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TriTown Happenings











Families came out in droves on a perfect fall afternoon for the Marion Art Center's Annual Halloween Parade, which took place on a Saturday this year. The spectacle of imaginative costumes delighted the crowd, with everything from classic witches and inflatable dinosaurs to a walking trash bag complete with trash affixed to its costume. Photos by Laura Pedulli



Autumn at Ned's Point. Photo by Brian McCarthy



Librarians Macy Kinney and Emily Newell dressed up for Halloween as Elizabeth Taber and Alice Ryder, two important women in Elizabeth Taber Library history.

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

Veterans Day Events Across the Tri-Town

Veterans Day will be observed on Wednesday, November 11, with ceremonies and other activities planned throughout the Tri-Town area.

Marion: 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 move to the Sippican School Multipurpose Room. Our guest speaker is Tri-Town Veterans Service Officer Lieutenant Christopher P. Gerrior, U.S. Navy (Retired).

The Sippican School Band, led by Jennifer Estacio, will perform patriotic selections. 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 by November 6 by calling 508-748-3570.

Mattapoisett: The Tri-Town Veterans' Office, with support from the American Legion Post 280 and the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11.

The community event begins outside the Mattapoisett Center School (17 Barstow St. in Mattapoisett) at 10:45 am. Following the traditional nationwide ringing of the bells at 11:00 am, the ceremony will move indoors for the remainder of the program.

The event will feature remarks from town officials and guest speakers, alongside musical entertainment by the Showstoppers and The Old Hammondtown Band. All veterans, their families and community members are warmly encouraged to attend to help recognize those who have served. This event is free and open to the public.

Rochester: The Tri-Town Veterans' Office and the Rochester Events Committee cordially invite local veterans and residents to a Community Coffee and Light Breakfast on Wednesday, November 11. The gathering will take place from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester.

This free event offers a heartwarming opportunity for Rochester neighbors and veterans to connect, share stories, and express collective gratitude for those who served in the Armed Forces. The breakfast is intentionally scheduled early so attendees can easily participate in other Veterans Day ceremonies and events throughout the day.

Also, the students at Rochester Christian Learning Center are hosting "Coffee and Donuts" for veterans on Wednesday, November 11, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. All

On the Cover: *Emma Maloney shared this photo of her 5-year-old son, Hammond Maloney, dressed up as a whaler on* The Wanderer *for Halloween this year. He won first place in his age bracket at the Mattapoisett Police Department costume contest.*



Marion Special Town Meeting
Monday, November 9 - 6pm
Sipican School, Spring Street

Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting
Monday, November 9 - 6:30pm
ORRHS Auditorium, Marion Road

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are welcome to attend this yearly community service event of food, song, and, most importantly, honoring area heroes. The event will be held in the fellowship hall of the First Congregational Church of Rochester. It is located at 11 Constitution Way, Rochester. Please RSVP at RochesterChristianLC@gmail.com

New Drama Club Advisor Leads ORR in British Comedy

By Zakary Sarkarati

In the Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS) auditorium stands nearly a half dozen 10-foot-tall wooden planks, each painted in a coat of white primer in preparation for their transformation into the set of the school's first play this year. In the performance, the planks will double as both the skyline of London and the interiors of its buildings.

According to the school's new Drama Club Advisor, Andrew Leger, the idea came during a brainstorming session with students. When working with students, whether it be through conceptualizing set designs, inserting sound effects, or creating costumes, Leger said he looks to give students a sense of ownership on the production.

"I want them to understand that this is a complex collaborative art. I've done great things on my own, but the best stuff that I've ever done has been very collaborative," said Leger. "I think [at] a lot of high school theaters, you come in, and they tell you what to do, and then you do it. But I want them to come up with ideas of their own because I think that makes it more enjoyable."

Leger's interest in theater began around the end of middle school, with his first show *Shrek the Musical*. While Leger was an actor, he said that due to his mother's busy work schedule, he ended up also getting involved

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behind the scenes as well.

"I just kind of sat in on all of it, and I learned that it's so much more involved than you ever think," he said.

Reflecting on his early experiences, Leger said, "I think a lot of people think a director is just directing the actors to do this and move here, but you're also conceptualizing the show, trying to find out what colors go with what emotions and how you're going to dress your actor … I was really interested in seeing that behind-the-stage kind of action, and how that could be attributed to directing."

The first show of ORRHS' drama season will be *One Man, Two Guvnors*, a British comedy set in the 1960s selected by the school's previous drama director Brayden

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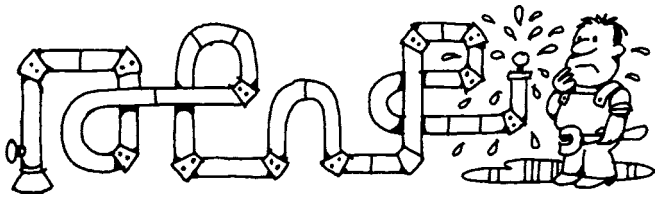
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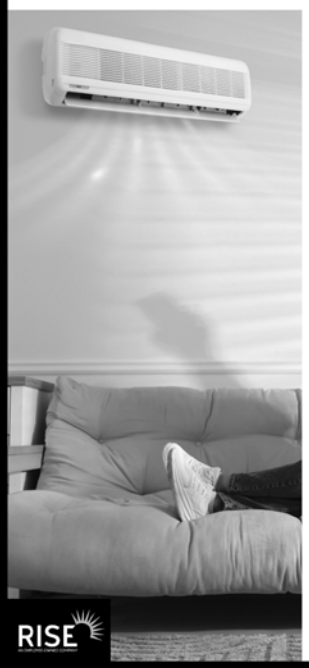
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Fanti. The show centers around a man simultaneously employed as a servant to a gangster and an upper-class elite, as he actively hides his dual employment, all while the plot escalates and entangles into absurdity.

"I really enjoyed playing into the deeper aspects of whatever show is going on," Leger said of his favorite productions he's been in. "I like shows that have this kind of subtext underneath, where there's just a little bit more [to it], and if you take a couple seconds and if you do the show right, your audience should be able to pick up on these little nuances."

Leger said he wants to create a space for students where they feel welcome and that their voices are heard. He highlighted the importance of adult leaders collaborating with students: "This is their organization, and we're just kind of the facilitators."

Ticketed showtimes will run November 19 to 21 at 7:00 pm, and 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 22. Additionally, on November 18, there will be a free senior citizen show connected to a canned goods drive. Shows are expected to last 60 to 90 minutes, with an intermission featuring concessions.

Some Things Never Change

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

The seasons change, but while they do, they remain essentially the same. I think about that as I look at autumn once again and wonder whether I feel any different. The familiar colors and rhythms are all around me, bringing back memories of autumns past. Revisiting something I wrote in 1999 is like hearing an echo that continues to fuel my mind and my pen today. The ideas and the voice remain much the same, even as life moves on and the people who once shared those autumn days with me find their own places in the world. Allow me to take you back as we revisit a season that just happens to be my favorite…

Autumn leaves are among my favorite things. Yes, I admit to rhapsodizing about their greenness a couple of seasons ago. Call me fickle. But now is the time when leaves express their individuality, not only from tree to tree but even along the same branch. The

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different ways each leaf ages and eventually falls make fall foliage the next best thing to viewing Impressionist paintings. Indeed, many leaves inspired such art in the first place.



With our busy household and little time for organized excursions to the Mohawk Trail and other northern hot spots, we have to keep our leaf-peeping local. You don't have to venture far on the SouthCoast to find profusions of color. So, what if the weatherman says it's not as spectacular as last year? It doesn't have to be. Almost anywhere you look — across the many necks that reach into Buzzards Bay, throughout the villages and tree-lined city streets, or along the more heavily wooded back roads — you'll find flecks of color.

A friend in Florida asked in a recent letter whether the leaves were changing color. She included a picture of a farm scene somewhere in New England, its signature fall hues almost three-dimensional in their brilliance.

I don't need that sort of color to experience the heights of autumn. A lot depends on the sky's mood, anyhow. When it's overcast, the colors are muted. When it's bright blue, the contrast is wild — the inspiration for many a poem or song, not to mention certain shades in the Crayola crayon box. Yellowing elm and aspen leaves, psychedelic maple leaves, burnished oak leaves, and crimson berry bushes and vines create an invigorating display.

"Let's go leaf hunting," suggests my daughter.





She wants to add leaves to her collection of pressed flowers. I need no prodding. Leaf collecting is a wonderful blast from my own past. As a youngster, I used to head with my friends to a section of woods along the Charles River in search of the perfect leaf. The one leaf that signified fall — that blend of scarlet and salmon, with touches of gold and a whisper of green.

We'd climb or bend back branches to reach the ultimate specimen. If, upon closer inspection, it wasn't up to snuff, we'd discard it onto the ground among the many layers of not-so-lucky leaves. The search lasted for hours on many an autumn afternoon. Our so-called perfect specimens were later ironed between sheets of wax paper and saved for posterity. No doubt they turned up during the next spring cleaning, all crinkled in a drawer or closet, only to be quietly disposed of by my mother.

After digging potatoes with her father and brothers, my daughter was still hankering to harvest leaves, having presented the idea to me earlier that day. But it was getting late, too dark to spot the good ones, so we settled for some reading. We found an appropriate passage in Around the Year by Elsa Beskow, a well-known Scandinavian children's author, translated into English:

"Golden you are October. Golden sovereigns on your trees. Golden guineas on your floor, golden coins of leaves that fall for us to scuffle through and rustle and rattle and hustle and scrabble and dabble and paddle as they fall into an October carpet which hides our shoes."

This may not have been the best year for leaf-peeping, but we would still go a-leaf-hunting on a bright, clear autumn day and "scrabble and dabble" about nature's vivid carpet.

When I wrote this, Olivia was 8 years old. She is now 35 and living in Paris, making her own way in the world. The little girl who wanted to collect leaves and add them to her pressed-flower collection has become a woman with a life and adventures of her own. And, as it turns out, some things haven't changed.

Recently, Olivia guest-wrote this column, sending her thoughts on autumn from a gray morning in Paris. Her piece, titled "Nobody Does October Like New England," was a love letter to the season she misses so much. She wrote about the apples, pumpkins, foliage, haunted hayrides and childhood memories that make October here so special. Living abroad has only sharpened her appreciation for what she once might have taken for granted. As she put it, "no one does fall like New England."

I smiled as I read her words. Here I was, revisiting a piece in which an 8-year-old wanted to go leaf hunting with her mother, while that same daughter, now thousands of miles away, was writing about those very pleasures. Perhaps our love of autumn is one of those things that gets passed along without either of us realizing it. Somehow, across all these years and miles, we still see autumn through much the same eyes.

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."— Albert Camus

So, What's the Story with Peptides?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Late last month RFK, Jr,, not satisfied with an outbreak of measles as his legacy, lifted the ban on six peptides that are popular in the on-line "wellness" ecosystem. This was against the advice of FDA experts, who pointed to the lack of any evidence of benefit.

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The difference between FDA-approved peptide agents and these newly accepted peptides is that the marketed drugs underwent trials that showed that they worked for the approved indication and that they were safe. The six new peptides have very limited or no studies showing either benefit or safety. That is why the FDA staff recommended against approval.

The six new agents that are eligible to be sold are:

-BPC-157, marketed for tendon and muscle healing, injury recovery and gastrointestinal inflammation

=KPV, marketed for wound healing and inflammation

-TB-500, sold for wound healing and muscle recovery

-MOTS-c marketed for obesity, osteoporosis, exercise performance and longevity

-Semax – for cognition and general neurologic recovery

-Epitalon – for longevity, anti-aging

Note that most peptides are broken down in the stomach and so must be injected or sometimes used as nasal sprays. Note also that of the six listed peptides, NONE have any good data showing they do anything. The reported results are all testimonials, with none compared to placebos.

Are they safe? We really do not know, because no one tracks use. There have been individual reports of harm, but whether these are exceptions or just the tip of the iceberg is a guess.

What are they good for? They are clearly good for the compounding pharmacies selling them and for the "influencers" who push them. The "wellness" industry worldwide is a trillion-dollar business, and for the most part made up of modern-day snake-oil salesmen who prey on the gullible. You need no credentials or expertise to be an influencer.

Don't use these products.

Tell your federal senators and representatives that anything sold to the public as a cure should undergo adequate trials to prove safety and efficacy.

What is required of Merck and Moderna should be applied to these products as well.

