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## Shortest Town Meeting in History?

*Marion Special Town Meeting*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Special Town Meeting was held in Sippican School on Monday. It began promptly at 6:45 pm, with Moderator Brad A. Gordon saying prophetically, "Hopefully this'll be quick."

Residents were leaving in droves just eight minutes later but not due to some protest or disagreement – the meeting was over. The two articles voted on had passed with no debate, nor even a single "nay" vote.

Article 1S: Transfers 2,977 square feet of land from the custodianship of the Select Board to the Open Space Acquisition Commission for the Shared Use Path.

Article 2S: Grants a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises to C & J Sull LLC (doing business as the soon-to-open J. Sull Wine at 119 Wareham Road).

The only public comment was from a resident who, before the vote on Article 2S, said he had purchased liquor from C & J Sull and that they were an upstanding family with whom he liked to do business.

After the unanimous votes of approval and so little discourse, Chair of the Select Board Randy Parker closed the meeting. The moderator said, "That's the shortest Town Meeting in history."

## Marion's Jigsaw Puzzle Master

**By Sam Bishop**

Though you may not have heard of it, yet, jigsaw puzzle speedrunning is on the rise, and we have a professional in our midst! Twenty-two-year-old Emma Williamson of Marion is one such professional, having competed last September in the annual World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship in Spain and is competing this weekend in the USA Jigsaw Nationals in Atlanta.

It is fairly self-evident, if you couldn't tell by the name, but competitive speed puzzling sees jigsaw puzzlers

race to complete a jigsaw puzzle in as short a time as possible.

We spoke to Emma's father, Roger, who said proudly, "Whenever I tell people about it, which you can imagine is all the time..." before commenting on her time in Spain. He said, "On the second round, she won it. Which is huge! She didn't even realize she had won, so she had this incredible reaction that rippled through the speedrunning community." He added, "She's quickly become nationally and internationally renowned."

Emma grew up in Marion, attending both Sippican and Old Rochester Regional schools. Emma told us, "I got into jigsaw puzzling through my grandmother. She is an avid puzzler and always has a puzzle going. Puzzling has always been a way for me to relax and quiet my brain."

On how she went from ordinary jigsaw puzzling to completing them competitively, she said, "I first learned of competitive speed puzzling through an Instagram reel that my dad's partner Erin shared with me. I was about to start my winter break of my junior year of college, so I was about to have a lot of free time and figured I could capitalize on it by seeing if I was any good at speed puzzling. I found that

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**On the Cover:** *The Marion Special Town Meeting was on Monday night in Sippican School. It was to discuss and vote on 2 articles. However, there wasn't much discussion to be had. The meeting started promptly at 6:45 pm and just 8 minutes later, both articles had been passed with unanimous votes of approval and residents were on their way home. Photo by Sam Bishop*

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I really liked it and figured it would be a good way to make friends outside of college. I went to the Massachusetts State Championship and the Northeast Regional Championship and did really well and made a lot of puzzle friends! They found me a team for last year's Nationals, which led to me competing in the World Championship in September and returning to Nationals this year."

Both she and her father commented on the warm welcome she received from her first moments entering a competition. On the importance of the friends she has made and community she was welcomed into, she exclaims, "The community is absolutely amazing. The first time I went to a competition by myself, I got 'adopted' – puzzlers worked to find me a pair for the pairs competition and gave me lots of snacks. Since then, I've gotten to meet puzzlers from around the world, and everyone is so nice and so excited for speed puzzling to grow! I'm mostly excited to go to Nationals to see my puzzling friends, since they are spread across the country and I haven't seen many of them since Worlds."

On to the World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship, the 2026 competition will again be held in Spain, specifically Valladolid in Castile and León, beginning on September 16. For worlds, Emma said, "Worlds was absolutely insane. I went in just expecting to have a good time and hoping to place top-ten in the team competition (which we did). I didn't have a lot of expectations for my individual performance because I knew that there were a lot of really strong puzzlers attending who had much faster times than me." Though she just recently began competitive puzzling, she stated, "however, I can now say I'm the 20th best puzzler in the world! The real highlight of my individual performance though was winning my semifinal! I'm the only American to ever win a semifinal at Worlds, and I beat the eventual World Champion. It really put me on the map – I gained 300 Instagram followers overnight and was invited on the Piece Talks podcast."

Following her time in Spain last year, she added, "what really stuck out to me in that moment was the overwhelming support, both from the puzzling community and my friends and family back home. When I left the dome (Worlds is held in an overheated dome), I was greeted by hugs from my teammates and fellow competitors. I had so many people back home say that they got their friends invested in watching, so the people watching varied from



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(veterinary technicians) at the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) to recent Tufts graduates to my mom's third grade class at Center School."

So, what's next for Emma? As stated, she has Nationals this weekend and will likely return to Spain in September. She said another goal for her is to bring competitive puzzling back home, specifically fostering its growth in the area, with her saying, "I'm really excited by the growth of speed puzzling, and one of my goals is to bring speed puzzling to the South Coast! I would love to host a competition in the Tri-Town someday, and if folks are interested in speed puzzling (or even just puzzle swaps!), they should definitely reach out to me."

You can see Emma's continuing rise and speed puzzling on her Instagram @emmaswilliamson.

The USA Jigsaw Nationals, run by the USA Jigsaw Puzzle Association, will be held this weekend in Atlanta. It is a race against the clock, as are all great speedrunning events! The national competition features individual, pair, and team competitions over the three days. The individual and pair bouts see competitors race to complete a 500-piece puzzle as fast as possible. For individuals, there are four preliminary rounds of 200 competitors, each concluding in a final round of the best 50 times from each round. Pairs see two preliminary rounds of 200 pairs each, ending with a final round of the best 100 times from each round. The team's competition is a bit different, with 100 teams in two rounds completing a 500-piece puzzle and immediately moving to complete a 1,000-piece puzzle, with the timer ending when both are complete. The final round sees the top 50 teams from each previous round completing two separate 1,000-piece puzzles.

You can watch Emma and the Nationals live either on YouTube @usajigsaw or on Twitch by visiting twitch.tv/usajigsaw. We will be watching! Go Emma!

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## Boston Secured. Now What?

*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 New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week, the Evacuation of Boston took place, with around 11,000 British and Loyalist forces departing Boston. The populous would eventually settle in Canada and England, with the army regrouping for a counterattack. The Continental Army would trickle into Boston, as the fear of smallpox forced General George Washington to slow down the occupation of the city.

