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Mattapoisett Riders Celebrate Special Olympics Success

By Jeanne Hopkins

For the riders at Helping Hands and Hooves, the annual Special Olympics equestrian competition is an opportunity to demonstrate skills developed through months of practice, spend time with friends and celebrate one another's accomplishments.

Ten athletes from the Mattapoisett-based program competed in Hanover on October 18, including three Mattapoisett residents: Brendan Goss, Ian Craig and Kim Van Atten.

Goss, who has participated in Special Olympics equestrian events for approximately 20 years, placed second in trail and fourth in equitation. He rode Charlie during the competition.

During a November 4 visit to the farm, Goss was practicing with Bentley, a 7-year-old horse in his first full season with the program. The practice included navigating an interactive trail course, one of the skills riders develop in preparation for competition.

For Goss, the annual event has become a familiar part of his riding experience. For Van Atten, this year's competition was her first.

Van Atten rode Scarlet, a horse she remembered fondly.

"She was a great girl, very patient with so many people riding her," Van Atten said.

She also enjoyed reconnecting with friends from Shrewsbury and sharing her accomplishments afterward. She wears her medals to work and church, where people often ask about her riding.

"They are always amazed because so many people are afraid of horses, and how big they are," she said.

"I love seeing other people and the horses," Van Atten added.

She is already thinking about her next riding goal.

"I am going to try to trot again," she said.

Craig earned two gold medals, placing first in trail and equitation in his division.

His mother, Julie Craig, said riding brings her son considerable enjoyment.

"He gets a huge grin on his face when he gets on the horse. You can see his entire body relax and move with the horse while riding," she said.

Although Ian communicates primarily without words, his enjoyment is evident to those who know him.

"Ian is proud to stand on the podium and receive his medals. Honestly, though, I think he is equally happy watching his competitors receive their medals also," Julie said.

Julie Craig and Debbi Dyson founded Helping Hands and Hooves approximately 23 years ago. The nonprofit, based at Seahorse Farm in Mattapoisett, provides riding opportunities for people with disabilities.

The organization has participated in Special Olympics equestrian competitions for approximately two decades, with the COVID-19 pandemic interrupting the

On the Cover: *Kim Van Atten, of Mattapoisett, on horseback (left) at the Equestrian Special Olympics in Hanover, Massachusetts. She competed with 10 others from the nonprofit Helping Hands and Hooves, including Mattapoisett residents Ian Craig and Brendan Goss. Photo courtesy of Julie Craig*

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For the founders, the relationships developed over those years are as important as the riding itself.

"Yes, many of our students have been riding with me since we started Helping Hands and Hooves 23 years ago. They have become like family to us," Craig said.

During the November visit, volunteers helped introduce riders to a visitor, recognizing when someone was hesitant about meeting a new person and allowing the introductions to proceed gently. Their familiarity with the riders was apparent in the way they offered encouragement and assistance.

The farm also welcomes participants from three local day programs, SAIL in Dartmouth, ADH in Dartmouth and BCL in Fairhaven, for riding activities throughout the week.

Dyson described how riders who arrive tense can become more relaxed as they spend time on horseback.

"It's really magical, really magical," she said.

For Craig and Dyson, watching the athletes compete remains an emotional experience, even after so many years.

"Debbi and I joke that 'this year' we will not cry — but we always do," Craig said. "It is just so inspiring to see these people riding horses and competing in such a healthy way. They have worked so hard to get there."

From Engineer to Sci-Fi Storyteller

By Michael J. DeCicco

Meet Richard Cutler: Rochester resident, retired engineer, former town selectman, and the author of a science fiction novel trilogy soon to become a four-book series.

The first book, *Course Correction*, speculates that in 2085, overpopulation will send a fleet of Earth

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starships into space to find a new home for humanity, even as a recurrence of the Spanish Flu decimates that Earth population to make the starship occupants the lone hope for humanity's survival. Meanwhile, aliens in jet packs resembling angel wings are guiding the Earthlings' decisions, something these extraterrestrials have been doing for generations of world history.

Cutler said it was because people who read it and liked it asked, 'When's the next one?' that he proceeded to write and publish two sequels, *Carbon Neutral* and *Altered Horizon*, and the soon-to-be completed fourth book, *Guided Destiny*.

He explained that he had always been a science fiction fan, especially of classic authors like H.G. Wells

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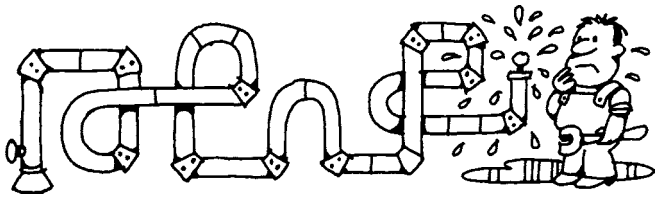
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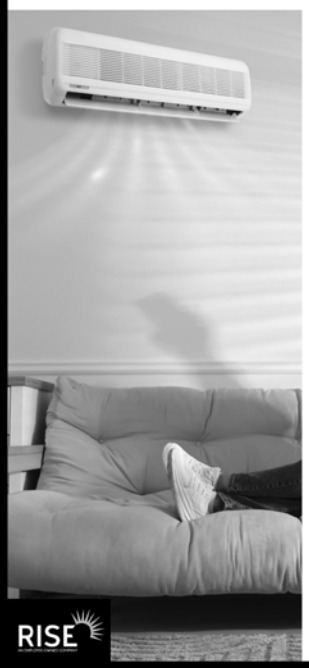
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and Jules Verne. As an engineer, he said, "I was writing reports and requisitions where I was not allowed freedom of thought. So, I wanted to write something where I could write a speculative story."



He started writing *Course Correction* in 2000 right after he retired and had more time to write. But that means the Spanish Flu outbreak plotline was not a purposeful prediction of the 2020 COVID pandemic. Instead, he said. "I asked what would happen if the Spanish Flu happened today. What kind of pandemic would that be? I'm also cynical on politics. If the population is going extinct or overpopulated, what would the politicians do?"

According to *Course Correction*, a politician's response to a population problem would not be effective: send people out in starships on a half-baked plan to find another habitable planet. "A grand plan for someone else to implement," he said.

That's where the importance of the angel-like aliens becomes apparent. "They are here to correct the course of mankind," he said. "Mankind has a tendency to go off course. Could an outside influence be affecting mankind?"

His sequels have since been tales of the Earth survivors struggling through space exploration adventures without much support from their home planet.

Amazingly, Cutler puts together his stories with no outlines, he said, just a story premise that he lets follow its natural course. "All my stories are 'What Ifs.' They are there to make people think."

Besides writing, Cutler has traveled to local libraries, but not for talks about his books. He speaks about the misconception that science fiction is more speculative than factual.

"Jules Verne has us go to the moon in the 1800s.

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Fiction can become fact," he said.

He's served Rochester for decades as a select board member and on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Memorial School Building Committee, the Town Master Plan Committee, the Open Space Committee, and the COA Certification Committee (twice). "And probably some other stuff I don't remember," he said.

Why does Cutler write this type of science/speculative fiction? "It's fun to write and take these obscure ideas and just put them together," he said. "My mind can go off on its own different direction. That's my primary reason. But it's also to have fun. Make people think."

His books, published by Briley & Baxter Publications, may be purchased at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Booksamillion.

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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 Continental Congress attempted to grapple with the deteriorating situation in New York, working to send what few supplies and men were available to George Washington's aid. At the same time, General Washington and his officers judged whether they should and how exactly they were to flee toward





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New Jersey. William Howe and the British moved to finish off the remaining Americans held up on Manhattan.

On November 8, 1776, Washington, still stationed in White Plains, receives word that three British ships have passed obstructions and have begun to cut off Fort Washington's access to the water. The fort, located at the northern tip of Manhattan, remains guarded by about 3,000 men Washington left behind when he crossed the Harlem River about a month earlier on October 16. He writes to inform General Nathanael Greene of these developments, who is stationed at the fort, and highlights the increasing lack of faith Washington has in the fort's continued defense.

He writes, "The late passage of the three vessels up the North River [which we have just received advice of] is so plain a proof of the inefficacy of all the obstructions we have thrown into it that I cannot but think it will fully justify a change in the disposition which has been made. If we cannot prevent vessels passing up, and the enemy are possessed of the surrounding country, what valuable purpose can it answer to attempt to hold a post from which the expected benefit cannot be had — I am therefore inclined to think it will not be prudent to hazard the men and stores at Mount Washington, but as you are on the spot, leave it to you to give such orders as to evacuating Mount Washington as you judge best." Though the situation is grim, and Washington recognizes the fort's defense is untenable, he leaves the decision to Greene.

On November 9, Washington writes to John Hancock in Philadelphia with knowledge he has collected on General Howe's movements, saying, "By every information I can obtain, and the accounts I had last night by two deserters, who were very intelligent and particular, General Howe still has in view an expedition to the Jerseys, and is preparing for it with the greatest industry." At the same time as threatening Washington's positions in White Plains and Fort Washington on Manhattan, it seems as though Howe will cross the Hudson and strike New Jersey. Washington tells Hancock he has detached a division to aid in the defense. He says his men will "prevent him from penetrating any

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distance from the river if not to oblige him to return immediately with some loss." It is important to remember Philadelphia, the capital, is just under 100 miles from the Hudson.

The next day, Greene writes back to Washington, stating he will continue the defense of the fort while also assuring the general he is "taking every measure in my power to oppose the enemy's landing, if they attempt crossing the river into the Jerseys."

On November 11, Washington writes Hancock to inform him that the previous day, he had ridden north along the Hudson to survey the land along the bank. He again stresses here, "The enemy appeared to be preparing for their expedition to Jersey according to every information. What their designs are, or whether their present conduct is not a feint, I can not determine." He then adds he plans to head to Jersey tomorrow. He ends the letter by congratulating Congress and the men of Ticonderoga, stating the British have halted their advance down the Hudson and returned to Canada.

On November 12, Washington and his men in White Plains successfully retreat across the Hudson and make their way toward New Jersey. On November 13, he arrives at Fort Lee, New Jersey, just across the river from Fort Washington. In his writings, he still tells Hancock, "The movements and designs of the enemy are not yet understood."

On November 14, across the pond, an English newspaper, the *St. James Chronicle of London*, decries Benjamin Franklin as the "head of the rebellion in North America." At this time, Ben Franklin was sailing to France to secure a major power alliance. His son, William Franklin, had been arrested in June for his allegiance to the Crown.

A Kinder Approach to Fall Cleaning

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

As you turn your thoughts toward the holidays ahead, you may be wondering if the gardening season is finally behind us. While much of the busy work may be finished, there are still a few chores to tend to before we can officially put the garden to bed for winter.

One of the last pleasures of the season is gathering the remaining flowers, but deciding what to do with the garden itself is largely a matter of personal preference. You can leave seed heads and spent flowers standing to provide food and shelter for wildlife or cut everything back to the ground. I tend to do a little of both.

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There are some plants, such as hostas, that simply melt away into an unattractive blob once the frost has taken hold. Those I cut back. I like to tidy up as much as possible, and in certain sections of the garden, I even bring out the mower to help with the cleanup!

As garden writer Penelope Hobhouse points out, October, November and December are months for sweeping up and carefully removing leaves from flower beds where they might cover emerging shoots of winter- and spring-flowering plants, causing their crowns to rot.

