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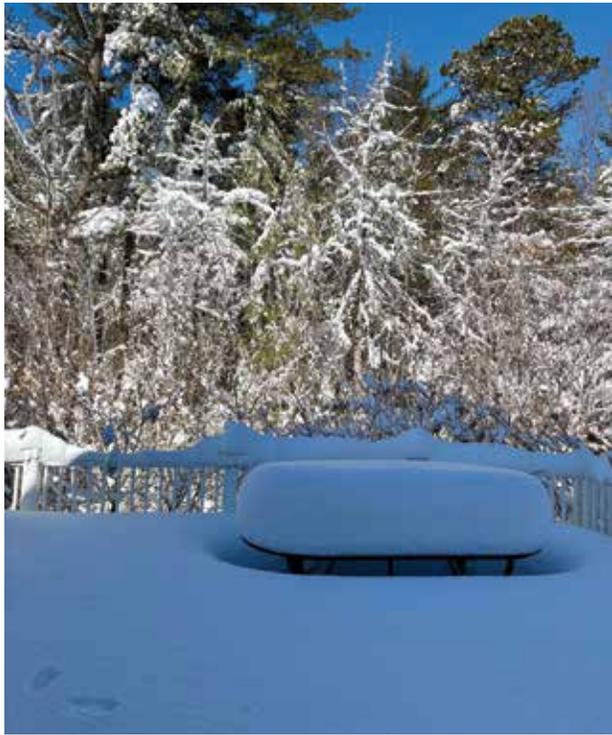


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# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Lawrence Kupferschmidt shared this photo of a giant Twinkie left by the recent storm.



Marion along Point Road following the Blizzard of 2026. Marion got over 30 inches of snow dumped on it and nearly the entire town experienced power outages. Photo by Shawn Sweet



Ice on Mattapoissett Harbor before the big storm. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Ruth Griffin took this photo on Reservation Road near the bike path.



Kate Tarleton spoke to the Mattapoissett Woman's Club about proper care, storage and cleaning of our heirloom textiles at the February meeting. ORRTV filmed it for those who missed out. Photos by Jennifer Shepley



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## ORR Girls Dominate Senior Night

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

It was Senior Night for the Old Rochester Regional High School girls basketball team, and it was the seniors that set the tone, according to Head Coach Rick Regan.

ORR defeated a good New Bedford High School team, 63-31, on February 19. Regan credited the sound victory to the attitude set by the seniors. ORR's gymnasium was decorated with signs and posters of the seniors, who begin MIAA Division 3 state tournament competition on Friday, February 27, in a 5:00 pm home game that will be the first of a doubleheader followed by ORR's boys team playing its tournament opener at 7:00 pm.

Senior Emma Johnson led the team in scoring with 20 points, followed by 12 from sophomore Sadie Hartley-Matteson.

The varsity ladies played at a fast pace throughout the contest and showed no break in their pace, even during the last minutes of the fourth quarter, when they held on to a 20-point lead. The Bulldogs played tenacious defense and moved the ball well on offense, leading to some wide-open three-pointers that had the



*Above & On the Cover: The Old Rochester Regional High School girls basketball team defeated New Bedford High School, 63-31, in the Bulldogs' Senior Night game on Thursday, February 19. Photo by Jeffrey D. Wagner*

ORR gymnasium roaring.

Regan said some of the seniors started playing in Grade 8 due to the regional league setup and for five years have set a tone of leadership, determination, and efficiency.

After the game, seniors had baskets with parting gifts on their bench, and many family members stopped to take pictures with the posters of senior players.

## The Blizzard of '26

By Sam Bishop

Exactly four weeks after the last big storm that brought a foot and a half of snow to the Tri-Town, the Northeast has again gotten hammered, this time by a Blizzard on February 22 that tops the famous Blizzard of 1978 in many areas.

Though in the lead-up to the storm, much of the focus was on the Jersey Shore, New York and Long Island, the South Coast and Rhode Island took the brunt of it. Records have been smashed, with the National Weather Service reporting a blanket over the Tri-Town of over

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31 inches. In Providence, the record for snowfall was originally held by 1978 at 28.6 inches, with this week's storm coming in at over 3 feet, between 36 and 37 inches.

Tree limbs succumbing to the weight of snow caused many prolonged power outages. Eversource sent notices to customers saying, if they lost power, "restoration could take 3-5 days." Following the storm, Eversource reported around 18% of customers in Eastern Massachusetts had experienced outages, or around 250,000 homes. Nearly all of Marion experienced outages, with 3,111 households affected. Mattapoissett and Rochester fared slightly better, with 1,164 household outages in Mattapoissett and 1,446 in Rochester.

Marion Village was without power, along with homes to the East around Point Road and Delano Road while power along Converse Road was maintained. In Mattapoissett, power in the center had been restored, while work on Ned's Point Road continued with most of that section still without power at press time. Rochester was sporadic, but most homes in the center of town remained without power through Tuesday. Many businesses remained closed through the early part of the week.

Though Tri-Town school and Old Rochester Regional had Winter Break last week, schools remained closed through Wednesday.

As of writing, there was one confirmed death from the storm, a 21-year-old student at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey confirmed the travel ban across the South Coast would remain in effect until road conditions were improved.

**Planning Washington's Winter Gambit**

*This Week in Revolutionary War History*

**By Sam Bishop**

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, the best logistical and tactical minds gathered in Cambridge. General George Washington is set on descending on Boston and putting an end to the 10-month-long siege. Dorchester Heights was chosen

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as the spot to set up Colonel Henry Knox's artillery he recently brought back from Ticonderoga. Washington has been given the "go-ahead" from the Continental Congress to attack when he deems it ready.

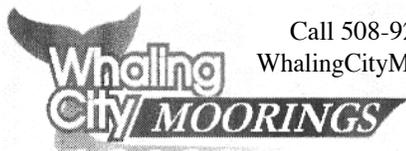
On February 18, 1776, Washington sends a report to John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He offers updates to the preparations outside Boston, "The late freezing Weather having formed some pretty strong ice from Dorchester Point to Boston Neck and from Roxbury to the Common, thereby affording a more expanded and consequently a less dangerous approach to the town. At the time, Boston was a small peninsula with a narrow neck. Due to the freezing sea, the neck has widened, allowing for a larger and more dispersed assault. However, he informs the Congress he is still awaiting both more militia men and gunpowder. He says, "I do not utter this by way of complaint - I am sensible that all that the Congress could do, they have done, and I should feel, most powerfully, the weight of conscious ingratitude were I not to acknowledge this."

Washington feels he has been handed a potential massive tactical advantage on a platter, with the approaches to Boston frozen over. He feels he is unable to make use of this advantage due to the lack of powder. The next day, he sends a letter to Governor Jonathan Trumbull in Lebanon, Connecticut. He says he is "grieved to find" about 4200 pounds of powder instead of the promised 6-to-8 thousand pounds.

On February 20 in his General Orders, Washington instructs officers to ensure "every regiment should be furnished with colors, and that those colors should, if it can be done, bear some kind of similitude to the uniform of the regiment to which they belong." Battle is coming, and the commanding officers must be able to identify which columns are what in the onslaught. He also attempts to stress discipline, saying, "The General cannot

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again help urging it in the strongest terms to the Colonels the necessity of the strictest attention to the discipline of their men - learning them to march and perform all the different evolutions and maneuvers; which is of more essential service, than dwelling too long upon the manual exercise."

That same day, Washington writes to Joseph Johnson, a Mohegan man in Eastern Connecticut. The general says he is pleased by "our brothers of the Six Nations." He urges Johnson to convince the other Native Americans to stay neutral "on the dispute between us and the Ministers of Great Britain." Washington adds something that can be seen highly ironic, "you have seen a part of our strength, and can inform our brothers, that



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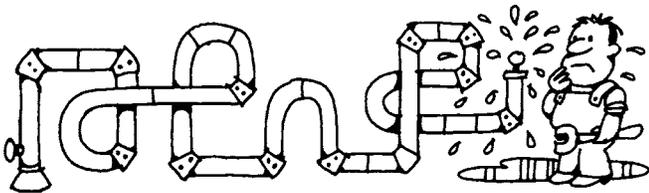
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we can withstand all the force, which those who want to rob us of our lands and our houses, can send against us." The general says he would be happy if Natives "take up the hatchet for us," but must at least remain out of Britian's forces.

On February 22, Washington celebrates his 44th Birthday from his army headquarters in Cambridge. It is hard to understand the age of the man, as we generally see him as a timeless, prophetic figure. However, Washington was 43-49 throughout the Revolution. Later, serving as President, he was 57-65, and would pass a few months before his 68th birthday and just 18 days before the year 1800.

Back to his 44th birthday, the General does not mention his birthday in his orders nor his writings. Washington spends the day writing to his officers and his estate in Mount Vernon, Virginia.

On February 23, Washington writes to Governor Nicholas Cooke in Rhode Island requesting the Governor give hospitality to a Prussian that has washed ashore. The Baron of Woedtke was on his way to Philadelphia to pledge his services when he made landfall on Cape Cod. This is not the famed Prussian Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, he is to arrive in 1778, but instead Frederick William, Baron de Woedtke. Different man, lesser abilities. This does show that the Prussians, at this time ruled by Frederick the Great and being known for their martial prowess, are making their way with other Germans to the Americas to join the battle.

### What's Up There?

*Astronomy Update for March*

**By Sam Bishop**

This is the continuing monthly column for the astronomer in all of us, or the aspiring astro-physicist. Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the Tri-Town has pretty good dark skies and we are very fortunate in that regard. Though we can't normally make out the Milky Way's signature glow, we can still spot a lot. This year has already brought with it some great stellar sights, and NASA is working still to launch to the moon this month.

On March 3, there will be a Full Moon. This moon is known as the "Worm Moon," due to earth worms making their break through the hard soil around this time. Not only will we have a Full Moon, but a total lunar eclipse that same day. The eclipse will be visible across the entirety of the United States. On the East Coast, we will only have visibility for a bit less time as the epicenter is the mid-Pacific. However, it will last about an hour in its entirety. The eclipse will give the Worm Moon a rusty-red glow in the early morning, between 6:00 am and 7:00 am.

On March 8, Venus and Saturn will be very near each other in the sky, or in "conjunction." Regardless of the fact that these two bodies are about 1,320,000,000 miles apart, they will be about 1-degree apart in the sky,

making them easy to spot, both having off-yellow glows. They will sit near the constellation Pisces in the sky.

If you or anyone you know happens to be in the Southern Hemisphere in March 18, you may be able to see the comet 88P/Howell before it leaves on its relatively small orbit, returning in 2031.

On March 19, there will be a New Moon. This will be the perfect time to look for nebulae, galaxies, and faint, more distance objects!

At long last, on March 20, the vernal equinox, or the spring equinox. Spring will come at last and bring an end to this snow... right?

NASA's Artemis II was scheduled to launch last month and was then confirmed to be sometime in March. Now, it seems likely it will be pushed into April. They had eyed Friday, March 6 as a launch date, but the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has confirmed they will roll the SLS rocket off the launch pad for further work this week. The rocket had been set on the launch pad for the past month, ready to go at a moment's notice until a helium leak was discovered in pre-launch preparation. NASA's press correspondent Rachel H. Kraft confirmed the rocket is being prepped for its 4-mile trek back into the VAB (vehicle assembly building), but an April launch is still possible. It has been over 50 years since humans were in lunar orbit, and it seems we will have to wait a little longer.

