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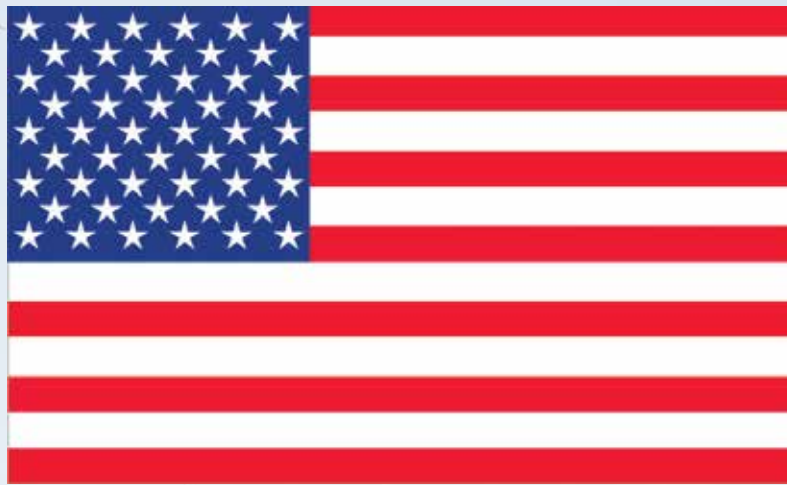
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The Mighty Trucks

By Sam Bishop

On May 17, trucks and utility vehicles from across the Tri-Town convened in the parking lot of Old Rochester Regional High School for the "Touch A Truck" even hosted by teacher Elizabeth Kennedy and the Early Childhood Education program.

The event saw both local town departments and businesses bring their important vehicles to allow both kids and adults to get an up-close look at and "touch" them. In doing so, attendees could learn the importance or necessity of such vehicles, as well as ask any questions they may have had prior or developed in seeing the scale of heavy machinery.

Stationed around the parking lot in a circle was a Cape Cod Express big-rig hauler, an Amaral yellow school bus, a container truck from Sadie Creek Farm, Mattapoisett Fire Department truck, and Mattapoisett Police showing strong with an ambulance, police van, ATV/side-by-side, and specialty drone-control cruiser.

There were many options as kids frolicked between their different interests. Some even discovered new interests, declaring "I wanna be a fire fighter!" or "I want to drive the bus!" Ironically, the vehicle kids and students have the most direct exposure to, the yellow school bus, seemed to draw the biggest crowd at times.

Toe Jam Puppet Band also made a showing with a bubble show by performer, bubbler, and ORRH alumna Bailey Sweet. There were short Zumba classes and a drone demonstration by Mattapoisett Police. The drone flew high into the air, peering down on the audience excitedly gazing upward at law enforcement's new toy. High school student volunteers were posted at various tables, manning sensory tables, face paint, and Play-Doh stations. ORR's Bulldog mascot also made an appearance. The suit was originally gifted by the Class of 2023.

The event lasted three hours and saw hundreds of visitors.

***On the Cover:** Teacher Liz Kennedy and the Early Childhood program organized the "Touch A Truck" event hosted by Old Rochester Regional High School on Saturday, May 17. Visitors could get up close to their new favorite utility vehicles or even get inside. The bubble show, performed by Bailey Sweet, was a hit with kids after they were done gazing at the huge trucks or the drone darting across the sky. Photo by Sam Bishop*

Memorial Day Events

Rochester will be holding a rejuvenated Memorial Day Event on Sunday, **May 25** at the Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexters Lane in Rochester at 12:00 pm. There will be speakers, music and a procession to the Town Hall, Daggett Square, and concluding at the COA. Snacks and refreshments will be provided by the Rochester Events Committee.

Mattapoisett will be holding its annual Memorial

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Day Event on Monday, **May 26** at Center School, 17 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett at 1:30 pm. There will be speakers, music and a procession to the library and concluding at the wharf. Snacks and refreshments will be provided by the Mattapoisett Women's Club.

The Marion Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, **May 26** starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front St, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

The procession and remembrances will follow same route as in past years, stepping off from the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial the town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of devotion".

The procession and remembrances will feature the Sippican School Marching Band led by director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band. The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Technical Sergeant Mandy Givens of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

Residents are encouraged to attend the remembrances as well as stand along the parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

Spring Flora Beckons

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Nature's first blush has passed. Daffodils and forsythia have receded, and catkins have dropped off trees, making way for tender new leaves. The bright pastels that piqued our interest in early spring are fading away, being replaced by delicious shades of green.

If you look at the grass and the leaves of certain deciduous trees, you will notice the special color that is unfolding. This "prima vera," first true green in Latin, announced that summer is not far off. Along with the natural world, humans awoken at this time, making more of an effort to be outdoors.

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The simple wonders of spring bring simple pleasures. The joyful rediscovery can be found in the ordinary and even more profoundly in the unusual flowers that point the land. The parade begins in March as the snowdrops emerge, leading onward to the winsome crocus and perky daffodils coinciding with elegant tulips cascading across gardens public and private like a well-choreographed gymnastics ensemble. And the repeat performers - that come thereafter - the bleeding heart and vibrant phlox and passionate poppy add to the cavalcade that never seems to end.

It's an exciting time of the year for the garden-

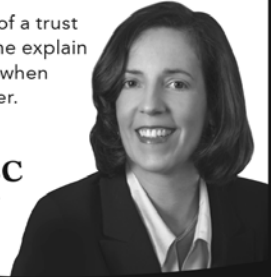
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lover and for those who tend gardens, it's the most important season, filled with tasks that always lead to more.

Orchestrating the flowers for continuous show can take finesse, but it is worth the energy and effort to plan and map your garden. Bulbs are a good way to start. Spring isn't really spring without them, coloring the land with vibrant strokes - sometimes planted in clusters or drifts to jumpstart a garden border or section of a yard or simply placed higgledy-piggledy into a bed designated for cutting.

It's exciting to grow tulips - their sheer variation in form and color lend all kinds of character to the garden - ranging from tiny fritillaria to parrot tulips with their

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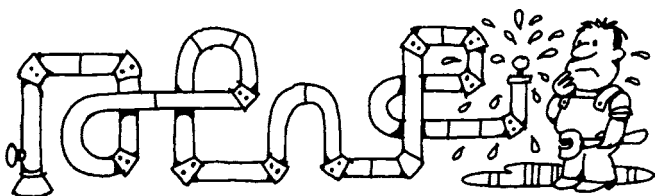
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lovely striations of color and feathered petals. Tulips are fun to grow and require a bit of imagination when planting varieties together as you can't always predict their peaking together. Of course, planting the bulbs must be done in fall - so it behooves us to think of siting them now - on paper. It's handy to photograph the site in question - which will inform the color and bloom time of the type you choose to grow, as well as the combination of plants installed.

After flowering, it is advisable to snap off the seed pods and allow the green stem and leaves to die back naturally so that the bulb is nourished. Similarly, transplanting should be done with as little interruption as possible with foliage intact and as much soil adhered to the roots as possible, inserting the bulb five inches below the surface. The dying foliage is unsightly but this may be disguised by inter-planting a successor to the bed to prosper in the tulips' wake.

This is an important detail, for you can have an eye-popping display of tulips but once they fade, things can look desolate. For this reason be strategic in planting spring perennials so they can swathe the dying foliage. A well-placed hosta can lend cover as can a carpet of phlox or sweet woodruff - basically anything that succeeds the tulip's bloom time can effectively disguise the rotting aftermath.

Sometimes you realize that the real-estate mantra "location, location, location" can serve the garden industry too. Installing a whole bunch of crocus bulbs in a location that is not used in spring is a mistake. You won't get to enjoy it. Remember too that many small bulbs will naturalize and can revive a section of garden (or lawn before the mowing ensues) before many of the perennials are up. Tiny bulbs such as scilla and pushkinia are advancing among the early foliage of lady's mantle and the shoots of daylilies, bleeding heart and iris, who will then carry on the flowering.

The daffodil (more accurately narcissus) immortalized by the Romantic poet William Wordsworth, is a good stand-alone flower. It looks good anywhere - "beside the lake, beneath the trees..." adding a stroke that mimics sunshine to the landscape. It's extremely moving when grown in drifts and when found solo. But it can be

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used in design whether leaning across a path, against a wall, or in a wood, daffodils add radiance to the spring landscape.

Closer to home than Wordsworth's haunts of England's Lake District you can enjoy a dazzling display of daffs at Parsons Reserve off Horseneck Road in Dartmouth. I did just that on a recent spring day with my friend Cecile

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who suggested we make it a yearly event. I had not been for more than 20 years and found many others taking in the scene of golden radiance. According to local lore, the daffodils were planted by Raymond Pettey in the 1940s to sell during WWII when the U.S. was unable to get bulbs from Holland. The war ended and the flowers remained. Be sure to put that on your calendar for next spring. It makes for a good hike and includes a vernal pool and lovely views of Destruction Brook as it trickles toward the Slocums River.

A cutting garden is a good way to satisfy a love of whimsy. It is a place where flowers can run riot. It accepts all types and design doesn't matter here. The color itself is what speaks and flowers are grown for a good cause: namely for displaying in a vase within your home. It's a place for all flowers, but having one dedicated to a type of bulb is a good idea. Or extras - tulips and daffs - blooming together.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring Tra la,
Breathe promise of merry sunshine" -from *The Mikado* by Gilbert and Sullivan.

Change by the Numbers

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

As we all know, the individual currently residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington is big into change. He has changed the name of the Gulf of Mexico to



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the Gulf of America, and he recently said he was going to change the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Gulf. This will, no doubt, keep the map makers of the world busy, which is a good thing because nobody uses maps anymore. I am all for full employment!

Change is good. After all, we change our clothes every day. Some people change their hair color from time to time. Not me. I don't have much, and grey is a nice neutral color.

Some folks even change their names and others change jobs quite frequently. We keep change in our pockets. No, sorry, that's something different. My bride and I changed the color of our old house three times.

We even change our elected officials. That is the

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American way. Anyway, to change something is renewal and good for the soul.

Speaking of elected officials, an article in the recent Town Meeting warrant to change the number of Select Board seats from three to five passed overwhelmingly. Adding two new positions to the Board is an intriguing solution to a problem that has plagued small town elections for years – uncontested races.

Advocates won their case by convincing the voters in attendance that increasing membership would bring “a range of expertise..., encourage check and balances, and be more democratic.”

Historically it has been nearly impossible to get people to run for office. On every ballot there are uncontested races allowing incumbents to continue in their position without opposition. After all who wants to run against an incumbent. Sure, occasionally someone tries to unseat an incumbent, but we all know, incumbents never leave. Someone who ran before and lost can run unopposed, win and viola, they will join the ruling class without lifting a figure. Democracy in action!

I am an optimist. I’m sure hordes of townsfolks with expertise will be storming the Town Hall to take out nomination papers, eager to take on all the Town’s many problems that need to be addressed. Change is good.

So, there you go. I trust the repair of the town wharves, the Main Street/Water Street “Big Dig”, the need for affordable housing and all the other projects





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facing the town will move things along like never before.

Anyway, if the Select Board moves the proposal onto the state and if it is approved (and you can be sure it will be), we will now have the distinction of being one of the smallest towns with a five-member Select Board in the Commonwealth.

Based on my vast experience in government, I know that some big changes will be needed to implement this new arrangement. First the town will have to buy a new conference table. The current one seats only five comfortably...the three members, the town administrator and the Board's secretary. They all sit on one side to accommodate the TV camera and the small audience of civic minded auditors (often only two news reporters).

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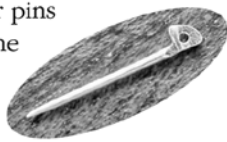
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You can't have a new conference table without new chairs, right. No one would replace their dining room table and keep grandma's old chairs. I haven't priced out new chairs, but I would recommend a nice leather ergonomic design. With two more board members asking questions and offering their opinions, the meetings might go on late into the night and sitting that long is bad for the back.

Then there are the microphones. For hygienic reasons we wouldn't want our town leaders exposed to any harmful viruses by sharing. Add eight new microphones to the list (one extra for anyone speaking to the Board. They can sit on the old chairs.)

Well, here's looking up to a bright future of new ideas, more efficiency, and did I say new ideas?

When the new Board is done solving every issue, maybe we can change the name of Buzzards Bay to something more appealing.

Change is good.

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

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What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

President Trump announced on the day of his inauguration that he was withdrawing the U.S. from the World Health Organization, a process that takes a year under a joint resolution of Congress passed in 1948. The stated reason was the WHO's failure to quickly sound the

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On March 28, the Trump administration announced it was shutting down the US Agency for International Development (USAID), including all its disease-fighting initiatives around the world.