The large magnolia leaves in our yard are a case in point. They are in desperate need of raking, but whenever I feel motivated to tackle the job, I look up and see that there are still leaves clinging to the tree.

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My thinking? I'll wait until they are all down. In the meantime, the walkway is ankle-deep in magnolia leaves!

Depending on the weather, lawns may also need an occasional mowing and edging right up until Christmas.

Other worthwhile winter chores include checking and cleaning garden tools, tidying sheds, inspecting watering systems, preparing labels for seed trays and making lists of plants needed for the coming season. Before we know it, February will arrive and the gardening year will begin anew.

But does putting the garden to bed mean removing every last leaf and bit of plant material? Not necessarily.

I have always appreciated the perspective of garden writer Thalassa Cruso, who challenges the notion that a perfectly neat garden is necessarily a well-tended one.

"Impeccable neatness in a yard, without a leaf in sight and with all the natural debris of nature shredded and sent out, does not necessarily indicate good husbandry," she writes. She goes on to suggest that such tidiness may actually demonstrate a lack of understanding of the natural processes through which the land regenerates itself year after year.

I tend to agree.

Certainly, fallen leaves can look dreadful in some areas of the garden. They can also become slippery and dangerous when left on walkways, and leaves that accumulate and pack down on a lawn can smother and eventually kill the grass. Those areas need attention.

But elsewhere, leaves are an important part of nature's recycling system. In fact, Cruso calls leaves "friends at every season."

Think about it: while attached to the tree or shrub, leaves play an essential role in sustaining plant life. Once they fall, they continue to serve a purpose. Rather than viewing them as a nuisance to be hauled away, we should consider the many ways they can benefit our gardens.

Cruso reminds us that leaves help filter the air, a contribution that should make us more tolerant of the temporary inconvenience they create when they fall.

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So, before you start raking every leaf in sight, consider these suggestions:

-Don't clean up quite so thoroughly. Allow nature to do some of the work.

-Leave leaves beneath shrubs and bushes where they fall, provided they don't become excessively thick or untidy.

-Rake leaves from lawns, walkways and essential garden areas.

-Move excess leaves into shrub borders and around specimen trees and bushes.

-Alternatively, find an out-of-the-way corner of the yard where you can pile them and let nature take over. Avoid piling leaves directly against wooden walls or structures, where trapped moisture can encourage decay.

One of the simplest ways to recycle fallen leaves is to make leaf mold. All you need is a designated corner of the yard and a pile of leaves.

Simply gather the leaves, pile them up and let nature do its work. As they gradually decompose, they







will transform into a wonderfully rich, dark material known as leaf mold. By spring, you may be surprised at how much progress has been made. Given time, the pile will provide a steady supply of this valuable soil conditioner.

Leaf mold can be worked into garden beds, used around shrubs, added to potting mixes and spread in other growing areas. It is an easy, inexpensive way to return organic matter to the soil and make good use of something that otherwise might have been carted away.

A little less raking and a little more recycling can go a long way toward creating a healthier garden. Sometimes the best thing we can do for our gardens is to let nature take the lead.

A community reminder: Household Hazardous Waste Day

While we're thinking about conservation and caring for the environment, there is another opportunity this week to do our part.

Mattapoisett and Marion residents are reminded that Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 am until noon, at the Marion Department of Public Works, 60 Benson Brook Road, Marion. Call 508-748-3540 with questions.

A valid transfer station sticker or other proof of residency is required. Maximum load is 10 gallons or 10 pounds.

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-Lawn and garden products: Pesticides, herbicides and pool chemicals.

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public health while preventing potentially dangerous accidents.

So, as you put the garden to bed and make plans for the season ahead, consider setting aside those unwanted household products, too. It's one more small but meaningful way to care for the place we call home.

Perhaps the secret to a healthier garden is learning when to lend nature a helping hand — and when to simply step aside and let nature do what it does best. — LM

Water Woes Sink Building Funding

Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

By Jeanne Hopkins

Residents' concerns about discolored drinking water took center stage at Mattapoisett's November 9 Special Town Meeting at ORR High School. Voters rejected **Article 2**, which would allocate nearly $4 million in additional funding for a new Water and Sewer Department building. Residents also voted to indefinitely postpone a proposal under **Article 9** to transfer management of the town's Transfer Station to the Select Board.

At the meeting, residents considered nine warrant articles, including requests for municipal building improvements, infrastructure projects and changes to Transfer Station oversight. But the most extensive discussion centered on the condition of water reaching residents' homes.



During the debate on **Article 2**, Matt Russo displayed photographs of discolored water in his toilet, bathtub and sink. "I would encourage everyone to take a look before voting, and I would ask everyone here one simple question: 'If this water came into your kitchen faucet, would you pour a glass of it and hand it to your child?'" he said.

Jake Long brought a bottle of brown water and a blackened whole-house filter to the microphone. He had replaced the filter that day after just two months of use. He said discolored water had afflicted his home for more than a decade, causing stains, damaged clothing and an $800 dishwasher replacement.

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been a problem. We first noticed it when we ran baths for our young daughter and the water came out looking like black coffee. I assure you, this is not Dunkin' cold brew," Long said, pointing to the bottle of discolored water. "This is water from our house, and we were paying for that water, yet there was no way we could put our child in it."

He urged the town to provide a clear plan and timeline for fixing the problem before seeking millions in additional building funds.

David and Beth Burnham also raised concerns. David acknowledged improvements near their property but said the water remained discolored. Beth asked what residents could expect while the town pursued long-term repairs.

Robert Gallery cited the cost of household filtration systems and bottled water. Others questioned whether the town should offer water bill relief to affected households.

"I totally sympathize with the fact that the infrastructure in this town, and so many other towns, is old and needs to be addressed, but … I think a number of us feel like we've got to prioritize this first," Gallery said.

The $3,956,500 request would have added to the $4.7 million previously approved for the Water and Sewer Department building on Industrial Drive. Water and Sewer Superintendent Henry LeBoeuf said September bids, engineering, and contingencies raised the estimated project cost to $7.9 million.

LeBoeuf cited rented facilities, insufficient storage, limited parking, and an unheated garage where employees gather before work. The department also lacks facilities for workers to clean up after handling water and sewer infrastructure. Savings from other water and sewer projects would help cover the additional cost, he said. He did not anticipate a water rate increase specifically for the building.

He also acknowledged problems with aging cast-iron water mains, including the North Street main, which dates to 1913.

"It's 113 years old," LeBoeuf said.

He said the department planned to reline North Street, improve service connections along Hitching Post Road and conduct additional flushing. LeBoeuf said a problem with service connections may allow sediment to accumulate. Recent work at one home improved water quality yet did not resolve the issue.

LeBoeuf said Pine Island Road relining was scheduled for 2027 and the department expected to seek construction funding for North Street in May. He maintained that improvements to the water system and construction of a new department building could proceed together.

The appropriation failed to receive the required two-thirds majority after about 40 minutes of debate. Residents applauded. No numerical tally was announced. The vote did not affect the $4.7 million previously



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approved for the project.

Article 9 proposed transferring Transfer Station management from the Board of Health to the Select Board. Select Board member Jordan Collyer moved to postpone the article indefinitely, acknowledging he should have examined the proposal more thoroughly before bringing it to Town Meeting. Speakers supported improving operations but questioned the lack of an implementation plan.

A 2022 assessment by UMass Boston's Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management recommended transferring oversight to the Select Board and Town Administrator, with the Highway Surveyor handling daily operations. The assessment cited potential

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Town Administrator Mike Lorenco previously explained the recommendation was part of the rationale for Article 9. He also acknowledged that consultation with the Board of Health before the proposal appeared on the warrant had been inadequate.

During the meeting, Highway Surveyor Garrett explained the Highway Department's role in Transfer Station operations, including equipment assistance, maintenance, and staffing support. He said the department managed operations for about a year during the COVID-19 pandemic and was willing to discuss taking on the responsibility.

Scott Smith supported the change, saying the Highway Department was better suited to manage equipment and staffing. He cited the Collins Center assessment and questioned the cost of maintaining overlapping municipal resources.

Board of Health Chair Michele Bernier opposed proceeding without further review. She pointed out the relationship between the Transfer Station and the town's capped landfill, arguing that changes to management responsibilities would require attention to state environmental regulations and permitting. She disputed the claim that public works departments generally manage municipal Transfer Stations, citing her review of arrangements across Massachusetts.

Don Fleming supported postponement until officials clarified state permitting requirements and the proposed landfill solar project.

The landfill has been considered for solar development for several years. Lorenco said the town selected Nexamp after a request for proposals, but delays with electric grid interconnection slowed progress. The developer is now revising plans and pursuing permitting again.

Bernier questioned the potential effect of solar development on the capped landfill. Lorenco said the project requires state post closure approval and the Board of Health would retain environmental oversight even if Transfer Station management changed.

The vote leaves Transfer Station management with the Board of Health for now.

Voters approved the remaining seven warrant articles:

-**Article 1** expanded an existing borrowing authorization associated with the Water Street culvert project to permit funds to be used for Highway Building renovations.

-**Article 3** accepted Cooper's Way as a public way, while Article 4 approved $1,342.82 from Transfer Station retained earnings to cover prior-year employee compensation expenses.

-**Article 5** authorized easements associated with the Water Street culvert and Knollwood stormwater projects and transferred $65,397.42 in previously appropriated funding.

-**Article 6** approved $300,000 in certified free cash for several municipal projects. These included $100,000 to replace a rooftop heating and cooling unit at Center -School; $75,000 to digitize public records; $75,000 for online permitting software; $25,000 for building and grounds maintenance; $15,000 for engineering related to the capped landfill; and $10,000 for website accessibility and cybersecurity improvements.

-**Article 7** replenished the town's grant matching fund with $50,000.

-**Article 8** approved $500,000 for additional planning and professional services related to improvements along Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road.

During discussion, Bonnie D'Souza proposed requiring additional public meetings on landscaping, tree protection, and traffic calming. After the moderator ruled that part was outside the article's scope, D'Souza narrowed the amendment to include landscape services among eligible professional expenses.

Voters approved the amendment by a simple majority and subsequently approved Article 8 as amended.

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All Articles Passed; Victory for Shared Use Pathways

Marion Special Town Meeting

By Sam Bishop

Marion held its Special Town Meeting on Monday night in Sippican School's auditorium, and up for popular vote were three articles handling property transfers to the Select Board, a shared use path on Washburn Park Road and Spring Street, and the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

The meeting began with Select Board Chair John Hoagland reading off the first item, Article S1. This article focuses on the Marion Shared Use Path, and its approval grants land property transfers to the Select Board for

path use. The article was passed unanimously with no discussion.

Select Board Vice Chair Toby Burr read Article S2, again focusing on shared use path use, specifically regarding altered layouts to Spring Street and Washburn Park Road with the addition of a dedicated shared use path lane. Resident Jennifer Stewart rose to comment, asking whether the path would go over where the current playground is located.

"I've always had concerns about this particular spot," she added, fearing the path's location and its proximity to a road that she said sees frequent tractor-trailer traffic.

Select Board Clerk Randy Parker clarified the shown diagrams did cover up the playground, but added it would be unaffected in the real-world development.