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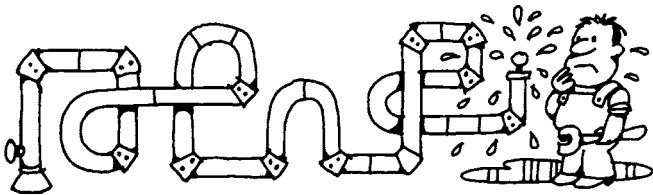
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slowly entering Boston for a about three days since the British departure on March 17. The city proves a smoldering wreck, though it lies not in ruin. In his letter to Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Reed, whom is currently in Philadelphia before returning to New York, Washington says of Boston, "The hurry in which they have embarked is inconceivable, they have not, from a rough estimate, left less than 30,000£s worth of his Majesty's property behind them." As men walk through the streets, they catalogue barricades and artillery pieces still standing. The general notes, "The Town of Boston was almost, impregnable every avenue fortified."

At this point, the British are not totally gone yet though. He concludes his letter to Lee, saying, "I have already marched the riflemen men, and five Regiments for New York - I cannot spare more whilst the fleet hover in our harbor." Many Royal Navy vessels linger in Boston Harbor, especially around Castle William on Castle Island. The British are taking stock of what they've left with, as well as general preparations for their voyage. Then, on March 20, an explosion shakes the city.

British engineers set fire to the fortress, detonating ordinances and destroying much of the structure. The structure had been the second fort on the island, the first being built in 1634 and destroyed by a fire in 1673. It was rebuilt around 1703 to be destroyed by its creators as to not fall into the hands of the Continental Army. The British were still not quite ready to depart, however.

Eventually, the Americans would build a new fort overlooking Boston Harbor after the Revolution. It would be christened Fort Independence In 1799 by a President John Adams.

On March 21, Washington issues a "Proclamation on the Occupation of Boston," that informs citizens of what rule is to come to them, as well as instructing his soldiers that "All officers and soldiers are hereby ordered to live in the strictest peace and amity with the inhabitants." He also highlights to soldiers that should conflict with the Bostonians arise, they must seek out the correct and legal action towards a solution, "and no other." Finally, he instructs the four Boston Selectman that they are to "return to the Commander in Chief, the names of all or any person or persons they may suspect of being employed as spies upon the Continental Army, that they may be dealt with accordingly."

On March 22, he writes to Samuel Adams, a Massachusetts Delegate to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He asks on a proposal of his from a few months prior, about whether to open a road from the Connecticut River north to Montreal. This would allow for further campaigns north, brining information and supplies. Washington seems rather ambivalent and non-committal to the proposed project though, leaving it up to Congress, saying, "the only design of my giving you the trouble of this letter is just to recall the attention of Congress to the subject matter of it so far as to say yea, or nay." Adams would not receive this letter and write back until May 15, where he agrees with its use, though there will be higher priorities by that point.

On March 23, Washington is openly concerned with

a British landing or attempted attack on Boston, as their ships stay off the coast. He instructs Colonel Henry Knox and other officers to immediately begin the deconstruction of defenses blocking the Boston Neck and instead begin fortifying the coast. He also says Knox, "will immediately lay out a Battery upon Charles-Town point." Washington may still be in Boston, though as he will be marching west soon, he received word from Brigadier General William Heath who departed towards New York a few days prior and has made it to Norwich, CT. He says, "the roads being extremely miry and in some places almost impassable greatly impedes the wagons which is an obstruction to the whole."

On March 24 in his General Orders, Washington states, "The enemy still continuing in the harbor, without any apparent cause for it, after winds and weather have favored their sailing; leaves abundant reason to suspect, that they may have some design of aiming a blow at us before they depart."

Though Washington did not yet know this, General Howe's ship had departed a number of days prior. These straggling ships were in place to intercept and arriving British ships and inform them the city had fallen into enemy hands and to not dock in the harbor and instead, head north to Halifax. There would be no further British assault on the city.

By March 28, Washington himself had entered the city and taken personal stock of artillery and other supplies abandoned by the British, though much of it won't

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be usable. He writes to Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Reed in New York, saying, "General Howe has a grand maneuver in view - or - made an inglorious retreat. Yesterday evening the remains of the British Fleet left Nantucket Road & (except an armed vessel or two) hath left the coast quite clear of an enemy." Washington himself will stay in Boston about a week longer, before heading west to join Reed.

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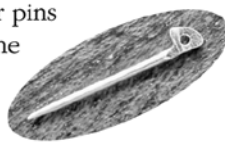
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I've learned over the years to use some restraint and sit on things for awhile before placing my orders. Things look different at second glance, like rainbow-colored gladiolas. When planning your garden summer attire, you will want to make numerous revisions before the final selection. It's OK to daydream, but you need to think your dreams through.

The first order of business then is to pare down the sources and compare. I do have my favorites, so it's likely I'll stick with them, but there are some new companies worthy of a look. I was recently trading information with my dad who dubbed a few of my catalogs as "yuppie" owing to the priciness. He shared some of his with me as well - many of the old established ones and a couple I'd never heard of before.

Just a smattering of seed purveyors from our collection include: Harris Seeds (established in 1879); Gurney's Seed & Nursery Co., (since 1866); Jung Seeds & Plants (family owned and operated for 119 years); John Scheepers (since 1908) and Johnny's Selected Seeds (over 50 years). Seems like a lot of human heritage in the seed business. Each one is uniquely alluring in its own way.

I enjoy John Scheepers' sketches and descriptions like this flower: "Hyssop provides a long season of nectar-sipping by butterflies, hummingbirds and bees as it wafts its anise-mint scent through the garden. It's also a good cutting flower." Cultural information, zone requirements and all you need to know (it's deer and disease resistant and drought tolerant) is included with each item.

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How about a basil bonsai? I found that offered by the Territorial Seed Company (family owned since 1979/online at territorialseed.com). "This mounded, fine-leaf Greek basil is perfect for growing inside on a sunny windowsill or counter." It is truly tempting! Their catalog has thorough cultural information with exact instructions for every seed they sell and useful tips.

Another gorgeous catalog is the non-profit Decorah, Iowa-based Seed Savers Exchange (Seedsavers.org), which "stewards America's culturally diverse and endangered garden and food crop legacy for present and future generations. We educate and connect people through collecting, regenerating and sharing heirloom seeds, plants and stories." The gorgeous array of vegetables, flowers and seeds seen online, prompted me to order a catalog.

I recently learned that our very own library offers free seeds. The Mattapoisett Free Public Library Seed Library first opened in May 2018 composed entirely of donated seeds from the Seed Savers Exchange. It quickly



became a beloved facet of the collection. Interest only increased during COVID when patrons requested hundreds of packets of seeds. Today, the Seed Library continues to help patrons kick-start their garden each spring. In addition to seeds, the library loans planting tools including a soil testing kit, two kinds of cultivators and a seed starter kit.

