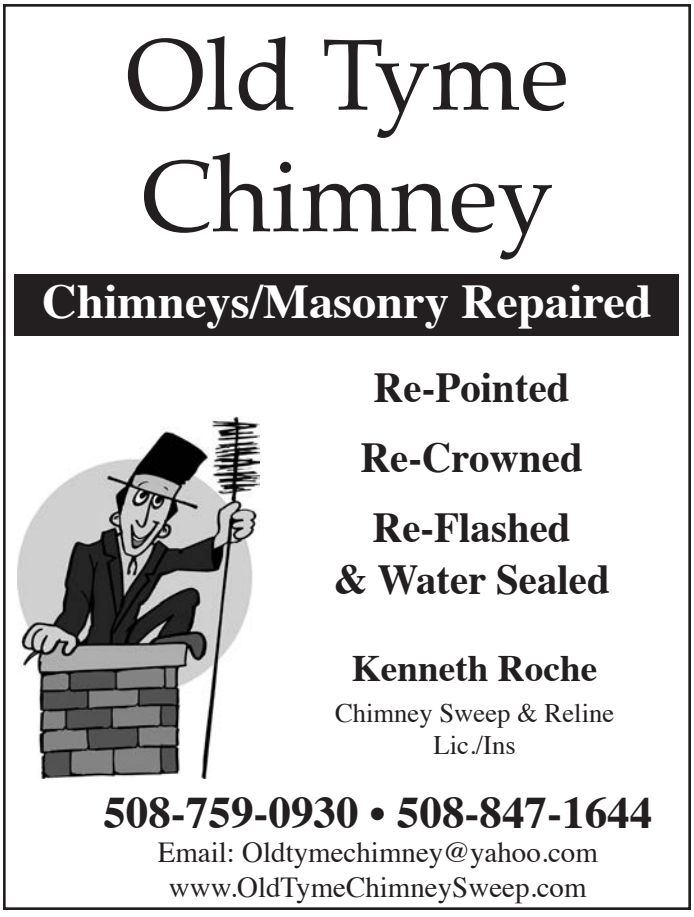
On Saturday, **November 7** at 10:30 am, join us for a roaring good time at Dino-vember Storytime. No registration is required; just come down in your best dino clothes and enjoy.

Learn to draw and paint digitally using tablets. All materials are provided. Each session has a customized art theme and help from a trained artist. This program is designed for kids and teens. Please register online, in-person, or on the phone to reserve your spot.

On Saturday, **November 14** at 1:00 pm, join ORR student Lucas Hadley for a special engineering workshop







LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 4:30 pm at the Marion Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, Marion on the variance requests submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of The James Spader Living Trust pertaining to the property located at 490 Point Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 11A.

The following variances are requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC):
310 CMR 15.102: Deep Observation Test Holes: 1 Soil Evaluation & Sieve Analysis vs. 2-Soil Evaluations & 1-Percolation Test Required
310 CMR 15.211: Minimum Setback Distances: Septic Tank 3.7' vs. 10' to a Property Line
310 CMR 15.211: Minimum Setback Distances: Leaching Area 5.5' vs. 10' to a Property Line
310 CMR 15.211: Minimum Setback Distances: Leaching Area 12' vs. 20' to a Bulkhead
310 CMR 15.212: Separation to Groundwater: Leaching Area 2' vs. 4' to a Seasonal High Groundwater
M.S.C. 4.60.1, Minimum Daily Flow: Design Per Title 5 @ 440 Gal/Day vs. 510 Gal/Day Requesting to Design Per the Eljen Design Manual for 4-Bedrooms
Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 10/22, 10/29

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #847

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Sippican Holdings LLC, c/o Downey Development, for a Variance from sections 230-4.2, 5.3 and 230-6.5.c of the zoning by-law to allow a use variance, as permitted by section 230-2.3.D, to convert an existing commercial building in the LI District to: A) a multifamily dwelling containing 40 dwelling units, with a variance from the parking space requirement; and B) a building containing approximately 10,950 square feet of commercial office space.