Lead project engineer Jeramy Packard came forward to speak, noting, "We have sufficient site distance in both locations," and adding that the crossings have flashing lights to alert drivers when they are in use. He emphasized that the road reconfiguration and revised street "geometry" are designed to improve safety. It was also added that the shown diagrams were drafted by AI and thus did not actually show what final plans would look like. Another resident then asked if there were plans to reduce the speed limit, though Packard noted speed limits are set at the federal level and are therefore not in the scope of this project.

There were other questions about the emergency vehicles frequenting the road, and Packard noted that the team had to send drafts of the plan to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for review for this very situation, and it was approved.

The vote was subsequently held, and the majority of "yays" overwhelmed the two "nays," thus passing the article.

Parker then read Article S3, which appropriated $1,297,895 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for improvements to the phosphorus removal upgrades to comply with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations for Marion Pointe developments. Resident Alana Nelson asked how using the funds for phosphorus removal was better than using it for pipe replacement. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman clarified that cooperation with the EPA has led to this proposal being championed. Up for a vote, the article was then approved with a unanimous vote of approval by residents.

Thus, all three articles at the fall Marion Special Town Meeting passed, and the meeting lasted just under half an hour.



Pier Repair Proposal Gets Review

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

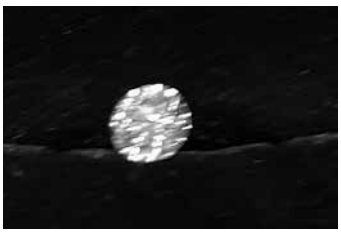
The Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, November 4, to consider several routine

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hearings.

The board had no issue with a proposal seeking to remove and repair a pier on East Avenue. However, it had some suggestions. Commissioners asked the applicant's engineer to avoid damage to the eelgrass in that area when materials are stockpiled.

"From an environmental standpoint, it is a marine habitat issue," Commissioner Shaun Walsh said of the possible eelgrass damage. "I don't want to hold up the project; it's just food for thought."

The state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife ruled that the project poses no threat to the nearby endangered or rare species, according to project engineer Bob Rogers.

Rogers said he would ask the applicant to consider more stockpiling safety measures. Rogers is also the engineer for a Holly Lane applicant looking to build an addition.

The commission visited the property and had no issues and called it a routine project that will not threaten wetlands or wildlife.

The commission also had no questions or concerns about a Water Street proposal for a pool, an addition and an accessory dwelling unit.

The commission also granted an extension to a volunteer group that seeks permission every three years to continue removing trees and branches from the Sippican River.

The state DFW is behind the effort, as it cleans the river and helps water flow. The removal effort will extend along the river from County Road to Doggett Brook.

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Bond Approved for Subdivision Plan

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board Tuesday focused on ironing out details of two past approvals.

Anita Milka, the applicant for the Arrowhead Lane modular home subdivision plan, expressed dismay at the performance bond she is being asked to pay before the project can move forward.

"The bond is a shock," she said of the $556,000 performance bond. "That's astronomical. I budgeted

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much less for this whole project." She asked the board for some sort of relief from this bond requirement.

Board chairman Arnold Johnson explained that the board requires this type of bond to ensure the town has enough funds to finish a project if a developer drops the ball and doesn't complete important infrastructure work. This $556,000 includes the board's 50 percent contingency fee, he added.

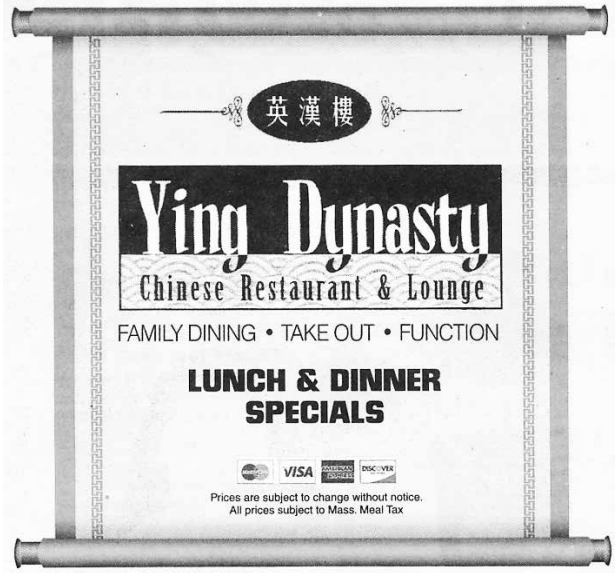
"The feeling of the board is that the bond has to stay," he said.

The board approved the bond amount. But Johnson and Milka ultimately agreed to give the actual bond award more time. Johnson advised her to complete some construction work early so items on the bond estimate can be eliminated and the bond amount reduced. Milka agreed to work on this plan.

Next, the board approved a new Master Deed for the Trailside Estates 55+ condominium plan on Snipatuit Road. The applicant's attorney, John Zajac, said the board endorsed the plan 20 years ago. It has taken this long to get to a point of completing the project. That's why he needs the board's approval of a modification to its condo association agreement.

"We've tried to stick to the original," he said, "with no changes." The board then easily endorsed the modification with the condition that the approval is pending town counsel review.

In other action, the board continued to December 8 the Site Plan Review and Special Permit hearing for Walnut Plain Road Solar, 0 Walnut Plain Road, upon the applicant's request, and the panel extended the project's decision deadline to December 30.



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ORR Teams Score More Wins

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Football: The Old Rochester Regional High School football team (#7) hosted Bay Path Regional Voc/Tech (#10) in the round of 16 on November 5 and won 41-14. Junior **Benji Baptiste** had 16 carries for 123 yards and scored 3 touchdowns.

"The defense really stiffened up inside the 20-yard line. Bend but don't break mentality. We preach patience on offense. Three or four yards can turn into seven or eight yards as the game goes on. Keep banging away. **Connor Nelson**, our QB, had a terrific night orchestrating the offense. He's a great distributor and understands what defenses are trying to take away," said ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault. They'll play at #2-seeded Hudson on November 13 in the elite 8.

Girls Volleyball: The Bulldogs (#2) faced Salem High School (#34) in the round of 32 on November 7, and won 3-0 by set scores of 25-9, 25-14, and 25-15. **Ady Chua** had 29 assists and 3 aces, **Molly Franco** had 12 kills, 6 digs, and 3 aces, and **Erin Root** had 12 kills and 7 digs. Old Rochester will host #15-seeded Hanover on November 10 in the round of 16.

Girls Soccer: Old Rochester (#30) hosted Greater Lowell Tech (#35) in the preliminary round on November 7 and won 3-0. **Mia Balestracci** scored 2 goals, **Fiona Ruel** scored a goal, and **Blair Thomas** and **Zoe Papadakis** each had an assist. Goalkeeper **Marley Mailloux** was in goal for the shutout. They'll play at #3-seeded Dover-Sherborn on November 9 in the round of 32.

Inaugural ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation Fall Gala

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to share that the inaugural Fall Gala to benefit the ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation was enormously successful, and the funds raised will provide immense support to the district's teachers and students.

The inaugural Fall Gala drew 180 guests and contributions from 23 local sponsors. Funds raised from the event will support vital grant funding for experiential learning projects, specialized arts initiatives, science programs, and other impactful activities for students served by Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55. Funds from the Fall Gala will help the ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation nearly double its giving impact for the next grant cycle.

The fundraiser, held on October 8 at the Century House in Acushnet, showcased the grant-funded projects made possible by the ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation, as guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, drinks and live music provided by Eric Beau. Throughout the evening, attendees participated in a silent auction featuring 25 donated items, ranging from exclusive local

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The highlight of the evening was hearing directly from educators and students, including a group of ORR Student Ambassadors who proudly wore their ORR blazers, purchased with funds from an ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation grant.

Old Rochester Regional music teacher Richard Laprise shared that foundation grants he has received have allowed him to bring in renowned composers like Kevin Krumenauer to work with students on original works, such as the song "Celestial Sway," performed by the school concert band in spring 2025.

"Since my very first grant back in 2018, I have been fortunate enough to receive support from TTEF totaling over $10,000," said Laprise. "Now, $10,000 is an impressive number on paper. But in the hands of our music teachers, $10,000 isn't just money. It is a catalyst. It is an engine for unforgettable and meaningful experiences."

Laprise also emphasized the broader impact of community-wide investment in the arts.

"Our school district, Old Rochester Regional, has been nationally recognized for four straight years as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation," Laprise said. "That is a prestigious honor, but it isn't an accident. It doesn't just happen because we have talented kids, though we certainly do. It happens because this entire community actively chooses

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Early Education Coordinator Doreen Lopes, who serves as Chairperson of the ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation, expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to the event's success.



"The local businesses, individual donors and volunteers made this inaugural gala such an unforgettable evening," she said. "The end result is that students and educators will be able to have their dreams come true, allowing them to move forward with innovative, high-quality learning experiences. Thanks again to everyone who participated in the gala, providing generous contributions through the purchase of tickets, participating in silent auctions, sponsoring the event and providing vendor support."

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson thanked everyone who supported the inaugural Fall Gala and the mission of the ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation.

"We are immensely grateful to our community of educators, families, businesses and individuals who supported the tremendous work of the ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation by participating in this inaugural gala," said Superintendent Nelson. "This was an incredibly successful event that will fuel so many inspiring initiatives for our students and educators that would not be possible without this support. We look



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To the Editor;

Repeat after me: "We are not a democracy." You could say, as some do, that we are a democratic republic. Yet, in all of our founding documents, the word democracy does not appear at all, not once. We are a constitutional republic. Emphasis on constitutional.

People who insist that we abolish the Electoral College are confused on this point. They reason that if we were a democracy, it must follow that we should elect the president directly with a popular vote.

But in fact, by design, there is no voting at all at the federal level. As a republic, we are a federation of separate, often disparate states. Under Art. I, § 4, Cl. 1, referred to as the Elections Clause, all voting is at the state

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level, under the exclusive control of the individual state legislatures. The president is thus elected by the states through electors, not directly by the people. Introducing majority rule in the election of our highest office would obviate and contradict the very federal nature of our republic, effectively erasing the states and their individual right to be heard and counted. We would further be vulnerable to the same risk of authoritarian demagogues such as arose in Europe during the last century.

The Founding Fathers considered democracy dangerous. They had studied 2,000 years of history and governance. They studied Machiavelli's *The Prince* and Hobbes' *Leviathan*.

They understood that there was one constant throughout history: that human nature does not change. They knew that democracy, whenever it raised its capricious head, became the tyranny of the masses. It was mob rule. They knew that Socrates was literally voted to death, democratically, by the citizens of Athens. His offense? Socrates warned about the dangers of democracy and its tendency to be influenced by demagogues. It was cloaked as "corrupting the youth." It cost him his life.

Benjamin Franklin said two thousand years later, "democracy is two wolves and a lamb deciding what's for dinner."

Not four years after the American Constitution was ratified, Franklin's words were proven tragically prophetic as democracy ran amok in France during the Terror of the French Revolution, during which the majority, by popular demand, sent thousands to the guillotine, even consuming the demagogues themselves.

James Madison said of democracy in Federalist #10: "...instability, injustice, and confusion ... have in truth been the mortal disease under which popular governments everywhere perished..." He was proven right by the likes of Robespierre.

The founders were so concerned about the dangers of an unchecked majority they included two particular features in the Constitution as safeguards against it.