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

Thoughts on…

Birthdays, Tomatoes and Broken Bones

By Dick Morgado

You may have noticed (or not) that I have not written a column for the past eight weeks. It is not that





I have not had any thoughts on things. I have. It's not because I'm lazy; in fact, I have been chafing at the bit to write. But I am getting ahead of myself.

During that period, I had a birthday. One that at my age I prefer to forget. Alas, I have been thinking a lot about birthdays and how people celebrate them.

When you are very little, it is a big deal. You will likely have a party with a big cake with candles corresponding to your age. All your friends will be invited, and everyone will wear colorful pointed hats with your favorite cartoon characters printed on them. Of course, there will be gifts (I still call them presents) and refreshments.

As a young adult, you may gather your friends together at your favorite watering hole, indulge a bit too much and be driven home. (There is another way to say that, but I am being polite and dare I admit I am out of practice with my sarcasm.) Or you might spring for an expensive ticket to attend a professional sporting event. (Oh heck…and get soused there too.)

A more mature adult might take a cruise or a trip to a foreign land. Yup, people celebrate birthdays in many different ways.

During the waning days of summer, my bride and I were walking on the town wharf when two women approached us, dancing across the asphalt clearly "three sheets to the wind." One, carrying an armful of tomatoes, offered to share. "Where did you get those?" I asked. "We stole them!" they proudly confessed. "We're both turning 60 years old." Whereupon they continued to prance down the dock to a waiting boat, singing "Life is wonderful." And off they sailed. Well, that's one way to celebrate one's birthday.

I celebrated my birthday another way. I broke a bone!

While trying to remove myself from a picnic table, I caught my foot on the support bar and took flight, landing firmly on my right shoulder. No harm, no foul, I thought. (I know what you are thinking. I was not inebriated.) By the time I got home, a rather large "tomato" had grown on my shoulder. A trip to the ER for X-rays resulted in a diagnosis of a broken collarbone



and bruised ribs. Eight weeks of pain and idleness (Did I mention I am right-handed?). Still in a sling, part-time, here I am back at the keyboard.

During my idle days recuperating, I discovered, thanks to Google, that an old Canadian practice had friends spread butter on a birthday boy's nose so bad luck would slide off. Now I find out!

Good thing I am not Brazilian or Jamaican; they drop cracked eggs and flour on the celebrant's head. In Spain and Italy, friends would have tugged on each ear lobe for every year I have been alive. That's 160 tugs. Ouch!

According to Oddee.com, in the Southeast Asian country of Bhutan, birthday celebrations are very simple…they don't have them. Now you're talking! And in Greenland, our other 51st state, they throw tomatoes at you. No, no. I made that up. It just seemed a good way to end this essay.

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

The Walls Close In

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 already-battered Americans

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faced off against the British at White Plains, where the Continental Army withdrew, continuing to pull back to favorable terrain; King George III addressed Parliament, and Benjamin Franklin set sail for France.

On November 1, 1776, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Hanson Harrison of Maryland, General George Washington's military secretary, writes to President John Hancock with important updates, as the General is busy on the front lines.

He exclaims the importance of their situation and the need for any aid, noting word he's received from the front lines and the British advance, saying, "This information has carried his excellency and aids out. The result of their movement I have not heard, but most likely they are pursuing their original design of getting by our flanks and seizing the heights above us." In his P.S. message, he adds their faltering supplies: "His Excellency [Washington] is very apprehensive that the army will be greatly distressed for want of provision, particularly in the article of flour, owing to the water conveyance both in the north and east river being in the enemy's possession."

The British continue to push toward White Plains proper, where Washington's headquarters still resides. Per Harrison's received reports, their positions could easily be enveloped.

In distress, Harrison noted his use of the "Boston Express" for mailing. Using these postal carriages, mail could be sent between Boston and Philadelphia quickly, with the Continental Army making great use of America's relatively robust postal system.

In his General Orders that day, Washington writes, "The moving state of the army will occasion some irregularity, but the General hopes that officers of all ranks, will exert themselves, to correct all abuses." Throughout this time, the two armies continuously maneuvered to attempt to gain an upper hand, though heavy rain persisted throughout.

On November 4, New Hampshire delegate to the Continental Congress Matthew Thornton became the final man to sign the Declaration of Independence.

On November 5, General Howe directed a detachment of his men to close the encirclement still

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pinned on Manhattan at Fort Washington. Around 3,000 men of the Continental Army had been left behind by Washington to maintain defense of the northern tip of Manhattan.

That same day, John Hancock sent urgent orders granting Washington the authority to directly appoint certain officers in the General's proximity who had either failed to attend or abandoned their posts. He writes, "As it is of the greatest consequence that the militia now in service should not leave the camp at this crisis, it is the desire of Congress that you will take such steps as you shall judge best for attaining this end."

The next day, Washington convenes a Council of War in White Plains. Up for discussion, per the minutes of the meeting, were "the late movements of the enemy having made it necessary to consider what may be now proper for this army to do, the General proposed the following question: 'Supposing the enemy now to be retreating towards New York will it not be proper to throw a body of troops into the Jerseys immediately.'" This was approved unanimously by the council. Howe



was attempting various feint maneuvers to try and lure troops out of White Plains, though he had not fully committed to attacking New Jersey at this time.

On November 7, Nathanael Greene wrote to Washington, reporting the discovery that between 3,000 to 5,000 men were encamped around Dobbs Ferry near the river. He also notes the transports located at the site are "sufficient to transport 15,000 men."

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for November

By Sam Bishop

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Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the Tri-Town has pretty good dark skies and thus we are very fortunate in that regard. We are firmly into the fall now and as humidity wanes, we can hope for some less hazy skies.

The Taurids Meteor Shower will peak on November 5 with a Zenithal hourly rate or around 5-meteors-per-hour near the constellation Taurus.

This month's New Moon will be on November 9, making this a great time to spot faint objects like nebulae and galaxies. This month, you will also have good views of Jupiter, Mars, Saturn and Venus at varying times.

The Leonid Meteor Shower will peak the night of November 17. Its max will be a Zenithal hourly rate of around 15-meteors-per-hour near the constellation Leo.

This month's Full Moon will take place on November 24, being the "Beaver Moon." It's a great time to construct dams, per the beavers. It is also called the "Dark Moon" or "Frosty Moon." It's also categorized as a "Supermoon," appearing slightly larger in the sky.



Town Budget Faces Rising Costs

Marion Select Board

By Jeffrey Wagner

Rising costs, budget talks and the future of the codification committee were among the topics at the November 3 Select Board meeting at the Town House.

Select Board members and Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman agreed that the town should work toward a level funded budget for next year. They said this would not include contractual obligations such as pay or step increases, nor would it include employee retirement costs.

Gorman noted that retirement costs and health insurance are on the rise. Board members also mentioned that fuel prices have compounded the issue while the town's solar initiatives have so far only saved a small portion of energy costs for the town.

Right now, the town is looking at a budget shortfall for next fiscal year, which begins next July.

Select Board Chairman John Hoagland noted that the town is obligated to pay 50 percent of retiree health benefits until that retired employee reaches 65.

Hoagland said this practice is not common in the private sector and town officials should look into strategies to defray those costs, especially with health care costs rising by 13 percent.

Select Board member Randy Parker said the town should begin working on strategies not only for this next fiscal year but for the more distant future.

Parker said the town will be looking at a tax override if these trends continue.

"We need to stay ahead of the curve," Parker said.

Hoagland noted that while town taxpayers and employees should be aware that the town has only so much to spend, officials cannot neglect public needs such as roads, sidewalks and some of the schools' capital improvement needs.

Hoagland said two years ago, officials learned that the town needed $12 million for sidewalk and road improvements but has only spent $4 million.

Hoagland indicated that those road and sidewalk repair needs have probably worsened over the past two

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During a discussion about the codification committee, Parker opened with the idea of disbanding it.

As the discussion continued, Parker and Select Board members agreed that the committee should be under the purview of the Planning Board, which makes bylaw changes and recommendations.

Former Select Board and Planning Board member Norm Hills said this committee is important. He said around 10 years ago, a codification committee noted 288 issues with town bylaws and regulations. Over that span, the committee, through bylaw and regulation changes, narrowed those issues down to 20, according to Hills.

Planning Board member Andrew Daniel agreed

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that the committee should be in place but work under the Planning Board. Daniel said the committee even recognized grammatical issues with some of the town's bylaws and regulations.

The Select Board received a request from the Republican Town Committee to host meetings at the Town Music Hall instead of the police station conference room.

In a letter to the Select Board, the committee noted that some members are uncomfortable meeting at a police station and that there are limited parking spaces there.

The committee also asked that the Select Board consider waiving the meeting fee at the Music Hall.

The Select Board mentioned that both the town's Republican Committee and Democratic Committee play pivotal roles within the town. They agreed to allow both committees to host their meetings at the Music Hall and not pay the rental fee. However, they said a clean-up fee would still be in place, as needed.

Certificate of Compliance Issued for Plumb Corner Project

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael DeCicco

The Rochester Conservation Commission began its meeting Tuesday by approving the Certificate of Compliance for the successful completion of the Plumb



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Corner housing development at 0 Rounseville Road.

The ConCom issued its Order of Conditions for the senior age-restricted housing complex, with 44 units and a clubhouse, in 2019. On Tuesday, Commission Chair Christopher Gerrior was quick to ask whether there have been any changes to the design plan the board approved.

Project representative Brian Wallace explained that the project was completed in three phases with minor changes as construction started.

"It's fairly close to the design plans," he said. Gerrior noted that a resident has agreed to take care of the wetlands vernal pool within the project. The commission then set this maintenance as a condition of the compliance certificate

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Next, the commission quickly issued another Certificate of Compliance for the 56 Clapp Road home construction project. The vote came after Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported that everything looked good during her inspection of the site.

The board then endorsed a Notice of Intent for the plan to clear and regrade land within the 200-foot riverfront area at 0 Mary's Pond Road and install erosion control measures there. Project representative Darren Michaelis explained the property owner wishes to take out trees on a knoll eight feet higher than the house to be built to provide a view of the river shore. The board's approval vote came after Kelly called the plan a fine spot to place a house.

Next, the commission approved a plan to install a 14x18-foot woodshed on 10-inch Sono tubes within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone at 214 Walnut Plain Road. The board did so by granting a Negative Determination in response to applicant Adam Lambert's Request for Determination of Applicability to wetlands regulations, meaning these restrictions do not apply to this project.

The commission ended with a further discussion of the plan to cut the water-choking invasive aquatic weeds in Snipatuit Pond with a Harvester machine or apply a chemical treatment to eradicate them instead.

Gerrior said he had the following update. The $250,000 bond bill filed by state representative Mark Sylvia that will fund the town's chemical treatment effort has passed the state legislature, as has a similar Senate bill. Now the state legislature is working to buy the bond, which will lead to the town receiving the money, he said. When exactly the town will see those funds is the question, he said. Meanwhile, board members said, this is the Town of Rochester's and the select board's Notice of Intent plan. So, the commission needs the selectmen's approval of ConCom's recommendations. Gerrior said he would speak to the select board on that issue.

In other action, the commission approved canceling its regularly scheduled November 17 meeting and its mid-December meeting because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Instead, it will hold its next meeting on December 1.

The commission continued its Notice of Intent hearing on a plan to place a ground-mounted solar array system within a 100-foot wetlands buffer zone on Walnut Plain Road to December 1.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be December 1 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office Building, 1 Constitution Way.

Mahoney's Lane Proposal Draws 128 to Hearing

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Jeanne Hopkins

A proposal to replace seven houses on Mahoney's Lane with seven elevated homes drew a crowd to the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium on October 28, with 128 people signing in for the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission hearing. Residents questioned how the redevelopment would affect nearby salt marsh, coastal banks, and existing trees.

Dennis Mahoney and Sons Inc. has proposed redeveloping the approximately 4.35-acre property with new houses supported on open concrete columns, a paved access road, upgraded utilities, and a stormwater collection and infiltration system.

Before the hearing began, Conservation Commission Chair Michael King said the commission is establishing a formal written comment period. The public may submit written technical comments to the

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commission office at Town Hall until November 12 at 4:00 pm.

"This will allow [us] to thoroughly review your submittals and require formal responses from the applicant before our next session, which is already scheduled for December 2," King explained.

Underscoring the tension around this project, King asked everyone to treat the applicant's engineer, David Davignon — lead project manager and partner at Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. — with courtesy and respect.