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### Opinions, Presidents and Celebrations By Dick Morgado

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Recently our country celebrated Presidents Day, formally known as George Washington's birthday until the woke crowd determined that old George was not worthy because he lied about cutting down a cherry tree. It therefore would be politically correct to honor all presidents, good and bad. Sort of every kid gets a trophy



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One former president, also named George, came out of hibernation in Texas to offer an opinion on Presidents Day, specifically about General Washington our first president. (Who was actually our ninth president. Eight gentlemen were appointed before him by Congress to one-year terms to preside as "President of the United States in Congress Assembled". John Hanson of Maryland was the first and John Hancock the fifth. But I digress.)

To the surprise of many pundits, President Bush published an eloquent essay expounding on Washington's leadership, humility, willingness to avoid becoming all powerful, and his loyalty to the country and the Constitution first. The 43rd president went on to

note that Washington "understood that he didn't know everything" deferring instead to experts. And he noted that Washington "set the standard for all presidents to live up to."

In so doing "Dubya" proved that he (or a ghostwriter) was a master of writing sentences that are meant to be read between the lines.

The current tenant of the Peoples' House, on the other hand, in a statement issued on his Truth Social media platform celebrated how the country is "bigger, better and stronger than EVER BEFORE!!!" and is "at the dawn of a new age of greatness..." never mentioning any of his predecessors. He then went back to planning the biggest celebration of our country's 250th Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of our Independence on July 4. Ben Franklin, who was reported to be a real party animal, knew how to celebrate independence. He suggested that there should be fireworks, parades, and celebrations throughout the land.

You may have heard that the current leader of the free world is planning to build a 100,000-seat stadium on Lafayette Park across from the White House to celebrate the Semiquincentennial (also known as a Bisesquicentennial or a Sestercentennial, in case you were wondering.) by holding an historic UFC no-holds-bar fight. The winner coming out with a face celebrating the colors of the flag...red and blue.

Later, in August, the celebration will continue with a "Freedom 250 Grand Prix" race through the streets of our nation's capital. It will be the biglyest, the best, the grandest Grand Prix race ever, even outdoing the Grand Prix of Monaco thus alienating another close friend of the United States. If construction moves fast enough the expensive racing cars might be able to race around and through the new grand "Victory Arch" and under the giant gold eagle sitting on top that our chief executive is planning to build.

Personally, I think they should be Ford and Chevy stock cars, but that's just my opinion.

*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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## Dormant Season

*The Seaside Gardener*

By Laura McLean

Although I would describe myself as an outdoor enthusiast - winter finds me lagging a bit. Needless to say, there is less to interact with as the outdoor world assumes a picture of still life - like Louise Penny's debut novel but without the murder.

Dormancy can have a dead look about it, but it depends on your point of view. From my desk is a scene that works wonders for the soul whatever time of year it happens to be. At close range is an ancient stone wall with daubs of lichen adding character. Against this is the skeletal structure of a Japanese Maple (Crimson Queen, maybe) one that just sprang up from the Earth, and I never moved it and there is no hope of moving it as it's rooted beneath the wall. We prune it to preserve the path, and its appearance is somewhat like a bonsai. Overhanging the wall are my neighbor's rhododendrons always lending a green brushstroke in winter's dearth. Finally, there is a long strip of yellowed fringe against our house of the dried fronds of Japanese Forest Grass (*Hakonechloa macra*) ...In spring and summer this footpath will be flanked by lilies, sedum and ferns and a solitary Jack in the Pulpit. At present the scene is quite sedate - other than a pair of squirrels animating it.

While the dormant season plays out, my sights are turned toward my indoor plants (geranium, spider



plant and cactus) that sit atop my desk where they get maximum light. A new acquisition - a dwarf weeping pussy willow tree - sits regally on a nearby table of the music room. I used to have many spread through the house and now I bring some to my classroom so as to spread the joy (and oxygen). Houseplants are a passion for some people. For others, myself included, they're a stand-in for the outdoor garden.

You don't feel as deprived when you have plants to tend. They've been in my rooms since college (unfortunately not the same plants) and through various apartments, keeping me connected to nature and testing my nurturing abilities. Let's just say that more than a few wound up in the dumpster.

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Too little or too much water, light or heat blighted a lot of my plants. Aphids and cats also wreaked havoc. I think many of us have had a plant tragedy along the way. I can remember finding my Corgi had tipped over a ficus tree in my bedroom (all over the cream-colored carpeting) only to have the cats spread it further as I walked in on the horrid scene. All was forgiven, but the tree never really revived.

Who hasn't on occasion had themselves to blame? Guilty as charged! I was late bringing in several plants this year as they looked so comfy out in the greenhouse. To keep them out there a bit longer before placing them inside the house, I tempted fate. Someone (I'm not pointing fingers) left the greenhouse door open one night

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and the coldness crept in and murdered several of the less hardy plants. So, you see I'm as much to blame as my pets or aphid outbreaks.

Another case in point is our two lemon trees (one requiring two adults to maneuver into the entryway). Well human delays have consequences and in this case all of the leaves and some fruit were frazzled. I believe the plants were salvaged but will know better in a month or so. Just as a lot of plants are not impervious to even a moment of bone-chilling cold, many can't cope with certain indoor conditions. This is the case in a lot of New England homes where dry heat is the norm.

Any landscaper knows that you match plants to the environment and the same is true for the environment of your home, particularly in the cooler months when the heat is going full throttle. Thus, it makes sense



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to grow plants that thrive in a dry environment, such as plants from the Mediterranean... succulents, cacti, citrus (such as limes, kumquat, sour mandarin oranges) as well as camellia, rosemary, and myrtles.

Choices have much to do with fragrance as providing a floral display. Nothing can surpass the sweet scent of citrus flowers or jasmine or gardenia, although it takes precision and tender loving care for the latter. Rosemary and herbs from the Mediterranean region always provide a fragrant moment when brushed against and are useful for cooking as well. Myrtle provides a rich green fine foliage that when crushed also provides fragrance so typical of Mediterranean foliage.

My great grandmother - who was a huge inspiration to me as a gardener - used to have a hibiscus plant in her kitchen by a door that led to the balcony and in her store on the first floor she kept assorted plants including an array of colorful geraniums. These would go outdoors when the weather allowed.

A nice feature to all of these houseplants is that they can be transferred to the outdoors in the warmer seasons. A good rule of thumb is to bring them outdoors mid-April and then back in by October 15.

A south-facing sunny, indoor porch will provide sufficient sun. When moving plants in or out, take care to prepare them for their new climate, including humidity levels and light exposure. When moving plants outdoors,



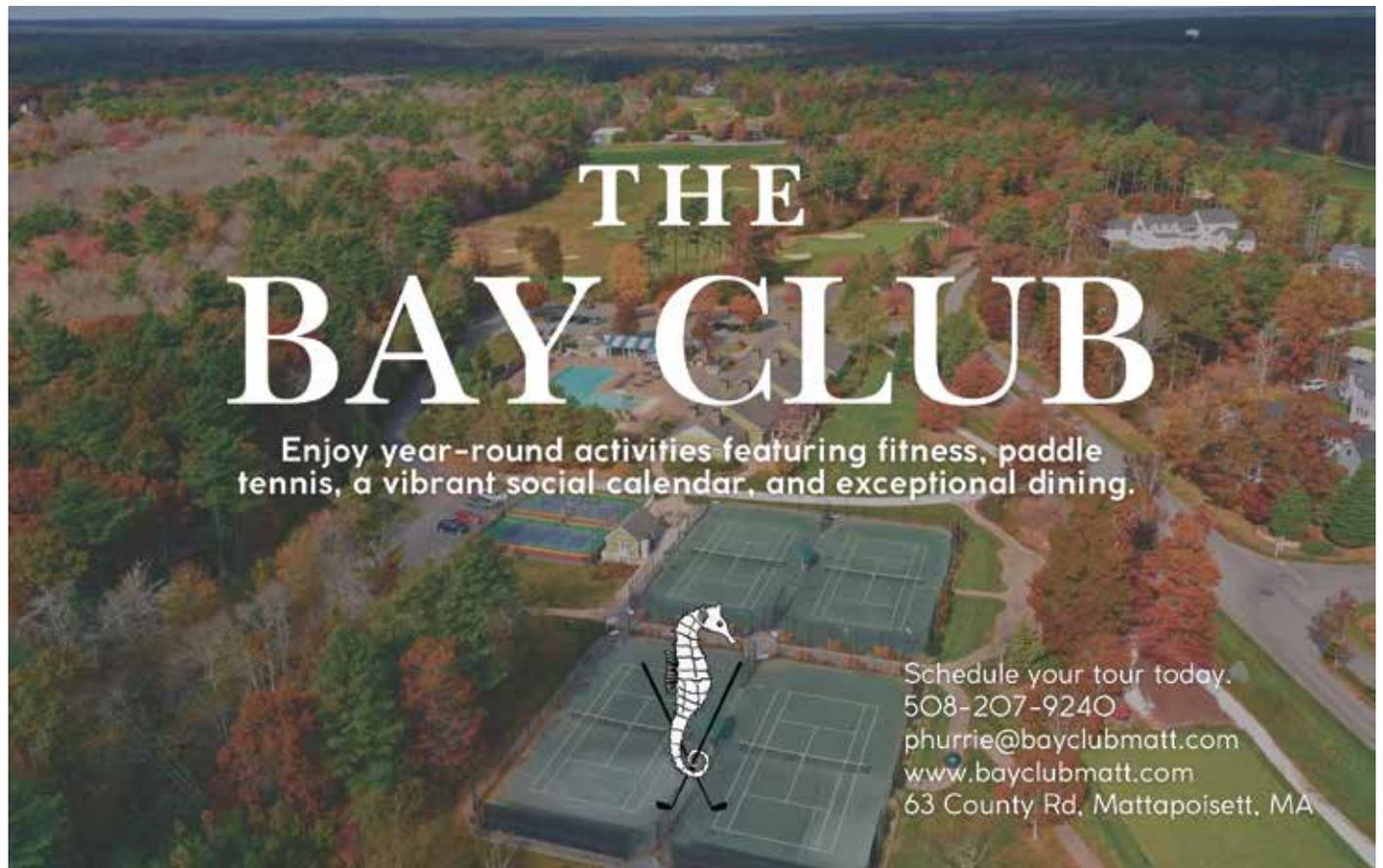
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## NASA Astronaut Speaks from International Space Station to Students at OHS

While orbiting the Earth aboard the International Space Station, NASA Astronaut Dr. Chris Williams spoke live with students at Old Hammondtown School during a video conference held on the Wednesday afternoon before February vacation.

The entire school gathered in the cafetorium for the virtual event, which was organized by Old Hammondtown Reading Specialist Katie Samost, who is Dr. Williams' sister-in-law. Students submitted questions in advance, and during the call Dr. Williams answered several of them, personally addressing students by name and generating excitement throughout the room.

Students asked thoughtful and wide-ranging questions, including what it felt like to see Earth from space for the first time, whether moving in microgravity feels like swimming or floating, how astronauts shower in space, and whether it'll be difficult to walk again upon returning to Earth.

During the live connection, Dr. Williams provided a virtual tour of portions of the International Space Station and demonstrated how water behaves in microgravity, allowing droplets to float freely before capturing them midair. Students watched as he moved effortlessly through the station's modules and even demonstrated how astronauts eat by enjoying a floating candy.

Dr. Williams described daily life aboard the

station, explaining how astronauts secure their sleeping bags to the wall, maintain hygiene without traditional showers, and balance

advanced scientific research with routine maintenance. Dr. Williams also shared what it's like to work collaboratively with astronauts from multiple countries and experiencing foods from around the world during his mission in outer space.

"I think I speak for all staff and students at OHS when I say that we are grateful to Dr. Chris Williams for taking the time to talk to us from the International Space Station," said Samost. "Some of the highlights from the video call were being able to see the Earth outside the space station window, watching Dr. Williams float through the modules of the ISS, and even watching him eat a floating M&M. OHS students demonstrated their scientific inquisitiveness with the questions they submitted to Dr. Williams. It was a wonderfully enriching experience for our students."