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With the world totally connected by trade and tourism, outbreaks in a distant country will inevitably reach the U.S. and strain our health system. When a few imported cases of Ebola occurred in 2014, 45 health



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Rochester Elections

Editor's note: Since the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020 interrupted the South Coast League of Women Voters' annual effort to host candidates' nights, The Wanderer has been offering a platform for candidates in contested races for elected offices in the tri-towns. This year, candidates were invited to submit up to 250 words in one paragraph. Candidates in each race are listed in alphabetical order. Statements from candidates in the Marion and Mattapoisett town elections appeared in the May 15 issue of The Wanderer. Statements from Rochester candidates appear below. The Rochester Town Election will be held on Wednesday, May 28, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Senior Center/Council on Aging at 67 Dexter Lane.

Rochester School Committee

Sharon Hartley is retiring from school committee, and two candidates are on the ballot for her expiring seat on a three-year term.

Kirstin Jimenez

Born and raised in Rochester, I bring a lifetime of connection to our community as a Rochester Memorial School graduate, the parent of a current RMS student, and the RMS PTO president. My deep and unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing RMS motivated me to run for a seat on the RMS School Committee to ensure the school can obtain the resources

and curricular materials needed to keep up with evolving state requirements, best practices in education, and our changing world. As RMS PTO president for the past six years, I've already made many positive impacts at Rochester Memorial School. I have grown and expanded fundraising efforts to support school programs such as the Book Vending Machine initiative to promote literacy, and successfully brought back school assemblies to enrich student experiences and fund transportation for field trips. I believe strongly that while our students must always remain our ultimate focus, supporting our teachers is essential to providing the best possible education. Teachers who are well-resourced, respected, and not overwhelmed by stress can give their full attention and creativity to our children, creating a positive classroom experience. As an RMS School Committee member, my experience in fundraising and resource allocation will be crucial in navigating these financial constraints. I would be honored to serve Rochester's students, teachers, and families on the School Committee, and I ask for your vote on May 28.



Barbara Lee

My name is Barbara Lee. I am a mother of two children in the Rochester school system, and we are proud to call Rochester our home for nearly four years. When given the opportunity to move, I chose Rochester for the country living, the close community, but most importantly for the stellar reputation of the school system. Over the past four years, I've grown to know many of the parents and residents of the town through volunteering my time between the local Cub Scouts, PTO events, and the RMS School Council. I also work full time with an investment company for the last 20 years. As an assistant client service manager, I'm responsible for leading a list of clients' pension operations, reporting, as well as handling all escalations that arise. I have over 25 years of customer



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service experience with the majority being in financial operations. With my financial background, I intend to pay special attention to the budgets and expenses, keeping the residents in mind. If I am fortunate enough to be elected, I will serve the town of Rochester by being a representative who listens and shares the community's voice on school issues and financial obligations. I feel that the RMS School Committee has collaborated well this past year by avoiding injecting political ideologies or personal agendas into their work. If elected, I would be fully committed to this as well. I respectfully ask for your support and would appreciate your vote on May 28th.

Rochester Park Commission

Two candidates, incumbent David Hughes and challenger Nate Reece, are on the ballot for one, three-year term.

David Hughes

I have been a full-time Rochester resident since 1972, and before that, I spent summers here at my family's cottage on Snows Pond. My wife and I raised our four children in this town and appreciate all the town had to offer. I take great pride in this town and want to do my part to keep Rochester beautiful by keeping our parks a beautiful and safe place for all residents. I've been on the Park Commission for nine years, and we have always operated within our town-approved budget. The Dexter Lane



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fields are used by Tri-Town Soccer, lacrosse, women's softball, Old Rochester Youth Baseball and Old Colony and Old Rochester baseball practices. Dexter Lane also provides space for basketball, pickleball, a skate park, picnic tables, playground and walking trails. During my existing term as chairman for the board, we upgraded the basketball court with new backboards and nets. Added two pickleball courts along with new fencing. A new shelter was installed to cover the existing picnic tables. New bleachers were installed at Gifford Park, thanks to Old Rochester Youth Baseball's donation. Thanks to a donation from Tri-Town for Protecting Children and the Town of Rochester's matching funds from ARPA, we have begun construction of a new playground at Gifford Park. I also have to thank the Rochester Highway Department for their hard work on this project and hopefully more to come. I monitor the supplies for the park, enlist part-time help during the summer months and ensure that all bills are paid in a timely manner. I am semi-retired and do not work during the summer, which gives me more time to maintain the parks.

Nate Reece

My name is Nate Reece and I'm running for the Rochester Parks Commission because I believe our parks are vital to the health, happiness, and unity of our community. I grew up just over the border in Middleboro and have lived in Rochester for the past six years with my wife and young children. As a father, Cub Scout



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leader, and youth sports coach, I use our parks regularly and hear from families about what's working – and what could be better. Professionally, I'm a mechanical engineer with over a decade of experience managing complex projects in the energy and insurance industries. I also hold a Master's in Technology Management from UMass Dartmouth. My background equips me with the skills to plan, prioritize, and execute improvements efficiently and transparently. If elected, I'll focus on three key goals: increasing resident engagement with park decisions; developing a multi-year parks plan; and expanding recreational opportunities – especially by exploring the creation of a Recreation Department and collaborating with neighboring towns to offer complementary programming. I bring fresh energy, practical experience, and a deep commitment to making our parks places where the community can come together. It's time for a fresh voice and a forward-thinking approach. I'd be honored to earn your vote. Thank you.



ORRSD Earns Best Communities for Music Education Distinction

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is proud to share that the Old Rochester Regional School District earned the distinction of being one of the Best



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Communities for Music Education (BCME) for the third year in a row.

The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), the largest global not-for-profit music trade organization, and The NAMM Foundation announced the 2025 BCME awards on Monday, May 12.

"This recognition from the NAMM Foundation is a testament to the incredible support our music program receives from the entire Old Rochester community," said Old Rochester Regional Junior High School general music and band teacher Richard Laprise. "From passionate students and dedicated educators to supportive families and school leadership, it truly takes a village to build a thriving music education program. We're proud to be part of a district that values the arts and understands the lasting impact music has on our students' lives."

"Being recognized as a BCME award winner is a powerful affirmation of the Old Rochester Regional School District's commitment to the arts and to nurturing the talents of our young musicians," said Pedro Silva, music teacher at Old Rochester Regional High School. "Earning this distinction for the third consecutive year reflects our dedication, vision, and the strong values at the heart of our program. It shows that the work we're doing matters. We're excited to keep growing our music education offerings and to continue supporting our students as they explore, create, and achieve their full potential through music."



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The Old Rochester Regional School District was among 1,000 awardees from across the country that earned the BCME award or the Support Music Merit Award. Now in its 26th year, the BCME designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement for providing music access and education to all students.

Awardees were selected through a rigorous application and review process, which included verified data on funding, instruction time, participation, and community engagement. To ensure the integrity and reliability of the program, the data analysis for all applications was conducted by WolfBrown, an esteemed independent research and evaluation firm specializing in education and the arts.

"Music education has numerous positive effects on communities," said John Mlynczak, a former educator who is now president and CEO of NAMM. "The Best Communities for Music Education award winners serve as models for the power of music education to foster a lifelong appreciation for the arts, and NAMM is honored to recognize the 2025 recipients."

"We are thrilled to recognize this year's awardees for their outstanding commitment to music education access," said Julia Rubio, executive director of The NAMM Foundation. "These districts and schools demonstrate that access to music learning helps students thrive, in school and in life, and we celebrate their

dedication to creating inclusive learning environments."

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Old Rochester Regional High School Principal Michael Devoll and Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner celebrated the distinction, congratulating the district's music education teachers, students, parents, support staff and administrative team.

"Earning a BCME award for the third year in a row is an immense source of pride for our schools," said Principal Coellner. "Music education plays an important role in our students' overall learning and development. The Tri-Town has produced some excellent musicians over the years, and we owe that to the amazing music education program we have in our communities. Congratulations to all of our teachers, our administrative team and the students for helping to make this all possible."

"This recognition reinforces what we already know—our district believes in the power of music education, and we're proud to support students as they grow as musicians and as people," said Principal Devoll. "Three years in a row tells me this isn't a fluke; it's who we are. We'll keep investing in our music program and making sure our students have every opportunity to thrive."

In the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55, we believe in providing a robust music education for learners of all ages and ability because we know that it builds confidence, creativity and community," said Superintendent Nelson. "We're proud that we're able to provide a meaningful and relevant music education that inspires our students to not only continue their musical studies, but to spark their creativity in all areas of their lives. We are humbled and grateful that our work has been recognized by NAMM through this distinguished award for a third consecutive year."

ORRHS Earns New Innovation Career Pathways Designations

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Fedorowicz, Principal Michael Devoll and Assistant Principal Lauren Millette are excited to announce that Old Rochester Regional High School has been awarded an Innovation Career Pathway (ICP) designation for Business & Finance and Advanced Manufacturing (Architecture) programs from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

DESE announced Old Rochester Regional High School's new ICP designations during the 2025 Massachusetts STEM Summit at Gillette Stadium on Wednesday, May 7. The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced new Innovation Career Pathway designations for 37 high schools, including 20 districts receiving a designated pathway for the first time.

"We want to transform the high school experience, and expanding Innovation Career Pathways is one crucial way we are working to do just that," said Massachusetts Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "I am excited that the program will reach nearly 30 percent of high schools across Massachusetts as we work to reimagine High School, increasing student engagement for thousands of students and creating new opportunities for them to find their own paths to successful futures."

ICPs are designed to give students coursework and experience in a specific high-demand industry, such as information technology, engineering, health care, life sciences and advanced manufacturing. They are designed to create strong partnerships with employers in order to

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"We are incredibly thankful and proud to have earned the Innovation Career Pathway designation," said Assistant Principal Millette. "This recognition affirms our commitment to providing our students with meaningful, career-connected learning experiences that prepare them for success beyond high school."

ICP programs give students the opportunity to participate in work-based learning in high-demand industries and also bolster workforce pipelines to meet employers' needs.

"Assistant Principal Lauren Millette led the effort to secure these new Innovation Career Pathway designations for Business & Finance and Advanced Manufacturing programs," said Assistant Superintendent Fedorowicz. "Lauren led our team through an arduous, very competitive, multi-phase application process. Their hard work will pay off over the next year and greatly benefit Old Rochester's current and future students."

Old Rochester Regional High School's new ICP programs will be implemented during the 2025-26 school year. This is Old Rochester's first ICP designation.

"We owe our new Innovation Career Pathways designations to Assistant Principal Lauren Millette and her dedicated team," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "These new offerings at Old Rochester Regional

High School will enable our educators to prepare our students for competitive careers in the region's most rewarding and in-demand fields."

"Innovation Career Pathways have a positive impact for our high school students and for the future of our workforce," said Gov. Maura Healey. "By expanding access to applied learning in fields like clean energy, life sciences, and information technology, we're preparing young people for successful careers in some of the fastest-growing industries in our state. Our administration will keep investing in pathways that empower students to discover their passions and build a strong, equitable economy for Massachusetts."

SAIL Summer Program

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Jaime Curley are pleased to announce that registration is open to students of all grades for an educational summer recreation program called Summer Adventures in Learning (SAIL), which is now being offered for the 18th year by the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55.

Available slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A completed online registration form, online health form, and a check for the tuition fee, if applicable, must be submitted for each student by June 4.

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The tuition is \$225 per student for each three-week session, or \$450 total to enroll a student in both three-week sessions.

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The program is being led by SAIL Co-Directors Kyle C. Letendre and Charles West.

"We look forward to another exciting, enriching summer with our students," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Curley. "Now in its 18th year, the SAIL program keeps students engaged in learning while having fun during the summer. We are grateful to our co-directors, Mr. Letendre and Mr. West, along with all of our wonderful staff, who help make this summer program possible."

"The SAIL program is such a great resource for our students to continue their education during the summer in a way that's engaging and fun," said Superintendent Nelson. "Each year, our amazing SAIL staff members do an outstanding job to make this program a fun and engaging experience for all of our students who participate, keeping their developing minds active during the summer. We look forward to another summer adventure of learning and fun."

If anyone has questions about the SAIL program they should not hesitate to contact the program's co-directors by email at kyleletendre@oldrochester.org or charleswest@oldrochester.org.

Hoagland Elected to Select Board in Big Lead

Marion 2025 Annual Town Election

By Sam Bishop

Marion held its annual town election on Friday,

May 16, with early and mail-in voting also taking place leading up to the final tally. During a long day of voting, candidates gathered at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center off Route 6 to hold signs and do some last-minute campaigning to win over undecided voters. Cynthia Callow held campaign signs with her mother. John Hoagland and company held signs nearby to Sean Sweeney and family. George "TJ" Walker held a sign in support of his Citizen's Petition, Article 51 of the Town Meeting Warrant while supporting Question 2 on the election ballot, both pertaining to road and sidewalk maintenance.