In a former card catalog you can browse the seed library and find those that you will plant. In turn you can harvest the next generation of seeds to share with the library. Seed sharing is voluntary. I went to investigate after heard about the program from my friend Cecile. In addition to their offerings, I also discovered *more catalogs* available for patrons to pore over. Looking through them made me even more warm and fuzzy about our local library. I took

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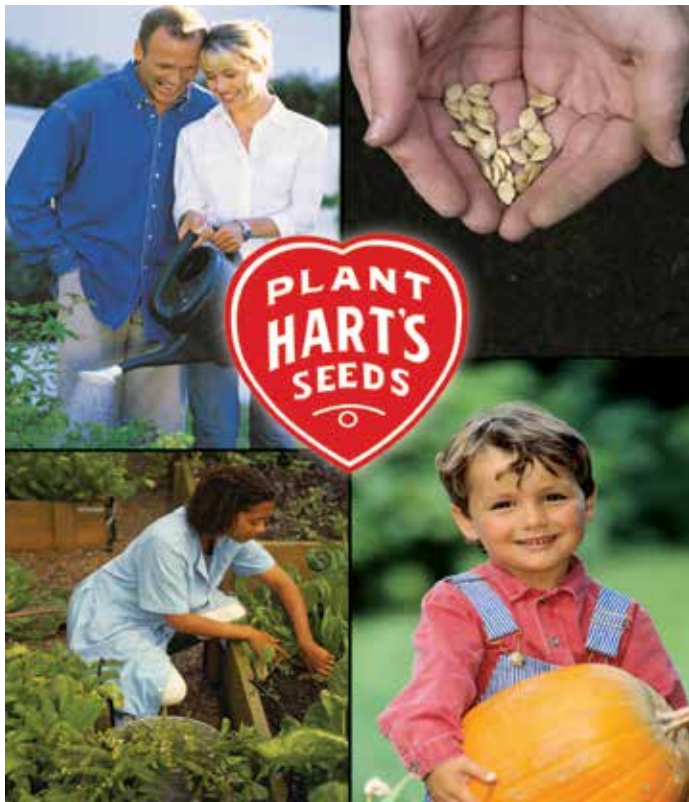
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A bit of advice for making selections: you may want to write a shopping list of what you're looking for before you fall under the spell of so many beguiling plants; that possibly you don't need or have time to propagate.



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**'Dangerous' Dog Hearing Continued**

*Mattapoissett Select Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

On March 24, the Mattapoissett Select Board revisited a case involving a dog that caused grievous damage to a neighboring dog. The case was first heard in January when the dog, named Roco, owners Stella and Mark Brogioli, and the injured pet's owners, the Maniatisses, met with the board to discuss, among other contributing issues, putting restrictions on Roco's movements when leashed but in the public domain and when contained but loose in his yard.

At that time, all parties agreed to work together in an effort to find common ground and a solution that would

be satisfactory for all concerned. The Brogiolis were not ready to accept all the terms of a drafted agreement.

Mark Brogioli took umbrage to having his dog labeled "dangerous" and read state regulations he believed supported his contention that the board could not make that determination given Roco's generally nonaggressive behavior. Brogioli reiterated that Roco was in his own yard at the time of the incident, that the attack was an isolated incident, and that the condition that the dog be muzzled whenever off the property is not warranted.

Select Board member Tyler Macallister asked if the Brogiolis were in agreement with the terms of the draft agreement. It became apparent they were not when they agreed to postpone further discussion in this matter until

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April 2. Macallister had offered the postponement, saying he did not want to speak for the missing board member (Jordan Collier) and offered a continuance, at which time a full board would be in attendance.

In other business, the board met with members of the Bike Path Committee who sought the agreement of the board to change one of the Bike Path phases. It was explained by Steve Kelleher, chair of the committee, that the Town of Marion is likely to complete its end of the pathway that enters Mattapoisett sooner than Mattapoisett will be ready to receive the recreational traffic the path will attract. Thus, they asked if a small portion of Phase 2A could be placed on its own track to completion.

Kelleher said that grants would be sought to cover costs, which were not noted. The board agreed.

In other Bike Path news, the committee said that design of Phase 2A has reached 25%, that the project is on track and in place for FY2031 for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding, and asked if they could work with the Harbormaster regarding parking space located at Railroad Avenue.

The board voted to sign agreements for a solar lease with Nexamp for a solar array located at the capped solid waste site. The 34-acre site will receive panels in early January and will include a PILOT program (payment in lieu of taxes).

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is planned for April 2.

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*Marion Select Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Select Board met in the Police Department on Tuesday night. On their agenda was the appointment of new full-time police officers as well as the reappointment of other town positions. They also had some discussions, with one getting a bit fiery as it went on.

They began by approving the minutes of their last meetings, March 3 and March 10, without any alterations.

Next, Marion Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli spoke on Police Officer positions. Tyler Paquette was first reappointed as Sergeant.

Next was the full-time Police Officer appointments.

Peter O'Brien and Brandon Carrillo just recently graduated from Police Academy. Robert Randall graduated in 2019, and is now "taking on that responsibility," as the chief said.

Nighelli thanked the men for their dedication and commitment to the town. He mentioned the "long hours, missed holidays, and the uncertainty" that comes with the job. He also thanked the officers' families for their dedication as well.

O'Brien was in the Harbormaster Office beginning in 2025 and was also a Marine for 27 years, having retired in 2023. He had spoken at that year's Veteran's Day ceremony in Marion. He was confirmed by the board with March 21 beginning his one-year probation period.

Cardelli was a dispatcher since 2025 and had attended Bishop Stang and graduated from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut with a 3.97 GPA. He was approved by the board, also beginning his probationary period on March 21.

Randall graduated from Police Academy in 2019 and worked with Plymouth Police Department following that. He left the force and got a job in electrical



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work where he had his own contracting company. He wanted to come back to police work, with the chief saying he has worked hard to fulfil new requirements. He had also been part of US Army Reserves. He was approved by the board, with March 29 beginning his probationary period.

The new Town Clerk, Katrina Desroches, performed the swearing-in ceremony.

Next, the board made quick work of their town position reappointments. Inspector of Animals Susan Connor and Assistant Inspector of Animals Luke Mello were approved. William Horrocks was reappointed as Alternate Building Inspector. Kathy Broder was also approved for a license in Aquaculture Renewal.