Dr. Williams is currently serving as a flight engineer aboard the International Space Station as part of Expedition 74. He launched on Nov. 27, 2025, aboard the Roscosmos Soyuz MS-28 spacecraft for a long-duration mission expected to last approximately eight months.

Selected by NASA in 2021 as part of the agency's 23rd astronaut candidate class, Dr. Williams holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Stanford University and a doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Prior to joining NASA, he worked as a clinical physicist and researcher at Harvard Medical School and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

While in orbit, Dr. Williams is contributing to scientific investigations and technology demonstrations that advance understanding of living and working in microgravity, research that has applications both in space exploration and on Earth.

"We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to connect our students directly with a NASA astronaut aboard the International Space Station," said Principal Stephanie Wells. "Experiences like this ignite curiosity and show students that science, exploration, and big dreams are within reach."

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson also expressed appreciation to Dr. Williams and to the staff who helped organize the event, noting that opportunities like this reinforce the district's commitment to science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.



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“We are grateful to NASA and to Astronaut Williams for taking the time to connect with our students while serving aboard the International Space Station,” said Superintendent Nelson. “Opportunities like this spark curiosity, reinforce the value of STEM education, and encourage students to think beyond the classroom.”

### Of Mice and Men - Reading about Medical “Breakthroughs”

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Researchers want people to appreciate their work and to get funding for more research, so they and the institutions for which they work want favorable publicity.

Reporters want to get bylines and publishers want readers, because more readers mean more advertising dollars. Thus, news outlets have every incentive to trumpet research results as big news, breakthroughs that will attract “eyeballs.”

Combine these aligned incentives with the fact that very few reporters have much background in science and you have a recipe for over-hyping minor advances or preliminary results as big news.

How can you critically read a story about a supposed major medical advance and know if it is truly important?

First, accept that mice are not humans. What works in mice may or may not work in people. Some 5% of initial promising results in lab rodents end up being similarly effective in humans. Even those that do cross over take a very long time before being useful – an average of 17 years between the first trial in mice and an approved human product.

What about human studies?

Be VERY skeptical of association as proving causation: the observational trial Researchers live in a “publish or perish” world and look for associations between habits or exposures and diseases or longevity that can form the basis of a published paper.

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very similar. Observational trials may suggest linkages but almost never prove them.

The fact is that people who do one thing, like drink coffee, may do many other things differently. Coffee drinkers may be more likely to smoke, or eat donuts or work in offices than those who do not drink coffee. Unless the researchers have been able to match the people who do the thing studied with those who don't, and can be sure that is the ONLY difference between them, the outcome may be due to something completely different.

Good trials, in addition to randomly assigning people to the treatment(s) being studied are double blinded. This means that neither the people being studied nor the researchers know which treatment or placebo they are getting. Other than death, few outcomes of a trial are absolutes. There is a strong placebo effect for most conditions, and if people know they are getting the active drug, many will feel better for that reason.

If researchers are heavily invested (emotionally or financially) in drug A being better than drug B, they will be tempted to ignore side effects or encourage feeling better in the group given A.

Finally – be careful not to assume that “statistically significant” is always the last word. Statisticians devise ways to tell if trial results are purely due to chance. This is given as a “P value.” A P of 0.05 means there is only a 5% chance that the results were just luck; the lower the P value, the more likely there really was a difference between groups.

Small differences in outcome may be called statistically significant when their clinical significance is minor. When a study result says that people given A lived significantly longer than those given B, look carefully to see how much longer.

This is particularly common with trials of new cancer drugs. You may read a headline saying that cancer patients given X lived significantly longer than those given Y. Buried deep in the story may be the facts that those given X lived 6.5 months and those given Y lived 5.3 months – and that those given X had many more side effects and had to pay \$50,000 more out of pocket. It is not so clear that you would always want to choose X.

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

## **Desroches Appointed New Town Clerk**

*Marion Select Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Select Board met on Wednesday, February 18 in the Marion Police Station. Chair Randy Parker noted a joint session with the Planning Board has been delayed. The two boards have yet to select an alternative date. The joint meeting will include the interview of applicants to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board, with the temporary term being from March 2 to May 15.

Jumping down the action-item list, the Select Board first tackled the discussion of the vacant harbormaster job description. Currently, there is an open harbormaster position with Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli saying they have been working to formulate a job description for the open position. Confusion comes between civilian versus law enforcement classifications. The chief said, “we need to cast a wide net,” and mentioned looking at all training requirements for the position, which include those recommended by the Harbormaster Training Council as well as the completion of Police Academy, or equivalent.

The chief said a new harbormaster will be given the power to arrest, adding, “I’m not comfortable giving someone the powers to arrest if they’re not properly trained.” The chief recommended that the town not necessarily strictly look for a police officer, but “we look for the best candidate, and if we so happen to get a police officer that has experience – it provides the town some flexibility to go in that direction.”

Vice Chair John Hoagland said he had met with the chief recently and stated, “we may have gone too far in the pendulum of law enforcement at the cost of the community.” He clarified by saying he believes the sailing community and boaters may not be well represented if someone with little experience on the sea is appointed. “I’d like to have a candidate that’s truly a water dog,” he said.



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Next, following the approval of minutes from February 3, the Select Board moved to discuss the Town Clerk position finalist. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman said the town received over 30 applicants for the position. They screened 10 of those applicants and interviewed four. Katrina Desroches was selected from among the finalists and was appointed as Marion Town Clerk with a unanimous vote of approval. Her first day will be Wednesday, March 4.

The board moved to a discussion regarding the fortune teller license process. The prospective applicant was not present, and so a short discussion moved ahead without them. Chair Parker stated, "We don't have any rules or regulations on this," referring to fortune teller businesses. There is a separate license category for fortune tellers, hence the confusion of the process. The discussion was closed, as further progress will have to wait until the applicant is present.

The board then opened a discussion regarding the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) grant application to prepare a historic preservation plan. Members of the Marion Historical Commission were present, with Chair Meg Steinberg and member Will Tiffit coming forward to speak. Steinberg stated the town received an invitation from the SRPEDD to apply for the organization to complete a historic preservation plan for the town at their expense.

Select Board member Norm Hills mentioned the many existing preservation initiatives already held by the town but said this endeavor by SRPEDD "falls in line with helping us understand what's going on." Hills also articulated appreciation of the fact it is a non-committal agreement, meaning the town wouldn't be bound into approving any recommendations. Parker pushed back, saying he believed the town had voted against such measures (i.e. creation of an historic district). Tiffit said this plan proposition is merely a list of recommendations, not a historic district or by any measure bound by law. SRPEDD would look at the entirety of Marion and not just the village.

SRPEDD's proposition is the beginning of a larger



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Southeast plan, using Marion as a starting point to test this initiative. "We don't get opportunities like this very often," said Hills. The vote was split but still passed, with Hoagland and Hills voting for and Parker against.

Also at this meeting, the board approved some additional articles of the March 23 Special Town Meeting Warrant. One of the warrant articles refers to 13.4 acres off Parlor Town Road that would be transferred from Select Board control to the Open Space Acquisition Commission. This article was approved. The board approved the articles with a unanimous vote. Citizens petitions for the Special Town Meeting may be submitted until Friday, March 6.

In his Town Administrator's Report, Gorman



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highlighted the successful ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new Department of Public Works Operations Building the week prior. On a minor update for the Town House, sheetrock installation continues. There have also been two interested artists in the mural contest so far.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board has been rescheduled due to the weather to Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

**MRC on Island Wharf Transfer**

*Marion Marine Resource Commission*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Marine Resource Commission met on

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Wednesday, February 18 in the Maritime Center to discuss the FY27 budget, the open Harbormaster position, and various points around Island Wharf.

Following approval of the minutes from the January 22 meeting, the commission began talks on Island Wharf as it pertained to correspondence with the town administrator and the Select Board. "Apparently, there is a feeling among the Select Board and town administrator that we have sufficient guidance to move forward. I believe we all feel otherwise," MRC Chair Vincent Malkoski Jr. said. There have been talks between town officials relating to the handing over of the management of Island Wharf, and the parking there, solely to the Select Board.

Malkoski went on to say any guidance and assistance they can receive would be desired and highly beneficial. He had asked for what standards and policies exist to permit or restrict parking at Island Wharf, specifically for Department of Public Works, contractors, or other utility vehicles that may occupy the grass. "I hate to sound confrontational and adversarial, but I would think that after a year when we made a good faith effort to try and have the proper discussion on this, it's long past time." The chair stated he hoped he would get replies to his messages that night, as the Select Board was meeting at the same time at Marion Police Station.

Currently, there is much overlap in who exactly manages the property. Malkoski clarified the MRC had been given general jurisdiction of Island Wharf over 20 years ago by the Select Board, "but we can debate that – absolutely," he added. The chair mentioned he didn't necessarily take issue with the Select Board making it so utility vehicles cannot park on the grass, but that "they have to provide a viable alternative. ... The bottom line here is we need better communications."

The members deliberated the purpose of the MRC itself, noting that the commission is designated with the power to recommend action to the Select Board or other bodies, not necessarily have powers in its own right. Therefore, talks of the transfer of Island Wharf could be without merit.

Ultimately, the MRC seeks further talks with

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town representatives to both understand what exactly the current situation is with Island Wharf is, what is wanted by the Select Board, and what is best for the town.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resource Commission was not scheduled at adjournment.

### CPA Grant Approvals

*Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission held a short, special meeting on Thursday, February 19 for two grant approvals. One approval was for Sippican Lands Trust and another for the Point Road Bike Path and engineering services in its surfacing and further development.

The virtual Special Meeting began with Chair John Rockwell discussing the community preservation, CPA grant application. Sippican Lands Trust sought a CPA grant for new trail development at one of their properties.

The town may seek to create trails to link up to these new ones, with Rockwell noting anything on the town's part to lengthen their trails and connect to those of SLT would require permission from the federal government for conservation reasons. The Open Space Acquisition Commission would work with SLT to ensure the trust is responsible for any maintenance of said trails. The chair noted, "we should always be encouraging trail use and tie-ins to our property from land-trust properties or other adjacent properties to increase their use and functionality for the public."

The board voted unanimously to support the SLT's application.

Next, the commission moved on to discuss another CPA grant application. This grant would be for the hiring of engineering services for the Point Road Bike Path, primarily the section between Creek Road and Jenna Drive, as noted by Rockwell. The chair said there would need to be the presentation of specifications and company site plans for a public bid on desired work. He added they don't exactly know yet which conditions the Conservation Commission will request, and so that work will come later.

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Being asked by member Norm Hills, Rockwell clarified the grant application would seek an additional \$37,600 for said engineering consulting. The submittal of the application was approved with a unanimous vote.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 5.

### Doubleheader Opens State Tourney

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

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Award winners on the season include Emma Johnson, Sydney Bosma, and Sadie Hartley-Matteson, as they were named South Coast Conference All-Stars. Honorable mentions for the SCC All-Star team were earned by Carly Mello and Hannah Thorell. Ellie Correia won the Team Sportsmanship Award. The Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 16-4 record, earning the 10<sup>th</sup> seed in the MIAA Division 3 state tournament. ORR will host a playoff game against Whittier Regional Voc-Tech (17-3) in the Round of 32 on Friday, February 27. Tipoff is 5:00 pm. It is the first of a twin bill with the boys team playing their playoff opener at 7:00 pm.