The property, located at 14 Barnabas Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 24 as lot 44.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 10/22, 10/29

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Walnut Plain Solar 1, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Lowell, MA, 01851 for property located at 0 Walnut Plain Road, designated as Lot 0-0001 on Assessor's Map 14. The applicant is proposing work within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The proposed development includes a ground-mounted solar array system with associated battery energy storage system. The property owner is BKK Holding LLC, 3406 Inlet Court, Jupiter, FL 33469. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.
Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 10/29

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

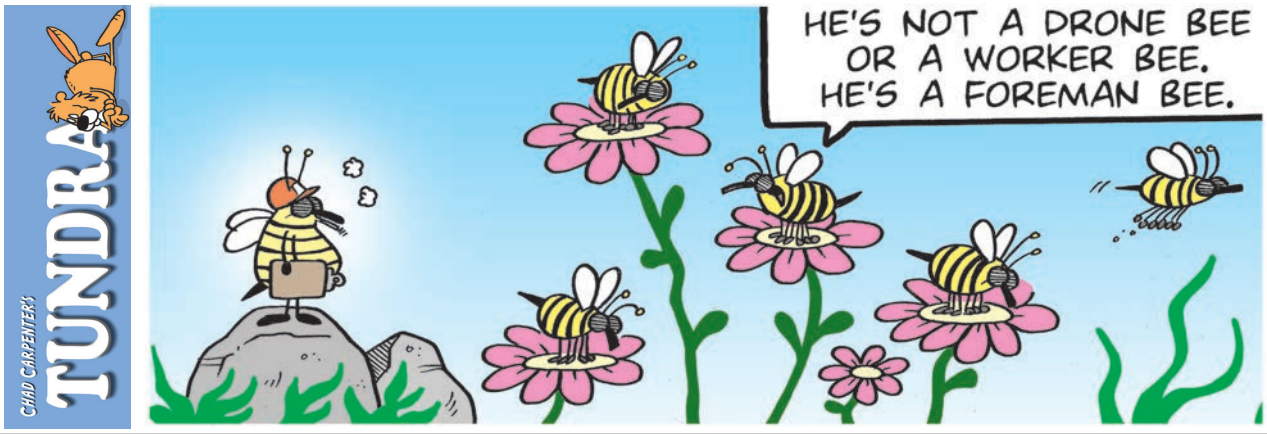
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Daniel V. & Gayle A. Barooshian, 3 Sturbridge Drive, Chelmsford MA 01824. The proposed project is to install new combo septic & dosing tank and new leaching field. Existing cesspool to be pumped out & back filled. The project is located at 3 North Road, and is further identified as Lot 172 on Assessor Map 4.
**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 10/29

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Don't forget to wish these people a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**!

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Chris Stewart	October 29
Daniel Rottler	October 29
Eileen Canavan Sullivan	October 29
Sarah Coucci	October 29
Alex Perez	October 30
Andrea Porter-Lopez	October 30
Deacon Emerson	October 30
Emily Audet	October 30
Lily Grace Hinds	October 30
Michael Voss	October 30
Timothy Schroeder	October 30
Cassie Savery	October 31
Daniel Torrence	October 31
Jeremy Collier	October 31
Michael Walega	October 31
Amanda Sexton	November 1
Blake Oliver	November 1
Cole Koeppel	November 1
Carl Sharpe	November 2
John Moniz	November 2
Joey Rosa	November 3
Justin Taylor	November 3
Kaitlyn Mello	November 3
Lisa Hubbard	November 3
Nicholas Bergstein	November 3
Colin Carroll	November 4
Isabella and Carter Hunt	November 4
Kobe James Alferes	November 4
William Dubreuil	November 4

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



as part of the Balsa Kits for Kids program. Participants will use a kit designed and fabricated by Lucas to explore and experiment with different elements of engineering. This program is for ages 7–12, and space is limited. Registration is required.

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

Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

Sign up for a Digital Art Workshop with Sketchy Go Itchie on **November 13** at 3:30 pm. Learn to draw and paint digitally, using tablets that are provided, and with help from a trained artist. This program is designed for kids and teens. Registration is required.