"I stand here tonight in the unenviable position of having to present this project to this very large audience. It's not my first rodeo," Davignon said. "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for pointing out that I am a fellow human being and I'm just here to do a job."

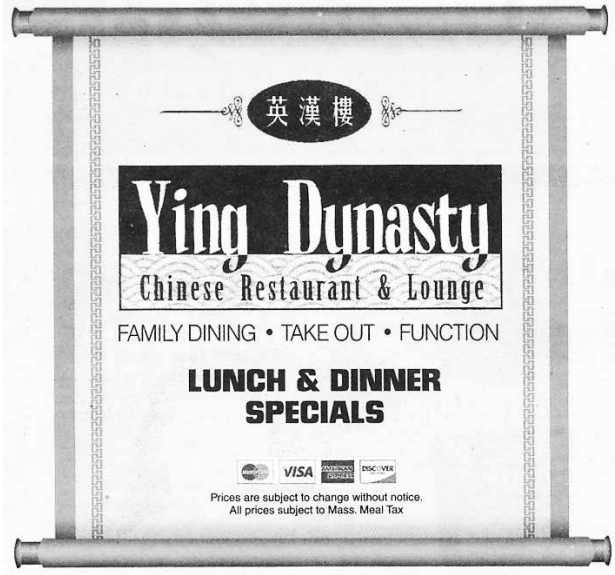
Davignon then described the project, which entails reconstructing seven single-family dwellings "that were constructed in 1945, 1940, 1954, 1900, 1900, and [others] as far back as 1850," he said. The site, which has access to Main Street, is bordered southerly and westerly by a tidal inlet connecting Eel Pond to the Mattapoisett River, and northerly and easterly by developed residential projects.

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"It should be noted that the driveway, which provides access to the houses and is called Mahoney's Lane, is not a formal roadway approved under the Subdivision Control Law. Therefore, the Planning Board has no jurisdiction," Davignon explained.

The project lies within a coastal flood zone subject to high-velocity wave action. He said flood requirements drive the elevated design, with portions beneath the houses used for parking behind breakaway panels.

He then said: "I think it's important for me to say the reason this Notice of Intent proposal is before the



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Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is because of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Specifically, Mass DEP has proposed draft regulation wetland changes."

He then explained that these changes have resulted in hundreds of Notice of Intent applications in the past two years for similar properties along the southeastern shoreline, with property owners seeking to protect their rights. He said the draft regulations constitute a land taking for vacant property within the velocity zone and will prohibit new construction there. They will also restrict reconstructing any cottages, houses or buildings damaged by catastrophic events, such as a hurricane, to the exact same size, with no increase in footprint.

"I haven't seen any change in those draft regulations since they first came out, and the rumors are that they will be instituted sometime in the near future … But that was the driving force behind submitting the Notice of Intent at this time, so that the property owner doesn't lose his rights," Davignon said. "Should the DEP peel back some of their proposed draft changes, this project wouldn't be constructed for the foreseeable future."

He added: "That is coming from the property owner to me, to the audience. So, if you really want to see nothing happen at this site, talk to your state reps. Have them talk to the DEP about how extreme they're going with their proposed draft wetland regulation changes."

In continuing his presentation on the Mahoney's Lane project, Davignon said the proposed grading would direct runoff toward the center of the property. The design includes three bioretention areas, additional catch basins, and stormwater outlets relocated outside the 100-foot buffer zone. The applicant has offered to fund an independent engineering review of the stormwater analysis.

Samantha Carew of Ecosystem Solutions, the town's peer-review consultant, outlined changes made following site visits and discussions with the applicant. Those included moving two houses farther from coastal resources, rotating another house and adding separation and native plantings along part of the proposed work area.

However, substantial tree clearing remained proposed, including in an area currently without houses. Carew described concerns about erosion, sediment reaching the wetlands, and the loss of vegetation that helps stabilize the bank and reduce wave energy.

The trees are doing a job right now for storm damage prevention and flood control, and that is something for the commission to consider," Carew said.

The latest revised plans and stormwater materials arrived the day of the hearing, limiting time for a full review before the presentation.

Attorney Peter M. Vetere, counsel at Verrill Dana LLP, represented abutters at 15, 17, and 19 Main Street. He

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requested additional documentation of the coastal-bank boundaries and an analysis showing how the proposal would meet standards protecting the coastal bank and salt marsh.

"The burden of proof under the regulations is on the applicant to demonstrate compliance with performance standards," Vetere said. "Nothing in the applicant's narrative addresses those performance standards at all."

Vetere also sought additional independent wetlands review. King defended the town's existing peer-review arrangement with Ecosystem Solutions and said the commission would obtain a separate engineering review of the stormwater calculations.

"We as a commission and under the Wetlands Protection Act will do the due diligence relative to stormwater," King said.

Resident Cindy Martin raised a separate question about whether portions of the property contained historically filled wetlands. She said inquiries to the Board of Health and the state Department of Environmental Protection had produced no formal records documenting the site as a dump or filled area.

Martin read from a historical account describing dumping at Mahoney's Lane and asked that the site's history receive further examination.

A peer-review consultant said historical aerial photographs could help investigate that question.

Resident Robin Lepore focused on the proposed work's proximity to the coastal bank and the protection provided by existing vegetation.

"Even if houses are on stilts, stilts are not going to be protected if the ground underneath them is all eroded away. All the protections provided by the banks and the buffer of the bank [during a storm surge] compel me to support a project that is pulled back out of the buffer zone of the banks," Lepore said. "And, however you configure it tightly, you could have townhouses, you could have other kinds of structures built there. But to put these houses all right on the edge or so close to the bank, we're going to just simply be having a major problem, come the next big storm."









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Russell Chase of Ridgewood Road urged the commission to consider the risks of leaving the existing houses in place during a major hurricane.

"If we have another hurricane like the 1938 hurricane, most of those houses will be down to their foundations," Chase said. "We'll have gas leakage, and we're going to have the sewer station inundated with floodwater, and each one of those four-inch pipes that serve those homes could separate. And I think that everyone should consider what the alternative would be and the damage that would cause, the environmental damage caused by having those homes come off the foundation and end up in a big pile."

King said the commission would evaluate the proposal under the state Wetlands Protection Act, including its protections for flood control, storm damage prevention and wildlife habitat.

The next hearing is scheduled to resume December 2 at the ORR auditorium.

Board Weighs Preliminary Housing Proposal

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Jeanne Hopkins

A residential development proposal at Nicky's Lane and Deerfield Road returned to the Mattapoisett Planning Board on November 2, with plans that could add 26 housing units while preserving about 79% of the property as open space.

David Nicolosi, representing property owner Dennis Mahoney & Sons, presented a preliminary two-phase Special Residential Development (SRD) concept at those sites, located off Route 6 in the western section of town. The informal discussion aimed to gauge the board's reaction before the applicant invests in detailed engineering plans.

The first phase would involve 16 residential lots along Nicky's Lane, down from 18 lots shown on a conventional subdivision plan. Nicolosi proposed reducing individual lot sizes from about 45,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet, allowing more land to remain undeveloped.

The second phase, accessed from Deerfield Road,



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would include about 10 residential units on roughly 3.75 acres. Nicolosi said the configuration has not been determined and could include individual homes or multiple units on a single lot.

Planning Board member Karen Field asked whether the proposed housing would include affordable units. Nicolosi indicated that the development was being proposed as market-rate housing, although the final configuration of the Deerfield Road units has not been determined.

The proposal would use the town's SRD provisions, which allow flexibility in residential development layouts while providing for open-space preservation.

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Conservation was central to the discussion. Nicolosi described a plan that would place substantial acreage under a permanent conservation restriction, potentially held by a local land trust. He indicated a preference for an arrangement that would allow public access rather than limiting the land to a homeowners association.

Planning Board member John Mathieu welcomed the conservation component.

"It's a huge, huge gift of conservation land to the town," he said.

Field also expressed support for the preliminary concept.

"I think it's very, very reasonable," she said, adding that the project could provide "some nice opportunity for housing."

The proposal has roots in development discussions dating back more than a decade.

In December 2012, *The Wanderer* reported that Nicolosi appeared before the Planning Board with revised plans for Deer Woods, an eight-home development off Deerfield Road. At that time, board members raised concerns about access, parking and fire safety, including the narrow width of Nicky's Lane.

Mathieu was among those expressing reservations in 2012. He questioned the addition of homes along a roadway he described as only 15 feet wide.

Road access remains a consideration in the current proposal. Chase Canopy, a business on Route 6 in front of the proposed development, uses large trucks that must maneuver along Nicky's Lane to enter and exit its property. Board members questioned how the proposed residential development would accommodate that truck traffic.

Nicolosi said the plans account for the business's access needs, with buildings positioned about 65 feet from the proposed roadway layout to provide room for truck movements. He also said access improvements could make it easier for Chase Canopy's trucks to enter and exit the property.

Nicky's Lane would remain a private road, and the two phases of the development would not connect by a roadway.

Nicolosi also described preliminary stormwater management plans relying on grass swales and individual retention areas rather than an extensive underground drainage system. The development would use private wells, with sewer service also discussed during the meeting. He said the proposed layout would not require wetland alterations.

The board's discussion was generally favorable, although more detailed plans would be needed before any formal consideration.

Nicolosi said the initial phase could take several years to complete. He hopes to establish an acceptable development density for the Deerfield Road portion while proceeding with the Nicky's Lane plans. This would allow the second phase to be designed later.

The Planning Board's next scheduled meeting is November 17.

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Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

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Girls Volleyball: Old Rochester played Dennis-Yarmouth (8-10) on October 30, and won 3-1 by set scores of 25-15, 26-24, and 26-24. Senior **Molly Franco** recorded her 500th career dig, as she had 12 digs and 9 kills. **Erin Root** had 13 kills, **Eve Skomal** had 7 kills, and **Ady Chua** had 31 assists.

Football: The Bulldogs played at Somerset Berkley (1-6) on October 30 and won 42-7. Junior **Benji Baptiste** rushed for more than 200 yards and 3 touchdowns, as senior **Matt Tobin** had 150 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns. Senior kicker **Nolin Vieira** added 6 PATs.

"The boys played complementary football in all three phases of the game. We are looking forward to playoff football!" said ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault.

ORRJHS to Host 33rd Annual Thanksgiving

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (ORRJHS) Principal Silas Coellner are pleased to announce the 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens.

Tri-Town (Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester) senior citizens are invited to gather in the ORRJHS

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7:30 AM For Your Health
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 Fall Family Fun Day at ORR
11:30 AM What's Linda Cooking?
12:00 PM Mid-day Movie
1:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
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Sunday November 8, 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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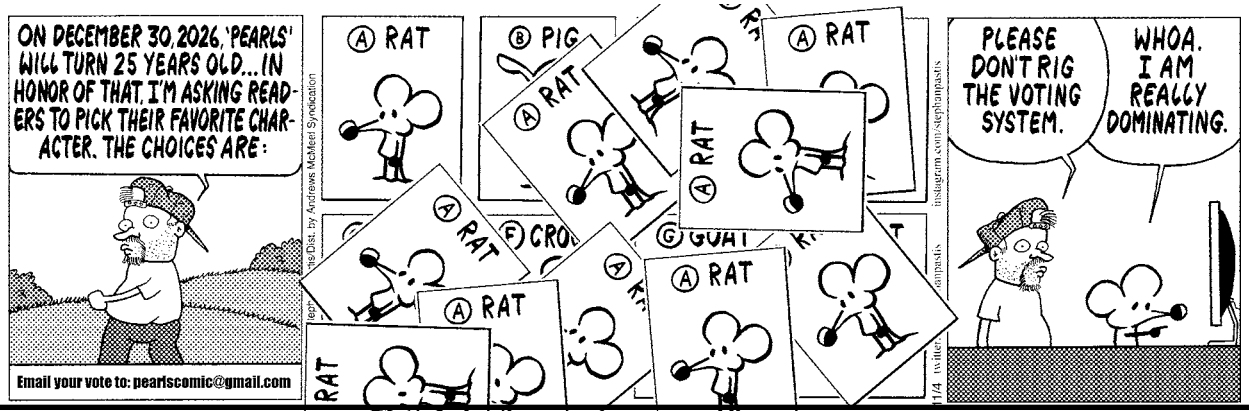
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:30 AM Marion Planning Board
11:00 AM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
1:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
2:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
5:00 PM Marion School Committee
6:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
8:00 PM Marion Planning Board
10:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
11:30 PM Marion Board of Health

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
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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
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EDUCATION CHANNEL
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM ORR Unified Basketball vs Apponequet
8:00 AM ORR Volleyball vs Apponequet
9:00 AM ORR Field Hockey vs Apponequet
10:30 AM ORR Unified Basketball vs Bourne
11:30 AM ORR Boys Soccer vs Westport
1:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Joseph Case
2:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
3:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Bristol Plymouth
4:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
3:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Bristol Plymouth
4:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
5:00 PM ORR Football vs Bishop Fenwick
6:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs New Bedford Voc. Tech
9:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dartmouth
8:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Hopkinton

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



cafeteria on Sunday, **November 22**, for an afternoon of food, friends and thankfulness. Doors will open at 11:15 am and the meal will begin at noon.