One was the Bill of Rights, such that the majority, embodied in the state, could not abridge the rights

OBITUARIES



Mary Calvert Truxtun Lalli, aka "Mimi," "Contrary Mary," "The General," and "The Lady from Mattapoisett," died on Friday, October 30th at St. Luke's Hospital. After putting up a valiant fight against the cruel disease of Alzheimer's, she said goodbye on her own terms. Her beloved family was by her side as the sun was setting and the clouds reflected her favorite salmon-pink color. Mother Nature helped make this moment beautiful, and for that we are grateful.

Mary was born in Plainfield, New Jersey in 1942 to Margery "Peggy" Truxtun and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Truxtun, who was killed in action during World War II in 1945. Following Peggy's remarriage in 1946, Mary was raised by Holmes Dyer. Her grandparents, Mimi and Baba, played a special role in her life and she cherished her childhood years spending time with them. "Tutta La Famiglia" was one of her favorite expressions and she was profoundly devoted to her family. Mary was predeceased by her much-loved son, Andrew, in 2022, whom she fiercely advocated for and fought alongside throughout his lifetime. Surviving relatives include her daughter Louise Burbank and son-in-law Tim; her siblings Julie Neal, Tim Dyer, Nancy Mitton, and C.C. Dyer; her beloved grandchildren Will and Sam and Jewels and Peter; and her great-grandchildren Dax and Sofia. "Mimi" was fortunate enough to hold Sofia as a newborn three weeks before she left us—a true blessing. She also leaves behind her dear cousin, Ty Fox; numerous nieces and nephews; and former husband, Peter Lalli, whom she would never admit influenced her love of cooking with garlic.

Mary was a family icon, a force with no equal, and a strong, independent woman who never minced her words. Her ability to overcome challenges and chart her own course was remarkable. She often shared words of wisdom and strongly believed in "The Four Agreements" of Toltec wisdom, particularly "Always Do Your Best." She held herself to high standards in everything she did—as a master gardener, gourmet cook and caterer, exceptional athlete, fine art collector, EMT, quahogger, and scrap metal and recycling queen. She was a true Yankee who lived simply and loved a good yard sale.

MTL definitely left her mark on Planet Earth and there's no escaping the energy she leaves behind, still circulating all around us. Look for her in the flowers, trees, ocean, changing seasons, and especially in the smiles and laughter of her family and friends as they share cherished moments of time spent in her company.

The Family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Comfort Care team of nurses, hospice workers, and doctors at St. Luke's Hospital. They went above and beyond to ensure that Mary's final moments were peaceful and dignified.

As we write these words about the one and only MTL, we can almost hear her saying, "Cut the crap, go have some fun, and I'll keep you posted."

A private Celebration of Life will take place this summer in her beautiful seaside garden in Mattapoisett—a Wampanoag word meaning "a place of rest."

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.

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of the individual. A democratic majority could not vote away the life, property or freedom of any citizen. Those inalienable rights were subject to the rigors of due process. That is the very point and the overarching principle of our constitutional republic.

The other feature was the electoral college, which provided that the states elected the president, not the masses. Otherwise, individual small states or regions would be crushed by leviathans like California, New York and Texas.

In this age of mass media, it is ever more critical that we do not abandon the Constitution and succumb to today's demagogues who promote abolishing the Electoral College.

The authors of the Constitution gave us a miraculous document, which is now the oldest, most successful in human history. Think carefully about the conceit of believing that this generation, of all generations, has a better idea.

Ron Wisner, Marion

To the Editor;

Recent reporting about Michael King's disputes with Mattapoisett officials raises a question that deserves consideration: Where should we draw the line between legitimate municipal oversight and unnecessary interference with individual liberty?

Municipalities have important responsibilities.

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Residents have every right to expect safe neighborhoods, reasonable sanitation, environmental protection, and the enforcement of legitimate zoning and building regulations. Property owners and their neighbors should not have to tolerate genuine public health hazards or unreasonable disruptions. But regulations should address actual problems, not simply discourage activities because they fall outside conventional expectations.

There is an important distinction between regulating harmful conduct and regulating nonconformity.

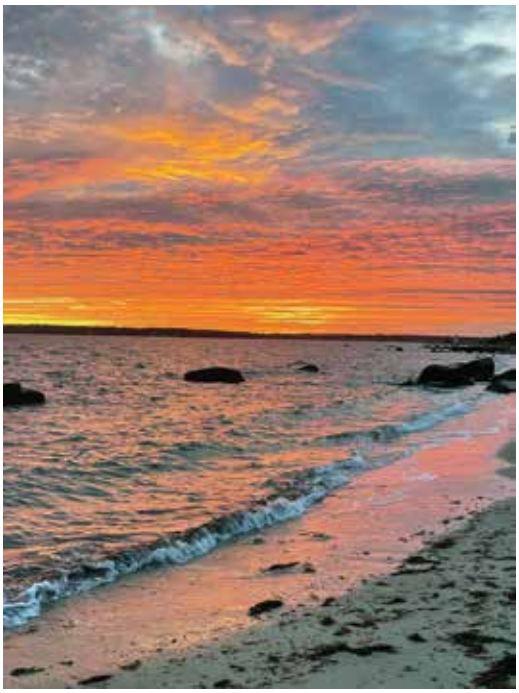
Private property rights deserve particular consideration. We commonly think of property rights as the right to acquire, possess, and protect our land. But

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TriTown Happenings



New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of A New England Nutcracker on December 12, at 1:00pm and 4:00pm at Keith Middle School Auditorium located at 225 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, MA. Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is re-imagined through New Bedford's historic whaling era and prepare for the "City That Lit the World" to light up your holiday season. Standing: Emilia Szabo (Mattapoisett), Gabriel Coughlin (Rochester), Jillian Bonnell (Mattapoisett), Kneeling: Penelope Angeley (Mattapoisett), Grace Scanlon (Rochester), Evelyn Chase (Marion), Sitting: Esther Smith (Rochester)



Sunset at Crescent Beach Photo by Faith Ball



Robert Pina shared this photo of deer visiting his backyard



On Wednesday November fourth, the Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a chance to learn about how fossils are formed, and the differences between body fossils, mold fossils, cast fossils and trace fossils. Many thanks to Luke Douglas (anthropologist and teacher) who shared his presentation about how these fossils are formed. We then had fun looking for examples of these different types of fossils in the museum's collection. Thanks go to Jim Pierson (fossils enthusiast) who helped us create our own "dinosaur fossils" to take home. The Museum's open hours are 10 - 4 Wednesdays and Fridays and other hours by appointment. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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shouldn't those rights also include reasonable freedom to determine how our property is used, who may use it, and whether we wish to share it with others?

A property owner might wish to allow someone to park a camper, establish a garden, operate a modest farmstand, or simply provide a place for someone in need. Such arrangements should not automatically become matters of municipal intervention merely because they differ from conventional uses of property.

Of course, property rights are not absolute. Zoning, fire safety, environmental protections, and public health regulations serve legitimate purposes. But there must be a reasonable balance between those responsibilities and individual freedom.

Massachusetts law itself recognizes the importance of protecting individual property rights. Article I of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights identifies the natural and unalienable rights of people to enjoy their liberties, acquire and protect property, and seek their safety and happiness. Furthermore, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 3, provides specific protections for agricultural uses, including qualifying farmstands, against unreasonable local zoning restrictions. These protections recognize that municipalities should not unnecessarily obstruct legitimate uses of private land.

The larger principle is worth considering. What good are our freedoms if we cannot exercise the most basic prerequisite of all — the right to exist with dignity?

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A free society should leave room for individual initiative, unconventional arrangements, and the simple human desire to help another person. Private property rights are not merely the right to exclude others; they also represent the freedom to welcome others, share resources, and extend a helping hand.

We should be careful not to confuse poverty with misconduct, unconventional living with public disorder, or nonconformity with harm. Government has a legitimate role in protecting the public, but that authority should not become an instrument for punishing people simply because their choices or circumstances do not fit established expectations.

A community should be judged not only by how effectively it enforces its regulations, but also by how much room it leaves for individual liberty, generosity, and human dignity.

We can respect our neighbors, protect public health, and maintain reasonable standards without unnecessarily restricting the freedom of property owners

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Private Roads that need trees and brush Trimmed:
****RIPPLE, CEDARCREST, BAY ST. **THE CEDARS.**
The Mattapoisett Highway Department does not provide trimming services to Private Roads.

Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of Material	Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of Material
*RIPPLE, CEDARCREST, BAY ST.	*Needs Trimmed*		
OLIVER, CEDARCREST, LAUREL	$180	DYAR RD	$90
OLIVER, MARSTEN CT	$90	MEADOWBROOK LN	$360
THE CEDARS**	$180**	HIGHLAND AVE (BB)	$180
PICO BEACH ROAD	$90	RYAN'S WAY	$90

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Please call Highway Dept for further details 508-758-4181.

Local Cable Programming

ORCTV

Check www.orctv.org for the latest updates to the schedule.

PUBLIC ACCESS
Comcast Channel 9
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Thursday November 12, 2026
7:00 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
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
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11:00 AM Fall Family Fun Day at ORR
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Sunday November 15, 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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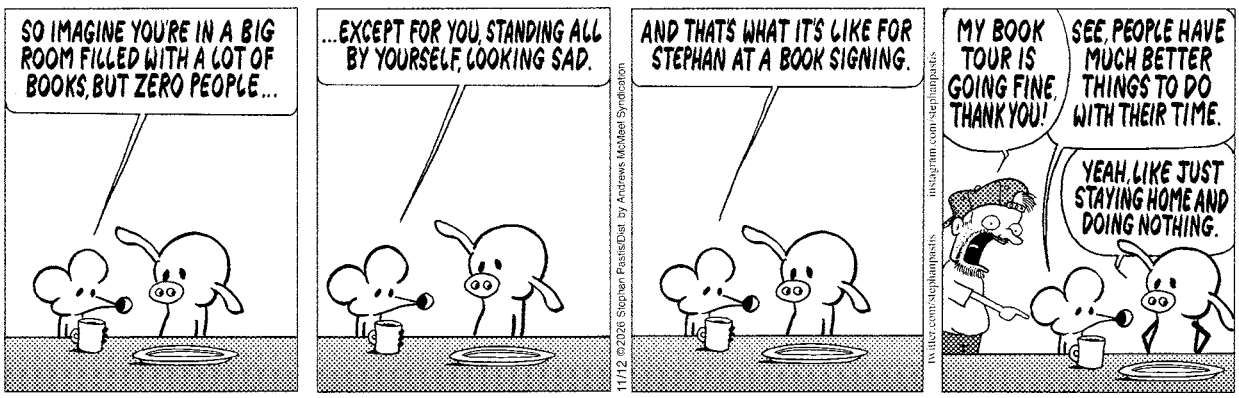
MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 26
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Board of Health
11:00 AM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
12:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
1:30 PM Marion Joint ZBA/ Selectmen Meeting
3:00 PM Marion School Committee
6:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
8:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 26
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Board of Health
8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
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EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 8
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM ORR Field Hockey vs West Bridgewater
8:30 AM ORR Senior Parent Breakfast
9:30 AM ORR Boys SOccer vs West Bridgewater
11:00 AM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang
12:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs DR
1:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs DR
3:00 PM ORR Football vs Plymouth North
5:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Somerset Berkley
6:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dartmouth
8:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Seekonk
9:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk
10:30 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Bishop Stang

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 26
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



to make their own decisions.