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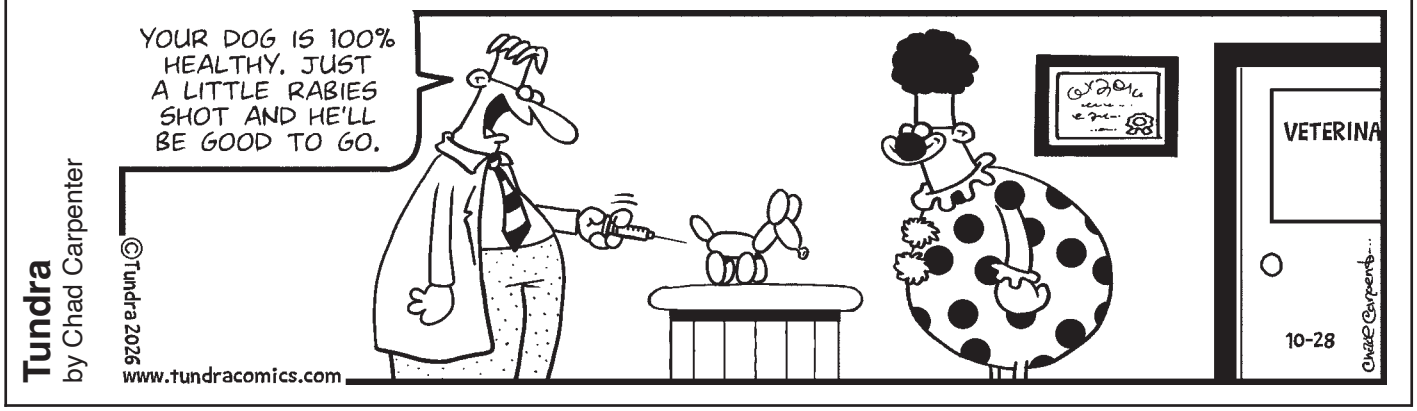
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Tuesday, **November 3** at 2:00 or 3:00 pm, kids ages 5+ and their grownups are invited to join us to learn about "Not Really So Scary Animals" with Joy from Joys of Nature. This program includes live animals, and registration is required. Register online at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events

Joys of Nature will continue the learning for adults ages 18+ at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, **November 3**, for a presentation about Mammals of New England. Registration is required for this event. Register online at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events

On Saturday, **November 7**, adults ages 18+ are invited to join us for an afternoon of drop-in crafting between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Learn to make a book centerpiece, paint a canvas or try a variety of other crafting options.

At the Rochester Historical Museum

After a very busy October, the museum exhibit, "Rochester and the Revolution," will be open on Sundays through the remainder of October and into November. The hours are 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please come and visit.

As one of our members said, it might take three visits to take it all in. We are at 355 County Rd. in Rochester. If you can't make it on Sunday, call 617-750-2818 or email eshbach2@aol.com.

Marion Veterans Day Ceremony

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

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

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

Mattapoisett State Election Information

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

Early voting will take place at Town Hall, 16 Main Street, from October 26 to 30, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Any registered Mattapoisett voter may cast a ballot during these hours.

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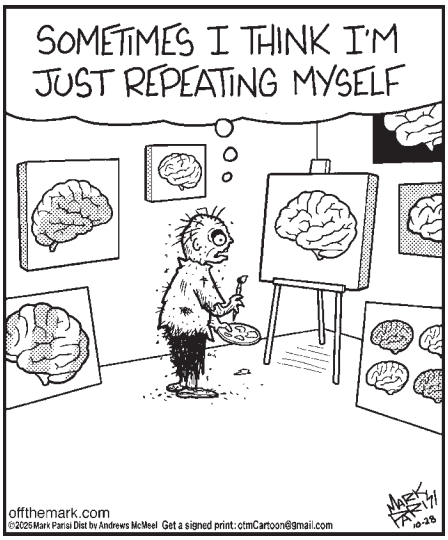
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The voter registration deadline is October 24. If you have any questions regarding the election, please contact the Town Clerk, Catherine Heuberger, at 508-758-4100 ext. 2.

Marion Social Club Steak Dinner

The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road, is hosting a steak dinner and dance on Saturday, **November 14**, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Dinner will include steak, baked potato, green beans and dessert for $40. Music will be provided by Time Machine. Please call Betsy Youngson to reserve your tickets at 508-295-8253; the cutoff date to purchase tickets is November 7. Hope to see you there.