"The annual Thanksgiving Dinner is an opportunity for our school community to give back to the eldest residents of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester," said Principal Silas Coellner. "I am always grateful to see so many staff and student volunteers participating in this event. It truly embodies the spirit of the holiday, and I am proud to see the ORRJHS community collaborating to fulfill such a meaningful cause."

The dinner is sponsored by the ORRJHS community. Families and community members donate turkeys, pies and door prizes for the event.

There are 300 tickets available, 100 per town, and they will be distributed through each town's Council on Aging.

"This event is a special opportunity to strengthen intergenerational bonds within the Tri-Town region," said Director of Guidance Christina Cioffi. "As our students and staff provide the seniors with a meal, there is an opportunity to connect with people we otherwise might not meet. Year after year, the cafeteria is filled with shared stories and conversations during this event, and ORRJHS is proud to provide this experience to our seniors."

Meals will also be available for homebound seniors. To request a meal for a homebound individual, contact the local Council on Aging with the recipient's name and address.

Last year, about 200 seniors attended the event, which was staffed by over 40 staff and 36 student volunteers.

"We look forward to welcoming Tri-Town senior citizens back into ORRJHS for our 33rd annual Thanksgiving Banquet," Nelson said. "This is always a day of gratitude and positivity, and I look forward to seeing our school community provide a warm meal and pleasant afternoon for our seniors to enjoy."

Businesses and individuals interested in providing monetary donations or door prizes are encouraged to contact ORRJHS at 508-758-4928 and ask to speak with Director Cioffi.





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;

The Marion Trees and Parks Committee is very



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gratified with the response to our latest Homeowner's Guide to Marion Trees. If you do not have a copy, they are available at the Marion Town House, the Library, General Store and Post Office. Please pick one up.

I wanted to explain why there are some varieties that we no longer recommend planting. One is the Norway maple, of which many were planted over the years, but are now dying out and need replacing. Because they were so overplanted, they are now considered a "weed tree." There are much prettier varieties: sugar, red, silver, sunset, tricolor, etc.

Another variety no longer planted as a street tree are ash trees, which in recent years have been devastated by the ash borer. Also, now we have a leaf disease attacking our beech trees and they have to be sprayed on a regular basis. Hemlocks, too, suffer from woolly adelgid and are dying out in our forests.

We also do not plant evergreens because, for the most part, they grow too large as a street tree and block the sidewalk. Now we plant much further into people's properties (homeowners own 10 feet from the road edge) and we have to ask permission for that so we can get away from overhead wires and sidewalk construction.

We now don't plant Kousa dogwoods because of the mess the berries create. River birch tends to spread their limbs and lean over and break with snow and ice. We have planted a lot of Princeton elms in the village, but they, too, can split due to their weight and growth habit. Finally, the honey locust that you will see around town can be messy with their seed pods and droppings.

Every tree has its habits and failings, but overall, we believe that they add to the beauty of our town and must be maintained and planted with care. If you have any questions, please reach out to anyone on our committee.

Thank you.
Margie Baldwin

What Does Veterans Day Mean

It's a day of reflection, praise and honor. What we have in these United States of America is freedom because of Veterans. Freedom that has come with a price. We can help and serve our Veterans by becoming members of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). We can help get much-needed benefits, be there when they reach out and listen. "Pay it forward." DAV can use a few good men and women.
David Pinto

MYC Wins Chili/Chowder Cook Off

On Sunday, October 25, the Mattapoisett Yacht Club (MYC) hosted Red Brook Harbor Yacht Club from Pocasset for a chili/chowder cook-off. Four chowders and seven chilis were blind tested. Over 70 people took part in this first annual challenge. After two hours of tasting, the votes came in. Tim Warren took first place. Beth Oleson-Richie Pease duo took second place. Martha Zuther took

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third place.

The top three finishers were all from MYC. MYC captures the Golden Spoon Award for 2026.



Sippican Woman's Club

Sippican Woman's Club welcomes new members to a century of friendship, learning and community impact. For more than 120 years, the Sippican Woman's Club has been a steady presence in Marion, bringing women together for friendship, education and service. Founded in 1904, when two local women's groups united, the nonprofit has long balanced social connection with meaningful community support. Today, its members meet at Handy's Tavern on Front Street, the historic building the Club has called home since 1923, for monthly gatherings that begin with a light lunch and continue with programs ranging from local history and cultural outings to wellness topics and guest speakers.

Membership offers far more than monthly meetings. Women of different ages and stages of life take part in book club discussions, game nights, Sippican Suppers, Mahjongg sessions (both daytime and evening),

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OBITUARIES



Pamela Carrier, 67, of Mattapoisett died October 23, 2026 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Robert Carrier and Barbara (Corriea) Carrier, she lived in Mattapoisett all of her life.

Pamela loved good food and the restaurant industry, especially fine dining. She worked for many years in her family's restaurant, The Harbor Beach Club in Mattapoisett. After the Harbor Beach was sold she worked at L'auberge of Marion, Joseph's and Tokyo's of Mattapoisett and lastly Vel's in Wareham.

Pam loved the ocean. As a teenager she zipped around Aucoot Cove in her Boston Whaler. Later she worked in the galley aboard the TS Patriot State of Mass. Maritime Academy visiting many interesting ports of call in Europe and Barbados. Pam's happy place was the beach; she spent many sunny days with her good friends at Swifts beach in Wareham.

Pam was an avid reader. She never missed the Mattapoisett or Wareham library book sale. She also enjoyed playing bingo, especially on Tuesday nights at Ying Dynasty.

Pam was predeceased by her parents Robert and Barbara Carrier and her brothers-in-law, Robert Bowers and Charles Gross.

She is survived by her sisters, Cathy Bowers of Mattapoisett and Jennifer Carrier of New Bedford as well as her nephew, Jayme Wood and partner Melonie Lefter of Mattapoisett and niece, Amanda Gross and partner Brandon Siegal and their children Brandon Junior, Kole and Koda.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7th at 11 am in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Jack W. McGraw Sr, 90, of Mattapoisett died October 25, 2026 at home surrounded by his family. He was the devoted husband of the late Jacqeuline A. (Donlon) McGraw for 69 years.

Born in Hornell, NY in 1936, he was the son of the late Rex T. and Marie A. (Berg) McGraw, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

Jack was a graduate of Arkport High School in Arkport, NY and received his bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1959. He began his law enforcement career in 1959 as a patrolman with the Cayuga Heights Police Department where he advanced in rank to eventually chief of the department. In 1972, he became an FBI agent where he continued his dedication to protect and serve until his retirement from the agency in 1993.

Upon his retirement, he and his wife enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends as well as many historical sites across the country. Jack enjoyed spending time with his wife and family, especially his favorite child and one true heir, daughter Marie-Elizabeth. He spent most Saturday nights sitting around the kitchen table playing penny poker with life long friends. Jack was always known for his laugh and quick wit. He also enjoyed putzing around the yard.

The family would like to thank all the neighbors and friends who checked on Jack and Jacquie, especially Sharon Nunes.

Survivors include his 3 sons, Will McGraw and his wife Katie of Ft. Mill, SC, Mark McGraw and his wife Paula of Mattapoisett and Matt McGraw and his wife Sharon of Fairhaven; a daughter, Marie-Elizabeth McGraw of Paradise, CA; 10 grandchildren, Stephanie, Christopher, Patrick, Michael, Andrew, Kate, Luke, Roy, Jack and Claire; a great-granddaughter, Charlotte; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was the brother of the late Rex Tracy McGraw, Jr.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 9th at 10 am in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Marjorie "Marge" Horvitz Tayer passed away on October 25, surrounded by her loving family. Born in 1937, the first-born child of Betty (Shindler) and Louis Horvitz, Marge grew up in Fall River, Massachusetts, alongside her brother, Paul, and sister, Jane (Bramberg). In a comfortable family environment filled with friends, early romances, and youthful shenanigans, Marge developed an independent spirit and a healthy disregard for pretension. Those qualities would find a welcome footing during her high school years at the Cambridge School of Weston, where Marge formed lifelong friendships and began exploring her artistic talents. She continued to cultivate her creativity at Chatham College in Pittsburgh and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Doubts about the institution of marriage for this free-spirited young woman were swept aside when she found her soulmate in Barton Tayer (deceased), beginning a loving partnership that spanned 64 years. She was Bart's trusted confidant as he built a successful orthodontic practice, and she brought her distinctive artistic sensibility to the homes they created in Brookline and Mattapoisett. The greatest joy they shared was raising their three children, Amy, John and

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theater and museum outings, and seasonal events, such as paint-and-sip evenings. The Club's signature Holiday by the Sea House Tour, held each December for roughly four decades, opens decorated homes across town and serves as its primary fundraiser. Proceeds help fund scholarships for Marion students — awards that have been given since 1947 — along with support for local nonprofits, the library, recreation programs, and other community needs.

Guests are welcome to try a meeting or activity before deciding to join. Whether the appeal is building friendships, lifelong learning, preserving local history at the Tavern, or contributing to scholarships that open doors for young people in town, the Club describes itself as a place where there is truly something for everyone.

Women who live in Marion or have a connection to the town are invited to learn more by visiting sippicanwomansclub.org, emailing mzlibrary@gmail.com, or simply stopping by Handy's Tavern. In a coastal village known for its community spirit, the Sippican Woman's Club continues a long tradition of women shaping both their own lives and the place they call home — one lunch, one outing and one scholarship at a time.

Tabor Academy Presents *Business Ideas*

It's 6:00 am. A mother and daughter occupy a table in their local café brainstorming get rich quick schemes to pay for college. Meanwhile, across the café, an over-educated and underpaid barista studies her increasingly unhinged customers, trying to figure out how everyone else pays the bills. So goes Tabor Academy's fall drama, *Business Ideas*, by Milo Cramer. Equal parts hilarious and insightful, *Business Ideas* is a timely meditation on how much, and how little, we all know about the "business" of living. The play — directed by Jesse Hawley — stars Lucy Brophy, Thannamthip Chong, Gray Liu, Luke Machnik, Dora Shen, Wendy Xue and Roy Zha, with Andrea Yin as the stage manager. The play runs from **Thursday, November 5 to Saturday, November 7**, at 7:30 pm at the Will Parker Black Box Theater. Tickets are free of charge with a reservation at www.taboracademy.org/box-office.

Forest and Farm Day With the MLT

Get back to the land on Saturday, **November 14**, when the Mattapoisett Land Trust (MLT) hosts a Forest and Farm Day at its Grace Pond property on Bowman Road to highlight this beautiful, and often overlooked, preserve. All are welcome. There will be lots of fun and free activities to engage the whole family, including our popular campfire with smores, hot cider and live music. Pine Meadow Farm will be on-site, bringing alpacas, goats and assorted critters. The farmers will also offer a hands-on wool activity, and kids will be able to make a pinecone bird feeder. Forester Kate Marquis will also be there to highlight the ecological benefits provided by trees while leading an easy walk around the meadow's forested edge.

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OLIVER, MARSTEN CT	$90	OCEAN DR	$180
THE CEDARS	$180	DYAR RD	$90
PICO BEACH ROAD	$90	MEADOWBROOK LN	$360
RYAN'S WAY	$90	HIGHLAND AVE (BB)	$180

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Suzie. Marge and Bart were dogged in their commitment to education as the essential foundation for their children, while exposing them to many cultural experiences.

Marge was seemingly most comfortable in jeans and a sweatshirt as she tinkered in the basement on the affairs of her antiques business or immersed in one of her many art projects. Yet, Marge also instilled in her children the necessity of dressing for the occasion, whether for a trip to the theater or a family gathering. She also was an avid traveler, logging frequent trips abroad and across the country with Bart and the family, or simply traversing New England in search of the next piece of artwork or craft to adorn her carefully curated homes. In later years, Marge enjoyed tending to her beloved gardens in Mattapoisett and delighting in the wildlife that threatened her horticulture. And then there were Marge's political and social interests, whether expressed through her volunteer service in support of fair housing policies or her tireless critique of current events.