A free society isn't simply one in which people are protected from interference. It's one in which people have sufficient freedom to help one another.
Jesse J. Green

St. Anthony-St. Rita Christmas by the Sea Bazaar

Mark your calendars and save the date. Please join us for the annual "Christmas by the Sea Bazaar" on Saturday, **December 5**, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's Parish, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett.

Seasonal handcrafted gifts, decorations, and stocking stuffers will be offered by local vendors, including wooden and leather wares, honey, ornaments (including the 2026 parish ornament), seashell art, all types of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted items such as stuffed animals, hats, mittens and bags, carved wooden birds, jewelry, and much more.

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

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

All proceeds will benefit St. Anthony-St. Rita parish initiatives, including providing college book scholarships to local high school seniors. Please find, like, and share our event on Facebook. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Silvia at katsa06@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Drive and Drop

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Through a Monthly Food Drive: The Mattapoisett Congregational Church at 27 Church Street invites the community to join a simple monthly effort to help ensure everyone has enough food on the table. On **November 19**, and the third Thursday of every month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, please drive by the Church's Mechanic Street parking lot and drop off your nonperishable food donation to one of the volunteers waiting for you. The food will be donated the next day to Damien's Pantry in Wareham. In addition to nonperishable items, consider donating diapers, toothbrushes and toothpaste and toiletries.

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Tri-town Police Logs



MARION
Log highlights Nov 1 – Nov 7
- Inland Rd – EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln – General service
- Beach St – General service
- Point Rd – Found property
- Wareham Rd – Family disturbance
- Front St – Road hazard
- Spring St – General service
- Berdon Way – Paper service
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Found property
- 195 West – Assist other department
- Front St – Found property
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Hartley Ln - Trespassing
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Officer wanted
- South Dr – MV collision
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Jenney Ln – Suspicious person
- County Rd – MV collision
- Wianno Rd – Health/welfare
- Piney Point Rd - Death
- Wareham Rd – Wildlife services
- Front St - Disturbance
- Holly Pond Rd – General service
- 195 West – MV collision
- Point Rd – Suspicious activity

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Nov 1 – Nov 7
- 195 East – 911 call
- North St – MV violations
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Church St – Property lost
- 195 East – MV violations
- Richard III's Ln – Officer wanted
- Crystal Spring Rd – General service
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Acushnet Rd – Gunshots reported
- North St – Medical alarm
- Melissa Anne Ln – Suspicious MV
- Industrial Dr – Follow up
- Shaw St – General service
- Richard III's Ln – Medical assist
- North St – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Main St – MV violations
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Acushnet Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd - Arrest
- Perkins Ln – Animal control
- North St – Health/welfare
- Cedarcrest Ave – General service
- Holly Ln – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Brookside Dr – Medical assist
- Cedarcrest Ave – General service
- 195 West – MV crash

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Nov 1 – Nov 7
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Hartley Rd – Public assist
- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Medical alarm
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Mendell Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Transport/escort
- Williams Way – General services
- Snipatuit Rd – Parking complaint
- Braley Hill Rd – Outside fire
- Featherbed Ln – Lost animal
- Pierce St – Disable MV/towed
- North Ave – Well-being check
- Sarahbeth Ln – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – Water problem
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Pine St – Suspicious activity
- Bennett Rd – General services
- Neck Rd – Follow up
- Marion Rd – General services
- Randall Rd – Transport/escort
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- High St – Erratic MV
- Marys Pond Rd – Erratic MV/arrest
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision

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 16: Maple glazed pork, butternut squash & craisin couscous, spinach, wheat bread, vanilla pudding
Tuesday, Nov 17: Rosemary & garlic chicken, orzo, mashed butternut squash, wheat roll, mandarin fruit cup
Wednesday, Nov 18: Meatloaf w/gravy, mashed potatoes, buttermilk biscuit, brussel sprouts, banana
Thursday, Nov 19: Roast turkey w/ gravy, mashed potatoes & stuffing, green beans, wheat roll, chocolate brownie cookie, diet: fruit
Friday, Nov 20: Potato pollock w/ lemon, baked sweet potato, Cali blend vegetables, cornbread loaf, mixed fruit cup, tartar sauce

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine crackers
Tuesday, Nov 17: Whole grain chicken nuggets, oven baked French fries, whole grain dinner roll, golden corn
Wednesday, Nov 18: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Nov 19: Thankful Thursday: oven roasted turkey, savory stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll. Golden corn
Friday, Nov 20: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Nov 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine crackers
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OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Nov 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine crackers
Tuesday, Nov 17: Whole grain chicken nuggets, oven baked French fries, whole grain dinner roll, golden corn
Wednesday, Nov 18: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Nov 19: Thankful Thursday: oven roasted turkey, savory stuffing, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, whole grain dinner roll. Golden corn
Friday, Nov 20: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Nov 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup, whole grain saltine crackers
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SIPPICAN SCHOOL
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OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Nov 16: Build a burrito bowl
Tuesday, Nov 17: Calzone, fries & steamed carrots
Wednesday, Nov 18: Chicken parmesan, spaghetti & broccoli
Thursday, Nov 19: Steak & cheese sub w/peppers & onions, tater tots & green beans
Friday, Nov 20: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

a festive "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser on Saturday, **December 12**, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett. Families can enjoy a delicious breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, and juice, served beginning at 9:30 am. The morning will also include pictures with Santa, face painting, and a variety of fun holiday activities for children. Admission is $15 for adults and $10 for children. Pre-registration is required through Eventbrite, and payment will be collected in cash at the door.

This special event is planned and hosted by students in the ORRHS Early Education Program, giving them valuable hands-on experience planning activities, engaging with young children and connecting with families in the community. All proceeds will directly benefit the Early Education Program, helping support educational resources and meaningful learning opportunities for our future early childhood educators. Families from Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and surrounding communities are encouraged to attend and celebrate the holiday season while supporting a great cause. To register, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/200443024 3817?aff=oddtdtcreator.

November Presentation with the MWC

Curious about the future of local news and the important role it plays in our communities? Join the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Thursday, **November 19**, at 11:30 am for an engaging and informative presentation featuring Lean Camara of *The New Bedford Light*.

The presentation will take place at Reynard Hall, located inside the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and the public is invited to attend.

Launched in 2021 in response to the decline of in-depth local journalism, *The New Bedford Light* is dedicated to providing fact-based reporting and creating a platform for diverse voices throughout the South Coast.

Learn more about how *The Light* got its start, the important role local journalism plays in keeping our communities informed and engaged, and what the organization's growth and success may tell us about the future of local news.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization dedicated to supporting and serving our local community. Membership is open to local women who share an interest in the club's mission and activities.

Bring a friend and join us. We look forward to welcoming familiar faces and new visitors alike.

For more information or questions, please contact info@mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

Stone Walls: A Lasting Legacy of New England's Formation

Stone walls are among the most recognizable features of the New England landscape. "Each wall





Super Crossword

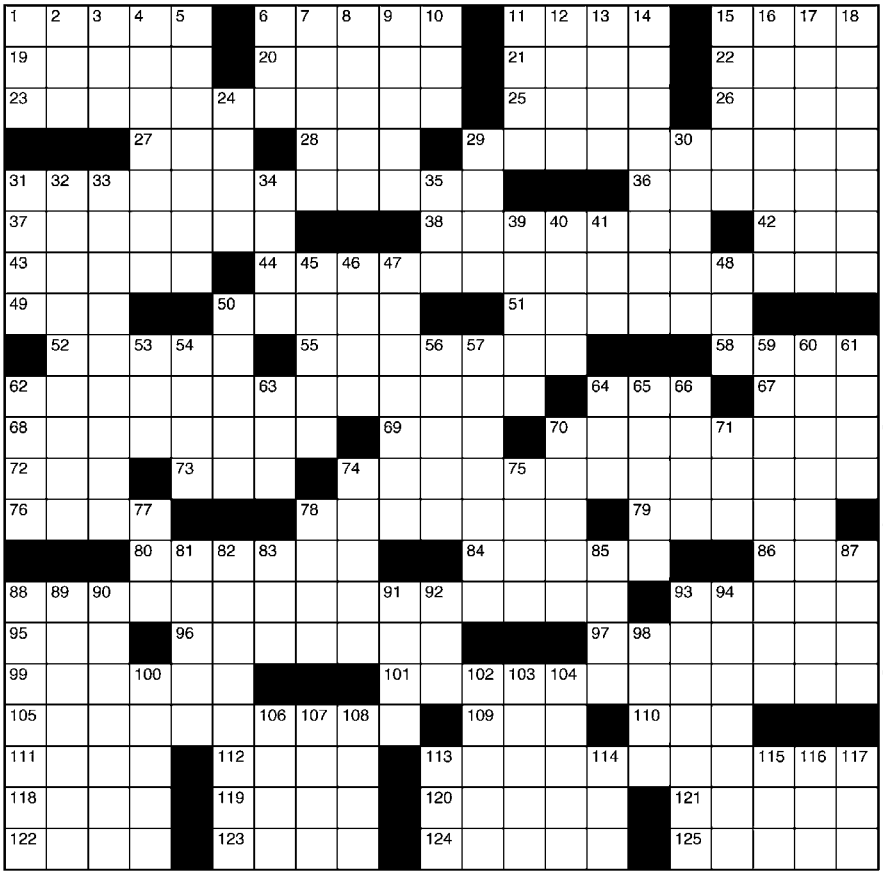
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63 "Latino USA" broadcaster
64 Angsty genre
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75 "Ticklish" doll
77 Certain till bill
78 Making reference to itself
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87 "I just skimmed the post" inits.
88 Omitting nothing
89 Spam sender, say
90 Current events reported via websites
91 Silent assents
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93 Loofahs, e.g.
94 Power
98 Marvel mutant group
100 Opposite of 61-Down, in Spanish
102 "There it is!"
103 Concave bellybutton
104 Tennis star Rafael
106 School sports org.
107 Certain till bills
108 Messy stack
113 "Newton" fruit
114 SSNs, e.g.
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117 Nail-biting NFL periods



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more done. This is fine, but slow down by the weekend so that you can heed some important advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and, no doubt, you'll have that bull's-eye of yours right on target! But don't forget to make time for family events.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared for a power struggle that you don't want. Look to helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains that you've made.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off a listless feeling, but be patient. By week's end, your spirits will perk up, and you'll be your perfectly purring self again!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate. They could discover a situation that could prove to be helpful to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So, go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, an irksome, mysterious situation will soon be resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new associate brings ideas that -- the wise Sagittarian will quickly realize -- can benefit both you and them. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It might be a good idea to ease up on your hectic pace and spend more time studying things that you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it'll bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow, or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, do make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you which choices to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to examine everything before you agree to accept what you're told. Your need for the truth and your skepticism keep everyone around you honest.

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in the woods is a local dryland," stretching through forests, fields, and along old country roads. These weathered structures tell a story that reaches back thousands of years. As Professor Robert Thorson, a scientist, teacher, writer and Professor of Geology at the University of Connecticut explained during his Friday evening presentation at the Marion Natural History Museum, stone walls are much more than remnants of an agricultural past. They remind us how geological forces, human labor and the changing economy shaped New England.