**Boys Basketball**

The Bulldogs finished 13-7, earning the seventh seed in the MIAA Division 3 state tournament and will host the second game of the playoff doubleheader on Friday, February 27, against the winner of Wednesday's preliminary-round matchup between No. 26 North Reading (14-6) and No. 39 Auburn (14-5).

Should ORR's boys and/or girls teams emerge victorious in Friday's games, both have earned Round of 16 home court (time and opponent TBD).

Old Colony Regional Voc-Tech finished 15-5 and earned the 18th seed in the Division 5 state tournament. The Cougars will begin the tournament on Friday, February 27, in Mendon with a Round of 32 match at No. 15 Bethany Christian (12-0). The game is scheduled for a 6:00 pm tipoff.

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**Letters to the Editor**

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**To the Editor;**

Development: the people of Rochester don't seem to want it, and the Town of Rochester can't stop it. That's the conflict that occurred at the February 10 Planning Board meeting discussing re-zoning properties from Adrian's Liquor Store on County Road to the old Decas Cranberry buildings on Mary's Pond Rd. The Planning Board suggested changing the zoning to "Limited Commercial" because it gives Town more control over inevitable development in this area.

The Planning Board said that under the current regulations and laws, landowners can divide properties, create lots and build houses even on Cranberry Bogs, as long as they meet the minimum requirements of area, size, frontage, offset etc. The Board explained that the zoning tools (rules) available under 'Limited Commercial' are stronger than the current zoning of 'Residential and Agriculture'. It sounds like development will continue out

of control under either of these scenarios. Additionally, Town of Rochester desperately needs more tax revenue; and that either comes from new development or higher taxes.

Is there a way to curb rampant development in Rochester? How can Rochester have more control over our town?

Here are options based on conservation:

Pass stricter environmental by-laws, especially protecting surface waters; natural resources like ponds, rivers and wetlands. Protect forests from solar farms. Create a by-law that protects 'upland cranberry bogs' from being filled and developed (they have this law in Carver). Increase the minimum house lot size. Creating and upholding these laws, will slow, but not stop development.

Donate money (or land) to Rochester Land Trust or Buzzards Bay Coalition. These organizations hold Conservation Restrictions on properties which preserve them into perpetuity.

Put a conservation restriction on your own property to lower your taxes and guarantee that your ideals of conservation will be carried on for future generations. At a minimum, be proactive with a last will and testament that clearly states your wishes.

Because of Rochester's large budget deficit, Town Boards regularly approve new development to bring in much needed tax dollars. The problem is that this

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development is not sustainable; tracts of land are being sold to developers, and those developers propose a 'by-right' build and Town has no control. Clever developers start with one single-family home and then manage to push all boundaries of the Boards and the Commission. They end up squeezing in more homes and next thing you know they've subdivided the forest into McMansions.

On the other hand, strict conservation means less new tax revenue. Town's laws, as they currently stand, favor property owners, but sacrifice land to development. How can we keep Rochester beautiful for generations to come if we don't invest in making it better now?

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Michelle Kirby

Dear Editor,

This past Valentine's Day, a group of determined women from Marion boldly chose to celebrate more than just flowers and chocolates. They embraced the profound power of community, championed fairness, and reaffirmed their commitment to democracy.

The leitmotif, "For the Love of Democracy," invited women to consider running for local office; it felt timely and long overdue.

Currently, Marion's boards, committees, and commissions are predominantly male. Although the

contributions of these men have been valuable, our town government does not yet mirror the full diversity of our community, those who live, work, raise families, and run businesses here. When women take on leadership roles, communities gain from a wider range of perspectives, collaborative problem-solving approaches, and real-life experiences that influence decisions regarding schools, public safety, economic development, recreation, and long-term planning.

Local government is where decisions directly touch daily life. It determines the safety of sidewalks, the quality of classrooms, the preservation of green space, and the vitality of small businesses. Women, especially mothers, bring invaluable insight into how policies affect families. They understand firsthand the juggling of schedules, the needs of children, the care of aging parents, and the importance of creating neighborhoods where everyone can thrive.

There is also something quietly transformative about children seeing their mom, or any woman they know, serving on a town board or commission. It expands what they believe is possible. When girls see women leading, they learn that their voices matter. When boys see women in positions of authority, they grow up understanding that leadership is not defined by gender but by commitment and capability. That kind of example shapes a town's culture for generations.

The initiative "For the Love of Democracy" transcends partisan divides; it emphasizes the importance of civic engagement. This initiative seeks to invite knowledgeable and capable women to contribute their expertise and insights. By elevating Marion's voice, we can ensure that every decision reflects the diverse perspectives inherent in our community. Collectively, we have the opportunity to shape a future that accurately represents us all.

On Valentine's Day 2026, we proudly celebrated not only romantic love but also the powerful expression of civic love. This type of love is about taking action, stepping up, and ensuring that all voices are heard and included at the table. It's a commitment to community that strengthens our bonds and fosters a vibrant society. Eileen J. Marum, Marion



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## Academic Achievements

**Jacob Newton**, of Mattapoisett, earned dean's list honors at the University of Tampa for the Fall 2025 semester. Newton is a Sophomore majoring in Chemistry BS. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

**Paetyn Tripp**, of Marion received the Blessing of the Hands-on February 6 at Emmanuel College. This meaningful ceremony is a long-standing tradition at the Maureen Murphy Wilkens School of Nursing & Clinical Sciences for second-year nursing students as they prepare to begin their first clinical.

Kathleen Dunn of Mattapoisett has been named to the 2025 fall semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston. To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the fall 2025 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Included on the Dean's List are **Tasha Sudofsky**, Class of 2027, of Marion, **Lauren Cohen**, Class of 2028, of Marion, **Fiona Hoben**, Class of 2028, of Mattapoisett, and **Theo Jacobsen**, Class of 2028, of Mattapoisett.

## MAC Theater Presents The 39 Steps

The Marion Art Center (the MAC) announces the opening of the MAC Theater's production of The 39 Steps on **March 6** at 7:30. The show was written by Patrick Barlow and John Buchan and is directed by John Heavey.

The show will run for 9 performances on March 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. The curtain on Friday and Saturday shows is 7:30 pm and the Sunday matinees start at 2:00 pm.

The 39 Steps is a fast-paced, slapstick comedy thriller where an ordinary man, Richard Hannay, is framed for murder and must go on the run to stop a spy ring from stealing vital British military secrets. The humor derives from the entire story being performed by

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## PUBLIC ACCESS

### Comcast Channel 9

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#### Thursday February 26, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peggy Repass  
 9:30 AM Mattapoissett Woman's Club Speaker Series - 75th Anniversary Documentary  
 10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - An Ancestor Search  
 11:00 AM Mattapoissett Rail Trail  
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy  
 Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 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 Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
 2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam  
 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory  
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! with David Green  
 9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Famed Bird  
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

#### Friday February 27, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 10:00 AM Southcoast Matters  
 11:00 AM Mattapoissett Rail Trail  
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy

Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Inc ADU Presentation  
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 3:30 PM The Collective Chat  
 3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peggy Repass  
 5:00 PM Tri-Town Christmas Events  
 5:30 PM Tri-Town Veteran's Day Events  
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 8:30 PM Paltrowcast with Darren Paltrowitz  
 9:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
 10:00 PM For Your Health  
 10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

#### Saturday February 28, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
 11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 11:30 AM Tri-Town Christmas Events  
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
 2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 2:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre  
 3:00 PM The Collective Chat  
 3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peggy Repass  
 5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive  
 6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeology  
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 8:30 PM Paltrowcast - with Darren Paltrowitz  
 9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 9:30 PM A Conversation With...  
 10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 10:30 PM Gay USA  
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

#### Sunday March 1, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
 8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church  
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
 10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church  
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy  
 Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford  
 5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center  
 7:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Falmouth  
 8:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Somerset Berkley  
 9:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Aponequet  
 10:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Aponequet  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

#### Monday March 2, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 10:30 AM Miss New Bedford  
 11:00 AM For Your Health  
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy  
 Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters  
 2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 3:00 PM Paltrowcast with Darren Paltrowitz  
 3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 4:30 PM The Human Truth

5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory  
 6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Dr. Michael Moore  
 8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern Mass  
 9:30 PM The Collective Chat  
 10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund  
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

#### Tuesday March 3, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM For Your Health  
 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 What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony  
 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 Two Grannies on the Road  
 4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!  
 6:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center  
 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
 8:30 PM Pete on the Street  
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 PM Gay USA  
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

#### Wednesday March 4, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorcize  
 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 Sidewalks Entertainment  
 10:30 AM Paltrowcast with Darren Paltrowitz  
 11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 2:30 PM Money Matters  
 3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 4:00 PM Tri-Town Veteran's Day Events  
 6:00 PM Building the Future  
 6:30 PM Pete on the Street  
 7:00 PM World Fusion Show  
 7:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory  
 9:00 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green  
 10:30 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews  
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

## MARION GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 9:00 AM Marion Planning Board  
 10:30 AM Marion Board of Health  
 11:30 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
 12:30 PM Marion Finance Committee  
 2:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Commission  
 4:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission  
 5:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
 6:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 7:30 PM Marion School Committee  
 9:00 PM ORR School Committee  
 10:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40

## Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
 10:00 AM ORR School Committee  
 11:00 AM Old Colony New Building Discussion  
 2:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
 4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 7:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 8:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 11:30 PM Rochester Select Board

## EDUCATION CHANNEL

### Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:30 AM Old Colony New Building Discussion  
 10:00 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert  
 10:30 AM RMS Winter Concert  
 11:30 AM Bulldog Sports  
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 12:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Joseph Case  
 1:20 PM Tabor Academy  
 Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 1:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives  
 2:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Somerset Berkley  
 3:00 PM ORR Hockey vs Somerset Berkley  
 4:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Aponequet  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs West Bridgewater  
 8:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Bishop Stang  
 10:00 PM ORR Hockey vs Monomoy  
 11:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk

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The show stars Samantha Asker, Marisa Bieber, Cynthia Johnson, Jacob Matthew, Rick Sherburne, Donn Tyler, Maura Barry Van Voris, Jennie Williamson, and Kerri Zhou. The show is stage-managed by Marisa Bieber and the Technical Director is Steve McManus.

Tickets are \$23 for MAC members and \$28 for

nonmembers and can be purchased at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

As this is the first show in the MAC's 2026 season, this is the only chance for theater patrons to acquire season tickets. Season Ticket holders save 10-15% and receive free tickets to the MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator production. Learn more at [marionartcenter.org/season-tickets](http://marionartcenter.org/season-tickets).

## Boating Safety Certification Classes

The Marion Police Department and Harbormaster's Office are offering two free sessions of boating safety certification courses in accordance with new laws impacting recreational boating.



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# OBITUARIES



**Elizabeth A. (Jaillet) Dawson**, 85, of Mattapoisett, formerly of Boxford died February 21, 2026 peacefully at Tobey Hospital surrounded by her family.

She was the wife of the late John Dawson, with whom she shared 56 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Lowell, daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth (Tumelty) Jaillet, Elizabeth and John married in 1963 and made their home in Manchester, Connecticut. They relocated to Saugus and eventually settled in Boxford to raise their six children before retiring to Mattapoisett. Elizabeth was a graduate of St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital, Hunt Hospital and Union Hospital. In retirement, she traveled with her husband John, spent countless hours with her grandchildren, and volunteered her time as a long-term care ombudsman, a hospice aide, with St. Vincent de Paul, and Nativity Preparatory School.

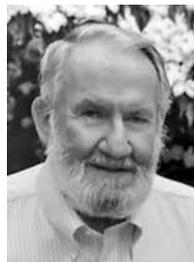
Elizabeth was a devoted communicant and choir singer at St. Anthony's in Mattapoisett. She loved having coffee with friends, spending days on the beach with her grandchildren, attending Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts, and engaging with her community. She will be remembered for her consistent devotion to family before herself.