Mostly, Marge was a person who loved deeply. She delighted in welcoming her children's partners--Howard Goldman, John Montgomery and Molly Tayer--and immersing herself in the lives of her six grandchildren, their spouses/fiancées and great grandchild): Nathaniel, Zachary (and fiancée Gabrielle), and Lucas (and wife Sebby) Goldman, and Max (and wife Abbey and daughter Murphy), Morgen, and Sam Montgomery. Yet, whether in her family or among her friends, every relationship she built was punctuated by her genuine interest and concern for the individual. You always felt seen in her presence, while she offered valued guidance and meaningful support. That special character is the indelible legacy of a remarkable wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend.

The family is deeply appreciative of the care Marge received from her cancer team at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Boston, headed by Dr. Deepa Rangachari, along with the companionship and friendship of her aide, Maureen Rounseville. There will be a private memorial service in celebration of Marge at her Mattapoisett home in November. If you wish to honor Marge's memory, please consider a donation in her name to the American Repertory Theater (Marge was a devoted subscriber who found such joy in attending A.R.T.'s productions and sharing those experiences with family and friends, even as her health declined), americanrepertorytheater.org. You may also honor her memory with a donation to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in her name, in support of cancer research and patient care at dana-farber.org/gift.



Mary D. (DeCoffe) Jones, 79, of Marion died peacefully October 29, 2026 after a period of declining health surrounded by her family at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was the wife of William A. Jones.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Murray H. and Lenora A. (Pimental) DeCoffe, she lived in Mattapoisett and Marion most of her life.

After graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School and attaining an associates degree from Becker Junior College, she began her career as a medical secretary working for Radcliffe, Bullard, and Gardner in New Bedford and then in the office of Dr. John Gardner. She then was employed by Sippican Ocean Systems for 3 years before working at St Luke's Hospital where she was the medical staff coordinator until her retirement. She then continued to work in the medical staff office of Cape Cod Hospital for another 10 years.

Mary was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett where she served as a song leader and choir member.

She was also a long-time member of the Sippican Choral Society. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends here and in Florida in her "tin-can". She found her greatest joy surrounded by good food and the people she loved.

Survivors include her husband William; a daughter, Karen DeVoe and her husband Don of Marion; a step-son, William C. Jones and his wife Sam of Hahira, GA; a brother, Murray DeCoffe and his wife Jean of Mattapoisett; a sister, Marsha Muraco of Mattapoisett; 5 grandchildren, Jacob DeVoe, Caleb DeVoe, Luke DeVoe, Samantha Jones and Caitlin (Jones) Vessella; a great-grandson, Cian; and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

She was the step-mother of the late Kyle Jones and the sister-in-law of the late John Muraco.

Her Funeral will be held on Friday, November 6th at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett., followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett at 10 am. Burial will follow in the St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Thursday, November 5th from 3-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org . For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Christina Bartlett Hutton was born on November 27, 1950 and passed away peacefully on October 5th following complications from treatment for plasmablastic lymphoma.

Chris grew up in Southington, Connecticut, as the third of seven children of her loving parents, Richard and Virginia Hutton. She graduated from Skidmore College, earned an MFA in Visual Arts at Indiana University, and taught at a number of colleges, including UMass Boston. Her work, which incorporated printmaking,

This fun family event is scheduled to run from 2:00 pm to 5.30 pm, while the alpacas will be there from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Come on down.

Grace Pond is located at the end of Bowman Road, close to 15 Bowman Road, with plenty of parking available. For more information, check out the MLT website at mattlandtrust.org or see us on Facebook and Instagram.

Rochester Democrats to Hold Winter Clothing Drive

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee is partnering with Gifts to Give to sponsor a winter clothing drive to benefit local families in need. New warm children's clothing (especially sweatshirts and sweatpants), along with clean, gently used winter clothing items and accessories (infant, children, and adult sizes) will be gratefully accepted. Look for the Gifts to Give donation trailer in the Plumb Corner Plaza parking lot at 565 Rounseville Road, Rochester. The drive will run Friday through Sunday, **November 13, 14 and 15**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm each day. If you prefer to order items online to donate to Gifts to Give, please visit www.giftstogive.org/donate/items/ to see their Amazon and Dollar Days wish lists.

Marion Art Center

New Music Classes: Sara Achorn will be teaching voice (ages 5+) and beginner guitar (7+) classes for all ages. Private, half-hour lessons are offered Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Six-week sessions are from **November 10 through December 16**. The cost is $235 for MAC members and $260 for nonmembers. Classes take place at the MAC, 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Register at marionartcenter.org/kids-music

Toddler Music & Movement: The MAC will be offering instruction for children ages 1-5. Instructor Sara Achorn will introduce your littlest music lover to the joy of sound, rhythm, and song. This interactive class creates a warm, sensory-rich environment where toddlers and their caregivers explore music together. Through age-appropriate song play, movement, simple instruments, and rhythmic exploration, toddlers build early motor, social, and communication skills while discovering the fun of making noise together. The five-session class runs Thursday mornings 9:00 am to10:00 am, from **November 12 through December 17**, with no class on Thanksgiving. The cost for members is $120 and for nonmembers is $135. Classes take place at the MAC, 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. More information is available at marionartcenter.org/kids-music

Tap Fit: Tap Fit returns with Tess Hedblom leading classes at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. The six-week session runs from **November 2 through December 14**, with no class on November 30. Each class is 45 minutes of tap joy. Classes are Mondays from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm. Cost for the session is $125 for MAC Members and $155 for nonmembers. Tap out of "adulting" for a bit and get a good workout. Classes take place at the MAC, 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. More information and registration are at marionartcenter.org/

OBITUARIES

mixed media, and photography, is included in the permanent collection at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and has been shown at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

In her fifties Chris began a second career in landscape design after studying at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. She created Bartlett Gardens and over the next two decades designed countless beautiful gardens all over Massachusetts and beyond.

She and her husband of 53 years, Frederick (Rick) Schnure, raised their three daughters in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, and recently renovated a home on Barters Island in Maine, realizing a long-time dream of Chris's. They also moved to a condominium in Hingham, MA to be closer to Emily and their grandchildren. She was closely bonded and devoted to her four grandchildren, who call her Kiki. She loved to sail, travel, bake with her grandkids, and to feel the wind blowing off the Sheepscot River in Maine.

Chris's incredible visual sense, honed by years of studying and making art, gave her the ability to make everything around her more beautiful; her home, food, and gardens all carried this brilliance. She was safety, love, and warmth embodied—someone who laughed easily and whose wit and care brought joy to all those who knew her. She was a treasured wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who is sorely missed.

Her love lives on in her husband, Rick; her three daughters, Virginia Simon, Emily Schnure, and Martha Schnure; her sons-in-law, Alex Lanstein and Jack McCallum; her four grandchildren, Alice, Eleanor, and Timothy Lanstein, and Lucy McCallum; her siblings, Sally Telzrow, Douglas Hutton, John Hutton, Martha Hutton, and Nancy Farrell (she was predeceased by her brother, David Hutton); her dear friends; and all the many beautiful gardens she designed.

A private service will be held for family and close friends in early 2027. For those who would like to honor Chris with a gift, her family suggests donations be made in her memory to either the Maine Coastal Botanical Gardens (please select "in memory of"), or Planned Parenthood. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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.

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Oct 25 – Oct 31
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Found property
- Marion harbor – Disabled vessel
- Cove Cir – Missing person
- Aucoot Ave – Mental health assist
- Barros Dr – EMS/medical
- Cove's End Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – MV collision
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Family disturbance
- Point Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Spring St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Olde Meadow Rd – EMS/medical
- Barnabas Rd – Follow up investigation
- South St – Larceny/past
- Delano Rd – Larceny/past
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Olde Meadow Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd - General service
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Island Wharf Rd – Missing person
- Mill St – MV collision
- Front St – MV collision
- Converse Rd – General service
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Oct 25 – Oct 31
- Brandt Island Rd – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- Brandt Island Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Burglar alarm
- County Rd – MV crash
- North St – General services
- County Rd – Lost property
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Crestfield St – Animal control
- Water St – General services
- North St – Property found
- Randall Rd – MV violations
- Melissa Annne Ln – MV lockout
- River Bend Ln – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd - Trespassing
- Church St – Animal control
- Tinkham Ln – Suspicious persons
- 195 East – Assist other agency
- Homestead Ct – Follow up investigation
- Barstow St – MV violations
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Driscoll Ln – Medical assist

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Oct 25 – Oct 31
- County Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd - Vandalism
- Pierce St – Civil complaint
- Cranberry Hwy – Panic alarm
- Rounseville Rd – Lost animal
- Kings Hwy – Well-being check
- Neck Rd – General services
- Briarwood Ln – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – General services
- Sarahbeth Ln - Fraud
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd – Traffic complaint
- Cranberry Hy – MV stop/citation
- Mattapoisett Rd – Well-being check
- High St – MV collision
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Medical alarm
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- North Ave – Follow up
- Robinson Rd – General service
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Taber Ln – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- High St – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation

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 9: Shepherd's pie, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole grain biscuit, peach fruit cup
Tuesday, Nov 10: Chicken Saltimbocca, roasted potatoes carrots, wheat bread, orange
Wednesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – no meals served
Thursday, Nov 12: Shrimp in tomato cream sauce w/capers, whole grain pasta, broccoli, dinner roll, pumpkin bread, diet: fruit
Friday, Nov 13: Beef w/onions & peppers, white rice, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, chocolate pudding

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 9: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Nov 10: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks
Wednesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school
Thursday, Nov 12: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick, orange smiles
Friday, Nov 13: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Nov 9: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Nov 10: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks
Wednesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school
Thursday, Nov 12: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick, orange smiles
Friday, Nov 13: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Nov 9: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Nov 10: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks
Wednesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school
Thursday, Nov 12: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick, orange smiles
Friday, Nov 13: Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Nov 9: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Nov 10: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks
Wednesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school
Thursday, Nov 12: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick, orange smiles
Friday, Nov 13: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 9: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Nov 10: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks
Wednesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school
Thursday, Nov 12: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, tater tots, assorted yogurt cup, cheese stick, orange smiles
Friday, Nov 13: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Nov 9: Crispy chicken bowl w/ mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll
Tuesday, Nov 10: Turkey club, baked beans & fries
Wednesday, Nov 11: Veterans Day – No school
Thursday, Nov 12: Appetizer sampler
Friday, Nov 13: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

adult-music-movement

Sippican Lands Trust and the MAC Partner for Art on the Trail: The Marion Art Center, in partnership with Sippican Lands Trust, is offering a fun day on Osprey Marsh Trail, off Point Road in Marion on Sunday, **November 15**, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Enjoy the trails by making temporary art installations from materials found on the ground. MAC volunteers will be on site to guide visitors and share inspiration. The event is weather permitting; participants should wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Children must be accompanied by an adult. More information is at sippicanlandtrust.org or marionartcenter.org

On the Horizon at the Elizabeth Taber Library

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.

On Saturday, **November 14**, join Miss Macy at 10:30 am for a special Saturday storytime. This program is designed for ages 0 to 5 and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and lots of interactivity.

Our Cozy Cup Book Club meets at 11:00 am on Wednesday, **November 18.** This month, the club is reading *The Academy* by Elin Hilderbrand.

The library will have several holiday closures in November. We're closed Wednesday, November 11, for Veterans Day. We will be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 25, and remain closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, for Thanksgiving.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Let me start with a question that I have been thinking about since I worked on our current exhibit: Why did the Rochester militias respond to so many "alarms at Dartmouth"? Now let me digress before I get to the answer.