A One Day Alcohol License was granted to St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church for a country-western line dance on March 28.

Next, a \$43,500 donation from the Friends of Marion Fireworks was accepted. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman said the funds would allow the town to enter into a contract for fireworks. He cited that the total cost for fireworks was around \$70,000. It's nearly \$40,000 for the fireworks themselves, and the rest is police detail, electrical, and other.

An update on the Revocation Policy regarding licensing, including a fortune-teller license, was quickly discussed. The board said they would need more time to go through it, and so no action was made.

There was then discussion, per Select Board Member Norm Hills, on the Inclusionary Fee Bylaw, which

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hasn't been updated in four to five years. He said it has to be done yearly, per wording at the end of the document. The current fee is \$75,000, but the board discussed raising it. Hills recommended \$100,000, noting the proposed amount will also have to be voted at Town Meeting, though Chair Randy Parker said it may not, since the wording may give the board the ability to change since it says they must "review annually."

Parker recommended the Planning Board also review the bylaw. Vice Chair John Hoagland agreed and also suggested the Zoning Board of Appeals be involved. If it goes to Town Meeting, it needs a two-thirds vote of approval, per the town administrator. Parker said they have time and would like to see it be "cleared up." Gorman said

the Town Meeting Warrant is to be closed next Tuesday.

Following that, 53G Fund Regulations for the Department of Public Works was discussed. It will allow the town to accept checks from Toll Brothers and analyze their work more closely. They agreed to also push this decision to Tuesday to give them more time to look through the regulations.

Discussion of Island Wharf parking was next, with Hills citing examples from the town's past. "Back in 2009 when the town transferred to Marine Resources Commission, it was to be managed as parks and recreation land," he said, adding that the state recognized what the town can do with parks and recreation land, "and parking lots isn't one of them." The lot was sold to the town "for like a buck" in 1901, Hills said, adding it was for no commercial use per the original agreement. Norms argued it "should be green space ... not parking or boat storage." Hoagland stated that the general parking regulation and rules in town for those with a parking permit must be specified and clarified, and Hills agreed.

Chief Nighelli spoke per Parker's request, saying that for the police, it's difficult to enforce the current parking limit of 72 hours. He said they don't currently have the ability to check, but finished, "tell us what to enforce and we'll enforce it."

Marion Marine Resources Commission Chair Vincent J. Malkoski, Jr., said, "I'm very curious why the MRC, who is appointed by the Select Board, has been ignored for a year." Malkoski claimed the MRC sent

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multiple recommendations on this issue but has never received a reply. He stated he had likewise submitted other notices and questions but has “not ever” received a reply. “If you ignore us, we can’t do our job,” he said, asserting that the Select Board was making a “knee jerk reaction,” adding, “I believe you do not understand the problems that this is going to create.”

Malkoski went on to say, “Parking is an issue in town. We all know that. I suggest we all sit down together.” Hills agreed, but the MRC Chair said he’s still been ignored nonetheless.

Hoagland asked what his proposed solution is, but Malkoski said he doesn’t have an exact one. He believes all the town departments should get together to solve it. He

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then said the Select Board had a "management by crisis" approach to its work, saying it "is a problem."

Hills agreed with Malkoski that other parking options should be explored, but he went back to the original 1901 purpose for the land, saying parking at Island Wharf was not the original intent of the agreement, nor is it proper use of land designated for parks and recreation. Malkoski pushed for the area to stay parking, but Hills again pushed back, saying it wasn't the original purpose. The MRC chair said, "that's all there is."

"I don't think we're getting anywhere with this," Parker said.

Next, Hoagland spoke, referring to the book *Master of the Senate* by Robert A. Caro, when he told Malkoski, "I

would say in Marion you're the world's greatest filibusterer I've ever met." Hoagland referred to similarities between Malkoski's approach to that of Richard Russell Jr., or who in the book is called "the world's greatest filibusterer," according to Hoagland. The Select Board vice chair then asked for a week to fix parking regulations.

"It's only a filibuster if I'm trying to stop progress," Hoagland replied. Hoagland shot back, "I think you are." Though Hoagland then apologized for the Select Board not getting back on the issue, he asked Malkoski, "how long do you need?" to come up with a solution to the issue. Malkoski said "you can replace me, I understand that - I want to find a resolution so we're not doing this in six months." As volumes rose, Hoagland then said, "we're not getting through another summer with this - if it's that important for you, figure it out, now!"

Hoagland recommended a meeting be called in two weeks, but Malkoski will not be available then. Hoagland recommended, "figure it out and give it to someone else on the board to be here."

For public comment, resident Bill Washburn rose, saying, "I've got some real radical ideas." He mentioned some "kind of vacant" lots near Tabor Academy. He said he knows they didn't have much time to strike a deal, and added he believed Tabor "owes us a bit of a favor." He said the town and Tabor could strike a deal to use the parking spots together, to which the board said they could explore such an option.

"Anyone else on parking?" Parker asked. "Great," he joked, when there was no response.

There is a special meeting of the Marion Select Board scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department's conference room.

### Development May Pay for Town Plowing

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Planning Board on Tuesday informed the owners of the Village at Plumb Corners housing development that they may have to be billed for the town having to plow snow there during February's Blizzard of 2026.

In a hearing filled to standing-room-only capacity with Village at Plumb Corners residents, officials revealed

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the town responded to telephone calls complaining the development was not being plowed during the historic storm. One such complaint came from a resident who needed a delivery of vital cancer medication. Even though it is a private development and the town is not responsible for snow plowing, the town sent its own equipment to clear the Village entrance.

Chair Arnold Johnson said the hearing was being held because Village at Plumb Corners is still an "open" development; it has not been finished. Its owners may have violated its Special Permit by not handling the development's snow plowing responsibility, a permit condition. "We could bill the project or call in a part of your bond," Johnson told the development's representatives. He added, however, that the Select Board members have the authority to bill the developer; the board will vote on this in a week.

Before this conclusion, Village at Plumb Corners representatives Lindsay LaPointe and Chad Dunlevy said they worked as hard as they could to keep ahead of the snow plowing during that storm. "It was a lot heavier than expected," Dunlevy, the facility manager, said, adding the equipment on hand did not match the storm's intensity.

Town Facilities Manager Andrew Daniels, who responded to the Village with a town truck, said what he saw. "It was multiple hours since it had been passed through," he said. "It was a dropping of the ball. I never saw anybody when we were in there."