Survivors include her six children, Anne O'Leary and her husband Kenneth of Medfield, Sheila Geiger and her husband Robert of Reading, John Dawson and his wife Michele of Beverly, Maureen DiNapoli and her husband Richard of Harvard, Michael Dawson and his wife Jennifer of Sherwood, OR and Kevin Dawson and his wife Laura of East Greenwich, RI; 13 grandchildren, Caleigh and Stephen O'Leary, Jessica Echerarria and her husband Joseph, Molly and Jack Geiger, Henry, Peter and Curtis DiNapoli, Andrew and Brian Dawson, Micah, Maeve and Eliza Dawson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her grandson Daniel O'Leary and sister Lorraine Barry.

Her visiting hour will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 8 - 9 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett followed by her Funeral Mass at 9:30 am in St. Anthony's Church. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute.



**Thomas P. Lovett** of Weston and Marion, MA died on February 14, 2026 with his family around him. He was born in Cambridge, March 23, 1947, the son of William F. And Kathleen (Geaney) Lovett of West Roxbury. He leaves his wife of nearly 55 years, Elena H. (O'Neill) Lovett and two sons, William C. Lovett and his wife, Jacqueline (Gange) of Needham and

Thomas P. Lovett, Jr. and his wife, Camila Eisenstadter of Cohasset and grandchildren, Ryan, Kaitlyn, Maya, Lia and Samuel. Tom is also survived by two brothers-in-law, Charles T. (Ted) O'Neill and J. Patrick O'Neill, both of Belmont, and a sister-in-law, Michaelene O'Neill McCann of York, ME. He is predeceased by brother-in-law, Robert K. O'Neill, and sisters in law, Suellen A. O'Neill and Maura O'Neill Walsh. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and many cousins here and in Ireland.

He was a graduate of Catholic Memorial High School, West Roxbury, Class of 1964. He was a graduate of Fitchburg State College and received his M. Ed. From Bridgewater State College. He taught Industrial Arts for 34 years in the Schools of New Bedford, Fairhaven and E. Bridgewater, where he served as Department Chair of Industrial Arts and Home Economics and in Natick, where he served as Coordinator of Industrial Arts Co-operative Work Education. He was a builder who designed and built two homes for his family. He also owned two businesses, Tom Lovett Charters and Tom Lovett Cabinetry.

Tom, Elena and their sons sailed the New England Coast together for many years out of Sippican Harbor in Marion. They sailed the Caribbean on chartered trips many times. Later, their sons' spouses and grandchildren often sailed with them. Tom also crewed on the El Greco II in the 1979 Marion to Bermuda Race.

Visiting hours will be held at the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 1305 Highland Ave, Needham on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 4-7pm. His funeral will be held from the funeral home on Friday, Feb. 27 at 10am followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Needham at 11am View Live Stream. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment on Saturday, Feb. 28 in Little Neck Cemetery, Marion at 10am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to: Alzheimer's Association; Att: Donor Services (Research donation); 225 N. Michigan Ave, Fl. 17; Chicago, IL 60601.

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The Massachusetts Legislature passed a law, The Hanson Milone Act of 2024, requiring anyone operating a motorized vessel in Massachusetts to possess a Boater Safety Certificate. Starting April 1, 2026, all motorboat operators born after Jan. 1, 1989, must complete a boating safety course to operate motorized vessels or personal watercraft such as a jet ski. Anyone born before January 1, 1989, will have until April 1, 2028, to obtain their boater safety certificate.

In response, the Marion Police Department and Harbormaster's Office are offering Boating Safety Courses to anyone ages 12 and older during March and April. The classes are being offered at no cost at the Marion Police Department, 550 Mill Street.

Session dates are:

March session: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Saturday, **March 21** and Sunday, **March 22**

April session: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Saturday, **April 11** and Sunday, **April 12**

Attendance is required on both days of the session to receive certification.

Massachusetts Environmental Police Officers certify instructors, provide classroom materials and additional support.

The courses are nationally approved. Course completion will allow anyone to operate a boat in states requiring Basic Boating Safety courses.

"Education is one of the most effective tools we have to prevent boating tragedies," said Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli. "We're proud to offer this free course to help our community meet the new education requirement while gaining the knowledge that keeps everyone safer on the water. I also want to thank our staff for their commitment to providing this important instruction."

Community members can register for the March session [here](#) or the April session [here](#). Registration is open for the March class and opens on March 11 at 1:30 am for the April class.

### Sippican Rod & Gun Club Scholarship

Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce that for the 2026-2027 school year we will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to local students. Scholarships are available to any high school senior, or student currently enrolled in college or a certificate program. For application information go to [www.sippicanrodandgunclub.org/about-5](http://www.sippicanrodandgunclub.org/about-5).

Applications will only be accepted by email and will only be accepted from now through Midnight **April 30**, applicants should receive return email confirmation within 72 hours or resubmit their application, incomplete applications will be discarded.

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### Last Call for Quahog Reading Program

Attention all students across the Tri-Town in grades 3-6. This is your last call to sign up for this year's Quahog Reading Program. Sign-ups close at 4:00 pm on Saturday, **February 28**. If you've been reading the Quahog Reading Program books in class or had them read to you by a parent or teacher, and have not signed up yet, you should sign up. If you don't, you're leaving the chance at some awesome prizes on the table, along with invitations to our remaining Quahog Reading Program events, including the famous Pizza Party on April 29. Participation, like all of our events, is completely free - and we have plenty of copies of all 20 books here at the library for you to browse. Many of the titles are also freely available digitally on library apps like Hoopla and Libby.

For those curious readers at home, the Quahog Reading Program is in its 13th year, and we have a great selection of books selected for the program this year. Notably, Pocket Bear by Newbery Medal-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author Katherine Applegate, Snoop, by the one and only Gordon Korman, and the Newbery Honor Award Winner for 2026, The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest, by Aubrey Hartman. The full list of Quahog Award candidates, as well as more information about the Quahog Reading Program, can be found on our website, [mattapoissettlibrary.org](http://mattapoissettlibrary.org), or give us a call at 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

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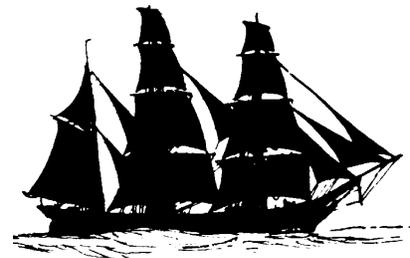
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## Machacam Club

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

## The Last Class

The Democratic Town Committees of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, and Rochester as well as the Plymouth County Democratic League will host a special screening of The Last Class, a documentary featuring former U.S. Secretary of Labor and economist Robert Reich, on Wednesday, **April 15** at 6:30 pm at the AMC Theater in Dartmouth.

The film follows Reich during his final semester teaching at UC Berkeley, weaving together personal reflections with a timely examination of economic inequality, democracy, and the importance of civic engagement. The Last Class has been praised for its thoughtful and accessible exploration of issues facing communities across the country.

Following the screening, attendees are invited to continue the conversation at the nearby Olive Garden, where a set of tables has been reserved for informal discussion. Meals and beverages will be available for individual purchase.

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited. A limited number of free tickets are available for students; interested students should email [acushnetdems@gmail.com](mailto:acushnetdems@gmail.com).

Tickets and details: [gathr.com/events/4d3e3251/the-last-class-at-amc-dartmouth-mall-11](http://gathr.com/events/4d3e3251/the-last-class-at-amc-dartmouth-mall-11)

## The Harvard Krokodiloes

The Harvard Krokodiloes, a cappella group, will be performing at Old Rochester Regional High School on Saturday, **March 7** at 7:00 pm.

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It will be a lively evening of jazz a cappella, humor, and rich harmonies: fun for the whole family. Community members can reserve tickets in advance at [tinyurl.com/kroksorr](http://tinyurl.com/kroksorr) and pay at the door. The profits will benefit the ORR Ambassador Club.

## Rochester Historical Society News

I want to thank everyone who has sent in their 2026 dues and hope there are more memberships coming in. Remember they can be sent to the Rochester Historical Society PO Box 322 Rochester, MA 02770. Single memberships are \$12.00 and family \$20.00, but we will gladly accept larger amounts.

Though it may not seem like it, spring is coming. Daylight Savings Time begins March 8. That said, April is not far behind. Our first meeting at the Historical Museum, 355 County Rd., Rochester will be at 7:00 pm on **April 15** and it will be Genealogy and the Revolution. Mark it on your calendar and it will make spring seem a little closer.

## Rochester Democratic Town Committee Caucus

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee will be hosting its 2026 Caucus on Monday **March 9** at 6pm. Early registration will start at 5:30 pm. The 2026 Massachusetts Nominating State Democratic Convention



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Barbenstein

By Rob Gonsalves  
[www.robsmovievault.com](http://www.robsmovievault.com)

**“Wuthering Heights.” Starring Margot Robbie and Jacob Elordi. Directed by Emerald Fennell. Running time: 136 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

The consensus on Emerald Fennell’s take on Emily Brontë’s *Wuthering Heights* is that it’s a riff, an impression, rather than a *Classics Illustrated* version that lazy students can watch instead of cracking the book. Indeed, Fennell has placed quotation marks around the title — “Wuthering Heights” — to emphasize that this is in fact her take and not meant to be the definitive reading of a novel that has seen any number of previous adaptations. Fennell, who took an Oscar for writing the vivid *Promising Young Woman* and followed that with the nasty piece of work *Saltburn*, goes at “Wuthering Heights” with a consistency of vision: it’s not only moody, it’s made out of mood, and I can easily imagine a cult audience of clove-smoking goths having it on repeat in the background for its luscious visuals and somber score. One can conceivably not pay much attention to it, and dip into it here and there, and come away with roughly the same experience.

That’s because Fennell’s conception is almost entirely based on surface — which isn’t necessarily a deal-breaker, but anyone looking for emotional depth and power in the film is in the wrong theater. Fennell has cast Barbie opposite Frankenstein’s monster — Margot Robbie as Catherine (or Cathy) Earnshaw, Jacob Elordi as Heathcliff — and they look wonderful together, but we don’t really feel what they feel. Robbie and Elordi are perfect for a Dior-commercial riff on *Wuthering Heights*, which is what this essentially is, but Fennell doesn’t seem interested in directing them to express anything that would surprise us, or to bring anything to the material but their physical perfection. Maybe the movie’s bizarre appeal lies in its *indifference* to our feeling anything. The passions and emotions are indicated more than shown. You can plug the emotions you bring with you into the movie, or just groove on the dark but colorful vibe.

A Dior commercial also only lasts thirty seconds, whereas “Wuthering Heights” persists for two hours and sixteen minutes. Despite this, the plot is considerably trimmed. Cathy and Heathcliff love each other. Cathy marries but does not love the wealthy Edgar Linton (Shazad Latif). Heathcliff, feeling betrayed, consciously



makes a monster of himself and amuses himself with Edgar’s pervy ward Isabella (Alison Oliver), who in this telling finds monsters frightfully exciting. Tragedy happens. The end. Fennell treats Cathy and Heathcliff as icons — we practically see her putting a purple velvet rope between us and them. She’s a fan of them, and we’re meant to be fans, too. Yet Fennell also gets a mischievous performance from Oliver and also subtly pained work from Hong Chau as Cathy’s paid companion Nelly and a despair-sodden turn from Martin Clunes as Cathy’s father, who has blown the family’s meager fortune on gambling and drink. These supporting players reach us where the two leads don’t — can’t.