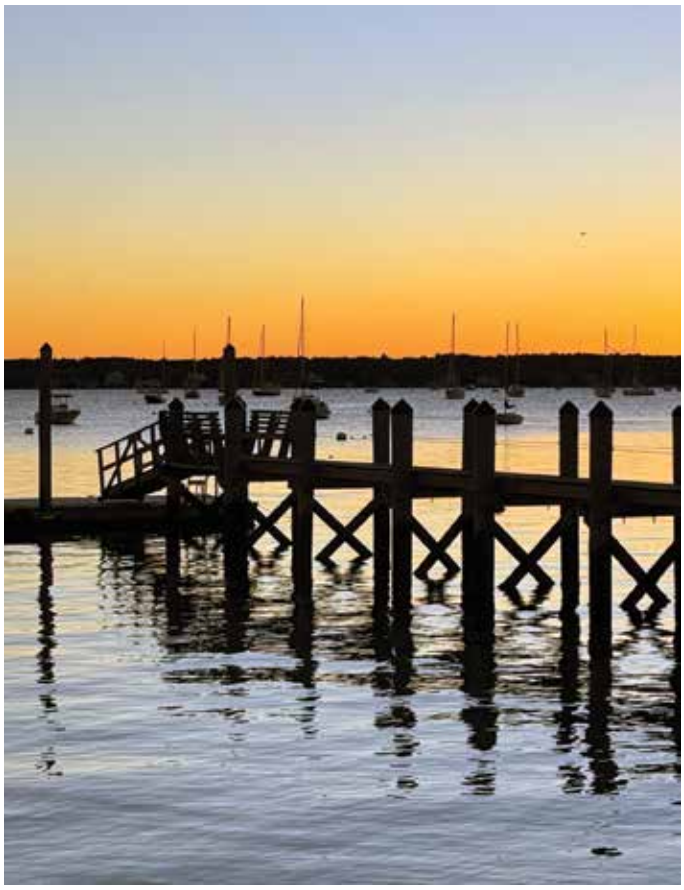
I know from research that Quakers in Colonial Massachusetts, beginning with their arrival in 1656, did not get a warm welcome. They were hounded, whipped, scourged and banished. In 1660, Mary Dyer, a Puritan turned Quaker, was hanged in Boston for defying Puritan law that demanded banishment of all Quakers from the city. The Quaker interpretation of the Puritan religion was considered blasphemy.

Away from Boston and on the south coast, Quakers found safe haven in Sandwich. John Wing and Savory Clifton began a Quaker congregation in Rochester, and there is no record of persecution. In fact, in 1709, long before it was mandated in Massachusetts, Rochester's town meeting voted that those who were "professed Quakers" did not have to pay dues to the Congregational





TriTown Happenings



Sunset by Mattapoisett Boatyard. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



View from the Mattapoisett Bike Path. Photo by Faith Ball





On Wednesday, October 28, the Marion Natural History's after-school group learned about one of our native fruits, the cranberry. The Wampanoag and other Indigenous peoples have harvested cranberries in this area for over 12,000 years, thanks mainly to our glacially formed kettle ponds. Our group learned about the environmental factors behind modern-day cranberry farming. We also had a chance to experiment with how to tell a good berry from a bad one by bouncing the berries. We also learned different harvesting methods for different products like sauces and juice. Many thanks to Pam Francis and Karen Cahill from the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers for sharing their expertise with our group. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold

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Church.



"Old Dartmouth," which at the time was a close neighbor of "Old Rochester," had one of the biggest Quaker settlements in New England. The Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends was established in 1699. The picture is of one of the Dartmouth Meetinghouses.

Quakers were smart landowners and businessmen. Many in both Nantucket and later in New Bedford (once called Bedford and part of Dartmouth) made fortunes with their whaling enterprises, which included ships, wharves and warehouses. They were also strongly anti-war. This presented a problem when the British targeted their properties, burning homes and businesses.

This answers my beginning question. When British soldiers attacked Dartmouth, neighboring militias, including Rochester, were called to the alarm. Indeed, later during the war, Dartmouth had difficulty coming up with the number of recruits required by the quotas set by the Continental Congress.

Mattapoisett Democrats Invite New Members

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee (MDTC) is looking for new members, and you're invited to our next meeting.

If you're a registered Democrat in Mattapoisett who cares about what's happening in this town and in this country, we'd love to meet you. The MDTC supports Democratic candidates for local office, registers voters, keeps an eye on town government, and works with neighboring committees and regional organizations. There's a role for everyone, whether you have a lot of time to give or a little.

Join us on Wednesday, **November 18**, at 6:00 pm at the Quaker Meeting House in Mattapoisett. Come as a guest, see what we're about, and if it feels like a good fit, the committee can welcome you as a member.

Can't make it in person? Email us at mattapoisettdtc@gmail.com and we'll send you the information to join by Google Meet.

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoisett Library

All month long, we are hosting a Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt in the Children's Department. See if you can find them all.

Our Thursday and Friday morning storytimes are taking a two-week break and will resume on **November 19 and 20**, respectively.

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

On Thursday, **November 12**, at 3:30 pm, come take part in a seasonal craft. Fall in love with making these simple but pretty leaf jar lanterns. Just add candlelight for a magical twinkle on cozy autumn nights. Perfect for children of all ages. Supplies are limited; registration is required.

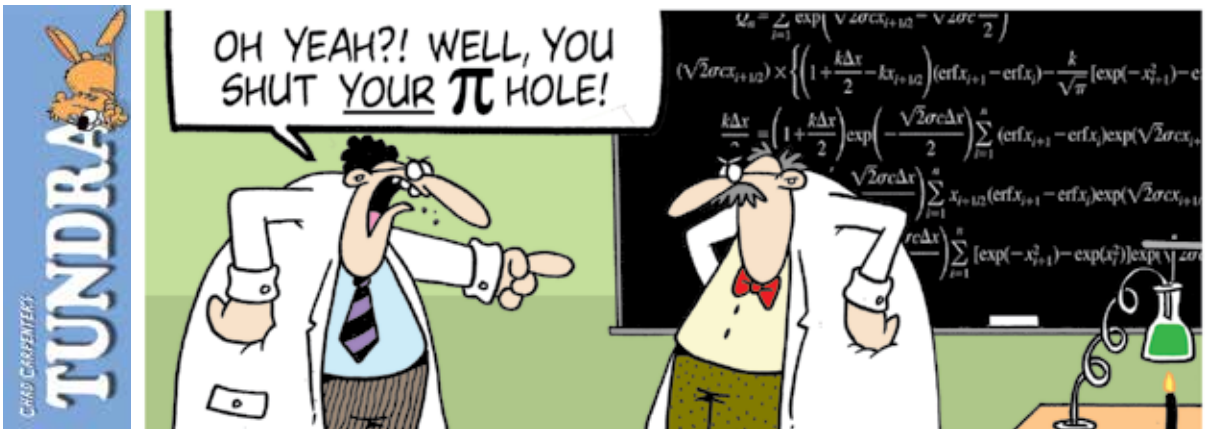
Learn to draw and paint digitally using tablets. All materials are provided. Each session has a customized art theme and help from a trained artist. This program is designed for kids and teens. Register online, in person, or by phone to reserve your spot.

On Saturday, **November 14**, at 1:00 pm, join ORR Student Lucas Hadley for a special engineering workshop 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 to 12, and space is limited. Registration is required.

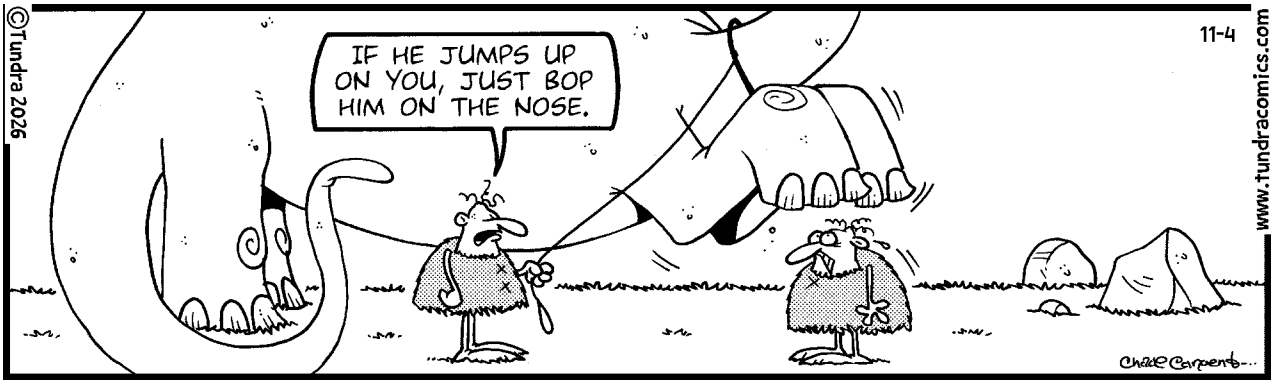
More information about all our programs is available on our website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.







Tundra
by Chad Carpenter





Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

Join Reed McLaren from The Sustainable Garment 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. 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.

Come to an Origami Workshop on **November 18** at 6:00 pm to learn how to fold an acorn. Ms. Betsy will teach the basic folding steps and guide you through the process. Registration required.

The library is holding an Open Makerspace session on **November 21** at 12:00 pm. Use this session to get familiar with the Makerspace or to get certified to use the 3-D Printer, Cricut and more. No registration is required; just drop in.

Celebrate the release of Alice Openshaw's debut novel, *On the Killer's Trail*, at the library on **November 22** at 2:00 pm. The book launch will include Alice Openshaw in conversation with Jenny Martin, featuring a reading and Q&A, book signing and light refreshments. No registration is required.

Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Each Wednesday, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, teens in grades 6-12 can join us in the Student Lounge for snacks, crafts, and chill time. Teens and tweens in grades 4-12 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. This workshop is supported by a grant from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Calling all gamers. Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us for a Video Game Takeover on **November 17** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy playing games on the PlayStation and Switch consoles, hanging out with friends, and having some snacks. No registration is required.

The library is holding a Library League Meeting on **November 19** at 3:00 pm. Teens in grades 7-12 can come to our Library League meetings to make decisions about the teen collection, programs and community projects. Earn volunteer hours every time you come to a Library League meeting. No registration required, just drop-in.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

The More the Merrier: Seeking New Members

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library would love to have you join our productive and rewarding volunteer group that provides valuable monetary support to the Marion library, which is the center of our children's education and development, while continuing to provide community services and resources for all individuals seeking knowledge and innovative events.

If you're interested in increasing your volunteer





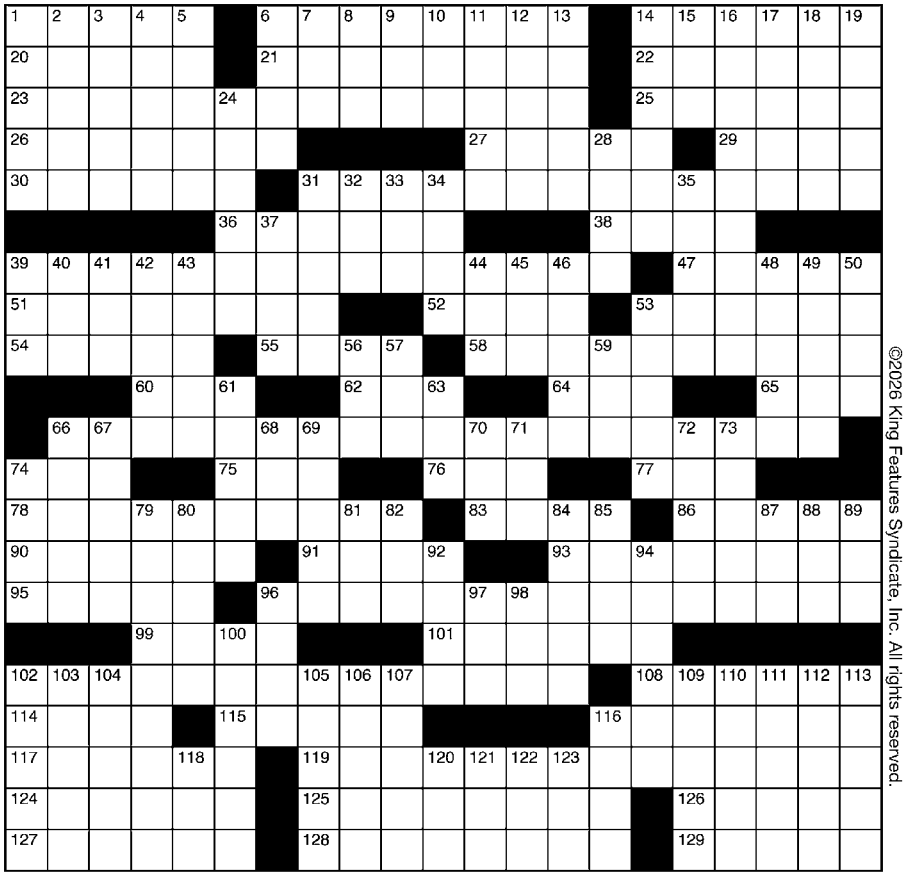
Super Crossword — GIVE P'S A CHANCE

ACROSS

1 "It's — cause!"
6 Square mile, say
14 Puccini's "— Butterfly"
20 Roping event
21 Broken ceramic bit
22 Trapped after a blizzard
23 Stumbled and really got hurt?
25 Starting a golf game, with "off"
26 As yet unborn
27 Don't fully believe
29 Rind
30 Winged seed of a maple or elm tree
31 Stress felt after eating jalapeños?
36 Arranged like a ladder
38 Organic compound
39 Gymnast?
47 Banquet
51 One giving paid money back
52 U.S. territory since 1898
53 Noonday nap
54 Sight-related
55 Flooring square
58 Person walking with a limp?
60 Actor Mineo
62 Lac liquid
64 Pro vote
65 OR hookups
66 Bribed a judge in order to win?
74 Body part with three bones
75 Wriggly fish
76 Tram cargo
77 Actor Linden
78 Battles between Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie?
83 Ex-U.N. leader Annan
86 Martini & — (vermouth)
90 DeGeneres and Burstyn
91 Get really wet
93 Exchanges favors, in politics
95 More guileful
96 Mailed in the opposite direction of?
99 Hoops great Bryant
101 Last Greek letters
102 Bounding along merrily on a Swiss mountain?
108 Himalayan guide
114 Johnson who directed "Knives Out"
115 Electric fan's sound
116 Dissolves out via percolation
117 Riddle
119 Sluggish mammal wearing a pair of hats?
124 Golden ager
125 Fearful
126 San Diego ballplayer
127 Third-largest Danish city
128 Cold carnival treat
129 Tarnish