Marion Natural History Museum Programs

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

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

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

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



Music at the MAC

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

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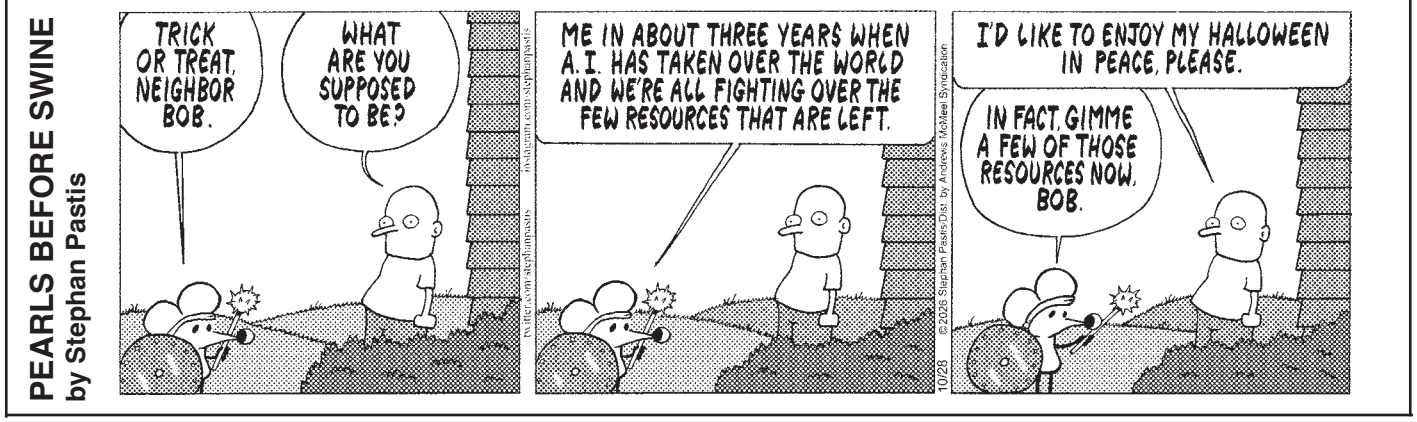
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There are two shows on Friday, **November 20**: one at 7:00 pm and one at 8:30 pm. The shows are held upstairs at the MAC and feature an intimate cabaret-style setting. Concessions are not sold at the event so patrons are encouraged to bring their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

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

Sippican Woman's Club

Let's take a walk through Marion Village about a half-century ago. We can start at Browne's Pharmacy right in the middle of Front Street, stocked with everything from penny candy to prescriptions. Next door, browsing the General Store, we can rummage through long-forgotten shelves and maybe even pick up the last pair of sneakers for sale or some knitting needles hiding among a menagerie of items behind the counter. Then, let's cross the street to the beauty salon where Mrs. Langevin can work her magic and, of course, where we can catch up on all the current happenings in town. Continuing down Front Street, let's pop into the Bookstall; walk up a couple of steps into the coziest bookshop around. Let's not miss the Sitting Duck gift shop, where school kids purchase their annual rope bracelet on the first day of summer, not to be removed until school restarts in the fall. Circling back and across to Marty Sullivan's, we can shop for that perfect fall sweater.

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Holiday Craft Fair at the Mattapoisett Museum

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

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

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

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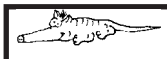
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Monday	November 2	1:27	1:56	7:24	9:15
Tuesday	November 3	2:29	2:59	9:20	10:03
Wednesday	November 4	3:32	4:01	10:22	10:40
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Friday	November 6	5:25	5:47	11:48	11:31
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Sunday	November 8	6:55	7:15		12:56
Monday	November 9	7:35	7:55	12:31	1:30
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Wednesday	November 11	8:54	9:15	1:48	2:45
Thursday	November 12	9:33	9:56	2:29	3:23
Friday	November 13	10:13	10:40	3:11	4:02
Saturday	November 14	10:57	11:26	3:53	4:43
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SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Parson; 2. Crisp
3. Shrine; 4. Sponge