Fennell has also pulled together a cracking team of craftspeople to help realize her lush daydream of Brontë. Cinematographer Linus Sandgren, composers Anthony Willis and Charli XCX, costumer Jacqueline Curran, production designer Suzie Davies — they all deserve the Oscar attention they’re probably not going to get because “Wuthering Heights” has been released too soon in the year. Some of the art on display here is first-rate. The movie is far from bad, but it’s the kind of ambitious work that neglects to connect with us in any way other than allowing us to observe. The pristine Robbie and the Byronic tall drink of water Elordi (he’s like a cross between Oscar Isaac and Robyn Hitchcock) are movie-poster portraits of themselves, and we appreciate them precisely on that level. Sometimes they are placed in a gorgeously composed shot surrounded by amazing design, and they become part of the design. They are signifiers of Doomed Gothic Love. Robbie and Elordi aren’t hollow, exactly, but they’re giving their all to the surfaces of Cathy and Heathcliff. They cry and sneer and shout as though they were doing acting exercises or poses for a Vogue photo spread. The whole movie is a photo spread.

will take place at the DCU Center in Worcester on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30. The RDTC caucus will take place at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library 17 Constitution Way in the community conference room. Registered Rochester Democrats will elect three delegates and three alternates to attend and participate in the Massachusetts Democratic Party Convention for the purpose of voting for and endorsing candidates for election in November. The final convention schedule will be announced in the Final "Call to Convention", which will be published in the coming month. Delegates and alternates apportioned to each town must be gender balanced. Committee Chairs shall be ex-officio delegates who shall not be included in the total number of delegates allocated for the caucus. Only registered and pre-registered Democrats from Rochester shall be allowed to vote at the local caucus. Pre-registered Democrats must be 16 years-old and must be pre-registered by the time of the caucus. Citizens interested participating in the RDTC caucus can register to vote as a Democrat during early registration at the caucus from 5:30 to 6:15 on the day of the caucus.

### **Hello from Plumb Library**

Here are a few things to add to your March calendars, as we all eagerly await the beginning of Spring. The Library has a new Crafty Creators Club. Kids ages 6-11 years are welcome to bring their in-progress DIY

projects to the Library to meet other crafters and just hang out. This is a social meet up for kids working on knitting, crochet, cross stitch, and the like. Very limited help or instruction is available. Join us at 4:30 pm Wednesday **March 11**, no registration required.

Lego Club for Kids ages 6-11 years. This is a free-build get-together. Create from our supply of Lego bricks using prompts or just your imagination. Builds are stored in the Library, so you can return to your work at the next session. Drop in at 4:30 pm on Tuesday **March 3 and 17**, no registration needed.

The Winter Session of Storytime continues through March 10 and March 11. Join in at 10:30 am on Tuesdays for the baby group, ages 6-24 months, or 10:30 am on Wednesday for families with kids ages 2-5 years. Come for stories, songs, crafts, and new friends. Registration is required weekly and space is limited. New Free Play Fridays begin at 10:30 am on Friday March 6. Best for kids up to age 5 years. Come and play in our downstairs program room. Hosted by Ms. Fuchsia, our children's librarian.

More information for all Library events can be found on our Events Calendar via our webpage [www.plumblibrary.com](http://www.plumblibrary.com). This is also where to register for any Library programs requiring sign-ups. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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-Knitting Group 6:30 pm Mondays **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

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- COA Group Bookclub 1 pm Tuesday **March 17** at the Rochester Council on Aging
- Books & Babble Bookclub 6:30 pm Thursday **February 26, Thursday March 26.**

Want to stay up-to-date on Library happenings? Sign up for the monthly emailed Newsletter, check out the online Events Calendar, or "like and follow" us on Facebook and Instagram.

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**From the Files of the  
Rochester Historical Society  
By Connie Eshbach**

For a small town, Rochester has been home to many creative people (some recently mentioned in the Wanderer). Some artists that come to mind are Charles Matthews, best known for his Sunbeam bread billboard, but also the creator of the oil painting of Rochester Center hanging in the Select Board room at Town Hall. Then there is Otis Tripp. A print of his painting of the Hartley Sawmill hangs over my fireplace. I'm also fortunate to have several of Betty Beaulieu's paintings on the walls



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of my home. She was one of the many accomplished painters in the COA Monday painting group.

Perhaps because Rochester and its surroundings have so many scenic spots, painters are drawn to town. One painter in particular, Bill Gilkerson said in a 1980's interview that from Mendocino, California, he "came to Rochester because much of the work I was doing was for people on the East Coast."

I found this interview (as so many others) in papers from the Historical Society. Gilkerson in 1980 was 42 yrs. old and by that time he had led a very busy and interesting life fueled by his love of both boats and the sea. Growing up in the Midwest, he drew pictures of boats and at the age of 14 ran away to sea with a job on a

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## ACROSS

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- 9 Pappy
- 12 "Botch- —" (old hit song)
- 15 Masticate
- 19 Oval wind instruments
- 20 Took too far
- 22 Put concrete on
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Partially
- 26 Heir, often
- 27 Penta- plus one
- 28 Spitting beast
- 30 Everything
- 31 Unusual
- 34 "Our Gang" novelist Roth
- 37 Actress Peet of "Trust Me"
- 39 Riddle, part 2
- 44 Leonardo of "Titanic"
- 45 Curvy letter
- 46 Given a permanent post
- 47 Cereal grain
- 48 Computer menu option
- 50 Prefix with chemistry
- 53 Curiosity's planet
- 54 Riddle, part 3
- 60 Palatable
- 61 Computer menu option
- 62 Revise, as a manuscript
- 63 Yank's home
- 66 Try to be like
- 69 A couple of
- 71 Mice, e.g.
- 73 House divs.
- 74 Kinda
- 77 And higher, as in price
- 80 Perfect
- 81 Riddle, part 4
- 85 Dalai —
- 88 Contaminate
- 89 Big burden
- 90 Sports draw
- 91 Paper-folding craft
- 94 Part of BTW or OTC
- 96 "Allow me to assist"
- 99 End of the riddle
- 103 Allergy sufferer's device
- 104 White swan in "Swan Lake"
- 105 Audit org.
- 106 Spy's device
- 107 With 112-Across, "Hold on!"
- 109 Sneak attack
- 112 See 107-Across
- 115 Akron's state

- 117 Riddle's answer
- 123 Painter Vincent van —
- 124 Fastening feature of many a face mask
- 125 Ultimate consumers of products
- 126 With 83-Down, Italian veal dish
- 127 "Zine staffers
- 128 Antis' votes
- 129 Occupied, as an inn

## DOWN

- 1 Female whales
- 2 Eight, in Peru
- 3 "Misery" actor James
- 4 Prado display
- 5 102, to Nero
- 6 Walk- — (small roles)
- 7 Plastering strip
- 8 Arthur of tennis
- 9 Troy of "A Summer Place"
- 10 Gardner or DuVernay of film
- 11 Biden's party: Abbr.
- 12 Basketball coach Rupp
- 13 Re-sol linkup
- 14 Boiled, salted soybeans
- 15 1040 pro
- 16 Dance similar to the tango
- 17 Unsaintly soul
- 18 Marshy habitats
- 21 Holy artifact
- 24 Trade show
- 29 "So true!"
- 31 Fertilizable cells
- 32 Chip go-with
- 33 Actress Bo
- 35 "The risks outweigh the benefits"
- 36 Intense beam
- 38 Some reunion-goers
- 39 U.S. women's soccer star at the Atlanta Olympics
- 40 Living ink squirter
- 41 Assistant
- 42 Idaho's capital
- 43 Person doing penance
- 44 One searching for water with a divining rod
- 49 Tariff
- 51 Sporty truck, in brief
- 52 Daiquiri base
- 55 "Cool" cash amount
- 56 Very little, as of salt
- 57 Tantrum
- 58 Brian of electronica
- 59 Give as a bonus
- 63 Like wasted food
- 64 In a theatrical manner
- 65 Snoozing
- 67 Shoe tip
- 68 Like Nin's writings
- 70 "Mind Train" singer Yoko
- 72 Baseball great Roush
- 75 Old Pan Am competitor
- 76 "Shy" singer DiFranco
- 78 ET's craft
- 79 Fail to keep one's cool
- 81 Return to base after a fly ball
- 82 — nous
- 83 See 126-Across
- 84 "Likewise"
- 85 African capital on the Gulf of Guinea
- 86 Wyoming tribe members
- 87 Small swine breeds
- 92 Several
- 93 Plant-eating sea mammal
- 95 Catches in a snare
- 97 "Planet Money" aier
- 98 Includes
- 100 People lugging things
- 101 Politician Mo, Mark or Tom
- 102 Ship's rigging
- 108 "If only — know!"
- 110 — of March
- 111 Taboo thing
- 112 Litigated
- 113 Poet Pound
- 114 "— la vie!"
- 116 "Well well!"
- 118 Charged atom
- 119 Animal park
- 120 Rx watchdog
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- 122 Suffix of enzymes

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) There could be some negative reaction to your tough stance when making a recent decision. But overall, your efforts result in well-earned recognition and all that can follow from this.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your financial situation seems confusing, even for the fiscally savvy Bovine. Maybe it's the conflicting advice that you're getting. Check it out before things get too tangled to unknot.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A relaxed attitude goes a long way in helping you deal with any of life's irritants that might be popping up this week. You're also a reassuring role model for others in the same situation.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect favors creativity, which should persuade you to work on your artistic projects. If time is a problem, prioritize your commitments so that your work isn't compromised.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Scrutinize all the job offers that interest you. Most are honest and worth considering, but a few might not be completely forthcoming about what the job is and what the salary and benefits are.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected snafu could delay the completion of a project that you're eager to finish. Find out what's causing it, fix it, and if you need help, don't be shy about asking for it. Good luck!

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) An idea that could be helpful to you comes from an unlikely source. Listen to it. Discuss it. If necessary, adjust it. If it looks as if it might work out quite well, go ahead and use it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about allowing someone to share a very personal secret with you. This could cause problems down the line with others who are involved in this person's private life.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A cooling down of a relationship could be the result of neglect -- unintended or not. To save it from icing over, you need to warm it up with a large dose of hot SAGITTARIUS passion!

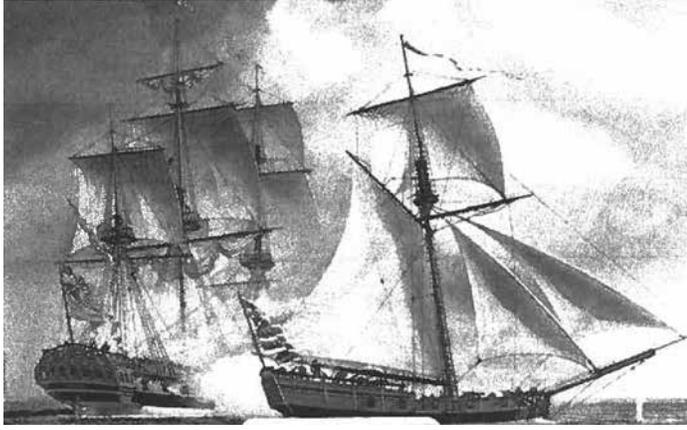
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to get involved with a number of family matters that deal with money or other issues that might jeopardize the closeness between and among family members.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up! A difficult person who appears to be deliberately stalling your project might just need to be reassured of the value that they bring to it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Good news! Expect to feel reenergized now that you've gone through a stressful energy-depleting period that involved a lot of changes. Now, go out there and show them what you can do!

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a warm, giving nature that inspires many to follow your example. You show all of us what it's like to lead with love.

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Norwegian freighter which lasted 2 years.