Professor Thorson described stone walls as layers of time, much like Russian nesting dolls, with their smallest elements reflecting the longest spans of history. To understand their significance, he took his audience back to the Little Ice Age. As massive glaciers moved across the region, they broke apart bedrock and carried and deposited stones, sometimes hundreds of miles from their origins. When the glaciers eventually melted, these rocks were left scattered across the landscape, helping shape the terrain that would later become New England.

Over thousands of years, forests grew, leaves decomposed and soil gradually covered the stones. Eventually, natural processes brought many of these rocks back to the surface. By the eighteenth century, as European settlers expanded their farms and cleared the forests, the stones became a frustrating obstacle to cultivation. Farmers repeatedly removed them from their fields and piled them along property boundaries, creating the familiar stone walls that remain today.

These walls served practical purposes, marking property lines, separating fields, containing livestock and helping organize farmland. Professor Thorson called them "linear landfills," since they provided a convenient place to deposit the countless stones uncovered during farming. Building and maintaining these walls required enormous amounts of physical labor. In many cases, a farm's stone walls exceeded the combined value of its land and buildings.

The growth of stone walls also reflected a major transformation in New England's economy and way of life. As forests were cleared and agriculture expanded, the region shifted from a largely wooded wilderness to an organized farming landscape. The walls became lasting evidence of this transition, revealing how generations of settlers adapted the land to meet their needs.

Today, many of these old walls are slowly disappearing beneath forests and vegetation, yet they remain powerful historical landmarks. As Professor Thorson reminded his audience, looking closely at a stone wall allows us to see the landscape with new eyes. Each stone connects us to the glaciers, the forests, the farmers and the generations who came before us. Together, they form a remarkable record of New England's geological and human history.



Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting

The Nasketucket Bird Club will host "Investigating the Footsteps of a Birder: Elisabeth Goddard Weeks," presented by Mike LaBossiere, on Wednesday, **November 18**, at 6:30 pm at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring St., Marion.

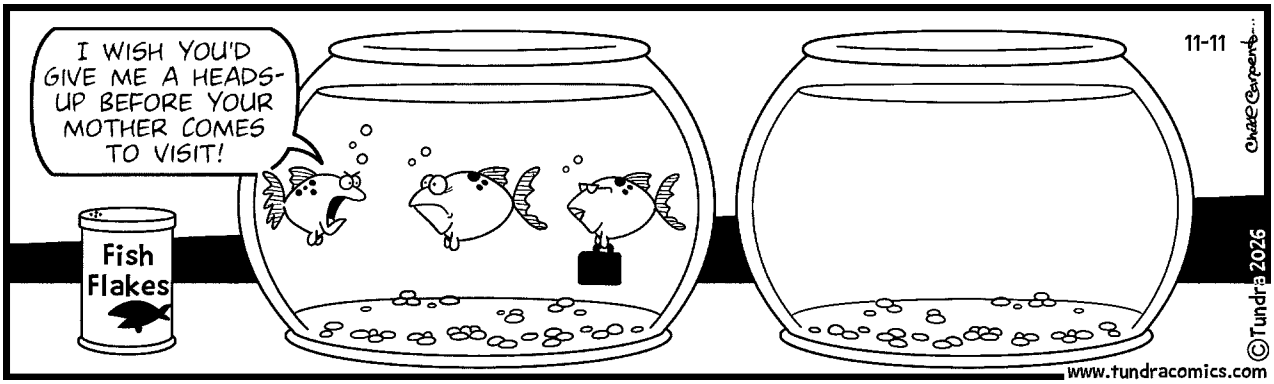
Join Mike as he continues to sift through the







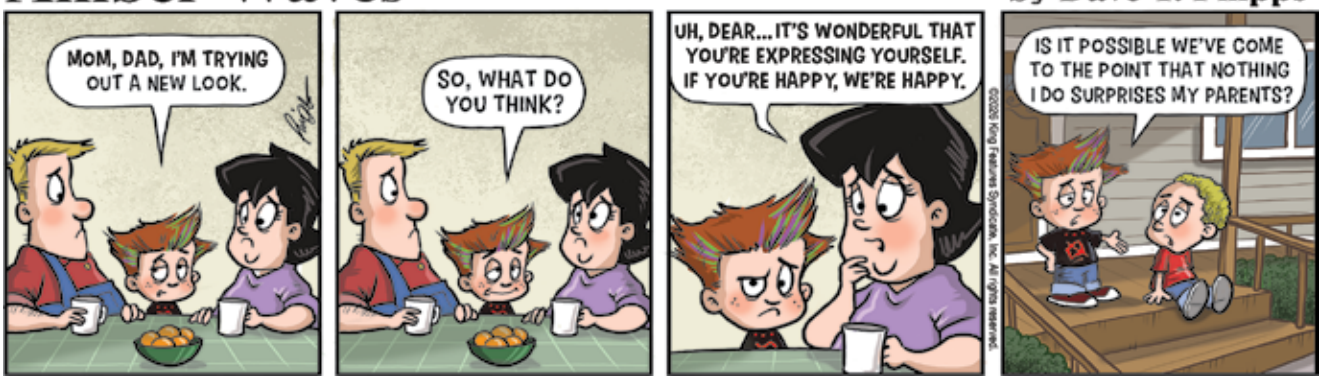
Tundra
by Chad Carpenter





Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



fascinating clues left in a journal once owned by Elisabeth Goddard Weeks, a birder from our own area. Through her writings, we'll explore her life with birds, her interests, her travels, and how her life and journal intersect with Mike's own birding journey.

What can a century-old journal tell us about the birds, birding traditions and natural history of our region? Come along as we piece together the story of a birder whose footsteps may be closer to home than you think.

Parking and entrance details: Please note the building has two entrances: one in the front and one in the back. The entrance in the back has "friendlier" steps as well as an elevator. A parking lot with access from Main Street behind the Marion Town House can also be utilized to access the back entrance. Ample street parking is available in the front of the building on Spring Street.

We'll also be discussing the upcoming Christmas Bird Count at the meeting. All meetings are free and open to all.

No One Should Go Hungry: Support Damien's

A food drive is planned to support Damien's Place Food Pantry from 8:00 am to 10:45 am on Saturday, **November 21**, at 140 Front Street, in front of Marion General Store.

Damien's Food Pantry welcomes people of every age, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, and the homeless, without discrimination. Damien's Place Food Pantry is based on the belief that everyone deserves to have enough to eat, and that they should experience dignity, respect, and compassion — especially during these difficult times.

This food drive is being sponsored by the Marion Democratic Town Committee. All donations will go to the food pantry.

Suggested items to drop off include the following: fresh produce, hot and cold cereals (low sugar), pancake mix and pancake syrup (no high fructose syrup), peanut butter and jelly (low sugar), dry pasta and pasta sauce, brown and white rice, instant potatoes, baked beans, low sodium soups, canned fruit (no sugar added), low sodium canned vegetables, canned tuna in water, canned chicken, 100% juices, shelf-stable milk, cheese and eggs, toiletries, paper products, pet food, diapers and wipes. The pantry also could use ingredients for baking: flour, baking powder and soda, vanilla and other ingredients. Make sure that none of your donations have expired dates.

Please mark your calendar for the morning of November 21. Bring your donations to the table set up outside the Marion General Store. The Marion Democratic Town Committee will pack and deliver all goods to the food pantry that morning.

Public Review: Molly's Cove Culvert Replacement

The Town of Mattapoisett is working with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) to design a replacement for the undersized, failing culvert under Mattapoisett Neck Road at Molly's Cove. GPI will present the 90% engineering plans for the replacement culvert on Tuesday, **November 17**, at 4:15 pm in the Training Room at the Mattapoisett Fire Station. In addition, GPI will present initial thoughts concerning the future replacement of two additional culverts under Mattapoisett Neck Road near the present Town Landing. All interested members of the public are invited to attend. For more information, please call the Town Administrator's office at 508-758-4100, ext. 220, or Mattapoisett Land Trust at 774-377-9191.



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 short break and will resume on **November 19 and 20**, respectively.

On Thursday, **November 12**, at 3:30 pm, join us for 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.

Saturday Storytimes are back. Join us for an



LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held 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

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

A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Luke M. Gauvin for property located at 580 Snipatuit Road, Map 43, Lot 8A. The applicant is proposing the construction of a single-family dwelling and garage outside of the wetlands buffer zone, with approximately 9,500 SF of site clearing, grading loam & seed located within the buffer zone of bordering wetlands.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81752828635
Meeting ID: 817 5282 8635
Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 11/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Ryan Lombard, 184 Middle Rd, Acushnet, MA 02770. The proposed project is to upgrade their subsurface sewage disposal system so that it meets Title V and local Board of health regulations. The entire septic system is located within an AE flood zone (Elev. 15) of Brant Island Cove. The project is located at 7 Marina Drive, and is further identified as Lot 79 on Assessor Map 14.B.
**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 11/12

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
PROJECT: Ram Island Restoration Project, Mattapoisett, MA
LOCATION: Ram Island, an uninhabited, state-owned wildlife sanctuary located in Buzzards Bay in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts
PROPONENT: Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (MassWildlife)

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before: November 16, 2026

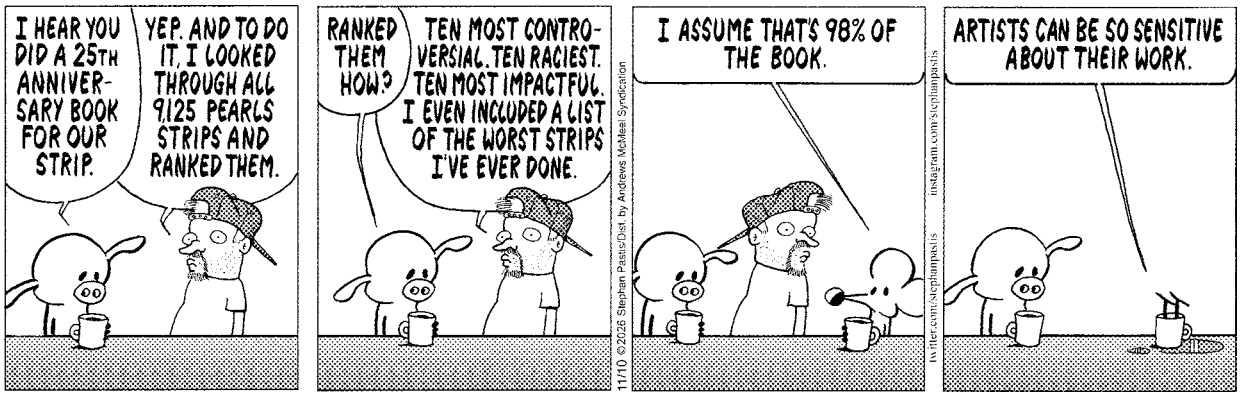
This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Weston & Sampson (Attn: Rhianna Sommers) at (978) 548-6251 or sommers.rhianna@wseinc.com

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Mattapoisett.

