

# Headlight



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## The Turkeys are Back

Jillian Lederman, Sophomore  
Reporter

In many areas around the world, it would be fairly uncommon to see a flock of wild turkeys strolling across a main road at 7:30 in the morning. In Marblehead, however, wild turkeys are practically members of the community. While they have not been sighted regularly around town for several months, Marblehead's mascots have returned.

It seems as though wild turkeys have always been present in Marblehead. However, there were no wild turkeys in Massachusetts, much less Marblehead, for over 100 years. This was largely due to hunting and increased development. In 1911, and then again in the 1950s and 1960s, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife attempted to revive the wild turkey population in Massachusetts. Unfortunately, they did not succeed until the late 1970s, when adult turkeys trapped in upstate New York were transported to the Berkshires. There, they settled and thrived. The population grew steadily, and MassWildlife began to move some of the animals to other parts of Massachusetts. As of November 2017, the wild turkey population in Massachusetts is approximately 25,000.

Last year, Marblehead suffered a tragedy when Humphrey, a wild turkey that could frequently be found along Humphrey Street, was killed. It became clear that Humphrey was a beloved animal when, after his death, there was an outpouring of love for him on social media. Many Marbleheaders even wrote poems for him. Humphrey was buried somewhere along the Marblehead bike path.

Though Humphrey was widely loved, many Marblehead residents consider the wild animals a nuisance. Often, the turkeys will stray in front of a line of cars dropping off children at school, halting the procession for several minutes. Turkeys that truly live in the wild are known to be fairly skittish and wary of people. Those in suburban areas such as Marblehead, however, typically lose their fear of humans. As a result, it is difficult to convince turkeys to budge from the middle of the road. Additionally, though they are usually harmless, some wild turkeys will act aggressively toward people if provoked, so it is not wise to violently push the animals away when they are blocking traffic.

It's rather ironic that the turkeys have returned just as Thanksgiving is looming on the horizon. After all, a turkey is the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving table for 88 percent of Americans. But despite the fact that prepared turkeys will be flying off the supermarket shelves this coming Thanksgiving, it would be very foolish to take advantage of Marblehead's wild turkey population. Just ask Humphrey.

## Telenovelas son Buenas?

Alix Livermore, Junior  
Reporter

For a recent Spanish assignment, I had to choose a telenovela (Spanish soap opera) to watch and respond to. I didn't have very high hopes considering these soap operas are usually characterized by being low-budget and featuring actors with questionable theater chops. But, I have to say, I was pleasantly surprised and 45 minutes of my life did not completely go to waste! I chose to watch the first episode of *Mi Adorable Maldición* (My Adorable Curse) because it looked nice and dramatic, and it really was. A father named Anselmo is devastated on the night his daughter is born because his wife dies and her body is mysteriously stolen by a dirty homeless man (weird, I know). The midwife also blacklists Anselmo's new daughter around town because she believes that she possesses the mark of the devil.

The execution of this strange plot was pretty good. The filming was a little better than I expected, even though it still had the quality that only a not totally professional-grade camera can offer. The actual acting within the episode was solid as well, even though some of the marking within the scenes was funny to watch. But, again, not horrible! In fact, I feel so intrigued by the story that I may watch another episode. I also found this experience quite exciting because I got to put my budding Spanish knowledge to the test when listening to the quick pace of conversation between native speakers. And I'm also happy to be proven wrong when something turns out to be better than I expected. So if you feel that way, too, or think telenovelas aren't great, I recommend that you give this one a chance because it may pique your interest, as it has mine.

## Powderpuff

Support Marblehead Senior Girls when they play Swampscott!

What: Powderpuff Game  
Where: Swampscott Field  
When: Saturday, November 18th, at 10:00 AM



## "Free Time is the Enemy of Progress"

Paul Heffernan, Junior  
Reporter

The most valuable advice I've ever received is "free time is the enemy of progress." This advice comes from Casey Neistat, a filmmaker, entrepreneur, and public speaker based in Tribeca, New York City. Casey best exemplifies how, if actually implemented, his advice can make you more productive right away. Casey starts by planning out his every day to each minute detail. In this way, Casey maximizes every minute of his day, and he is seldom not doing something with his time. Lately, I've come to a realization about myself. I've learned that when I am busy, I feel like my best self. This does not mean that I am completely opposed to free time. On the contrary, I actually enjoy some free time. What I am saying, however, is that too much free time is not good for my productivity. When I need to get a homework assignment done, if I know I will have free time later in the week, I will push it off until then. I end up pushing all of my assignments to the one free day, whereas when I am busy, I get my assignments done on time without procrastination.

William Penn once said, "Time is what we want most, but what we use worst." I am forced to agree with him. It isn't easy to improve ourselves, even though we are often very aware of our insecurities and vulnerabilities. Time management is a valuable skill that everyone needs, and everyone will use for the rest of their lives.

One thing that I have struggled with in improving my time management is being forced to do things I don't want to do. This is especially true when I feel like I could be doing something better with my time. The main culprit right now is my math class. I often find myself wondering, "Why I am sitting here? When will I ever use this information?" I start to daydream about all of the better things that I could be doing and experiencing, but instead I am sitting at my desk. It is simply a fact of life that we must do things that we don't want to do. Even though we can't change this, we can take greater advantage of the free time that we do have, by managing our time and organizing our lives. The key to all of this is finding a balance. It is within the balance of work and free time that we thrive and real progress is made. Hopefully, I will find the right balance for me.

## MHS Fall Drama!

# Come See *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow!*

By John Heimbuch and Jon Ferguson

**"His appetite for the marvelous, and his powers of digesting it, were equally extraordinary; and both had been increased by his residence in this spell-bound region. No tale was too gross or monstrous for his capacious swallow."**

**November 17 at 7:00 PM**

**November 19 at 5:00 PM**

**\$5 Students and Seniors  
\$10 General Admission  
MHS Theatre**

## Quote of the Week

**"One child,  
one teacher,  
one pen and  
one book can  
change the world"  
- Malala Yousafzai**

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