The candidates all stressed their eagerness to get to work following the vote, and all stated varying levels of confidence. Hoagland made comments about the weather and their appreciating for being outside, with Hoagland saying "It's a lovely day. Nice weather for this. We have some extremely friendly people." Hoagland boasted excitedly at his social media strategy's success, "Have you seen the videos? – there was the one of me driving on Front Street, 17,000 views!" he exclaimed. He then added, "The one with the Sherman Briggs outhouse, 16,000 views." He then talked of his most recent video, being posted the day prior and garnering 3,000 views in a single day.

Later, referring to the cars still coming in to vote, he touched on his surprise to the number of EVs present, saying "I was amazed at the number of electric cars. I was amazed by that." He also told *The Wanderer* that his priority would be climate change and environmental-related issues. He also expressed his displeasure with certain things in town governance, such as the Citizen's Petition to re-separate the Harbormaster and Police Departments, though stressed he would speak more on his grievances following the election. Nearing 8 o'clock, Hoagland paced anxiously, clearing wanting the results to appear in his hands.


Callow also was delighted by the weather, and sitting with her mother, said "I'm feeling good. It was a great day and overall, the experience of running was great. It was a really good, magnificent experience for me."

Sean Sweeney, candidate for the open seat on the Select Board, declined to make a comment before or after the results were announced.


At 8:00 pm, voting ceased and the candidates, their families, town workers, and other members of the public made their way inside to await the results.

Most candidates sat around a circular table to chat while they waited. Town Clerk Lissa Magauran and other staff members cycled the 945 paper ballots through a counter that printed a long receipt-like print of the results. Tallying mail-in and early voting results into these, Lissa then read the results to the crowded room that fell to silence.

Hoagland won the hotly contested Select Board seat, with his first meeting on May 20, the Tuesday after.




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Cindy Callow, when asked for a comment, told The Wanderer, "Well, obviously I'm disappointed. But the town is very lucky to have beautiful people running. - I'm not going anywhere. So, I'm going to run until I get in. So, there we go. It's been a good experience."

Collyer to Extend 21 Years on Select Board

Mattapoisett 2025 Annual Town Election

By Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett's Town Election was held on Tuesday, May 20, with voting wrapping up at 8:00 pm.

Running unopposed, Jordan Collyer secured his seat at the Select Board table for another term. He has been on the board for 21 years and now enters his eighth term.

There were three contested races. Water and Sewer Commissioner saw Dana Lebaron Barrows running for re-election against newcomer Mason Mathieu. Barrows won, maintaining the seat and receiving 562 total votes.

For a Board of Health seat, Michele Bernier was up for re-election against N. Douglas Schneider. Bernier also maintained her seat, securing 742 total votes. During her campaign, Bernier expressed a focus on waste disposal, saying, "we are starting a swap shop for reuse and have ordered a new scale for the transfer station."

A seat on the Old Rochester Regional School Committee was fought over by Betsy Stewart and Nina Datshkovsky-Ennis. Stewart won with 802 votes. Before the election, Stewart stated, "my priorities are accelerating learning improvement, lowering the town's tax burden through budget reform, investing in civics education, ensuring student safety, and increasing civil discourse."

Both ballot questions passed. Question 1 asked voters to agree to bond the Oakland Street sewer renovation. Question 2 asked voters to fund, via a bond, renovations needed at the "Town Barn," also known as the Highway Department.

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Rochester Annual Town Meeting

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Annual Town Meeting held Monday passed its 25 articles, including a zoning amendment, several high-priced capital expenditures, and a Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget exceeding \$27,000,000, without much of a fight.

A quorum of 108 residents took just over an hour to approve, with no serious push back. Priorities starting with a \$27,022,457 budget for the next fiscal year, which is roughly \$1,000,000 over FY25 (budgeted at \$26,022,613).

Finance Committee Chair James Austin reported education is once again the town's largest expense, with a line item of \$15,300,000. He said total general, non-school government expense for FY26 is \$11,700,000, an increase of \$324,374 or 2.85%, and the school budget is a

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The next serious budgetary approval vote came with Article 9, a transfer of \$364,000 from the town's Capital Improvement Fund for needs that ranged from \$125,000 for a new Highway Department roadside mower to \$40,000 for audio-video enhancements at Rochester Memorial School.

Starting a series of transfers from free cash, the highlights then included \$200,000 for the Rochester Memorial School Special Education budget, another \$200,000 to replace the Highway Barn roof, \$25,000 to digitize paper records at the Town Hall Annex building, \$150,000 for information-technology upgrades for the



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Turning to non-money articles, the meeting endorsed a new personnel bylaw military leave policy. Town employees who also serve in the armed forces will have their rights protected to not lose their seniority or pay.

The meeting approved submitting a home-rule petition to the state that will allow Fire Chief Scott Weigel, 65, to work past his mandatory retirement age to age 70, provided he passes a yearly physical and mental exam.

The meeting endorsed a new personnel bylaw

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policy that allows town employees to opt out of the town-offered health insurance plan. An employee must commit to the opt-out option for a full fiscal year.

Lastly, again without debate or audience questions, meeting members approved a zoning change to the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District, site of a 40R residential/mixed-use project being proposed for Cranberry Highway and County Road.

Planning Board Chair Arnold Johnson explained before the vote that this move simply adds another parcel to this district. He said the developer of this project, Ken Steen, had asked for this change to open up financing opportunities for the project. The Planning Board had approved this project four years ago. Since then, economic conditions have made the original 208-unit plan less financially feasible, so Steen is adding townhouses to the mix. The advantage to the town is that, when the project is built, Rochester will still reach the state-mandated goal of having 10% of its housing stock affordable, Johnson said.

Steen explained to the Town Meeting that the plan for the 32.9-acre site will now be 212 multi-family units. There will be an additional subdivision for townhouses with four more multi-family units.

Randy Parker Ascends to Chair

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board met on Tuesday for



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their first meeting with a newly elected member, John Hoagland. Hoagland won his seat with 521 total votes, 262 votes higher than the next candidate. Chair Norm Hills greeted him and introduced him to applause from the room. The Select Board met to go over various action items but began with a public hearing over dog complaints directed towards Hultsch at 20 Vine Street. That hearing was continued to June 3 at 6:15 pm, where said meeting will take place in the Police Station.

The first action item involved the reorganization of the Select Board. Chair Hills suggested he remain Chair, to allow the group of three to rotate assuming no alterations to the members takes place. Randy Parker disputed this and with Hoagland's support, was elected to be Chair of the Select Board with Hoagland becoming Vice-Chair and Norm becoming Clerk.

Chair Parker then helmed his first action item, which was the approval and appointment of Nathan Oliveria to Full Time Officer under Chief Richard Nighelli. The officer was approved without question, making his first day May 25. Next was the appointment of John Morgan to Historic Commission. Chair of the commission, Meg Steinberg, spoke on his behalf as he was "taking a long-distance phone call from Tokyo." The appointment was approved by the board.

Brendan Annett, Vice President of Watershed Protection at Buzzards Bay Coalition, quickly presented a conservation restriction request which was approved by

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the board without question. Following this, a Special One Day Alcohol Beverage License and Road Closure Request was granted to St. Gabriel's Church on June 8.

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman presented two discussions, both were approved. One was on Opioid Settlement Funds used through 2038. The next was for a letter from the US EPA regarding regionalization and the emission of phosphorus from local plants. Currently, the level of phosphorus emitted is too high per requirements. The letter stipulates work must be done within 24 months of receipt. The board declared it too early to decide on a remedy, though they will work to meet with engineers and contractors to define costs and the best path forward. Chair Parker stated a special Select Board meeting would be beneficial to inform the public and receive feedback from them. He also sought to reach out to neighboring towns for partnerships or to learn what they've done to comply. Gorman commended House Representative Mark Silvia for his focus on environmental issues and pushing for this change.

Gorman spoke of his pleasure of Town Meeting and Town Elections. On day 1 of Town Meeting, 463 locals came with 191 coming the second day. There were 955 voters in the Friday election. Opening for suggestions, Hoagland said he would like to see Town Meeting move to Saturday Morning rather than Monday night, citing easing the population's burden. Parker concurred on this point. Gorman then spoke on the Department of Public

Works (DPW) building updates, stating it is coming along at-pace with concreting taking place on the ceilings. "The DPW is going great. We're pretty excited about the way it's looking" Gorman added. Utilities are installed, with the wait on Eversource for power hookup.

Schedules confirmations were the Memorial Day Parade, beginning at Marion Music Hall on May 26 at 9:00 pm. Parker joked he would now be the one speaking at the event, as Chair. The Independence Day parade is Friday, July 4 beginning at Town Hall. The parade will be led by the Select Board. The Marion Annual Town Party is Saturday, July 26 at Silvershell Beach. The move to later in the season was done to get away from mosquito season and to allow for more volunteers.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board will be on Tuesday, June 3 in the Marion Police Station.

The Future for Housing Types

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The Monday meeting of the Mattapoissett Planning Board once again found the members exploring possible new land-development options. What began as informal discussions regarding affordable-housing needs and possible impact of ADU's (accessory dwelling units) in the community grew to include such construction types as ADU, Route 6 corridor bylaws, and more recently "cottage communities."

These discussions have had the effect of bringing up such matters as short-term rentals, building density, and neighborhood cultural changes due to possibly increased density-by-law changes in cottage-style developments.

Board member William Wennerberg, a developer who has extensive experience building cottage-style communities, believes this type of development could fit well in the Mattapoissett aesthetic. To illustrate his point, Wennerberg shared floor plans from a development he built, including landscaping schemes. He said that landscaping is a critical element in this type of land development, not only for appearances but also for noise dampening.

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Local businessman and property owner David McIntire said he supported Wennerberg's concepts. He pointed to the nestled neighborhood that includes Cannon Street as an early example of high-density, cottage-style development. He said that today's zoning bylaws would not support such limited setback requirements but that it could work today. Wennerberg noted, "You can accomplish a lot on a small lot."

Regarding ADU construction, the board discussed topics such as not having ADU's stacked on a lot, septic oversight where sewer is not available and allowing one ADU structure as a "by right" construction, while any others on the same parcel would require zoning approvals.

Member John Mathieu said that ADU's should be regulated to preclude structures from being closer than the principal building's frontage.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

A Continued Continuance

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, May 14 for a continued hearing on the Oren Robinson Revocable Trust 2017's property at 16 Spinnaker Lane for the Notice of Intent for the reconstruction of a single-family dwelling. Though this was main on the docket, a representative was not present, and a further continuance request was requested and granted for Wednesday, May 28.

Next, the Commission discussed comments for the Zoning Board of Appeals, where they said Sippican Holdings LLC's 14 Barnabas Road was not juristically to the Conservation Commission, and proceeded with no further discussion.

694C Mill Street has an enforcement order placed upon it and is currently undergoing the beginning of restoration work. Board members discussed what they had seen on the property the previous weekend, saying it looked "fantastic" and were surprised by the amount of

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The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

Farm Stand Hearing Postponed

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

The May 15 meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals included a Special Permit Application filed by Mike and Elizabeth King for property located at 84 North Street. The agenda item reads, "Case #1563: Petition of Micheal and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farm... request to seek a special permit for a Farm to Fork Stand

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and Farmers Market.” But prior to the meeting, King was advised that a Variance not a Special Permit was required on the advice of the town’s legal counsel.

In a follow up, King said there had been some confusion but had been told a Special Permit was needed not a Variance. He asked for and received a postponement to allow for further clarification in this matter before filing anything further. The new date was scheduled for June 26.

In other matters, a request for a Variance solicited by Timothy and Shyana Fisher, 4 Mattakis Road was granted. The applicants’ plans include the removal an existing garage and shed.

North Eastern Trade Service, on behalf of Nancy Griswold, 5 Bay Road, filed a Special Permit request for the construction of a master bedroom above an existing garage with no outward expansion. The request was granted.

A Special Permit filed by James DePierre, 20 Cove Street for the construction of a new home on a flood compliant foundation was granted. Also granted was a Special Permit requested by George Luber, 13 Waterman Street to elevate an existing home.

Representing Alexandra Ablon, 4 Island View Avenue was David Davignon of Schneider Davignon and Leone for a Special Permit to construct a breezeway and garage addition to a single-family dwelling. The garage will become an accessory dwelling unit. The permit was granted.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for June 19 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall.

Netters Perfect on Season

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls tennis team played at Bourne High School (6-10) on May 15 and won 5-0, staying undefeated at 14-0 on the season, as Sienna Roveda and Ella Bishop were named the players of the match. The only remaining match on the schedule was Tuesday at Seekonk (9-5), as the Bulldogs shift into tournament mode.

Boys Lacrosse

The Bulldogs played at Cape Cod Academy on May 15 and won 14-6. Chase Almeida was named the player of the game, scoring 2 goals and having 2 assists. The Bulldogs took an 11-3 record into Monday’s home-field match against Bishop Stang (9-6).