DOWN

1 "— a jealous mistress"
2 — Doone (cookie brand)
3 Strong dislike
4 Train system in Philly
5 Heavy drinker
6 Raised coif
7 Negating word
8 "What was — do?"
9 General —'s chicken
10 Sound made during a physical
11 Novelist Charles
12 Mistake
13 Do a tally of
14 Glove alternative
15 High card
16 Heavy slumber
17 "Sayonara!"
18 76-Across digger
19 A right one is 90 degrees
24 Wiped clean
28 Male sibling, in dialect
31 Father: Prefix
32 Pixieish sort
33 Good bud
34 Prudish sort
35 Opera singer Anne — von Otter
37 Tech news website
39 To and —
40 Sales agt.
41 Small newt
42 Old cereal with an alien mascot
43 Open, as a drink bottle
44 British tavern
45 Gasol of the NBA
46 TV prizes
48 Meat jelly
49 Actor Carell of "Vice"
50 Sailors, colloquially
53 Spherical bacterium, informally
56 Zodiac feline
57 Body part with three bones
59 Establish
61 Gazes creepily
63 ETs' craft
66 Cave dwarf
67 Insinuate
68 Dawn moisture
69 Blink brightly
70 Rankle
71 Olds oldie
72 Basketball great Bird
73 Socially cold
74 $5 bills, informally
79 Looking through a keyhole, say
80 2002 scandal company
81 King, in Nice
82 Devitalize
84 Writer Fannie
85 Ames' state
87 35mm camera type
88 — -mo replay
89 Doctrine
92 Psy and BTS' music genre
94 Very excited, slangily
96 Meeting, informally
97 U.K. record label
98 Lion lair
100 Watch out for
102 Playground rejoinder
103 Like ruled paper
104 Pamphleteer Thomas
105 Saint — and Nevis
106 Writer Shaw
107 Teaser ad
109 Lock holders
110 Dazzling success
111 1970s sitcom
112 — dish (bio lab item)
113 Ghostly white
116 — majesty (high treason)
118 Year divs.
120 AAA service
121 Tolkien fiend
122 Malti- — (hybrid dog)
123 Play on words



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be growing impatient with a situation that seems to resist efforts to resolve it. But staying with it raises the odds that you'll find a way to a successful resolution.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Travel and kinship are strong in the Bovine's aspect this week. This would be a good time to combine the two and take a trip to see family members for a preholiday get-together.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A colleague could make a request that you're not comfortable with. If so, say so. It's better to disappoint someone by sticking with your principles than to disappoint yourself if you don't.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's ability to adapt to life's ebbs and flows helps you deal with the changes that you might confront at work or at home -- or both. Things settle down by the week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for LEOs and LEOnas to get some long-outstanding business matters resolved. Then go ahead and plan a fun-filled family getaway weekend with the mate and cubs!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A possible workplace change seems promising. If you decide to look into it, try not to form an opinion on just a small part of the picture. Wait for the full image to develop.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A newcomer helps keep things moving. There might be some bumpy moments along the way, but at least you're heading in the right direction! You win praise for your choices.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could be pleasantly surprised by how a decision about one thing opens up an unexpected new option. Also, assistance on a project could come from a surprising source.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With more information to work with, you might now be able to start the process that could lead to a major change. Reserve the weekend for family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This could be a good time to begin gathering information that will help you turn a long-held idea into something substantive. Meanwhile, a personal matter might need extra attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new challenge might carry some surprises, but you should be able to handle them using what you already know. A new supporter should be there to lend assistance.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone might be trying to disguise their true motives. But the perceptive and perspicacious PISCES should have little to no problem finding the truth in all that foggy rhetoric!

BORN THIS WEEK: You can always rely on your resourcefulness and determination to help you find solutions to problems that others often give up on.

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work in the Tri-Town area, this group will help you make a meaningful impact in promoting early and lifelong literacy success.

Meetings for the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library group are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am in the library and last an hour. The structure of the meetings follows an agenda which is sent in an email to each member beforehand. The members vote, discuss financials, review latest event successes, plan and implement ideas for the next event, and assign members to subcommittees to complete all aspects of producing a public event.

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The Friends sponsor three book sale events in the spring, summer, and holiday season, which require considerable member participation. We hold book drop-off days, unpack books, assemble tables and design displays by genre to prepare for the book sale. During the book sale, members greet and assist customers, work the cash register, arrange books and socialize with everyone who attends.

After the book sale, members and helpers clean up the tables, books, and event location. Members can choose days and times that fit their schedules.

In early spring, the Friends hold an annual Tea Party in the Marion Music Hall with professional entertainment, sandwiches and pastries. Members set up the tea party, serve customers and help with clean-up. These events and parties benefit the library's finances while deepening lifelong friendships and camaraderie among members.

The spring 2027 event has been discussed, but the Friends are exploring alternative options for entertainment and refreshments, so stay tuned.

Currently, the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library fund various educational and entertainment programs and museum passes at the library. We endow a large monetary contribution to the Elizabeth Taber Library general operating budget every June, so administrators and trustees can maintain current extracurricular activities and programs and implement new and innovative projects for our community.

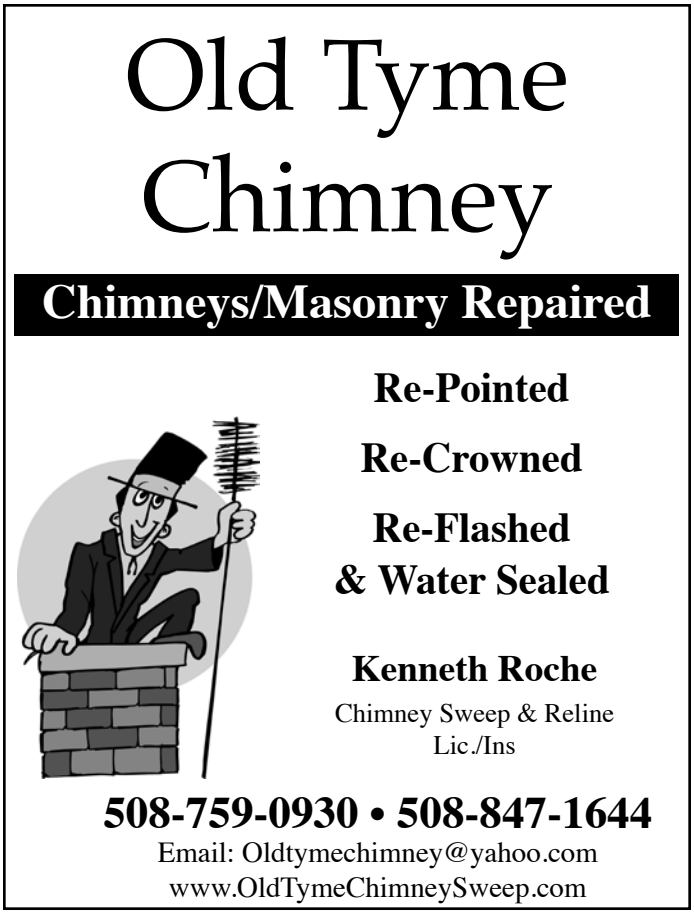
Please consider joining the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library for our next meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at the Elizabeth Taber Library. You can email any interests to our email account: friendsoftheetl@gmail.com

Rochester Historical Society Museum Hours

In November, the museum hours at 355 County Road will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sundays.







SPORTS QUIZ
By Ryan A. Berenz
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1. What stadium in suburban Honolulu was the site of the NFL Pro Bowl 35 times from 1980 to 2016?
2. Name the catcher who played for the Philadelphia Phillies from 1983 to 1997 and penned a book about the paranormal titled "If They Only Knew" in 2007.
3. Tennis player Marcos Baghdatis, 2006 Australian Open finalist, hailed from which Mediterranean island?
4. Which USC Trojans tackle became the first offensive lineman to be selected No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft when the Minnesota Vikings picked him in 1968?
5. In 2021, Brazilian footballer Marcelo became which team's first non-Spanish club captain since 1904?
6. Name the only father/son duo to be elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. (Hint: Neither was a player.)
7. Henry Cabelus, Michael Mena, C.J. Bartholomew and Duncan Murray are all top competitors in which extreme sport?

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Answers
1. Aloha Stadium.
2. Darren Daulton.
3. Cyprus.
4. Ron Yary.
5. Real Madrid CF.
6. Larry and Lee MacPhail, both baseball executives.
7. Extreme pogo stick (Xpogo).

TRIVIA TEST
By Fifi Rodriguez
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1. HISTORY: In which year was the euro currency introduced?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state is the driest in the nation?
3. ANATOMY: A phalange refers to what in the human body?
4. MOVIES: Which 2012 movie has the tagline "The D is silent"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does it mean to anthropomorphize?
6. TELEVISION: What's the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?
7. MONEY: Which president is pictured on the $50 U.S. bill?
8. LITERATURE: The characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear in which children's novel?
9. MUSIC: Who was the founder of Motown Records?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Where is East Timor located?

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Answers
1. 1999.
2. Nevada.
3. Finger or toe.
4. "Django Unchained."
5. To give human traits to non-human things.
6. Edna Krabappel.
7. Ulysses S. Grant.
8. "Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There."
9. Berry Gordy Jr.
10. Southeast Asia, occupying half of the island of Timor.

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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 bylaws to better reflect how we actually do business, especially in the world of electronic communication. The proposed amendments can be found at www.

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BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm.

The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, November 19, 2026.

CASE #1598 Petition of: Tyler Hathaway, 1 Martha's Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, RE: 1 Martha's Way, Mattapoisett. The property is further described as Plot 3.0, Lot 48.0, on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District RR30. Recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 59614, Page 80. The applicant seeks a variance to allow a full basement in the ADU to accommodate a workshop with a dust collection system. Adequate headroom is required for proper ductwork. 11/5, 11/12

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off the mark by Mark Parisi



LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Select Board will conduct a public hearing on November 17, 2026, at 6:15 pm, in the Training Room at the Fire Station, 62 County Road, Mattapoisett, and on Zoom Meeting ID: 827 9373 0934 Passcode: 623751 for the purpose of allocating the local property tax levy among the five property classes for the Fiscal Year 2027. Interested taxpayers may present oral or written comments on their views at that time. 11/5

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by JCM/VWM Nominee Trust for a proposed residential pier facility at 4 East Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lot 72 & 73 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Shaun Walsh, Chair
*Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at dgueylee@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 11/5



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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's) 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.