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 9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers  
 10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Cemeteries, Genealogy, & the Revolutionary War  
 11:00 AM Mattapoisett 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 - Gustav Holst  
 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 - Mysteries of the Midwater  
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

#### Friday March 27, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
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 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
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 5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn  
 6:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech  
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 8:30 PM Paltrowitz 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 March 28, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
 10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam  
 11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy  
 Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 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 - Peggs Francis  
 5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Percy Brown House  
 6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Studies  
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 8:30 PM Paltrowitz - 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 29, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
 1:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Inc ADU Presentation  
 8:00 AM Mattapoisett 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?  
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 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford  
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 7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral  
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 9:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

#### Monday March 30, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 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  
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 3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 4:30 PM The Human Truth  
 5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Gustav Holst  
 6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages  
 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 31, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 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  
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7:00 AM Seniorize  
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 8:30 AM For Your Health  
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment

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 11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 1:30 PM Money Matters  
 2:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam  
 3:30 PM The Mattapoisett Rail Trail  
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
 4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show  
 5:00 PM Marion Art Center  
 5:30 PM Building the Future  
 6:00 PM Pete on the Street  
 6:30 PM World Fusion Show  
 7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Gustav Holst  
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 10:30 PM Classic Movies

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 9:00 AM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
 10:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
 11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 12:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission  
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 3:00 PM Marion School Committee Budget Hearing  
 3:30 PM Marion School Committee  
 4:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer  
 6:30 PM Marion Finance Committee  
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 10:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
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 8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board  
 10:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 12:00 PM Rochester Select Board and RMS School Committee  
 2:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 3:00 PM ORR District School Committee  
 3:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
 5:30 PM Rochester Select Board  
 6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 9:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 11:00 PM Rochester Select Board and RMS School Committee

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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:30 AM Bulldog Sports  
 8:00 AM RMS Winter Concert  
 9:00 AM RMS 6th Grade Promotional Ceremony  
 10:00 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert  
 11:00 AM RMS Chorus Concert  
 11:30 AM Old Hammondtown Autism Acceptance  
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 1:00 PM Old Colony New Building Update  
 2:30 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night  
 4:30 PM Old Colony National Honor Society Ceremony  
 5:00 PM Cable History of Old Colony  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:00 PM ORR Football vs GNBVT  
 8:30 PM ORR Football vs Somerset Berkley  
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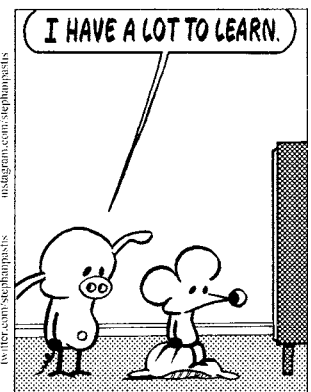
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sympathetic. "I think they did the best they could considering the extent of the storm," one said. "They did a pronominal job considering what was going on," another said.

"We have bigger developments than this, and we didn't get calls from any of them," Johnson said.

In other action, the board continued to its next meeting its hearing into a modification of the Definitive Subdivision permit for the previously approved Snipatuit Pond Estates at Gerrish and Bishop Road, a proposal to swap two parcels of open space to create a 3.578-acre buildable lot on one of them. Johnson told developer Robert Pellegrini he would like to see a Conservation Restriction on both lots as a condition. Pellegrini said he preferred a continuance to discuss what this condition would mean to his project.

The board continued the Site Plan Review hearing on a proposal to clear and re-grade land behind town hall for an 8,220-square foot parking lot to its April 28 meeting after Johnson objected to details of the proposal. A parking lot surface of pea stone won't last against snowplow weather, he said, and he had doubts about the direction of drainage. Project representative Rick Charron said pea stone is a way to save money; it can be moved and upgraded later. Johnson said this would only add to the expense of the project. "And I don't see the immediate need," he added.

The board also opened but eventually continued two Site Plan Review and Special Permit hearings for High

Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High St., both of which propose a ground-mounted solar array to include a battery storage system on High Street. One notice is for lots four and five. A separate notice is for lots 6, 16, 17, 35, 21, 20, 22 and 35.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

## Four Accepted, One Continued Special Permits

*Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 19 for five agenda items, one that had been continued from a prior meeting and four other cases.

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The meeting began by the hearing on the continued case, that of applicant Russell W. Chase Jr. of 7 Ridgewood Road & Sparrow Hill Road. Chase is seeking a Variance and Special Permit for the property that contains a single-family dwelling build just over 50 years ago in 1974. The applicant sought to un-merge the two properties originally merged in 1973.

The Sparrow Hill Road lot would be developed further with a new house attached to an existing garage, thus needing a Special Permit. The Variance is due to the 5.4-foot rear setback versus the minimum 30-foot required setback. Chair Susan Akin noted there were no notes from abutters, nor none present to speak for or against.

Chase noted he plans to sell the new lot, once

created, and the proposed house is just a placeholder to give the board a public an idea of what could potentially take up the new lot. Both the Variance and Special Permit were eventually approved with unanimous votes of approval. The Special Permit was accepted with an added notation of an 1,850 square-foot maximum on any future dwelling.

The next agenda item was the application for a Special Permit by Jeffrey A. and Julia H. Hayward of 18 Nashawena Road for the construction of a two-story garage with accessory dwelling unit on the second floor. It was noted proposed structure would occupy the area of an existing shed and the ADU would have 50% of the living space of the existing home on the property.

The new garage would occupy 884 square feet, though the board stated there is a 864 square foot limit on garage space, with the board requesting 20 square feet be "shaved off" the proposal. The ZBA agreed to move forward with the addition of an amendment that would limit the proposed structure to aforementioned limited size. The permit was granted with a unanimous vote.

The next hearing was another Special Permit request, this time from Vera B. Gibbons of 9 Pearl Street. This permit was for the addition of a one-story, 134 square foot addition on to the home's master bedroom's western side. The owners want to expand out to the room for renovations on the bedroom and the inclusion of a bathroom. Member Aaron Goldberg mentioned it was a "very modest addition," with the board accepting the