Boys Tennis

The Bulldogs faced Bourne High School on May 15 and won 5-0. They took a 6-7 record on the road for Wednesday’s match at Dighton-Rehoboth (5-5).

Cougars Build Momentum


Old Colony RVTHS Sports Roundup

By Nic Giokas

Starting pitcher Sharon Delancey and the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School softball team won a pair of games last week that raised her record to 7-5 and the team’s record to 9-7 overall (5-2 Mayflower Athletic Conference Small) heading into a May 14 Senior Day game against South Shore.

In a 24-3 victory against Cape Cod Tech on May 13, Delancey got the win with two innings of work, allowing no runs, no hits and striking out five batters. Paige Borges pitched three innings, allowing a run on 2 hits while fanning five. Offensively, senior Patty Spillane went 3-for-3 with a double while scoring 3 runs, knocking in 4 runs and stealing two bases. Leah Robitaille went 2-for-2 with a double, scoring 2 runs and knocking home 4, while Madison Caton hit a 2-run triple in her only at-bat, scoring 3 runs, and Maeve Hunter (1-for-1) scored 3 times and had 2 RBI’s. Freshman Braylee Bettencourt got her first varsity hit.


In a 21-14 win on May 12 at Norfolk Aggie, Delancey went 4-1/3 innings, allowing five earned runs on 3-hit ball while striking out two batters. Kayleigh DeSousa had a monster performance to lead the Old Colony offense, going 5-for-6 at the plate, hitting a 2-run home run and a double, while scoring 5 runs, knocking in four and stealing a base. Delancey pitched in at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double, 2 runs and 2 RBI’s, while Emma Yelle went 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles, 2 runs scored and a run batted in, Laila Servis went 2-for-5 with



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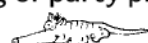
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2 runs scored and 3 RBI's, and Caton went 2-for-4 with a double, 3 runs scored and a stolen base. In the game, Spillane got her 100th career hit and 100th career RBI.

Girls Lacrosse

Old Colony defeated Bristol Aggie, 17-4, on May 13 with goals by Maddie Burnham, Ella Harkins, Addie Tyler, Lauren LeBeau, Logan Crook, Maddie Caulkins and Lilah White. Annabella Putignano had 2 assists.

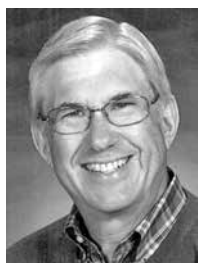
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OBITUARIES



A Memorial Service for **Bill Blasdale** will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 1 o'clock. The Celebration of Life will be held at Tabor Academy in the Wickenden Chapel located at 86 Spring Street, Marion.



Robert James "Bob" St. Pierre, 97, of Mattapoisett passed away on May 15, 2025, rejoining his beloved family in eternal rest.

He was born on December 1, 1927, in Salem, Massachusetts, to Elise and Jean "John" St. Pierre. During his youth, Bob lived in several North Shore towns including Beverly, Peabody, and Nahant before settling with his family in Salem. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Salem and went on to attend Salem State College, where he graduated as class salutatorian.

After his first year at Salem State, Bob served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1946 as a clerk, helping to discharge hundreds of service members returning to civilian life. He later married Elizabeth Fossa of Danvers, Massachusetts, the valedictorian of his graduating class. The couple moved to New Bedford as Bob searched for a full-time teaching position. He first worked as a department manager at Cornell-Dubilier before beginning his teaching career in Westport. Amid work and family responsibilities, he earned a Master's degree in Education from Bridgewater State College.

Bob dedicated his life to family and education. He mentored countless students and colleagues while teaching science and mathematics at Westport High School and later at Westport Middle School. Bob devoted many hours to Scouting, serving as a troop leader as well as a Commissioner and as a Program Director at Camp Cachalot in Plymouth for many summers. After retirement, he and Elizabeth rarely ate

lunch at home, choosing instead to enjoy the freedom they had earned. Lifelong Red Sox fans, they regularly attended games and spent several springs in Winter Haven, Florida, to watch the team's training. During these trips, Bob had the memorable opportunity to play golf with Ted Williams and Jim Rice.

Bob and Elizabeth were passionate supporters of the Wareham Gatemen of the Cape Cod Baseball League. He served for years on the team's board and managed concession operations, earning an outstanding service award. He was also the official timekeeper for both the girls' and boys' basketball home games in Westport, a role that he filled for an astonishing 58 years. In recognition of his dedication, he was inducted into the Westport Hall of Fame in 1997 and received an appreciation award from the Hall of Fame Committee in 2024. A lifelong golfer, Bob enjoyed many rounds at the Reservation Golf Club in Mattapoisett, where he was granted a lifetime membership.

Bob is survived by his sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Deschamps of Salem; two sons, Robert James of East Bridgewater and his wife Susan, and James Edward of Mattapoisett and his wife Kim; six grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth, in 2020; his daughter, Sally Goldrick, in March 2025; and his siblings Richard St. Pierre and Constance Cerpcone.

To many, Bob was the kindest man they ever knew. His legacy of quiet strength and generous spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

His Memorial Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2025 from 3-7 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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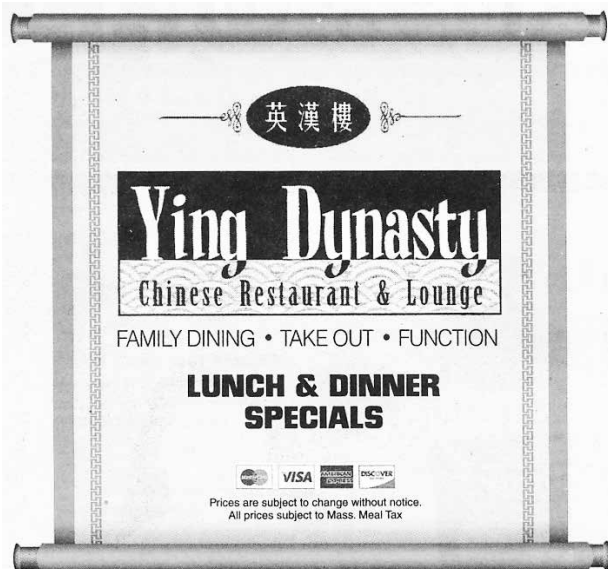
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the Historic District bylaw and especially to all of you who attended Town Meeting and voted Yes for its enactment. The Study Committee dedicated over two years to creating a proposal sensitive to the needs of all Marion residents. I am so appreciative of their efforts. Our consultant, Eric Dray, provided invaluable insights and guidance throughout the process. The collegiality that developed amongst this team was quite remarkable and continues to reaffirm that something special almost came to pass.

Thank you as well to the many community members who eagerly wrote letters to the local press and to those of you who stepped up and spoke at Town Meeting. Each of you presented another facet of our rationale. Thank you too to town staff, Donna, Lissa, and Geoff, for helping us implement our public information efforts. Together we presented a solid, logical case for a historic district, a preservation planning tool with a proven track record of ensuring that history and architectural character continue to play a role in a community's vibrant and sustainable future.

I thank you all for your best efforts.

Meg Steinberg,
Chair, Marion Historical Commission

Academic Achievements

Curry College welcomes **Kathleen Gifford** of Rochester into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society.

Belmont University recently released the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester which included **Sydney DaSilva** of Marion.

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates **Andrew Wronski** of Rochester and **Jason Los** of Rochester on being named to the Spring 2025 President's List. The spring term runs from January to May.

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4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
5:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
5:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act
6:30 PM Sippican Choral Society
8:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band: Jazz Through the Decades
11:00 PM Gay USA
11:30 PM Mattapoisset Historic Consultant Presentation

Saturday May 24, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
12:30 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Suzy Titus
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historic Fair with Colonial Flair
5:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act
6:00 PM Council on Aging - Volunteering
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoisset Land Trust
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 25, 2025

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational

Church

9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:30 AM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: Cape Verde through my Lens with Rick DaSilva
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Saving Fisheries and Whales
10:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday May 26, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House
11:30 AM Pete on the Street
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000

4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Hurricane
6:00 PM Four Deep Sports
6:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne
7:30 PM ORR Boys Baseball vs Wareham
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday May 27, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
6:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester
7:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Revolutionary War Veterans Honoring Ceremony
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday May 28, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

Shape

8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
12:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Somerset-Berkley
4:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Building the Future
6:30 PM Pete on the Street
7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series - Notre Dame
8:30 PM Evening Conversation with Senator Mike Rodrigues
9:30 PM The Old Colony Band Concert
11:00 PM ORR FORM Instrumental Concert

MARION

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Annual Town Meeting - Part 1
12:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
1:30 PM Marion Planning Board
3:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
4:00 PM Marion School Committee Acquisition
5:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
7:00 PM Marion Board of Health
6:00 PM Marion School Committee
8:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
8:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
9:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
10:00 PM Marion Annual Town Meeting - Part 2

Meeting - Part 1

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM ORR School Committee
4:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
4:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:00 PM Rochester School Committee
11:00 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM Sippican Spring Concert
9:30 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert
10:30 AM Old Hammondtown School - Autism Acceptance
11:00 AM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Class Olympics
1:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne
2:30 PM ORR Baseball vs Wareham
4:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Norton
5:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs GNBV
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Winter Concert
8:00 PM ORR Drama Club - Romeo and Winifred
9:00 PM ORR Drama - Alien Invasion!
10:00 PM Old Colony National Honor Society
10:30 PM ORR FORM Brunch

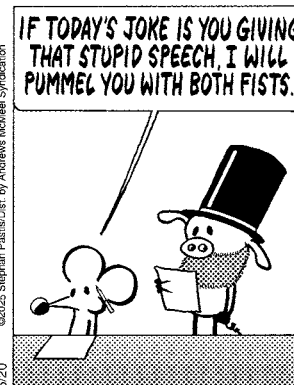
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Discover Stories from the Soldiers and Sailors Monument

If you've been to Marion Village, you may have noticed the monument next to the Marion Music Hall. But do you know its stories? This Memorial Day, the Sippican Historical Society invites you to discover the life and times of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at a special pop-up exhibit hosted at the Music Hall on My 26 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Dedicated in 1894, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument stands as a tribute to those who answered the call during the Civil War. It is a landmark and a silent witness and reminder of bravery, sacrifice, and resilience.

Come learn about Marion's role in the Civil War, learn about the battles listed on the monument and view historic photographs and artifacts.

Open during and after the parade and ceremonies at Old Wharf, this event is a can't-miss chance to connect to Marion's history and honor those soldiers.

The Sippican Historical Society, founded in 1963, is dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of Marion, MA. Through its museum, education, and preservation work, the Society celebrates Marion's unique past for residents and visitors alike. For more details on the event, contact info@sippicanhistoricalsociety.org.

Marion Independence Day Parade

The Parade will be on Friday, **July 4**, beginning

at 9:00 am sharp. The Parade will form beginning at 8:00 am in the ball field behind the Marion Town House and adjacent to the Sippican School. Parade organizers will be on-site to check participants in and to line up the parade. Trophies will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place in each category listed on the application. There is also a Best in Parade award.

Insurance regulations prohibit the throwing of any objects from parade entries.

Candies or other such items may be passed out by individuals walking beside the parade entry.

For questions please contact the Parade Committee at 508-748-3520 or email Donna Hemphill at dhemphill@marionma.gov.

We look forward to celebrating with you! All units participating in the Independence Day Parade are required to report to the ball field behind the Marion Town House on the corner of Spring and Main Streets on Friday, July 4. All units are to be on-site no later than 8:30 am to assemble.

The parade will start promptly at 9 am and proceed as follows: East on Main Street to Spring Street, North on Spring Street to Route 6, East on Route 6 to Front Street, South on Front Street to Main Street, West on Main Street to the ball field for disbanding.

Complete the online application before June 30 by clicking this link: [Independence Day Parade Online Application](#).

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MOVIE REVIEW

Death Trap

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Final Destination: Bloodlines. Starring Kaitlyn Santa Juana and Tony Todd. Directed by Zach Lipovsky and Adam Stein. Running time: 110 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

"If you [expletive] with Death," more than one character says in *Final Destination: Bloodlines*, "things get messy." They sure do. The sixth in a franchise that began 25 years ago, and the first in 14 years, this sick puppy is messy as hell, not to mention jocularly sadistic in the mode of the previous movies — but also unexpectedly affecting, since the target of Death this time is a family. So the film has to pause once in a while for a funeral or to let survivors feel their grief. Really, the whole thing takes its cue from legendary horror actor Tony Todd, who died last November. Todd, who played the mysterious mortician William Bludworth in some of the earlier films, spends his swan song here laying down Death's rules, as always, but also advising his listeners to enjoy life while it lasts.