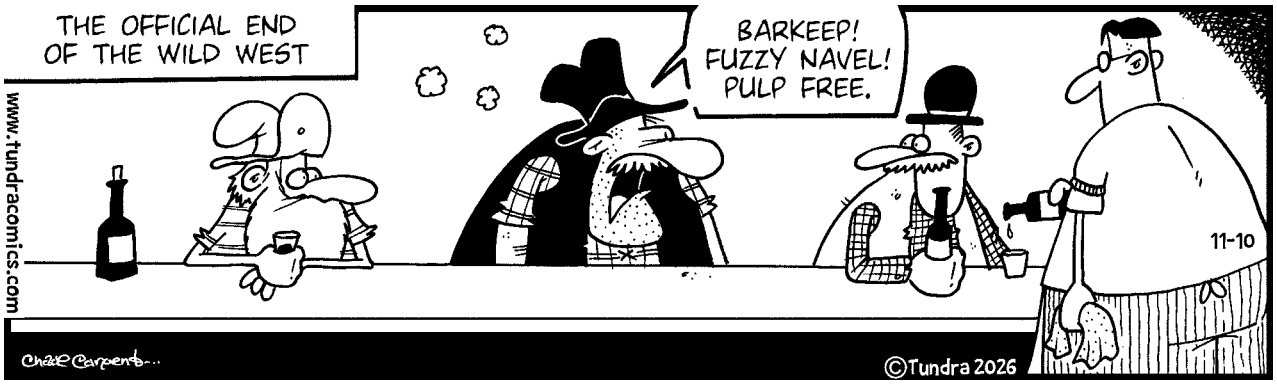
The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



all-ages storytime with songs, rhymes, books, a craft and more. Perfect for ages 2 and up, you can expect a new theme every week. No registration is required. The program runs on **November 14, 21, and 28, and December 5 and 12**.

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.

Little chefs, gobble up some fall fun by creating adorable turkey treats with cookies and colorful candies on **November 9** at 11:00 am. The activity is perfect for ages 2 and up. Registration is required.

Kids Graphic Novel Book Club will be reading *The Lionharts* by Mike Lawrence. Copies will be available at the children's desk, and the club will meet on Friday, **November 20,** at 3:30 pm. Contact faguiar@sailsinc.org with any questions. Registration is optional. Ages 9 and up.

On Saturday, **November 21**, at 1:00 pm, make your very own pet dinosaur at this Dinovember craft. Recommended for ages 6 and up; registration is required because supplies are limited. Adult supervision is required for younger hands, as we will be using hot glue for this one.

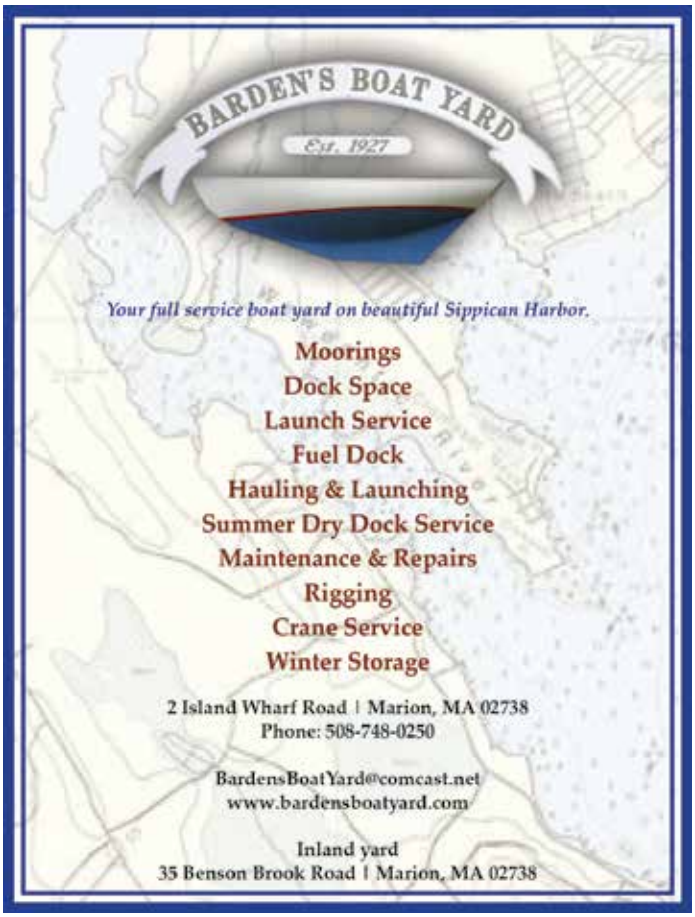
More information about all our programs is available on our website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

Adult Events at the Mattapoisett Library

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

Join us for 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 is required.

Join us for a unique, multi-generational workshop exploring the impact and implications of Artificial







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the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.
By Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (Proponent) 11/12

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to be Owners of Checks Issued by the Town of Mattapoisett Which Have Not Been Cashed and are Deemed Abandoned

Information about each check may be obtained by a person expressing an interest in the check by addressing an inquiry in writing to:
Office of the Treasurer
Attention: Cassandra Robert
P. O. Box 433
Mattapoisett, MA 02739
crobert@mattapoisett.gov
Bass Reddy Rooter
Brian Kelly
Deenie Pacik Giuliano MFA Stained & Fused Glass
Eilertsen Alex John
Gingras Marianne
Joseph Mcgrath
Marc Nadeau
Safe Road Services LLC
William Hastings 11/12

TOWN OF MARION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
POINT ROAD SHARED USE PATH

The Town of Marion, in partnership with consulting engineers TEC, Inc. and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), will hold a Public Information Session on Wednesday, November 18th, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The Public Information Session will present and discuss proposed alternatives as feasibility of a Shared Use Path (SUP) along Point Road in Marion, MA. The proposed Point Road SUP will extend from Route 6 to the MassDOT SUP No. 607979, which extends from the Mattapoisett / Marion Town line to Point Road. The intent of the proposed Point Road SUP is to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the community. 11/12

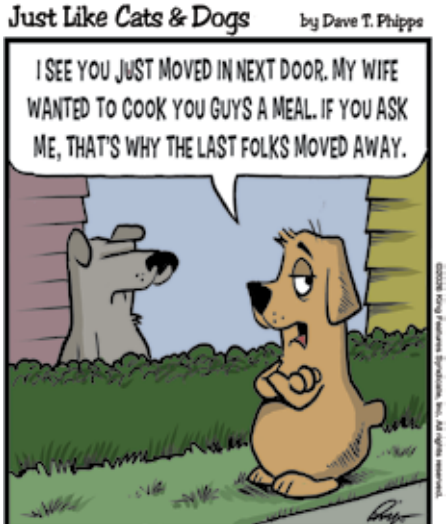
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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #848

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 10, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of DGZ Realty LLC, represented by Robert K. Hopkins, Esq., for an appeal of the Building Inspector's issuance of building permit R-26-0348 on October 8, 2026, to 2019 Hydrangea Hill Irrevocable Trust.

The property is a corner lot, on Converse Road and Hartley Lane, and further identified on Assessors' Plan 19 as lot 262.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 11/12, 11/19

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Bucky Blanchard	November 12
Heidi Dubreuil	November 12
Katherine Duffy	November 12
Robert Hazen	November 12
Wendy Keeler	November 13
Brianne Newcomb	November 14
Charlotte Tracy	November 14
Gary Taylor	November 14
Jamie Jon Rebello	November 14
Jordan Medeiros	November 14
Kathy Sanders	November 14
Madeline Major	November 14
Meg Taylor	November 14
Abigail Rusinoski	November 15
Gabriel Kirby	November 15
John Dzerkacz	November 15
Luice Moncevitch	November 15
Nicholas Dutra-Lombard	November 15
Russell Keeler	November 15
Andy Hiller	November 16
Erin Zell	November 16
James Sheehan	November 16
Rye Vincent	November 16
Ann Read Wingate	November 17
Braden MacDonald	November 17
Maureen Muldoon	November 17
Thomas Miller	November 17
Julian E. Bolduc	November 18
Raelynn Cann	November 18

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



Intelligence in our daily lives, on **November 20**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We will discuss beneficial, real-world applications and how to safeguard against the risks posed by AI-enabled deepfakes, scams and misinformation. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

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 get certified to use the 3D 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.

Family Movie Night is happening at 6:00 pm on **November 24**. We will be showing *School of Rock* (2003), with a run time of 1 hour and 48 minutes. Bring some snacks to enjoy the movie experience fully. This event is designed for community members of all ages — no registration required.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

When Charles Willson Peale painted the portrait of George Washington, he left off the slight scarring



from smallpox on his face. Washington was not alone in bearing those scars. While he contracted the disease on a trip to Barbados at age 19, smallpox was everywhere. Smallpox scars were common and a sign that those who had them were the lucky ones, because they had survived the disease.

Over the years, smallpox epidemics swept through Boston and other areas of New England. Of those who contracted the disease, 30% died. Quarantine was thought to be the only way to stop the spread of the disease when it appeared. However, when people were forced into large groups and close quarters, smallpox could spread swiftly. During the siege of Boston, civilians trapped inside the city and militiamen in camps outside the city were afflicted. From 1775 to 1782, 130,000 people were believed to have died from smallpox in North America.

The Rev. Cotton Mather, an influential Boston clergyman, had an enslaved man from West Africa named Onesimus. He told his master he had been inoculated against smallpox. Because the variola virus caused the disease, the method of inoculation was called

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TRIVIA TEST
By Fifi Rodriguez
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1. MOVIES: Which pop music group sings at the wedding in "Bridesmaids"?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state's official dance is the shag?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which designer made the miniskirt famous?
4. MUSIC: How many strings does a standard violin have?
5. LANGUAGE: What does it mean to apricate?
6. TELEVISION: Who was the original host of "The Price is Right"?
7. ANATOMY: Which component of blood initiates clotting?
8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Age of Innocence"?
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10. HISTORY: When did the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) go into effect?

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Answers
1. Wilson Phillips.
2. South Carolina.
3. Mary Quant.
4. Four.
5. To bask in the sun.
6. Bill Cullen (The original show debuted in 1956.)
7. Platelets.
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10. 1994.

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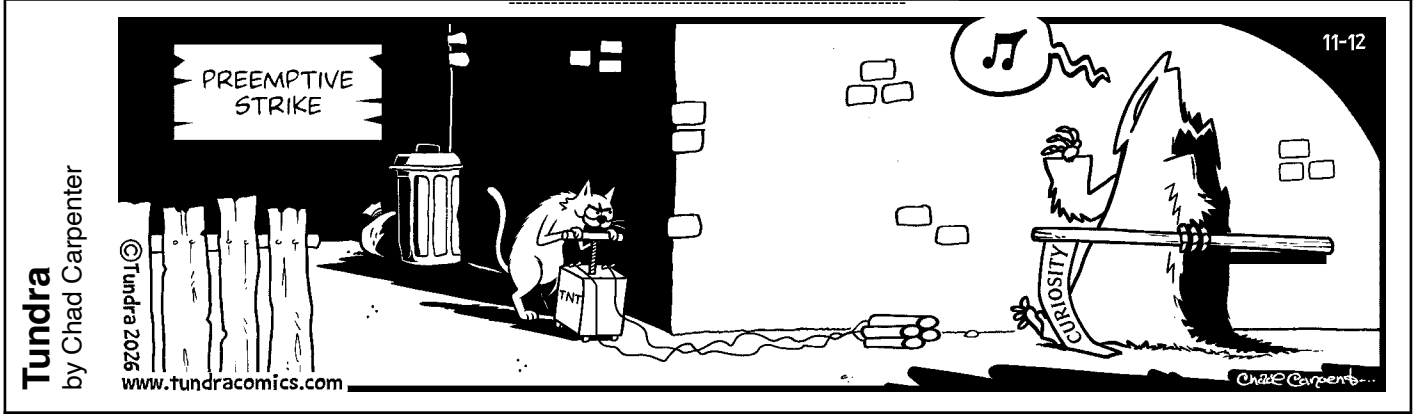
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"variolating." A slit was made in a person's arm and pus from an infected person was rubbed into the wound. In most cases, the person treated had a mild case with no scarring and became immune.