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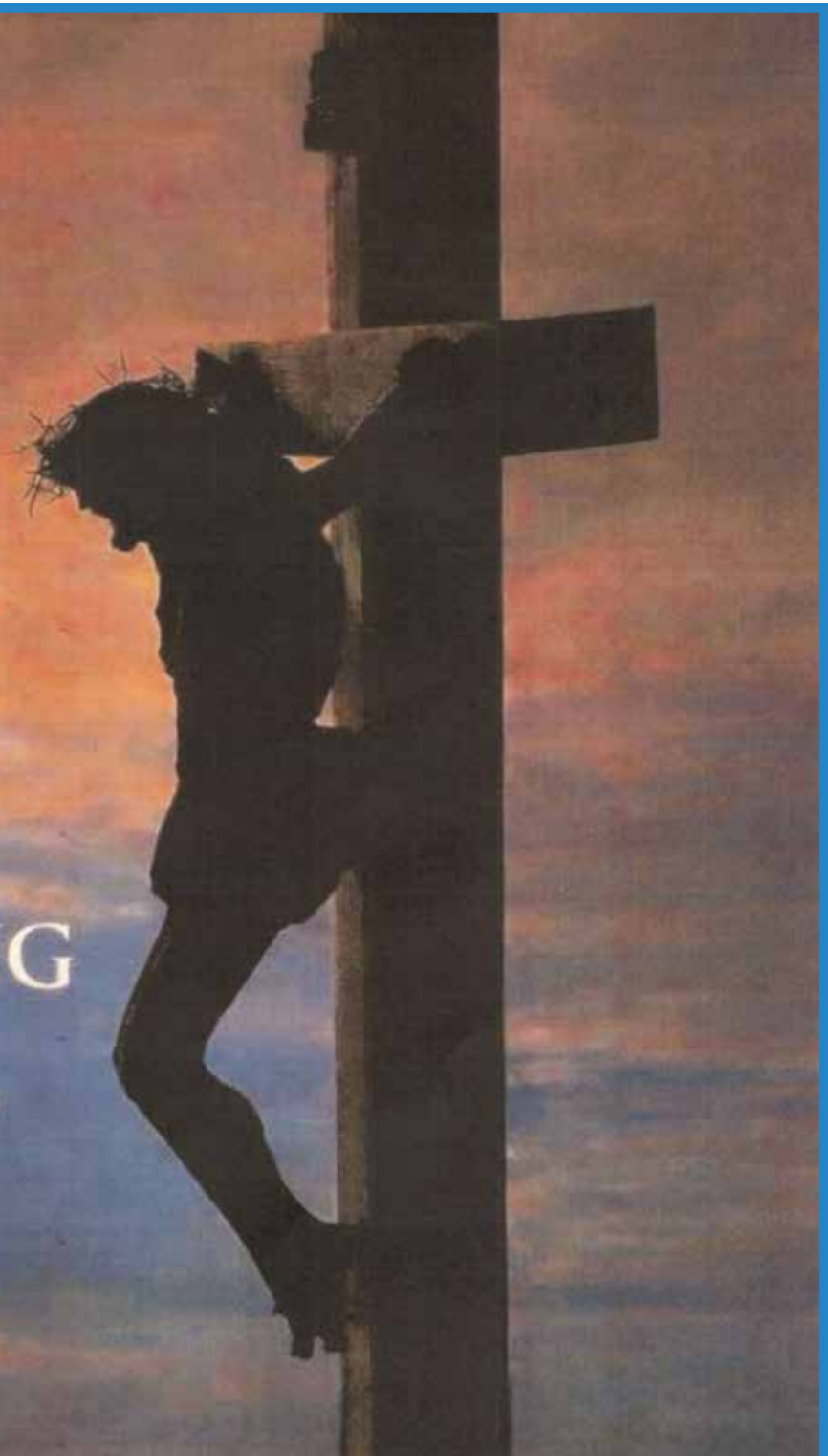
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# TRI-TOWN BASKETBALL LEAGUE



permit request as presented.

The petition by Patric M. and Sharon J. Costello for 41 Fairhaven Road was heard next. The applicants are not the property owners, with that falling to David A. Greece and Judith Wallace through a revocable trust. The applicants sought a Special Permit to re-divide the property in order to construct a house on the northern side of the existing lot, which would abut Wildwood Terrace. The new lot would be 19,270 square feet, along Wildwood Terrace with the remainder of the existing lot being 45,059 square feet along Fairhaven Road/Route 6. Per the plan, the existing dwelling would be demolished.

The first question by the ZBA was whether they can grant such a permit to someone who is not the property owner, though it was mentioned that the owners dropped off a letter of support. The current applicants are in the process of purchasing the property. This hearing was continued to next month's meeting.

The final hearing was for Patricia and Thomas Lee of 14 Barstow Street for a Special Permit for the construction of a new single-family home with an attached garage totaling 2,834 square feet. The representative of the applicants noted the lot's narrow, non-conforming nature, jokingly referring to it as a "bowling alley lot."

The application was accepted as proposed with a unanimous vote of approval.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, April 16.

## Title Games Bring out Best

*Tri-Town Basketball League*

The Tri-Town Basketball League wrapped up an exciting season with its championship games on Sunday, March 15, held at Old Rochester Regional High School. The league continues to provide an inclusive and flexible opportunity for boys and girls in Grades 3 through 8 across the Tri-Town communities to develop their skills, compete, and enjoy the game of basketball.

The first finals matchup of the day featured the Grade 5-8 Girls division, as the Tarheels faced off against the Irish in a competitive and hard-fought game, with the Tarheels securing a 15-11 victory. The Tarheels took an early 4-2 lead behind Fiona Gately and Vivi Spindle and

extended it to 7-5 in the second quarter with additional scoring from Spindle and Bailee Cusick. The Irish responded in the third quarter to take a brief 9-7 lead, led by Emma Grace Daniel and Estelle Griffith. However, the Tarheels finished strong in the fourth quarter with key baskets from Spindle, Violet Soares and Cusick – including a three-pointer – to seal the win. The Irish were led by Griffith, along with contributions from Madeline Moronta, who hit an amazing three-point shot, Daniel, and Cali Mills.

The second game featured the Grade 3-4 Girls division, where Duke defeated the Friars 25-8. Duke set the tone early with baskets from Ellie O'Brien and Liana Janicki, while Charlotte Medeiros scored for the Friars. In the second quarter, Rose O'Brien added to Duke's lead, while Zella Ladetto responded for the Friars. Elena Towinho contributed in the third quarter for Duke, while Ladetto added more points for the Friars. Duke pulled away in the fourth quarter with a strong performance from Kyra Judge, who scored 12 points on six baskets, along with a basket and foul shot from O'Brien and additional scoring from Natalie Morgan. Hadley Long scored for the Friars in the final quarter.

In the Grade 3-4 Boys championship, the Irish defeated the Tigers 22-10. Zach Pitts opened the scoring in the first quarter, and the Irish built their lead in the second quarter with contributions from Will Boucher, James Pitts, Cole Harrison, and Adriel Bettencourt, including a put-

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# OBITUARIES



**Mary Leona "Lee" (Harrington) Talty**, 87, of Mattapoisett, passed away on March 21, 2026 surrounded by the love of her family. She was the beloved wife of the late Bernard F. Talty.