Bludworth's connection to the family here, including beleaguered college student Stefani (Kaitlyn Santa Juana, whose frightened gravitas is a highlight here), should probably be left to the movie to explain. Stefani is in danger of flunking out because she can't sleep; for two months she has had the same nightmare featuring one of those elaborately morbid Rube Goldberg disasters that franchise fans know and love. This catastrophe, though, happened back in 1968 and involved her grandmother Iris, whose subsequent (understandable) paranoia about Death has gotten her exiled by her (understandably) traumatized son and daughter. Reading Iris's scrapbook, Stefani figures out that Death is coming for her family in order of age.

I have seen all of these movies, and reviewed all but the first two. The second, as I have tirelessly (or tiresomely) insisted over the years, is the best; its opening drum solo of mass random death on a highway is still the sharpest, most exhilarating opener in the series, and many of the unfortunate events read more like slapstick (or splatstick) than horror. *Bloodlines* unavoidably takes the premise a bit more seriously, and so there aren't as many occasions where the splashy demises make the audience cackle or howl like wolves. (The closest thing here is the abrupt cancellation of a character defined



entirely by what a jerk he is.) I'm not sure the filmmakers reconcile the tonal extremes of crafting characters we care about and then sending them to Valhalla in the spritziest, most bone-splintering ways imaginable. The franchise owes a bit to the lethal "accidents" in the *Omen* films, and we didn't care about those victims either.

But here, somehow, we want Stefani and her parents, brother, and cousins to cheat Death. And that's not necessarily a bad thing, just a different vibe from the previous let's-watch-these-morons-beef-it entries. Kaitlyn Santa Juana, who deserves the career bump she's about to get from this hit (its earnings doubled its cost worldwide this past weekend), anchors the nihilistic proceedings in warmth and urgency. The film is smoothly put together, and like a lot of horror movies in the last decade or so, it benefits from the MPAA's apparent indifference to gore these days. People are impaled, incinerated, crushed, folded, spindled, and mutilated. It's just that very few of the send-offs are electrifying or surprise laughs out of us like the money scenes in *Final Destination 2*.

Still, this has it all over the previous three installments, which tried to be remorselessly, viciously ingenious like the second film but failed. Where the second movie was cold and hard, this one is warm and soft. If you want a horror film that delivers on the twisted guffaws, Osgood Perkins' *The Monkey* hit streaming a month or so ago. *Bloodlines* has its roots in fear and trauma passed down from mother to daughter, an interesting perspective, and convincingly draws in the fracture lines such a generational legacy of bloodshed would open up. These films' comical attention to ominous details (Death is in your peanut butter, on a penny, under a trampoline) continues to amuse; the movie even lampshades that element by having Stefani point out all the ways Death could visit a calm suburban scene. The franchise, which I prematurely pronounced dead in 2011, shows it still has some life in it by introducing a weird new ingredient: kindness.

Paper copies are also available at the Marion Town House.

For more information, please call 508-748-3520 or email dhemphill@marionma.gov.

Mattapoisett Friends Meeting

On Sunday, June 1, Mattapoisett Friends Meeting will have a small celebration for a wedding that took place 117 years ago. Florence Martocci of Mattapoisett has donated her grandparents' Quaker wedding certificate to the meeting. Joseph Lilburne Hiller and Florence Louise Crowell were married in the meeting house May 28, 1908.



After a 10:00 am to 10:30 am unprogrammed (silent) meeting for worship, there will be a brief explanation of Quaker weddings, the tradition of Friends' wedding certificates, and the Hiller family. This will be followed by mounting the original marriage certificate and light refreshments in the community hall. All are welcome.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights May 11 – May 17

- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – MV collision
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Olde Knoll Rd – Animal complaint
- Zora Rd – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Mansfield Ave – EMS/medical
- Creek Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Dexter Rd – Health/welfare
- Island Wharf Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – MV complaint
- Planting Island Rd – Parking enforcement
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – Disturbance
- Park St – Parking enforcement
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Piney Point Rd – General service
- Mill St – Found property
- Spring St – MV collision
- Spring St – General service
- Delano Rd – General service
- Front St – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 11 – May 17

- Holly Woods Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – Assault
- Main St – Vandalism
- King Philip Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Cove St – Medical assist
- Wareham Rd – MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Church St – Medical assist
- Dupont Dr – Animal control
- Church St – Ambulance request
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Hitching Post Rd – Medical alarm
- Industrial Dr – Restraining order
- River Bend Ln – Officer wanted
- Pearl St – Medical assist
- Boat Rock Rd – Officer wanted
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- Brant Beach Ave – Restraining order
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Holly Woods Rd – Medical assist
- Avenue B – Sex offenses
- Marion Rd – Juvenile offenses
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Harassment order
- Park St – MV crash
- North St – Auto fire
- Chapel Rd – Animal control
- Grand Ave – Disturbance

ROCHESTER

Log highlights May 11 – May 17

- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – Investigation
- Featherbed Ln – Burglar alarm
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Stevens Rd – Erratic MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – Disturbance
- Cushman Rd – General service
- Forster Rd – Medical alarm
- Pine St – Medical
- Paradise Ln – Animal control
- Quaker Ln – Suspicious activity
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Missing person
- Rounseville Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – Outside smoke
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Parlowtown Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – General service
- Hartley Rd – 911 call
- Tilson Rd – Vandalism
- Neck Rd – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Medical alarm
- Hiller Rd – Animal control
- Edwards Ln – 911 call
- Paradise Ln – Noise complaint

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, May 26: Memorial Day – No meal served

Tuesday, May 27: Whole grain cheese lasagna w/turkey Bolognese, California blend, wheat roll, orange

Wednesday, May 28: BBQ pulled pork, cheesy grits, carrots, Hawaiian roll, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday, May 29: Unstuffed pepper bowl w/beef, white rice, green beans & peppers, wheat roll, cinnamon apples

Friday, May 30: Chicken piccata, whole grain pasta, green peas, wheat roll, Fig Newton

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day – No school

Tuesday, May 27: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

Wednesday, May 28: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 29: Field Day

lunch: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, fun size ships, chilled watermelon cups, fresh veggie sticks

Friday, May 30: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day – No school

Tuesday, May 27: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Wednesday, May 28: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 29: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

Friday, May 30: Field Day
lunch: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, fun size ships, chilled watermelon cups, fresh veggie sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day – No school

Tuesday, May 27: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Wednesday, May 28: No lunch served – early release

Thursday, May 29: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 30: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day – No school

Tuesday, May 27: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Wednesday, May 28: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 29: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 30: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day – No school

Tuesday, May 27: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Wednesday, May 28: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 29: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 30: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day – No school

Tuesday, May 27: App sampler: meatball sub slider, mozzarella sticks & onion rings

Wednesday, May 28: Home-made chicken quesadilla, salsa & sour cream

Thursday, May 29: Chicken patty & fries

Friday, May 30: Early release – assorted pizza

Mattapoisett Yacht Club

The first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy Series will be held on **June 7**. The Spring Round-the-Bay Race is a "pursuit start" PHRF Handicap race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The course begins and finishes outside of Mattapoisett Harbor. This is the first race in series of long distance races sponsored by local yacht clubs to determine the overall winner of the 2025 Buzzards Bay Trophy. Scratch sheets will be available online. The entry fee is \$65.00 for both members and non-members.

Information and registration are available on our website www.mattapoisettyc.org.

ORRHS to Attend Boys' State & Girls' State

Eight members of the class of 2026 at Old Rochester Regional High School will be attending the Boys' / Girls' State Convention, June 14 to June 20 at Stonehill College in North Easton, MA.

Boys' State attendees include: Brody Hiles, Tucker Cook, Linden White, and Noah Robert-Howley.

Girls' State attendees include: Alexandra Fiano, Neva Matos, Hannah Thorell, and Ella Milhench.

To be eligible for Boys' / Girls' State, a student must be a member of the junior class who has achieved high academic success. Delegates must also show evidence of leadership ability and an interest in the democratic process. At the convention, delegates will study local and state government. They will establish and operate their own cities and towns and state government in miniature. This will include forming two political parties, holding conventions, nominating candidates, conducting campaigns, and electing officials. The primary goal of Boys' / Girls' State is for attendees to develop a better understanding of how State Government functions.

Unplugged: Matt Richard & Dino Govoni

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present our second Unplugged event of the year, featuring Matt Richard & Dino Govoni on **June 6** playing two sets. This is saxophonist Dino Govoni's first time playing an Unplugged gig at the MAC.

Seating times for the popular show are 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The cost for members is \$15 and for non-members is \$20. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant St. in Marion. Tickets can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/events

Dino Govoni learned from two of Boston's tenor saxophone greats, Jerry Bergonzi and George Garzone, and furthered his studies by attending Berklee College of Music, studying with the late great Joe Viola.

Dino has played and/or recording with such diverse artists as Grover Washington, Jr., Randy Brecker, Nick Brignola, Claudio Roditi, Queen Latifah, Ben Folds, Melinda Doolittle, Terence Trent D'Arby, Robben Ford, Mel Tormé, the Manhattan Transfer, the Tommy Dorsey

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Orchestra, Frankie Valli, among others. Dino is a regular guest soloist with the Boston Pops.

May of 2000 saw Govoni participating in Arista Records' star-studded 25th anniversary concert, playing with Aretha Franklin in New York City.

Dino has released 3 solo projects on the Whaling City Sound label, "Breakin' Out" and "In The Library" and his newest solo project, "Hiding In Plain Sight", featuring the great Jeff "Tain" Watts on drums, Alex Sipiagin on trumpet, Henry Hey on piano and Mike Pope on bass.



In 2016, "Chance Meeting", a collaboration of friends as the makeup of the band eventually called "A.G.N.Z", the first letters of each player's last names, featuring drum great Adam Nussbaum, guitarist Jay Azzolina and bassist Dave Zinno, was released, also on the Whaling City Sound label.

Dino is currently on the faculty at Berklee College of

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Night flushing will also be conducted on 5/20/2025 from 7:30 pm to 3:00am in the Center of Town along with the Acushnet Rd /Park St/Mendell Rd area

Daily flushing will be conducted the entire time between 5/19/24--- 5/23/24, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **(Signage will be placed on the roads that are being flushed daily) some Hydrants may continue to run into the evenings to address any discolored water concerns.**

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ACROSS

- 1 Neighbor of Croatia
7 Pakistan's largest city
14 Rajiv or Indira
20 For only the price of production
21 Rarely used golf club
22 Aleve rival
23 Spectators' loud cheers
25 Sizable sofas
26 Angled
27 Southeast Kansas city
28 River islet
30 Beginner's painting class
31 Sousaphone, e.g.
33 Loaf flavored with a certain fragrant herb
39 Incorporates gradually
43 Hitter Griffey
44 Having a basic knowledge of arithmetic
45 "The Wild Wild West" actor
47 São — (largest of the Cape Verdes)

DOWN

- 48 Actress Jessica
49 — parmigiana
50 Hi- — image
51 Golfer's peg
54 Vote in favor
55 Clarinetist Shaw
58 Wander as a committee
62 Temporary, as a committee
63 Creator of Oz
65 Neighbor of Croatia
66 Acquiesce, figuratively
71 Virgil epic
72 Noted Deco master
73 Paper opinion pieces
74 Many a song by Journey or Chicago
77 Eight x five
78 Knight's title
81 Suffix with journal
82 Alley- —
83 Flatware item
85 Ho-hum thing
86 Hurl
89 Site-to-site transfer of data
93 "Glass half full" attitude

ACROSS

- 96 JFK posting
97 Deprived of parental care
98 It's east of Croatia
101 "The devil — the details"
102 Cure- — (panaceas)
103 Alabama-to-Illinois dir.
104 Per unit
106 Pound pen
110 Popular video-sharing service
113 Apt thing to drive on while pondering this puzzle's theme?
118 Villa
119 Fine-food fan
120 Turn to ice
121 "Get —" (John Travolta film)
122 Chooses
123 Hurlled