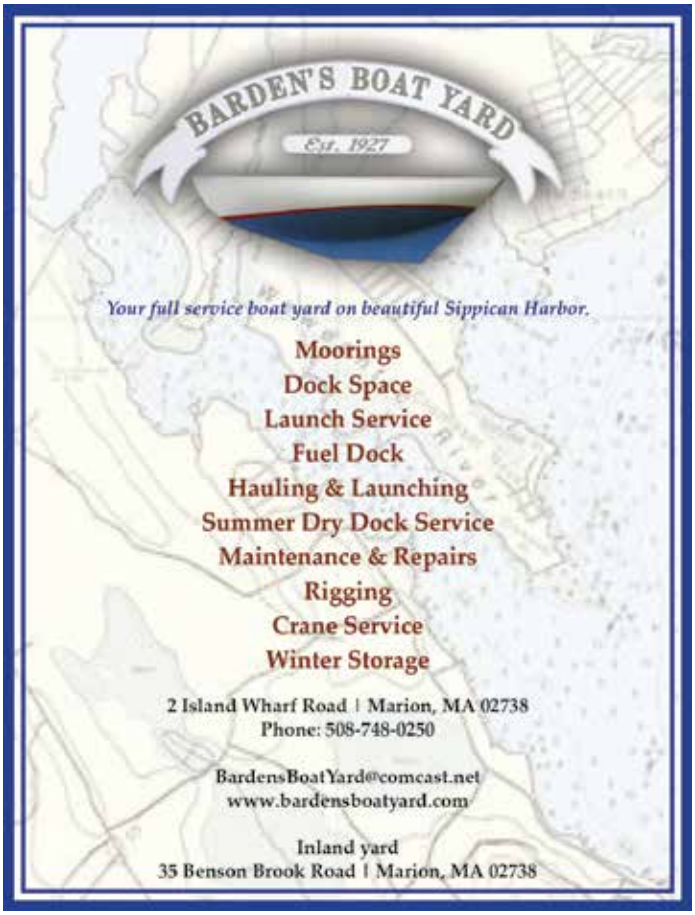
Specifically, what do the Friends of Marion Council on Aging, Friends of Marion Fireworks, the Marion Art Center (MAC), The South Coast Children's Chorus, The Town of Marion Fire Department and EMS, Damien's Place Food Pantry, Elizabeth Taber Library, Friends of Rochester Council on Aging, ORR Athletics, 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-







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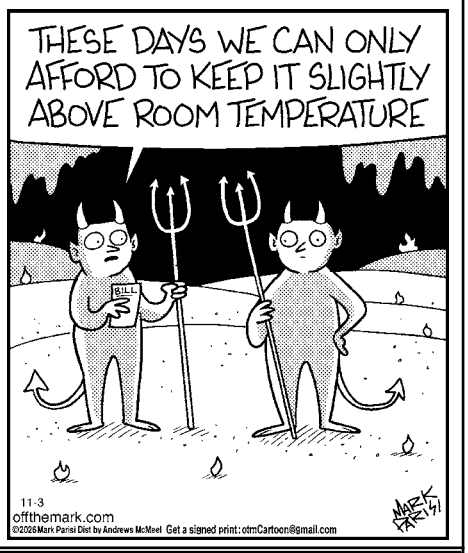
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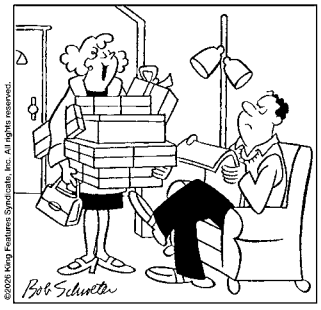
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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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 off their potty-trained children, ages 3 and up, 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

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



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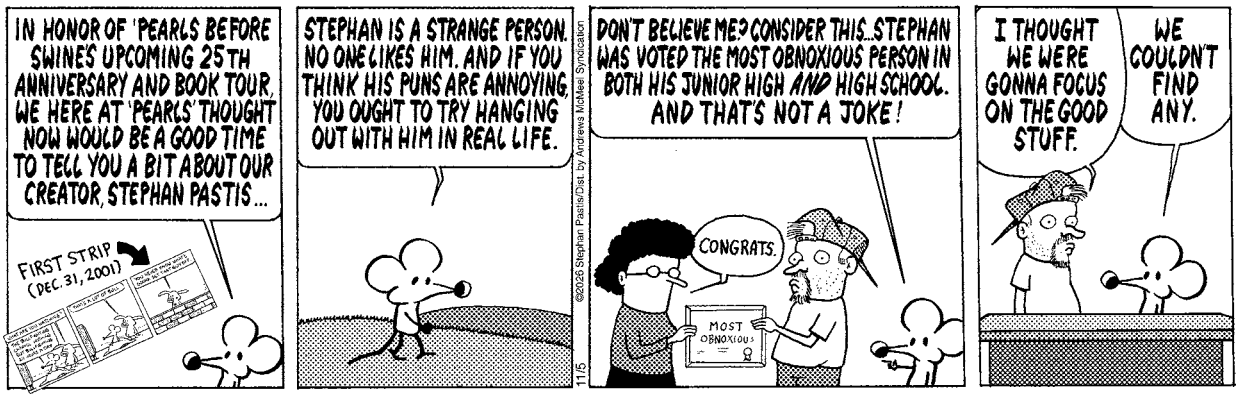
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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

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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-plus 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.

Open Table at Mattapoisett Cong Church

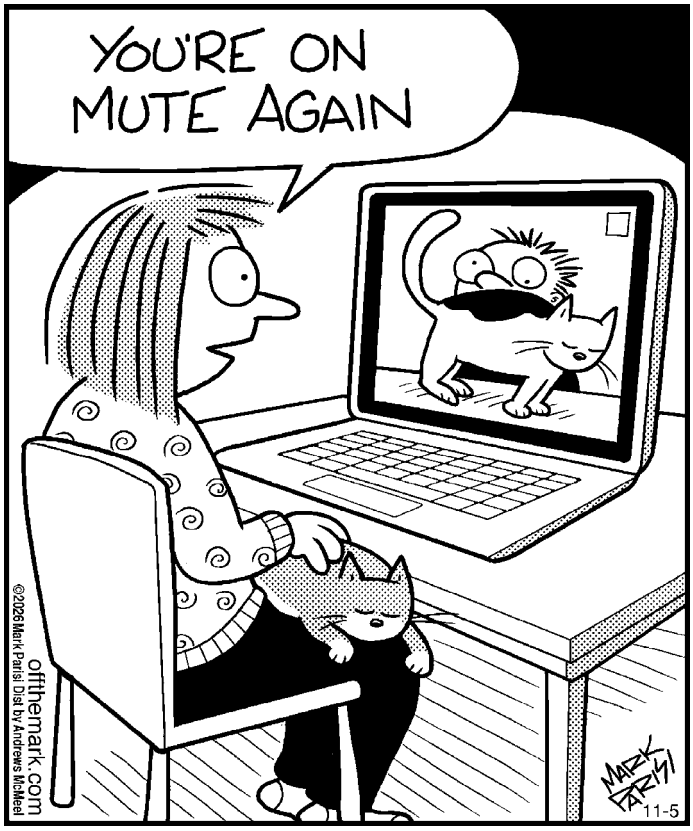
Fall is here, and it is time for a cozy meal with friends. Open Table is back for another delicious meal. The Open Table crew hopes to see you on Friday, **November 13**, for a delicious meal served in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. There is no charge, although donations are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

Real Estate Transactions

See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Hinds, Daniel L Hinds, Kathleen E	Sarajon Realty LLC	7 Forbes Rd	Rochester	10/14/2026	840,000.00
Smith, Allen Looney-squire, Lisa	Jacques, Tamika N Jacques, Mario	21 River Rd	Marion	10/15/2026	460,000.00
Mckenzie, Shannon Stafford	Enos, Randall S	8 Riverside Ln	Mattapoisett	10/15/2026	695,000.00
Nye, Ronald K Alves, Elizabeth M	Nye, Ichabod Harry Jr Nye, Annie Evelyn	34 Parkway Ln	Marion	10/15/2026	400,000.00
Circel & Triangle LLC	Mht Jackson Marion LLC	304 Wareham St	Marion	10/16/2026	250,000.00
Grasso, Jimi Grasso, Lucia	Styrcula, Kim TR Shadow Farm Trust	7 Shadow Farm Ln	Rochester	10/16/2026	1,080,000.00
A D Goodman & P M Goodman RT Goodman, Alexander D TR Goodman, Phoebe M TR	Haley, Gregory P Haley, Ana M	3 Barrett Dr	Mattapoisett	10/16/2026	839,000.00
Haley, Gregory Haley, Ana	Plumb Corner LLC	4 Hayley Cir	Rochester	10/20/2026	643,000.00

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	November 5	4:32	4:58	11:09	11:07
Friday	November 6	5:25	5:47	11:48	11:31
Saturday	November 7	6:12	6:32		12:23
Sunday	November 8	6:55	7:15		12:56
Monday	November 9	7:35	7:55	12:31	1:30
Tuesday	November 10	8:15	8:35	1:08	2:07
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
Sunday	November 15	11:43		4:37	5:31
Monday	November 16	12:14	12:29	5:28	6:30
Tuesday	November 17	1:02	1:16	6:36	7:34
Wednesday	November 18	1:50	2:05	7:59	8:28
Thursday	November 19	2:41	3:00	9:12	9:13
Friday	November 20	3:36	3:58	10:07	9:56
Saturday	November 21	4:30	4:55	10:55	10:39
Sunday	November 22	5:22	5:48	11:41	11:22

Phases of the Moon		
	New Moon	November 9th
	First Quarter	November 17th
	Full Moon	November 24th
	Last Quarter	December 1st



I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the October 29, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 23

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Truce; 2. Hence
3. Encore; 4. Hiatus

Today's Word

HURRICANE

Sudoku Answer

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

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Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, November 6th to Thursday, November 12th, 2026

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770 508.763.5333

NEW! • Open Daily: 7am–8pm

GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

12-16 oz Select Varieties
Barilla Pasta
3/$4



5.25-10 oz Select Varieties
Near East Side Dishes
2/$4



14.5-15.25 oz Select Varieties
Food Club Canned Vegetables
99¢



24 oz Select Varieties
Motts Applesauce
2/$6

5 oz Chunk in Water
Bumble Bee Albacore Tuna
2/$3

.85-2.12 oz Select Varieties
McCormick Grinders
$2.99

28 oz Creamy
Jif Peanut Butter
$4.99

4 lb
Food Club Granulated Sugar
$3.99

24 Pack
Poland Spring Water
$5.99

7-8 oz Select Varieties
Cabot Cheese Slices or Cuts
2/$5

24 oz Select Varieties
Chobani Creamer
$4.99

16 oz Select Varieties
International Delight Creamer
$3.49

64 oz Select Varieties
Organic Valley Milk
$8.99

48 oz Select Varieties
Breyer's Ice Cream
$4.99

16 oz Select Varieties
Talenti Gelato or Sorbetto
$4.99

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

24 oz
Table Talk Blueberry Pie
$7.49

18.25 oz
Friends' Store Made Mixed Berry Parfait Cups
$6.99

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

8 oz
Belgioioso Mozzarella Cheese
$2.98



Bone-In
Center Cut Pork Chops — **$3.99 lb**

14 oz
Kayem Polska Kielbasa — **$5.99**

3 oz
Boar's Head Speck Italiano — **$7.99**

Deli Fresh
New England Traditions Virginia Baked Ham — **$8.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Boar's Head Fryer's Deep Fried Turkey — **$14.99 lb**

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head American Cheese — **$6.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made Tuna Salad — **$12.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made Greek Pasta Salad — **$9.99 lb**

Deli Fresh
Red Bliss Potato Salad — **$6.99 lb**

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

Boneless
Bell & Evans Chicken Breast — **$7.99 lb**

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

7.6 oz
Yancey's Fancy Cheese Wedge — **$5.99**

10 oz Select Varieties
Ithaca Hummus — **$4.99**

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BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus
Friends' Premium Ground Chuck
$8.99 lb



1-3.9 oz Select Varieties
Jell-O Pudding Mix
98¢

Block Buster



64 oz Select Varieties
Motts Apple Juice
$2.99



16 oz Select Varieties
Cabot Butter Quarters
$3.49



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

1.5 qt Select Varieties
Tillamook Ice Cream
$5.99



QUALITY PRODUCE













Juicy Red Grapes	$1.88 lb
Ripe Bartlett Pears	$1.69 lb
Plump Beefsteak Tomatoes	$1.49 lb
Fresh Cucumbers	99¢ ea
2 lb Bag Yellow Onions	$1.49
4 oz Select Varieties Little Leaf Farms Salad	2/$5

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