Born in Malden, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Patrick L. and Mary (Martin) Harrington. She grew up in Medford and Malden before moving to Mattapoisett in 1966, the town she would call home for the next six decades.

Before becoming a nurse - and before meeting Bernie - Lee first felt called to serve through the Catholic Church. At eighteen, she spent several months in Baltimore discerning a vocation with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Though she ultimately realized she was not called to religious life, that quiet season of prayer and reflection shaped her deeply. A life of service would always be her calling.

Lee graduated from Malden Hospital School of Nursing in 1961 and began her career as one of the first nurses to work in one of the earliest intensive care units built outside of Boston. She was immensely proud of her work as a nurse. After settling in Mattapoisett, she later worked as a private duty nurse, often arranging her shifts opposite Bernie's at Rodney Metals in New Bedford so that one parent was always home with their six children.

As her children grew older, Lee served for many years as a floor nurse at Sacred Heart Nursing Home in New Bedford - tenderly caring for others at the same time her own mother resided there. She later worked close to home at the Mattapoisett Nursing Home, and eventually became the nurse at Tabor Academy in Marion, where she remained until her retirement.

Lee's steady example of compassion and competence inspired two generations of healthcare providers. Her daughter Kerrin became a palliative care and end-of-life nurse after many years as a teacher. Her granddaughter Hallie is a registered nurse pursuing her Nurse Practitioner degree, and her granddaughter Kaylee is a Physician's Assistant. Nothing made Lee prouder.

She was a longtime parishioner of St. Anthony's Church and attended daily Mass faithfully until 2020. Lee was also an avid tennis player, playing for years with friends in Mattapoisett and Marion, and later in Florida, where she and Bernie spent time in The Villages.

Lee was predeceased by her sister, Roberta McNamara.

She is survived by her children: Bernard Talty and his wife Julie Court Talty of Mattapoisett; David Talty and his wife Marla Brierley Talty of Wareham; Leanne Taillon and her husband Donald of Greenville, South Carolina; Kevin Talty and his wife Colleen Mahoney Talty of York, Maine; Kerrin Pratt and her husband Tim of Warner, New Hampshire; and

Brendan Talty and his partner Jolie Kouta, also of Mattapoisett.

Lee leaves cherished grandchildren: Nicholas and Nolan Taillon; Kaylee Mattiello and her husband Anthony; Andrew Talty; Hallie Windhurst and her husband Nick; Catherine, Matthew, and Maggie Talty; U.S. Army Capt. Devin Pratt; Samuel Pratt; and Benjamin Pratt; as well as Jayce and Rylee Kouta. She also leaves two great-grandchildren, Magnolia Joy Taillon and Isabella Ann Mattiello.

Lee's life was defined by quiet faith, steady devotion to family, a fierce work ethic, and a nurse's heart that never stopped caring. Her legacy lives on in the family she raised, the patients she comforted, and the generations she inspired.

Her Funeral will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10 am. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Tuesday, March 31st from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Southcoast Health at Home Hospice who provided amazing and compassionate care to Lee, and who were a wonderful support system for her family. Donations are used for patients/families that have financial difficulties. Southcoast Health at Home Hospice 200 Mill Road Fairhaven, MA 02719. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Oliveira**, 80, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2026, in the comfort of his home and surrounded by his family.

Born on March 25, 1945 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, to John Oliveira and Celina Amarello Oliveira, Larry grew up in the south end of New Bedford with a strong faith, loyalty to his family, and a sense of purpose that would define every chapter of his life. He graduated Holy Family High School in 1962 and earned his undergraduate degree from Stonehill College in 1966. He continued on to Georgetown University, where he received his DDS in 1970, and in 1972 completed his orthodontic studies at Boston University. Larry later returned to BU as a teacher in their orthodontic clinic - a testament to both his expertise and his commitment to giving back to his profession. Larry went on to establish a thriving practice in New Bedford and Mattapoisett that brought beautiful, healthy smiles to countless families across the region.

Larry built something truly remarkable in Mattapoisett - not just a home, but a life full of meaning, laughter, and generosity. He was devoted to his wife of over 50 years,

*Continued on page 28*

back basket by Bettencourt. The Tigers stayed competitive with scoring from Shane Tavares and Griffin McKay, but the Irish pulled away in the third quarter as Zach Pitts added four points and a foul shot while holding the Tigers scoreless. The Irish sealed the victory in the fourth quarter with additional baskets from Boucher, James Pitts, and Bettencourt, while McKay added the Tigers' final points.

In the Grade 5-8 Boys championship, Wichita defeated Syracuse Orange 25-15. Wichita was led early by Phillip Lucci, who scored six points and a foul shot in the first quarter, while Syracuse Orange received contributions from Aiden Zhou, Ben Reece, Cody Davis, and Zayden Agcatas, who knocked down a three-pointer in the second quarter. Wichita extended its lead in the second quarter with additional scoring from Bo Randall, who added a basket and a foul shot. In the third quarter, Wichita continued to build momentum with baskets from Oliver Costa, JB Ebert and Able Philbrook, while Reece added four more points for Syracuse Orange. Wichita closed out the game in the fourth quarter behind Flynn Carroll, who scored four points and two foul shots, along with additional scoring from Jack Calder, while Vinny Baptista added a basket for Syracuse Orange.

The Tri-Town Basketball League season began with placement sessions in late October, followed by practices in November and games starting in December, culminating in March playoffs. The program emphasizes skill development, teamwork and flexibility, allowing

participants to balance other activities while enjoying competitive play. Congratulations to all players, coaches, and families on a fantastic season!

## Mattapoissett Commission Hears Eight Cases

*Mattapoissett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

The March 23 meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission found eight cases being heard, both new cases and continued cases.

First on the agenda was a new Notice of Intent filing by Alexandra Ablon Trust for property located at 4 Island View Avenue for various landscaping design projects. A full narrative is available at the commission office it was noted. The town's conservation agent Samantha Careau had reviewed the plans and the site saying she had no concerns regarding the filing or the plans. She said that review completed by the Department of Environmental Protection did not evidence any issue with the filing. The case was conditioned. The filing was represented by David Davignon of Schneider Davignon and Leone for owners Alexandar Ablon Trust. Work will commence during the spring planting season.

A Notice of Intent filed by Tracey White for property located at 70 Aucoot Road for the construction of a new 2-feet by 30-feet in ground swimming pool. The filing was conditioned. There were no DEP comments.