DOWN

- 1 Fishhook part
2 Siouan tribe member
3 Read hastily
4 The Rhine flows into it

ACROSS

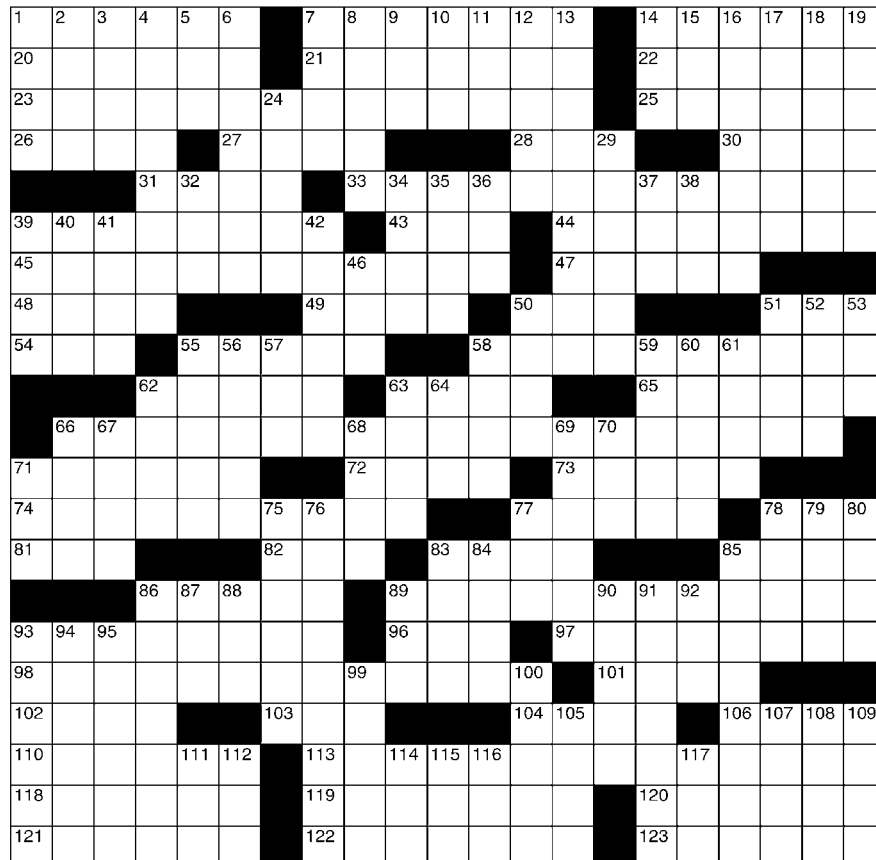
- 5 Thermal or lateral lead-in
6 Initially
7 Germany's Helmut
8 Lend — (pay attention)
9 — center (community facility)
10 Make public
11 — -Magnon
12 "— I supposed to know?"
13 Darjeeling or pekoe
14 Gallivant
15 Darth Vader, in boyhood
16 CNN political commentator Ana
17 U.S. capital's vicinity
18 Allude to
19 Not al fresco
24 Drink mixer
29 Fact
32 Alop, to poets
34 Gumbo vegetable
35 Fasten shut
36 Terminus
37 Vocalist Sumac
38 Ask earnestly
39 Ask earnestly
40 Golf target

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- 41 "SOS" band
42 Tyro
46 Born, on a society page
50 Lively frolic
51 Sousaphone, e.g.
52 Oklahoma city
53 Self-help writer LeShan
55 Go off script
56 Old Valerie Harper role
57 "Mazel —!"
58 Ill-mannered
59 Up until now
60 "I Am Woman" singer Helen
61 Mined metals
62 Supermodel Wek
63 Minstrel poet
64 Social insect
66 Some antique autos
67 In time past
68 Gather in
69 Depend on
70 Mo. in spring
71 Exist
75 Unlace, e.g.
76 Having vulgar interests
77 To and —
78 Imminently
79 "Dies —" (hymn)

ACROSS

- 80 Comic Foxx
83 Salty Greek cheese
84 Neighbor of Yemen
85 Boils a little
86 Wild West sheriff's badge
87 Med. plan
88 Comic actor Mayall
89 Minister's study: Abbr.
90 "Love Story" novelist Segal
91 Switch to second gear, maybe
92 Chi preceder
93 Speechifies
94 Buff up
95 Chat with
99 Steal
100 John of lawn tractors
105 Fruit drinks
107 Wows
108 Stare
109 Stared at
111 Ex-Giant Mel
112 Lock go-with
114 Crooner Damone
115 Here, in Arles
116 Fizzling thing
117 Miracle- —



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you might prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention, but you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Meanwhile, someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder! You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle a sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether or not to go with it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about a decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.

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Music.

Matt Richard studied classical piano with Ken Manzer and jazz piano with Dr. Billy Taylor. Workshops and performance master classes included jazz legends Max Roach, Marian McPartland, and Michael Brecker. A native of Fairhaven and a graduate of Westfield State College with a degree in piano performance, Matt taught choral music at Fairhaven High School and at Tabor Academy. Matt was a vocal coach and accompanist for the nationally recognized Jazz In July Workshops at UMASS, Amherst from 1985-2006.

Matt has performed throughout the New England area for the past thirty years as a soloist, an accompanist, and with many different ensembles including jazz vocal legend Sheila Jordan and Dick Johnson and The Artie Shaw Orchestra.

Matt played solo piano at The Roadhouse Cafe in Hyannis, Massachusetts from 1997-2008 as well as joining with Lou Colombo and Dick Johnson on the famous Monday Night Jazz Series from 2002-2008.

Self-produced jazz recordings have included; Hawthorne Street Connection, The Art of the Duo (Jim Robitaille), Talking To Myself (solo piano), OFF SEASON (Gary Johnson and bassist Dave Zinno). In The Sky (Rick Britto), The Jazz Club (Greg Conway and Gerry Wilfong) and All The Colors (Chris Poudrier and Dave Zinno). In 2004, Matt also played a supporting role on Jim Robitaille's CD, To Music, which features saxophonist Dave Liebman.

Peter B. Hodges Memorial Scholarship Awards

Robert Haley, President of the Mattapoisett Lions Club, one of 49,000 Lions Clubs around the world, is pleased to announce that Emerson Gonet and Bailey Pelland, both seniors at Old Rochester Regional High School, are recipients of the Mattapoisett Lions Club's Peter B. Hodges Memorial Scholarship Award. Each student was awarded \$2,000 towards their school of higher education.

Emerson and Bailey are recognized for their numerous achievements in community service, academic achievements and career goals.

Funds for these scholarships are raised through the efforts of Mattapoisett Lions Club members at their annual Harbor Days Arts and Crafts Festival, as well as other events. For information on how to join the Mattapoisett Lions Club please go to www.mattapoissettlionsclub.org/contact.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

In an earlier article I mentioned that my grandmother, Marion Hartley, taught for almost 50 years in Rochester and surrounding towns. When she started teaching, Rochester had many one room schoolhouses

and at one time she taught grades 1-8 at a school in North Rochester (I think the Stuart School). Some of the other schools that she taught at were the Pierceville School, upstairs in the Academy, the Waterman School (she's here in the picture with her class at the Waterman School in 1944), and at Rochester Memorial.

Grandma also worked as a music teacher and did a stint as principal of the Long Plain School (now a museum) in Acushnet. She always said that she liked teaching first grade best because she got the children before they had a chance to develop too many dislikes of school. I always thought that at 4 ft. 11 in., she knew that with first graders she would be the tallest person in the room.

Grandma did a lot of substitute teaching in later years and almost any classroom in Rochester contained one child or more to whom she was related. When she was a substitute teacher, the first thing she would do on entering the classroom was to write her name on the blackboard. However, in one instance, she was called in late, arrived with the children and didn't have a chance to put her name on the board.

In the class, there were quite a few nieces and nephews, and the day went smoothly as most of her teaching days did. A mother of one of the students told her that her son (not a Hartley relative) came home from school and said that "school had been wonderful". When she asked why, he said, "because Aunt Marion was our teacher".

When I first joined the Historical Society and Betty Beaulieu would introduce me to people, she would always say that I was Mrs. Hartley's granddaughter. In just about every instance the response would be, "Oh, she was my favorite teacher".

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TOWN OF MARION
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, to consider the petition of Verizon and NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, to remove and relocate one jointly owned pole numbered 24/26 on the Southeast side of Wareham Road, and approximately one and forty-seven feet Southwest from existing pole 24/27 five feet over from present location. The proposed pole is located on Wareham Road next to #294.
Norman A. Hills – Chair. 5/22

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1221
Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of John G. Vertentes, for property located at 364 Neck Rd., identified on Assessor's Map 26, Lot 28K, who is seeking a Variance for an accessory structure over 1,000 sq ft, for a proposed 62'x 38' steel building, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, June 12th, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.
David Arancio, Chairman 5/22, 5/29

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Mark D. & Jeanne M. Connon. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.
The Applicants propose to construct a 9' x 21' in-ground swimming pool and 6.8' x 14.3' patio expansion. Said work to occur within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 17) and partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Coastal Bank. The subject address is 65 Mattapoisett Neck Road which is further identified as a Lot #15 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #12. 5/22

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing has been scheduled for June 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of POI Market, 33 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Requesting a Section 12; All Alcohol On-Premises License, and Common Victualler's License. Manager on record to be Michael Sudofsky.
The Select Board agenda dated June 10, 2025, will provide ZOOM information.
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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She said that she had to tell me a story. As a first grader she found her teacher pretty terrifying and mean and she dreaded school. Partway through the year, the teacher left, and my grandmother came in to teach the class for the rest of the year. She went on to say that Mrs. Hartley was like an angel from heaven and saved her life.

I felt lucky to hear her story and impressed at how strongly she felt so many years later. Toward the end of my teaching career there was an ongoing debate as to whether teaching was an art or a science. There was a move to develop teachers based on scientific principles. I've always believed that good teaching is an art, and I think my grandmother proved my point.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Spark your imagination and create custom metal jewelry with Karennia Maraj, Saturdays in June at 10:30 am. All tools and materials are included. This series is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Spaces are limited, call the library to register. Sign up for one or multiple classes; **June 7** - The Art of Wire Wrapping; **June 14** - Cabochon Pendant; **June 21** - Copper Cuff Bracelet, Kids can create fun and wearable jewelry at Karennia Maraj's kids beaded jewelry workshop, for ages 7-13; **June 28** - Kids' Beaded Jewelry Class

The Elizabeth Taber Library is transitioning to our summer programming schedule, so be sure to take a close look at our event calendar. We look forward to sharing more about our summer reading program with you soon.

The last family story time for the spring will be held Tuesday, **May 27** at 10:30 am.

On Thursday, **May 22** from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm our afternoon activities program will introduce the principles of 3-D Design using the library's 3-Doodler 3-D pens. The final afternoon activities program of the school year will be held from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursday, **May 29** as participants build and decorate butterfly houses. Afternoon Activities programs are recommended for kids grades K-4.

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For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org.

Hello from Plumb Library

The Library is happy (and sad) to announce the retirement of our Library Assistant for Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Fuller. After 17 years at Plumb Library Ms. Lisa is graduating from storytime and going on to her next adventure. We'd love it if you would join us in celebrating her time here with us. On Friday **May 30** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm stop by the library to offer up congratulations and best wishes, sign the memory book, and enjoy some light refreshments. We will have the memory book available at the desk in the weeks leading up to the party, and possibly for a short time afterward if you're unable to attend on May 30.

Please share this invitation with your friends and neighbors. We would love to see as many friends and families as possible show up for this farewell event.

Other Upcoming Events:

Local author Richard Cutler will be hosting a talk from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm Saturday **May 31**. Come hear about the writing process from rough drafts to published

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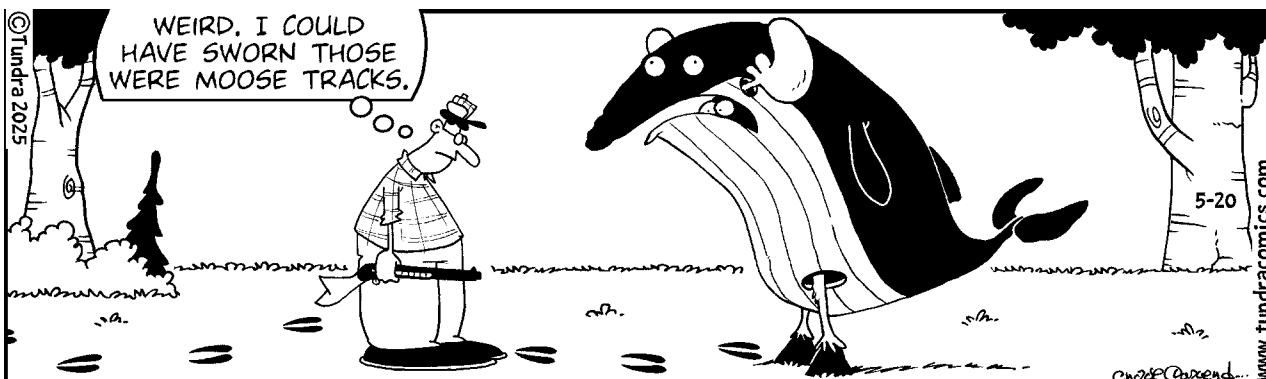
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Books and Babble Bookclub will meet at 6:30 pm Thursday **May 29** to discuss "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. Books are available to pick up at the Library.

The Boards and Cards game group will meet at 11:00 am Saturday **June 7**. This is a new social group for adults (18+). Join them for games, snacks, and socializing. Games are provided or bring one to share.