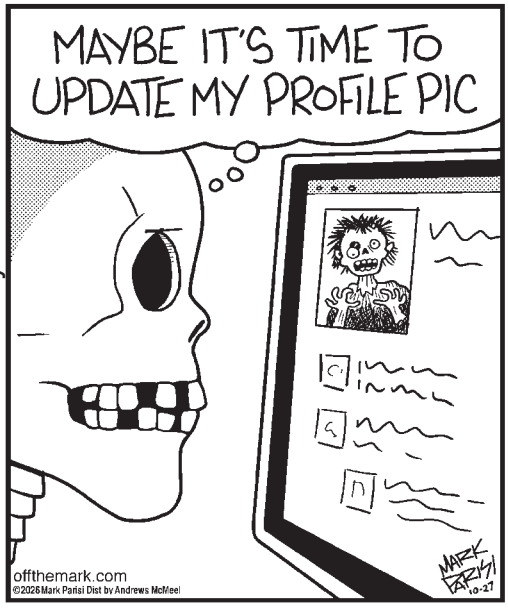
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SHOPPING

Sudoku Answer

7	1	5	4	9	2	3	6	8
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SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, October 30th to Thursday, November 5th, 2026

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NEW! • Open Daily: 7am–8pm

GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

6 oz Select Varieties
Annie's
Pasta & Cheese
2/$5



8 oz
Heinz
Yellow Mustard
$1.99



24 Pack Half Liter Bottles
Poland Spring
Water
$5.99



8.8-12.5 oz Select Varieties
Old El Paso
Dinner Kits
$3.49

25.3 oz
Filipo Berio
Extra Virgin Olive Oil
$12.99

18 oz Double Chocolate
Ghirardelli
Brownie Mix
$3.99

5.5 oz Select Varieties
Food Should Taste Good
Tortilla Chips
$3.49

12 oz Select Varieties
Bear Naked
Granola
$3.99

8 oz Select Varieties
Food Club
Cheese Bars
2/$5

8 oz Select Varieties
Food Club
Shredded Cheese
2/$5

59 oz Select Varieties
Organic Valley
Grassmilk
$6.99

64 oz Select Varieties
Almond Breeze
Almondmilk
$2.99

16 oz Select Varieties
Food Club
Butter Quarters
2/$6

32 oz Select Varieties
Brighams
Ice Cream
$4.49

CHEF PREPARED

With Salsa & Avocado Crema
Pork Carnitas Burrito **$13.99 ea**

Spicy Sesame
Peanut Noodles **$10.99 lb**

Pint, with Butternut Squash
Farro Salad **$10.99**

Pint
Orzo Salad **$10.99**

Various Styles
Take & Bake Pizza **$8.99 ea – $10.99 ea**

Homemade Savory Pies to Go!	Small	Large
Chicken Pot Pie	$13.99 ea	$19.99 ea
Shepherd's Pie	$12.99 ea	$19.99 ea

BAKERY

14 oz Select Varieties
J. Skinner
Strip Danishes
Block Buster
$5.98

Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Garlic Bread
$3.49

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Certified Black Angus
Friends' Premium
Porterhouse Steak
$17.99 lb



Fresh
Pork Tenderloin **$4.49 lb**

4 oz
Boar's Head
Uncured Calabrese Salame **$7.99**

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
Lacey Swiss Cheese **$10.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Chefs Potato & Egg
Salad **$6.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Seafood
Salad **$11.99 lb**

Deli Sliced
Friends' Store Baked
Turkey **$8.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Chicken Salad **$11.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Applesauce **$8.99 lb**

8 oz
Maplebrook Farms
Feta Block **$5.99**

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

8 oz
Boar's Head
Smoked Gouda **$5.99**

In Our Hot Case!
Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken **$9.99 ea**

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BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Fresh
Chicken Tenders
$1.78 lb



15-16.3 oz Select Varieties
Skippy Peanut Butter
$1.88



8.9-12 oz Select Varieties
General Mills Cereal
$3.99



64 oz Select Varieties
Stonyfield Organic Milk
$4.99



SPIRITS
Fall Sale!

1.75 Liter Titos Vodka	$29.99
1.75 Liter Smirnoff Vodka	$19.99
1.75 Liter Bacardi Rum	$24.99
750 ml. Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila	$24.99

10.6-14 oz Select Varieties
Yasso Greek Yogurt Bars
$5.99



QUALITY PRODUCE













Juicy 2 lb Clementines	$2.88
Fall Soup Ready! Butternut or Acorn Squash	99¢ lb
Fall Soup Ready! Spaghetti Squash	99¢ lb
Fresh Cluster Tomatoes	$1.99 lb
Crisp Green Grapes	$3.49 lb
Juicy 3 lb Navel Oranges	$3.99 ea

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