While the first inoculation in Boston was in 1721, the process was condemned by many ministers because it interfered with God's will. The procedure was then banned in the colonies until 1776, amid severe epidemics.

In 1775, claiming he needed to make room for more incoming soldiers, British General Howe gathered boatloads of Boston's poor on two occasions, shipped them across the Back Bay, and deposited them on the shore near Cambridge. The first group of 300 men, women and children — as well as the second group of 150 — were mostly sick, many with smallpox, and dying. At that time, Washington described smallpox as a "weapon of defense they are using against us."

In 1777, Gen. Washington mandated inoculation for all troops. It was the first mass inoculation event in America, and no doubt helped to win the Revolution.

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.

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 snacking. 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 attend Library League meetings to help make decisions about the teen collection, programs and community projects. Earn volunteer hours each time you attend a Library League meeting. No registration is required; just drop in.

Come to the library on **November 24** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for a Teen Un-Craft Workshop: Tech Teardown. Take apart the library's old Ultimaker 2 3D printer and other small pieces of technology with tools and safety equipment provided by the library. No registration is required. Grades 6-12 are welcome.

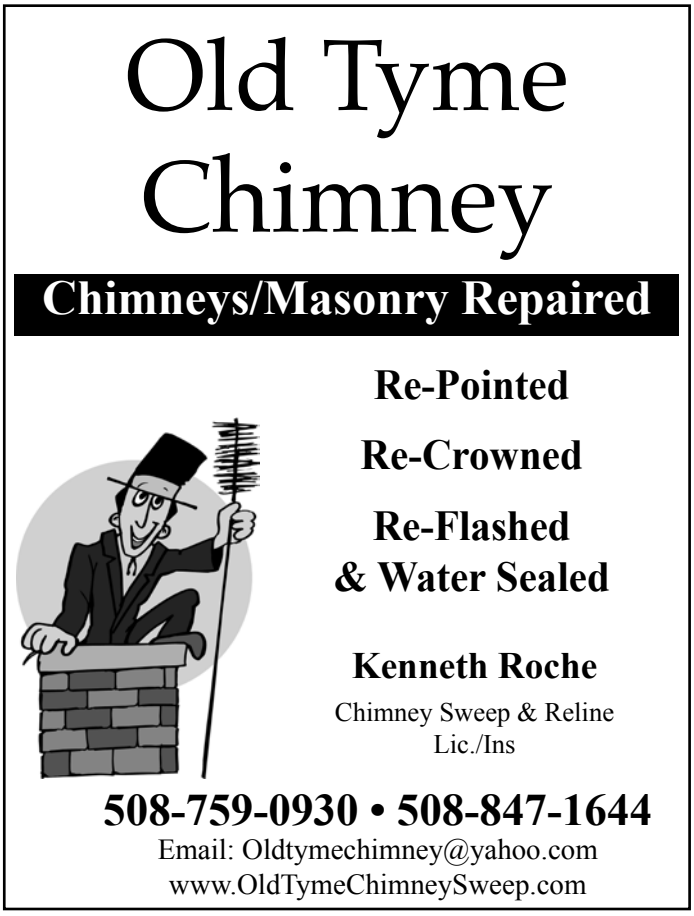
As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Rochester Historical Society Thankful Supper

The Rochester Historical Society is holding its annual potluck Thankful Supper on **November 18** at 5:30 pm. We'll also have a brief meeting and raffles. The dinner is downstairs at the Historical Museum at 355 County







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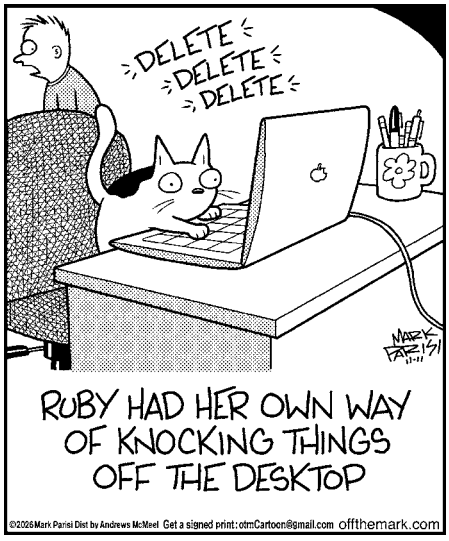
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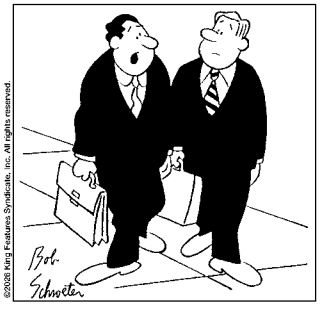
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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Road. If you're curious about the Historical Society and would like to learn more, this is a great time to bring a dish, share dinner, and get to know us.

If you want to reserve a spot, discuss what you're bringing, or get an idea of what to bring, contact Connie at 617-750-2818 or email eshbach2@aol.com. We're always interested in meeting people who are interested in the Rochester and West Wareham history and community. Remember, historically, Rochester included Marion and Mattapoisett.

Sundays at the Rochester Historical Museum

We continue to be open at the Museum at 355 County Rd. on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm or by appointment to view the exhibit "Rochester and the Revolution." To arrange a visit, call Connie at 617-750-2818 or email eshbach2@aol.com.

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), 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.

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 s'mores, 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



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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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.

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.

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 via Google Meet.

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

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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

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off the mark by Mark Parisi



Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
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
Monday	November 23	6:12	6:39		12:28
Tuesday	November 24	7:02	7:30	12:08	1:18
Wednesday	November 25	7:52	8:21	12:56	2:11
Thursday	November 26	8:44	9:14	1:48	3:03
Friday	November 27	9:39	10:10	2:41	3:55
Saturday	November 28	10:36	11:08	3:34	4:50
Sunday	November 29	11:35		4:31	6:00

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



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***

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1. Cosmic; 2. Mortal
3. Alley; 4. Linger

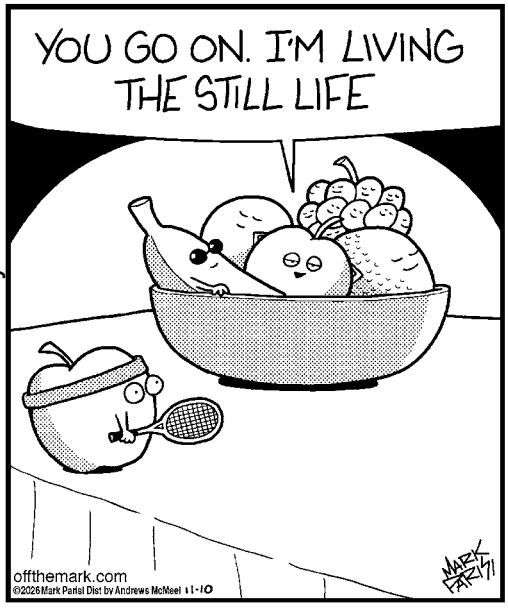
Today's Word

SALARY

Sudoku Answer

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

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Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

2 WEEK SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, November 13th to Thursday, November 26th, 2026

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NEW! • Open Daily: 7am–8pm

GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

6 oz Select Varieties
Stove Top Stuffing Mix
2/$5



11 - 15.5 oz Select Varieties
Del Monte Canned Vegetables
$1.29



16 oz Select Varieties
Land O Lakes Butter
$3.99



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

Half Liter Botttles 24 Pack Poland Spring Water	$5.99
Half Liter Bottle 6 Pack Regular or Lime Poland Spring Sparkling Water	$3.99 +Dep.
10 ct K-Cups Select Varieties Dunkin Coffee	$8.99
14 oz Minute Rice	$2.99
14 oz Whole or Jellied Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce	2/$5
8 oz Selected Varieties Better Than Bouillon Cooking Base	$4.99
12 oz Select Varieties Heinz Home Style Gravy	2/$5
10 - 12 oz Select Varieties Nestlé Toll House Baking Morsels	$4.99
3.5-13.7 oz Select Varieties Nabisco Snack Crackers	$3.49
46 oz Select Varieties Simply Orange Juice	$4.99
32 - 52 oz Select Varieties Planet Oat Oatmilk or Creamer	$3.49
16 oz Select Varieties Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream or Novelties	$5.99
48 oz Select Varieties Hood Ice Cream	$3.49

BAKERY

22 oz 8 Inch Table Talk Pumpkin Pie	$7.99
20 oz Select Varieties Jessica's Brick Oven Bakery Tuscan Bread	$3.79

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Fresh All Natural Bell & Evans Organic Turkey	$6.99 lb
Fresh Eye of the Round Roast	$8.99 lb
Fresh Allen's Party Wings	$2.99 lb
Fresh Pork Tenderloin	$4.99 lb
Fresh Baby Back Pork Ribs	$4.99 lb
16 oz Regular or Thick Cut Hormel Black Label Bacon	$9.99
12.5 oz Skinless Boar's Head Beef Franks	$7.99
Deli Sliced Boar's Head Maple Honey Ham	$11.99 lb
Deli Fresh Friends' Store Made Imported Swiss Cheese	$12.99 lb
Deli Sliced Land O Lakes White American Cheese	$6.99 lb
Deli Fresh Friends' Store Made Chicken Salad	$11.99 lb
Deli Fresh Friends' Store Made Macaroni Salad	$9.99 lb
Deli Fresh Friends' Store Packaged Beet & Onion Salad	$10.99 lb
Deli Fresh Friends' Store Packaged Asian Noodle Salad	$9.99 lb
7 oz Kerrygold Irish Cheddar Cheese	$7.99
8 oz Select Varieties Président Pub Cheese	$5.99
8 oz Parmesan, Romano, or Asiago BelGioioso Cheese Wedge	$4.99
6.5 oz Boar's Head Pepperoni Stick	$4.99
8 oz Boar's Head Canadian Cheddar	$7.99
Ready to Serve Allen's Rotisserie Chicken	$9.99 ea

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BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

8 to 22 lb. Avg. Fresh All Natural
Bell & Evans and Plainville Turkeys
$3.69 lb



64 oz Select Varieties
Ocean Spray Cranberry Drinks
$2.48



32 oz Select Varieties
College Inn Broth
$1.48



6 - 8 oz Select Varieties
Cabot Shredded Cheese or Bars
2/$6



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

5.3 oz Select Varieties
Chobani Greek Yogurt
4/$5



QUALITY PRODUCE













20 oz Locally Grown Cut & Peeled Butternut Squash	$2.99
Block BUSTER Fresh Sweet Potatoes	99¢ lb
Fresh Green Grapes	$3.49 lb
3 lb Bag Granny Smith Apples	$5.99 ea
Fresh Red & Yellow Bell Peppers	$2.99 lb
12 oz Pero Family Farms Snipped Green Beans	$2.69

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