Keep an eye on the Events Calendar at plumblibrary.com for the annual Summer Reading Program schedule. This year's program kicks off on the last day of school, June 11, with registration for events, activities, and programs opening online at 11:00 am

The Library will be closed Monday May 26 for Memorial Day.

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Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting

The Nasketucket Bird Club will host The Many, Many Owls Around Us: A Discussion of the Owls of Southeastern Massachusetts with Brian Cassie on Tuesday, **May 27**, at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Join us for fun stories, and to learn a thing, or two, or three about owls. The meeting is open to the public and handicapped accessible.

Check our website at: massbird.org/ Nasketucket/ or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club

Attention all racers, potential racers, and those that might be interested in joining the Race Committee.

The annual Skipper's Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **May 31**, at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street at 5:00 pm. The session will commence with an overview of the responsibilities and expectations associated with being part of the Race Committee. This will be followed by a discussion on racing, during which

key rules and procedures will be reviewed.

Registration is now open for all the 2025 Mattapoisett Yacht Club races. Please be advised that the MYC will now utilize Regatta Network for race management. We believe this system will enhance the experience for our racers by providing timely information and faster posting of results.

Ensign and Wednesday Night Racers. Each series (June, July, and August) is regarded as an individual event. Consequently, participants are required to register and pay for each series separately.

New this year – Crew Finder. Use this option if you are looking for crew, or if you are interested in being a crew member on a boat. Available on the racing pages.

Also, keep in mind that racing will be held the week of July 4 (July 1 & 2)

If you have any problems registering or have any questions, feel free to contact Fran at vicecommodore@mattapoisettyc.org

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. There are always great discussions and something to learn. BYOB and stay after the meeting to socialize.

Tidelines at the MAC

Artist Peter C. Stone and his exhibition Tidelines and Other Stories opens at the MAC on **May 24**, at the Marion Art Center, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, with an artist's reception scheduled from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Additionally, there will be a gallery talk with the artist on Saturday, **June 7** at 11:00 am. Events are free and open to the public.

Distilled in the powerful rhythms of tidal cycles, the artworks in Peter C. Stone's series Tidelines are inspired by dreamy coastal lowlands from northern Florida and the Lowcountry Carolinas to the beaches and estuaries of southern New England. While these luminous oil paintings explore coastal climate impacts and sea level-rise, they are built on questions about what these ecosystems face as we struggle with our environmental challenges.

The exhibition offers a look at the process of building illustrated stories written by the artist. Included in the show are works in pen & ink and watercolor, that also serve the graphic design of several books. Selected works are a salute to mythological lunar energies.

Since 1983, artist, author and educator Peter C. Stone has presented more than sixty solo shows and over one hundred group exhibitions at galleries and museums in the United States, Canada, and England, including Art Expo New York, the Royal Academy of Arts, London, the Peabody Essex Museum, and the DeCordova Museum. A knowledgeable educator whose enthusiasm for observing the natural world is contagious, Peter serves on the Art and Nature Committee of the Peabody Essex Museum and as an Advisor to the Board of the Florida State University Coastal Marine Laboratory. His "dreamy... evocative" (School Library Journal) paintings and books

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



On Saturday, May 17, as part of Art Week, the Marion Arts Center presented Crocodile River Music performing West African music and dance in Marion's Music Hall to an audience of about 70 people. A few children danced happily along with members of Crocodile River Music during several pieces. For the final piece of the event, almost everyone was up and dancing. The energy was terrific. Photos courtesy Chuck Green



Robert Pina shared these photos of the Marion Social Club Clam Boil held on Saturday.



Many thanks to Mike Cronin for sharing his rocketry expertise with our afterschool group. We learned about what's needed for lift-off and propulsion, as well as how to add the "recovery wadding" and parachute to ensure the rocket doesn't get damaged. The kids had a wonderful time counting down and watching each of the rockets launch. The museum's upcoming programs are listed at the museum website: www.marionmuseum.org. Hope to see you soon. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



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Boat Race Ham & Bean Supper

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race (RMDBR) Ham and Bean Supper will be held Saturday **May 24** at the Rochester Senior Center, 65 Dexter Lane. The supper will be served from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and tickets can be purchased at the door. Adults, \$10.00 and children under twelve are only \$5.00. There is the option to eat in, eat on the patio if weather permits, or take-out. Beans baked by the best bean bakers in town, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls and brown bread. And to top it all off, apple crisp for dessert. Proceeds from the supper help offset the expenses

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The Friends of Old Rochester Music inducted eight inaugural inductees into the new Music Hall of Fame on May 17 at Marion Music Hall. Inductees pictured left to right: Wayne Ferreira '70, Hannah Clark Moore '75, Orlando Pandolfi '76, Stan Ellis – Educator, Rosemary (Ramos) Williams '11, Rebecca Correia '99, Family of Dr. Daniel Lomba '79 – mom Mary, Zack Rezendes '68, and Danny's sons. Absent Marcus Monteiro '00.



Rochester Memorial School held its second annual STEAM-A-Palooza event on May 15, as the community swarmed RMS to take in the students' artwork adorning the school hallways, live musical performances and a cafeteria packed with displays of various science projects. Photos by Mick Colageo



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of the race.

Also, there will be raffles available for each of two carbon fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III. A third raffle for a beautiful handmade 94 x 66-inch quilt, the top made and designed by Faith Bettencourt and finished by the Creative Crafters of the Rochester Council on Aging. And one additional raffle to get your Spring plantings bursting out of the ground, a one-gallon container of Organic Gem Liquid Fish. This will make 15 gallons of ready to use fertilizer. Tickets for the raffles will be sold at the boat race registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

This is the 91st anniversary of the race. Enjoy a great meal at one of the important social events of the year in our area. The more, the merrier. For additional information please contact Arthur Benner, Chairman, RMDBR, 508-763-2024 or email, artbenner@comcast.net.

Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race

The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race.

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoissett River will take place on Monday, **May 26**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoissett Herring Weir at River Road and Route 6.

A Kayak Division will again be included in the race this year. Basic guidelines for the division are: minimum age 18, single person kayak that the contestant can sit inside of the cockpit, contestant must wear an approved USCG personal flotation device for the entire race, and there will be a \$10 entry fee. See the rules document for all information pertaining to the kayak division.

For the Mattapoissett River Racer (MRR) boats, the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include the kayak division and the MRR open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old). Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

A boat building seminar will not be held this year, but free plans are available for the asking. Contact Art, (artbenner@comcast.net) or Bill (watlingw@gmail.com). We can put you in touch with experienced MRR boat builders that can answer your questions and offer tips, tricks and considerations for building the boat.

Pre-registration is required. Only one registration session will be held at the Rochester Council on Aging

(RCOA) Senior Center, 67 Dexter's LN Friday, **May 16**, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman RD or at the registration session. OR email Art (artbenner@comcast.net) and request the rules and registration form.

You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Road. Or, you may return the forms by email but you must bring the original, signed forms, to the registration session. OR, you may return them by regular mail (USPS). If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgment that they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art, assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, May 16, 8:00 pm in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position for this year. Kayak division contestants will draw starting positions after the MRRs.

The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA, Senior Center at, 67 Dexter's LN, Saturday, May 24, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Supper tickets may be purchased at the door.

There will be raffles for each of two carbon fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III. And also, a raffle for a beautiful handmade 94 x 66-inch quilt, the top made and designed by Faith Bettencourt and finished by the Creative Crafters of the Rochester Council on Aging. Tickets for the raffles will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

For further information contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email; artbenner@comcast.net. Visit Facebook, 'Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race' for any changes or updates.

Friends of Buttonwood Park Annul Meeting

The Friends of Buttonwood Park will host their 39th annual meeting at 6:30 pm Thursday, **May 22** at Friends Quaker Meeting House, 83 Spring St., New Bedford.

Guest speaker Warren Leach from Tranquil Lake Nursery will discuss "Celebrating the Winter Garden."

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

"Secret Gardens of Marion" Tour

The Marion Garden Group is delighted to present the 3rd biennial "Secret Gardens of Marion" tour, set to take place on Friday, **June 20** from 10:00 am to 3:00pm. This walking tour offers a unique opportunity to explore 11 private gardens nestled throughout the historic village of Marion, a picturesque harbor town on the Southcoast of

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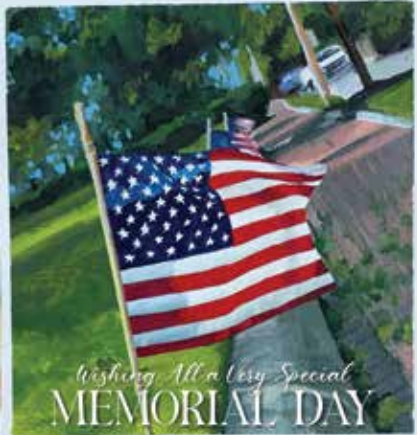
Attendees will experience a diverse array of coastal gardens, each showcasing the creativity and passion of local gardeners. From vibrant botanical displays and flourishing perennial beds to productive vegetable plots and serene ocean vistas, these hidden gems are sure to inspire and delight garden enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

The Event is on Friday, June 20 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and will be held in Various private gardens throughout Marion. Tickets are \$35 and available online at www.mariongardengroup.org, or \$40 on June 19 and 20. Lunch available. Please note that the tour is not handicapped accessible.

Additional Information: The event will proceed rain or shine. Pets are not permitted. Photography is welcome.


The "Secret Gardens of Marion" tour not only celebrates the beauty and diversity of local gardens but also fosters community spirit. Proceeds from the event will support ongoing town beautification, community gardening initiatives and educational programs.

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Tickets are available just in time for a special Mother's Day gift. Advance tickets are \$35 and available at the following Mattapoissett locations: Pen & Pendulum, Isabelle's, Ying Dynasty, and the Town Wharf General Store. In Fairhaven, they can be purchased at Periwinkles and Gotta Have It. Marion has three locations: Always in Bloom, Fieldstones, and Eden Florist. Tickets are also available online at www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org.

On June 28, tickets will be available at the Mattapoissett Woman's Club tent in the parking lot next to Ying's Dynasty on Route 6 in Mattapoissett for \$40/each.

This fundraiser directly supports the scholarships, programs, and community outreach of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club.

The Club is open to new members from the Southcoast area. For more information and a



The Marion Natural History Museum's annual meeting featured scientist Chris German from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Chris discussed deep ocean trenches, covering such topics as studying the chemical composition of volcanic eruptions and location activity to help determine where they might occur next. The building blocks of evolution may well have started in these areas here on earth. If there is life on other planets, the ocean vents would be the most likely places to start looking. As a result, WHOI scientists are now working directly with NASA to explore the possibility of life on other planets. Many thanks to Chris German for sharing his research on this fascinating topic. The Museum is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and during the programs listed on the website: www.marionmuseum.org. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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Annual Benefit Pops Concert

Ticket sales have begun for the upcoming Annual Benefit Pops Concert for the Tri-County Symphonic Band. The theme for this year is "An Animated Afternoon." The concert will, once again, be held on the waterfront in a grand tent on the campus of Tabor Academy in Marion. Fine music, excellent food and a fun-filled festive



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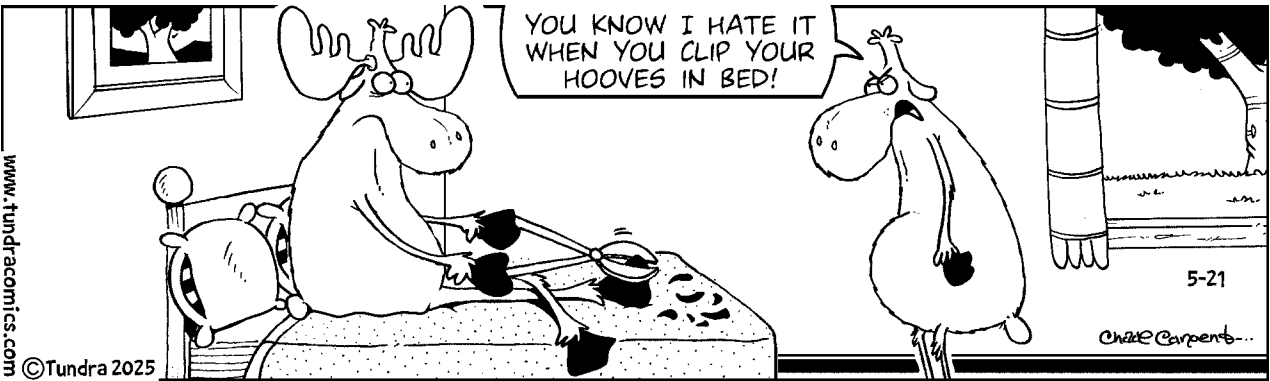
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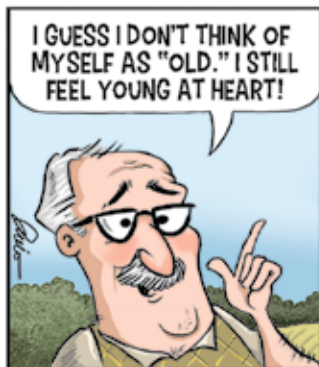


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afternoon is planned for Sunday, **June 8**. Advance tickets can now be purchased at the Marion General Store, the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth and online at tricountysymphonicband.org.