Then painting became his new job and key to his future plans. He used this skill to acquire and repair an old 50 ft. cutter (preferring sail to freighter) which he sailed around the Baltic, North Sea and English Channel. Returning to America with the hopes of upgrading to a better boat, he began a career of writing and illustrating books which led him to a job as a reporter and then Saturday entertainment editor for the San Francisco Chronicle.

Finally, he settled on painting as his life's work. Many of his paintings are of ships, both historic and modern. His work hangs in the US Naval Academy Museum, the National Maritime Museum in San Francisco, the Kendall Whaling Museum once in Sharon, Ma (which means they must now be in the New Bedford Whaling Museum) and the International Marine Archives on Nantucket as well as many other places.

At the time of the interview (now 46 yrs. ago), he was working on a painting of John Paul Jones' ship, the "Bonhomme Richard". Jones is famous for his success in Revolutionary War naval battles and his often-repeated quote, "I have not yet begun to fight". Gilkerson also painted another of Jones' ships, the sloop "Providence" shown in the picture.

Legend has it that John Paul Jones was short on ammunition, so before setting out in the "Providence" to battle at sea, he collected as much metal as possible, including his neighbors' pots and pans. Sailing into Buzzards Bay, he attacked a British brig and overwhelmed it with deadly bursts of scrap battle shot from his cannons. He then brought the brig into New Bedford Harbor.

Gilkerson's painting (not this picture) of the "Providence" was used on a poster for an exhibit at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Living in Rochester with a painting studio on the second floor of his barn, he has come a long way from that boy drawing boats in the land locked Midwest.

### ORRHS Second Term Honor Roll

The following students have achieved honors for the second term at Old Rochester Regional High School:

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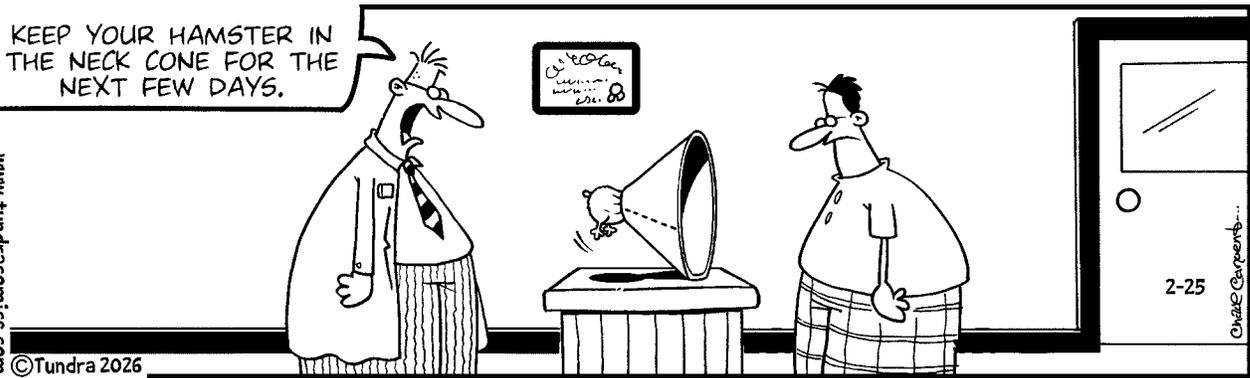
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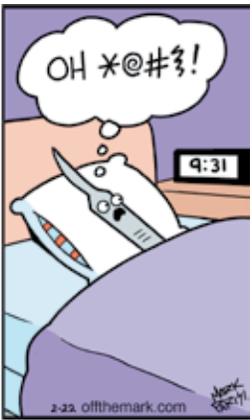
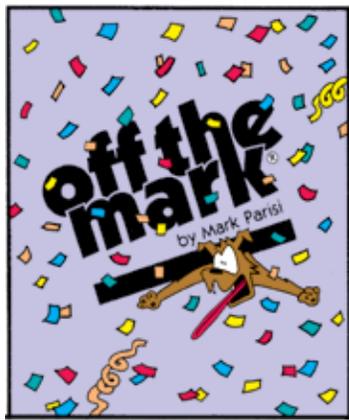
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### Marion Social Club Chicken Dinner

The Marion Social Club will be having a Chicken Dinner on **March 8** at the Club located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion.

The Dinner will include a barbequed chicken, baked potato, vegetable & dessert. Cost is \$18.00 for each ticket, and the cutoff date is March 1. For ticket information please call Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Doors open at noon for socializing, dinner will be served

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This season, we're offering a wide variety of plants, including mizuna, parsnips, beets, tomatoes, kale, radishes, peas, and corn. We also have native wildflowers to beautify any landscape. Supplies are limited. Please take only what you need so we can ensure plenty for everyone.

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<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #839</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Sarah Martin Banse, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1c of the zoning by-law to allow an addition to a nonconforming garage to be converted to an Accessory Dwelling Unit.</p> <p>The property, located at 90 Main Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 15 as Lot 73.</p> <p>Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 2/19, 2/26</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Application - Retail Package Goods License – Wine &amp; Malt</p> <p>Sonal Patel, d/b/a Marion Beer &amp; Wine Store 664 Mill Street Marion, MA</p> <p>The Marion Select Board, acting as the Local Licensing Authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, on the application of Sonal Patel, d/b/a Marion Beer &amp; Wine Store, for</p>	<p>a retail package goods license for the sale of wine and malt.</p> <p>Randy L. Parker, Chair 2/19, 2/26</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Council On Aging, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA 02770 to consider the following amendments to the Zoning Map:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rezone the following parcels from Residential/ Agricultural (R-AG) District to Limited Commercial District: to include the following parcels located at</li> </ul> <p>711 Mary's Pond Road, also known as Map 16 Lot 19G_0 73 County Road, also known as Map 10 Lot 5_0 35 County Road, also known as Map 10 Lot 3G_0 0 Mary's Pond Road, also known as Map 10 Lot 2_0 0 Mary's Pond Road, also known as Map 10 Lot 1_0 0 Mary's Pond Road, also known as Map 12 Lot 7_0 0 Mary's Pond Road, also known as Map 12 Lot 7C_0</p>	<p>475 Mary's Pond Road also known as Map 12 Lot 4_0</p> <p>The purpose of the proposed zoning map change is to rezone the above listed parcels from the currently zoned Residential/Agricultural (R-AG) District to the proposed zoned Limited Commercial District to support appropriate land use and to align with existing development patterns and existing businesses.</p> <p>Copies of the article are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during business hours.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88693183176">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88693183176</a> Meeting ID: 886 9318 3176 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Proposed parcels to be rezoned</p> <hr/> <p>Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/19, 2/26</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 38</i></p>



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### **Music at the MAC: Paul Bielatowicz & Simon Fitzpatrick Duo**

Sounds of Silents is a multimedia concert experience featuring Paul Bielatowicz (guitar) and Simon Fitzpatrick (bass/chapman stick), of Carl Palmer's Emerson, Lake & Palmer. Part concert, part cinematic experience, entirely unforgettable.

The show is on Thursday, **March 19** at 7:30 pm, at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. The show is general admission.

Simon Fitzpatrick has performed with Kee Marcello (Europe), Joe Lynn Turner (Rainbow / Deep Purple), Jennifer Batten (Michael Jackson, Jeff Beck) and numerous acclaimed artists across the rock and fusion world. His unique bass and Chapman stick style has earned him a reputation as one of the most versatile players on the modern progressive scene.

Paul Bielatowicz has recorded and toured with some of the biggest names in progressive rock, including Neal Morse, Dream Theater and Arthur Brown. His genre-defying approach combines classical precision with the sonic power of modern guitar.

Both musicians are veteran members of Carl Palmer's ELP Legacy, bringing a deep authenticity to their interpretations of Emerson, Lake & Palmer's music, some of which audiences can expect during this show.

Sounds of Silents is not simply a concert, but a cinematic event - equally at home in theatres, concert halls, arts centres and music festivals. A celebration of film, virtuosity, and imagination, this is a performance not to be missed.

Tickets and information about the event can be found at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

### **Project GROW Preschool Program Registration**

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that registration for the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Project GROW preschool program is open for the 2026-27 school year.

Project GROW has long provided high-quality pre-schooling to children in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

"Project GROW continues to be an important entry point into learning for many of our youngest students," Superintendent Nelson said. "Project GROW

reflects our commitment to early childhood education by offering a welcoming, supportive environment where children can build confidence, curiosity and essential social skills."

The program provides children with a part-day, high-quality preschool experience in a public school setting, in addition to an inclusive learning environment for children with special needs.

The program is being offered at three district schools:  
Sippican Elementary School, Marion (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)  
Center School, Mattapoisett (8:50 am to 12:50 pm)  
Rochester Memorial School, Rochester (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

The program consists of two classes:  
Tuesday and Thursday (\$2,520/year)  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday (\$3,780/year)  
All classes follow the ORR public school calendar.

This four-hour program is open to all children residing in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester who will be 3 years of age before September 1, 2026.

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MA 02770, regarding a Special Permit with Site Plan Review application filed by High Street Solar 1, LLC & High Street Solar 2, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851, for the property located at 0 High Street identified on Assessor's Maps 21A; 21 & 20, Lots 35; 21 & 22; 5, 16 & 17.

The applicant is proposing the installation and operation of a ground-mounted solar energy system with battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated site work. The Property is located entirely within the Residential-Agricultural (RE/AG) District. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours.

Learn More: Visit [www.newleafenergy.com/project/high-street-solar](http://www.newleafenergy.com/project/high-street-solar) for details on the solar project and associated land conservation, including benefits, and timeline.

Project-specific questions can be submitted to: [HighStreetSolar@newleafenergy.com](mailto:HighStreetSolar@newleafenergy.com)  
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**TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
PLANNING BOARD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Special Permit with Site Plan Review application filed by High Street Solar 1, LLC & High Street Solar 2, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851, for the property located at 0 High Street identified on Assessor's Map 20, Lots 4 & 5.

The applicant is proposing the installation and operation of a ground-mounted solar energy system with battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated site work. The Property is located entirely within the Residential-Agricultural (RE/AG) District. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.

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**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom \*\*) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Thomas & Patricia Lee, 4 Beech Tree Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a new single-family house located within 100-year flood plain, F.E.M.A. Zone AE (EI.16'). The project is further identified as Lot 114 on Assessor Map 9.

\*\*Contact [concomm@mattapoisett.net](mailto:concomm@mattapoisett.net) for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/26

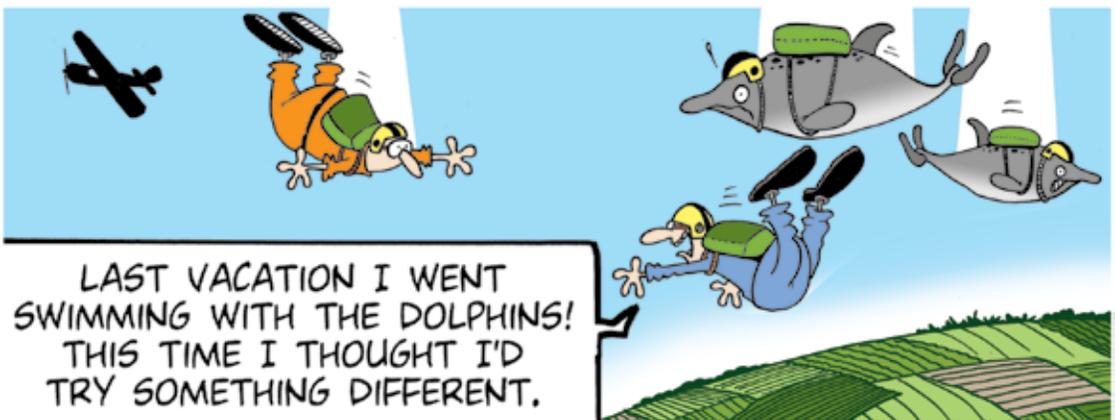
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- James Souza March 4
- Norma Charest March 4



independence, creativity and collaboration,” said Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes. “Our educators focus on meaningful experiences that help children develop a strong sense of readiness for kindergarten and beyond.”