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Artist Series presents an exhibit by Nancy Mitchell entitled "Junk Journals and Paintings in Acrylic. View Mitchell's work at the Mattapoisett Library between through **May 30**." Mitchell's exhibit includes junk journals, hand-created from scrap pieces of fabric, lace, paper, beads, vintage book pages colored with gel and more, as well as acrylic paintings. Fairhaven artist Mitchell started painting at the age of 50. Her first painting was from a kit purchased at a local store which was something she had never thought of trying before. Pleased with the results, she decided to take some night art classes from the Greater New Bedford Regional Technical Vocational School. Her teacher was extremely helpful to Mitchell's quest to learn how to paint. Self-taught, Mitchell also creates junk journals, gaining inspiration by studying the craft online. Mitchell has shown her work and sold paintings and feels it's a great way to explore one's creativity while learning at learning at the same time. Mitchell hopes her work will inspire others to create their own art.

Coastal Explorations with MNHM

The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering an opportunity to explore some of Marion's unique natural areas. We will be exploring our rocky inter-tidal shorelines, salt marshes, estuaries as well as freshwater riverbanks, forest, swamps, ponds and bogs. Daily we will take trips to look for the birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates that make these areas so special.

Each morning will involve hands-on exploration, experiments, crafts and journaling while being outdoors. Your child will enjoy being a Coastal Explorer with the Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to



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This year we will also be offering a full-day option in partnership with the Marion Recreation Department. Spend half the day with us, and then if you want extended hours, Marion Recreation will be busing from our location to Silvershell beach for the remainder of the day.

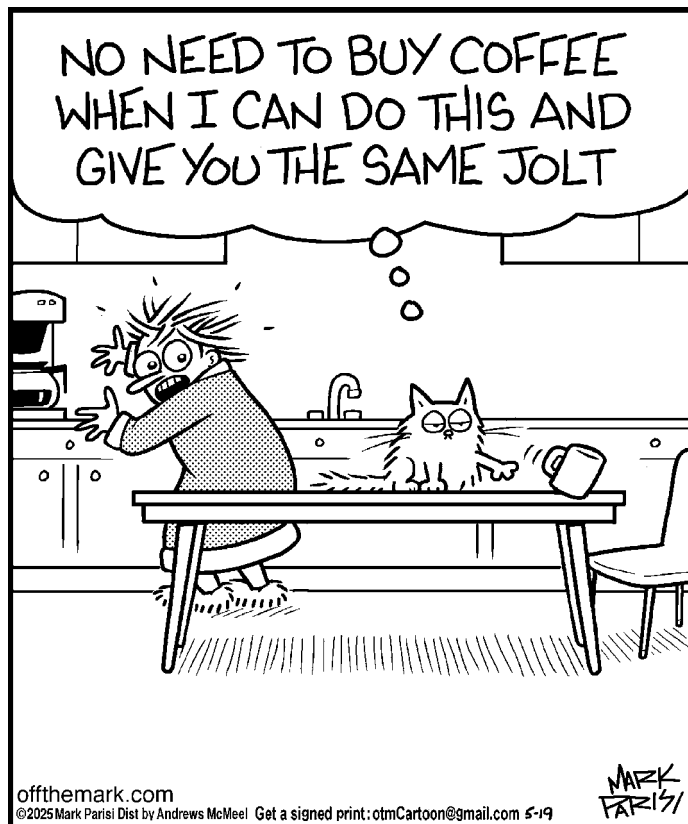
Register at www.marionmuseum.org for both options. Event dates are **July 7** to July 11, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and **August 4** to August 8, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Local Writers Monthly Meeting

A group of local writers meet once a month to share their writing and offer feedback. If you are interested in honing your writing and want to share a rough draft in a supportive setting, come join us. No need to bring a piece of writing every time. Current members write mystery / crime, picture books, humor, memoir, etc.

The group meets on the 4th Friday of each month 10:15 am to 12:15 pm at the Mattapoisett Library's basement-level Community Room, 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.

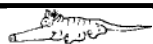
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Rogers, Debra Bento	Thompson, Mark D Thompson, Heather A	5 Hermitage Rd	Marion	04/30/2025	410,000.00
Depoalo, Mara A Depoalo, Joseph D	Kaplan, David Osborne, Adelaide	4 Beaver Path	Mattapoisett	04/30/2025	975,000.00
Hacking-Davis, Robin L	Lees, Philip Lees, Lynn	16 Williams Way	Rochester	04/30/2025	695,000.00
Trahan, Colleen E	Piva, Patricia By Atty Pauline, Patricia E By Atty Pauline, Lawrence L Atty	35 Park St	Mattapoisett	04/30/2025	472,500.00
Gauvin, Luke M Robert, Cynthia D	Patnaude, Leith	0 Snipatuit Rd	Rochester	05/02/2025	335,000.00
Doonan, Shea Doonan, Jessica	Long Built Homes Inc	14 Shagbark Cir	Mattapoisett	05/02/2025	1,155,000.00
Harriman, Heath Z	Zora Enterprises Inc	0 Upland Way	Marion	05/05/2025	2,500.00
Mathieu, John P (trustee) Beach Grove Realty Trust	Diligence Investing LLC	55 Quails Crossing	Marion	05/05/2025	675,000.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 22	3:55	4:31	9:55	10:56
Friday	May 23	4:58	5:32	10:47	11:56
Saturday	May 24	6:00	6:29	11:37	
Sunday	May 25	6:58	7:23	12:50	12:25
Monday	May 26	7:51	8:16	1:45	1:15
Tuesday	May 27	8:44	9:08	2:41	2:06
Wednesday	May 28	9:36	10:01	3:37	3:00
Thursday	May 29	10:29	10:55	4:29	3:53
Friday	May 30	11:24	11:50	5:18	4:45
Saturday	May 31		12:20	6:09	5:38
Sunday	June 1	12:46	1:17	7:08	6:38
Monday	June 2	1:40	2:12	8:13	8:02
Tuesday	June 3	2:32	3:05	9:04	9:35
Wednesday	June 4	3:24	3:59	9:41	10:33
Thursday	June 5	4:17	4:53	10:14	11:16
Friday	June 6	5:13	5:45	10:49	11:55
Saturday	June 7	6:04	6:30	11:26	
Sunday	June 8	6:49	7:10	12:33	12:05

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	May 26th
	First Quarter	June 2nd
	Full Moon	June 11th
	Last Quarter	June 18th



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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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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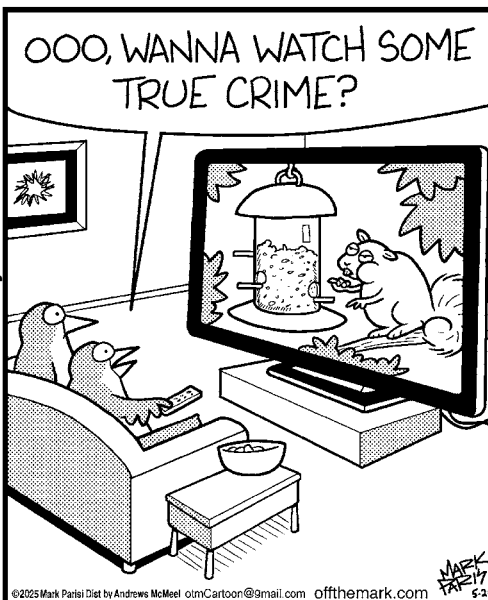
1. Morale 2. Deport;
3. Entice; 4. Pester

Today's Word
STEREO

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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Ocean Spray
Cranberry Drinks **\$3⁹⁹**

Half Liter Bottles, 24 pk.
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Water **\$5⁹⁹**

26.46 oz. Selected Variety
Pomi
Tomatoes **\$3⁹⁹**

16-32 oz. Selected Variety
Vlasic
Pickles **2/\$6**

5.75 oz.
Food Club
Stuffed Manzanilla Olives **2/\$5**

16.3 oz. Selected Variety
Skippy
Peanut Butter **2/\$5**

15-30 oz. Selected Variety
Hellmann's
Mayonnaise **\$6⁹⁹**

Want S'more Savings!

12 oz.
Jet-Puffed
Marshmallows **2/\$5**

9.6 oz. 6 pk. Selected Variety
Hershey's
Candy Bars **\$5⁹⁹**

14.4 oz. Selected Variety
Nabisco
Graham Crackers **\$3⁹⁹**

20 oz.
Heinz
Tomato Ketchup **2/\$6**

7.2 oz. Selected Variety
Snack Factory
Pretzel Crisps **\$3²⁹**

14 oz. Selected Variety
Stauffer's
Snaps **2/\$6**

8-8.5 oz. Selected Variety
Nabisco
Triscuit or Wheat Thins Crackers **2/\$7**

32 oz. Rich & Creamy Fat Free
Land O Lakes
Half and Half **\$4²⁹**

6.5 oz.
Reddi Wip
Whipped Topping **\$2⁹⁹**

16 oz. Selected Variety
Food Club
Butter Quarters **\$4⁴⁹**

16 oz. Selected Variety
Daisy
Sour Cream **\$2⁹⁹**

16 oz.
Cape Cod Cafe
Cheese Pizza **\$6⁹⁹**

48 oz. Selected Variety
Breyers **\$5⁴⁹**

16 oz. Selected Variety
Talent
Gelato or Sorbetto **\$4⁹⁹**

MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Premium
Baby Back Pork Ribs **\$4⁹⁹**

14 oz. Pkg.
Kayem Fenway Franks **\$5⁴⁹**

14 oz. Pkg. Natural Casing
Boar's Head Beef Franks **\$9⁹⁹**

1 lb. 4 ct. Pkg.
Bertolino Hamburger Patties **\$11⁹⁹**

Deli Sliced, Virginia Baked
New England Traditions Ham **\$8⁹⁹**

Deli Sliced, White
Land O Lakes American Cheese **\$7⁹⁹**

Deli Sliced, Maple Glazed Honey Coat
Boar's Head Ham **\$9⁹⁹**

Deli Sliced, White
Boar's Head American Cheese **\$6⁹⁹**

Deli Fresh
Greek Pasta Salad **\$8⁹⁹**

Deli Fresh
Red Bliss Potato Salad **\$6⁹⁹**

8 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head Gouda Cheese **\$5⁹⁹**

9 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head Sopressata Picante **\$8⁹⁹**

WINE

750 ml. French
Notorious Pink Rosé Wine **\$16⁹⁹**
Reg. Price - \$19.99

750 ml. California
Mumm Sparkling Rosé Wine **\$19⁹⁹**
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They're Back! 6 ct. Pkg.
Cervelli's Apple Cider Donuts **\$7⁹⁹**

25-32 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Granny's Pie Shop
Cream Pies **\$14⁹⁹**

CHEF PREPARED

Spicy Peanut Noodles **\$10⁹⁹**

16 oz. Pkg.
Mexican Streetcorn Salad **\$9⁹⁹**

With Roasted Vegetables & Feta Cheese
Orzo Salad 16 oz. Pkg. **\$9⁹⁹**

Garden Side Salad **\$6⁹⁹**

Mediterranean Chickpea Salad **\$9⁹⁹**

Various Styles
Take And Bake Pizza **\$8⁹⁹ - \$10⁹⁹**

Shepherd's Pie Large Size **\$19⁹⁹**
Small Size - \$12.99 ea

Chicken Pot Pie Large Size **\$19⁹⁹**
Small Size - \$13.99 ea

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6 Pack Annuals **\$2⁹⁹**

All 6 Packs - Great Selection!
Vegetables & Herbs (Flats - \$19.99) **\$2⁹⁹**

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Perennials & Herbs 3/\$16 or **\$5⁹⁹**

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Fafard Ultra Planting Mix 2/\$20 or **\$10⁹⁹**

1 Cubic Foot Bag, With Extended Feed Mix
Fafard Ultra Container 2/\$22 or **\$11⁹⁹**

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YOU HAVE TO TRY OUR
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Home Style
Dressing
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12 oz. Can. 8 pk. Selected Variety
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Sparkling Water
\$4⁹⁹_{+Dep}



12-16 oz. Selected Variety
Barilla
Pasta
\$1⁷⁹



7-8 oz. Selected Variety Cracker Cut or
Cabot
Cheese Slices
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14 oz. Selected Variety
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Ice Cream
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Blueberries

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16 oz. Pkg.
Strawberries

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Sweet
Bi-Color Corn on the Cob

5/\$4

Fresh on the Vine!
Cluster Tomatoes

\$1⁶⁹_{ea}



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