Each preschool class is staffed by a certified teacher and assistant. The program aligns with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and follows the High/Scope curriculum.

### **MNHM Community Programs**

Owl Pellet dissection event for adults - **March 11**, 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Join us for an exciting exploration into the world of owls and their unique eating habits. Over the years we’ve been asked by the adult community to host an owl pellet dissection opportunity just for them.

Unlike other birds, owls swallow their prey whole because they lack teeth for chewing. Our Owl Pellet Dissection program provides a fascinating insight into these nocturnal predators. Learn how owls consume mice, voles, small birds, and more. We’ll delve into regurgitated pellets, consisting of bones, teeth, fur, and feathers.

By dissecting the pellets, we unveil the diverse diet of owls and the frequency of different prey. Each pellet is dry heat sterilized. Gloves and dissection tools are provided to ensure a safe and hygienic experience. A \$10.00 donation to the museum pays for your pellet. Please preregister for this event at [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

Backyard Butterflies with Joe Dwelly - **March 18**, 10:30 am to 11:30 am - In this session we will discuss butterflies that are likely to come to the suburban yard and how to attract them.

We will talk about some of the important plants that might fit into a suburban yard and provide references for identifying plants that attract pollinators.

We will see photos of some of our most common butterflies and share information about how to identify butterflies.

Please remember to preregister at [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

### **Bourne-Wareham Art Association Scholarship**

The Bourne-Wareham Art Association (BWAA) is happy to announce that their Art Achievement Award will be taking place again this year. We are a group of local artists promoting visual arts throughout the Buzzards Bay region. Graduating seniors from the region who plan to pursue a career in visual art are eligible and encouraged to apply. Participant portfolio presentations will be Saturday April 18th, noon, at the Wareham Free Library, 59 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571. The award, \$500+ is provided to the winner(s) after they forward evidence of a first semester passing grade to the BWAA president. Cutoff date to submit application forms is **April 10**. Parents, teachers, and counselors are welcome

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By Fifi Rodriguez

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  2. **MOVIES:** Who is Neo's nemesis in "The Matrix"?
  3. **MUSIC:** The Broadway show "Jersey Boys" is about which music group?
  4. **TELEVISION:** In which U.S. city is the sitcom "New Girl" set?
  5. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** What is the name of the helicopter that transports U.S. presidents?
  6. **GEOGRAPHY:** The Lake of the Ozarks is in which U.S. state?
  7. **HISTORY:** When did construction begin on the Berlin Wall?
  8. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What fear is represented in the condition called *mageirocophobia*?
  9. **ASTRONOMY:** Which planet in our solar system has the Great Red Spot?
  10. **LITERATURE:** Which country is the setting for the novel "The French Lieutenant's Woman"?

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- Answers
1. A hand, and each banana is a finger.
  2. Agent Smith.
  3. The Four Seasons.
  4. Los Angeles.
  5. Marine One.
  6. Missouri.
  7. 1961.
  8. A fear of cooking.
  9. Jupiter.
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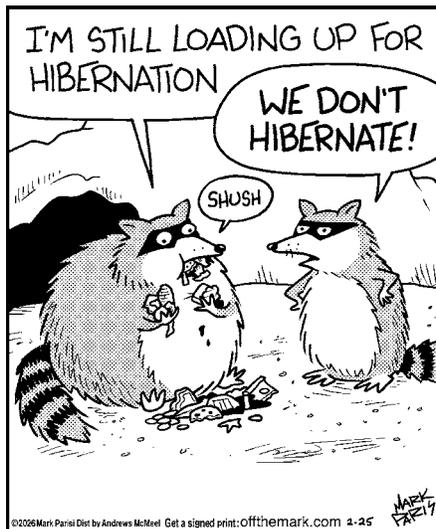
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### **Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee**

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee will hold a caucus to elect delegates to the 2026 MassGOP Nominating Convention on Thursday, **February 19**, at Neimad Hall (formerly Knights of Columbus Hall), 57 Fairhaven Road (Route 6), Mattapoissett.

All registered Republicans in Mattapoissett are invited to attend and vote in electing our local delegates. These delegates will help nominate candidates for statewide offices - including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and U.S. Senator - at the state convention.

Any Mattapoissett registered Republican may run for delegate or nominate another eligible resident. Presence is not required to be nominated, but your sponsor must attend the caucus. If you cannot attend but want to run or nominate someone, contact Town Co-Chair Paul Criscuolo ahead of time at [pcmattygop@proton.me](mailto:pcmattygop@proton.me) for eligibility vetting.

The MassGOP Nominating Convention is set for Saturday, April 25, at the DCU Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Delegate fee: \$150. Carpooling is being arranged among attendees.

Be part of our fast-growing local party - registrations are at record highs - as we push for common-sense government and audits of the state legislature.

For questions or to express interest, email Paul Criscuolo at [pcmattygop@proton.me](mailto:pcmattygop@proton.me).

### **Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarships**

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club has announced two \$2,500 scholarships available to Mattapoissett residents who are high school seniors planning to continue full-time studies at the college level.

Scholarships applications are available in the guidance offices at Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Tabor Academy,

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Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and online at [www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org](http://www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org) (see Scholarships).

Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 31**. Incomplete submissions or those received after the deadline will not be considered.

The scholarships are made possible by fundraising events in our community. Membership in the Mattapoissett Woman's Club is open to any woman interested in furthering and supporting the philanthropic, academic, civic, and social goals of the organization.

### **Mattapoissett Democrats to Hold Caucus**

On Wednesday **March 18**, at 6:30 pm, the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee will convene in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoissett Free Public Library to hold its local caucus to elect five (5) Delegates and four (4) Alternates to represent Mattapoissett at the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention, to be held Friday and Saturday May 29 and May 30 in Worcester at the DCU Center. This year is a nominating convention for the Senate seat Edward Markey currently holds.

Registered and pre-registered Democrats in the Town of Mattapoissett may be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Pre-registered Democrats must be 16 years old by the start of the caucus window (February 19, 2026) and must be pre-registered by the



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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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**TODAY'S WORD**



"This is delicious - I must really be  
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time of the caucus.

Those interested in getting involved with the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee or for more information pertaining to the caucuses, please email Chairperson Nicki Demakis at ndemakis@tidhlaw.com.

### Town of Marion Local Election

The Town of Marion Local Election will be held on Friday, **May 15**. Nomination Papers are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. The deadline to return completed papers is Monday **March 27** by 5:00 pm. The potential candidate must secure twenty-eight (28) signatures to be placed on the ballot. The Town Clerk recommends that the potential candidate obtain at least thirty-five (35) signatures. In order to run for an elected position, you must be a registered voter in the Town of Marion. Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-748-3502.

The open seats are as follows: Board of Assessors (1), Board of Health (1), Select Board (1), Marion School Committee (2), ORR School Committee (1), Open Space Acquisition Commission (2), Planning Board (3).

### Marion Special Town Meeting

The Town of Marion will hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, **March 23**, beginning at 6:45 pm at the Sippican School Multipurpose Room. The warrant will be closed at the February 18 Select Board meeting and warrants will be mailed to voters. For more information, please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3520 or dhemphill@marionma.gov.

### Call for Entries - Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries to its upcoming juried summer exhibition, Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years. As we mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we invite artists to engage deeply with what this milestone means now - through lenses of commemoration, critique, hope, and transformation. This exhibition seeks contemporary

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All visual media is eligible - painting, sculpture, mixed media, video, or new media. Works should reflect the artist's personal interpretation of the Declaration's legacy - its ideals, challenges, complexities, or contradictions. Submissions may or may not offer political or social commentary; entries may reflect personal, aesthetic, emotional, or conceptual interpretations.

The deadline for entries is **June 1**, and the show dates are July 10 to August 7. More information and application instructions can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

### Noah Greany's Legacy Blood Drive

March is Red Cross Month, a time to recognize more than 130 years of lifesaving work by American Red Cross volunteers. In that spirit, the community is invited to roll up a sleeve and help save lives at a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, **March 7**, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett. The blood drive is sponsored by the Noah Curtis Greany Foundation and honors Noah.

Greany's Legacy, inspired by Noah's childhood dream to "find the cure for cancer" and improve survival rates for patients. Through blood donation, that dream continues to make a real difference.

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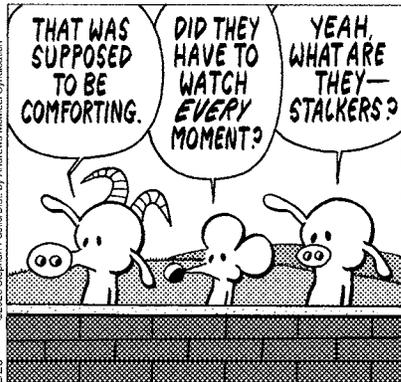
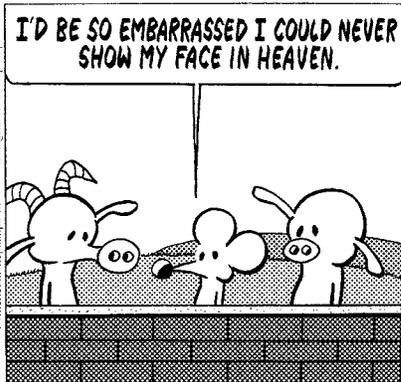
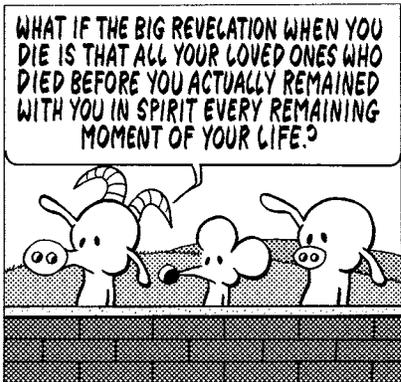
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis



The drive also honors Noah's uncle, Joe Corazzini, who is battling a rare and terminal autoimmune disease known as VEXUS. Joe has required numerous blood transfusions over the past six months and depends on donations from the community blood bank. Without these transfusions, his family says he would not be alive today.

According to the American Red Cross, someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds. Blood donations are critical for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and individuals receiving treatment for cancer, leukemia, and sickle cell disease. All blood types are needed.

Community members can help save lives and honor Noah's legacy by scheduling an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) using sponsor code MATTAPoisettLEGACY, or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Giving blood is a simple act that can mean everything to someone in need.

### Sippican Woman's Club Scholarship

The Sippican Woman's Club is pleased to announce that it will award four Scholarships, each up to \$2,500, to graduating high school seniors who reside in Marion. Scholarships are based on academic achievement, co-curricular involvement, community service, and financial need.

One recipient will also receive the \$500 Lu Chevrier Award, presented to a student who plans to pursue teaching or has demonstrated a commitment to teaching through tutoring or mentoring. The award honors Lu Chevrier, a former President of the Club and longtime board member.

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Applications are available at [www.sippicanwomensclub.org](http://www.sippicanwomensclub.org) and through the guidance departments at Old Rochester Regional High School, Tabor Academy, Falmouth Academy, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Technical High School, and Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. Applications must be received by **April 15**.

The Club also presents the Alice Ryder Book Award to the highest-ranking 8th grade English student. Alice Ryder served as President of the Sippican Woman's Club three times and authored *Lands of Sippican*, a history of Marion, Rochester, and Mattapoisett.

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