Also conditioned was the filing of a Notice of Intent from Donald Middleton Jr., Revocable Trust for the

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# OBITUARIES

Charlotte (Green) Oliveira of New Bedford, and together they created a family legacy that will echo through generations. He was a loving father to three sons. They and their spouses are Dr. Neil and Elizabeth Oliveira of Mattapoisett, Drs. Kevin and Tristi Oliveira of Marion, and Mr. Steven and Hon. Caroline Oliveira of Mendham, NJ. His greatest joy may well have been his ten grandchildren Ryan, Luke, Joshua, Leah, Grady, Charlotte, Henry, George, Alexandra, and Thomas, each of whom knew firsthand what it meant to be unconditionally loved and supported. He is survived by his siblings Mrs. Terry Gaffney and her husband Jim and Msgr. John Oliveira. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Celina Oliveira, and his sisters Celina and Gloria.

A devout Catholic and proud parishioner of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett, Larry's faith was a quiet but constant presence in his life. He gave generously of his time and talent to his community, serving on the board of Nativity Preparatory School in New Bedford and on the boards of several community banks. He was active in many organizations within Mattapoisett, and those who worked alongside him knew they could always count on his steady hand, honest counsel, and thoughtful leadership.

Those who had the privilege of calling Larry a friend would describe him, without hesitation, as a man of high standards who never needed to announce them because he lived them. Larry would do anything for anyone, at any time, without a second thought. He treated every person he met with genuine respect. Larry always enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially on the golf course. He loved the game and cherished both the competition and the memories made...as long as he kept the score and all bets were settled before anyone left the course!

Though he never skied a slope or took to the water himself, he took enormous pride in making sure everyone around him could. He owned a ski house in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire and kept multiple boats - not for himself, but for the sheer joy of watching his family make memories. That was Larry: always giving, always providing, always quietly making the lives of others a little fuller.

There will be a Celebration of Life held at The Golf House Restaurant at The Bay Club in Mattapoisett on Thursday, March 26th from 4-7 pm. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 27th at 10 am in St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett, please meet directly at church.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Nativity Preparatory School in New Bedford, MA - Donate - Nativity Preparatory School New Bedford

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**Donna A. (Baker) Green**, 79, of Mattapoisett, peacefully passed away on March 17, 2026, surrounded by her loved ones. She was the beloved wife of Donald A. Green for 58 wonderful years.

Born in New Bedford, Donna was the daughter of the late Richard W. Baker of Newton and Mary T. (Taylor) Baker of Dartmouth. A proud 1965 graduate of Dartmouth High School, Donna was known for her spirited cheerleading and even won the Best Dressed Award during her school years. As a child, she cherished summers spent at Wilbur Point in Fairhaven and winters in Dartmouth.

Remembered as a devoted mother, an amazing grandmother to her pride and joy Olivia, and a dear friend to many. Donna was the heart and soul of her family. She worked diligently in medical offices in Mattapoisett and contributed her talents through contract work at Seconds Count Consignment store.

Donna's passions included gardening in her yard and enjoying the sunshine at Ned's Point in Mattapoisett-her happy place. She loved spending quality time with family and friends and treasured road trips to Jackson, New Hampshire.

Donna will always be remembered for her deep love for family, honesty, generosity, integrity, humility, and tireless dedication.

She is survived by her husband Donald; her children, Christopher T. Green and his spouse Arthur of Lansing, MI, and Beth A. Green of Winthrop, MA; and her granddaughter, Olivia Rose Alliette Green.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Anita Regan and the wonderful staff at Regan Care Partners Home and Healthcare for their care and compassion shown to Donna during her stay.

In Lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Leptomenigeal Cancer Foundation, <https://lmcancer.org/>

Her visiting hours will be held Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 2-4 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com)

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purposes of performing seawall repairs for property located at 2 West Silver Shell Avenue. Comments from agencies with oversight of such projects noted that no construction may take place between May 1 and May 31 due to horseshoe crab mating season.

Coming before the commission with a Notice of Intent for the construction of a single-family dwelling in a flood zone located at 14 Barstow Street was Rick Charon of Charon and Associates. He pointed out that the structure will be FEMA compliant and that storm water will be handled with storm water recharge system. The project was conditioned.

DEP had no comment on a project planned by Stephen Cabral for 23 Holly Woods Road owned by Mattapoissett IV Ltd. The updated plans now include one or more new wetlands areas, the construction of an ADU and sports courts. It was further noted that earlier orders of conditions for this property will be appropriately closed out.

Conditioned on this night was a Notice of Intent filed by Vincent and Shelley Mondo III, property located at 26 Sagamore Road for the construction of an attached two car garage with a great room above. The filing was represented by Andrew Stackpole of Field Engineering.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is planned for Thursday, April 23.

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*Marion Marine Resources Commission*

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### By Sam Bishop

The Marion Marine Resources Commission met on March 18 in the Maritime Center on the coast for a meeting that involved applicants to open roles in the MRC, as well as numerous other action items and updates.

Following the approval of last month's meeting, the commission moved on to discuss MRC membership. Chair Vincent J. Malkoski, Jr. noted they are seeking one full member and two alternates. There were three applicants present, with Malkoski recommending the positions be filled in order of application.

Member Michael Moore suggested an alternative, which is what was done in years prior, being a formal interview process. He said this would be a way to get

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights March 15 – March 21

- Front St – Vandalism/past
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Parlowtown Rd – General service
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Beach St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Road hazard
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – General service
- Pleasant St – EMS/medical
- East Ave – Waterways/general service
- Spring St – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Creek Rd – EMS/medical
- Ryders Ln – General service
- Spring St – Lost property
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Delano Rd – General service
- Point Rd – MV stop/citation
- Ichabod Ln – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General offense
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Marion Rd – General service
- Mill St - Fraud
- 195 West – EMS/medical
- Olde Meadow Rd – Animal control
- Charge Pond Rd – EMS/medical
- Oakdale Ave – EMS/medical
- Lewis St – Burglar alarm

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights March 15 – March 21

- Pearl St – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Fieldstone Dr – Health/welfare
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- Aucoot Rd – Animal control
- Wildwood Ter – Assist citizen
- Homestead Ct - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd - Vandalism
- Fairhaven Rd – Property lost
- Lebaron Way – MV violations
- Innes Rd – Suspicious MV
- Goodspeed Island – Burglar alarm
- Martin Ave – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Ocean View Ave – Assist other agency
- County Rd - Trespassing
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Holly Ln – General service
- County Rd – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Holly Woods Rd – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- 195 West – Assist other agency
- Church St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Angelica Ave – Brush fire
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Church St - Complaint
- 195 West – MV violations

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights March 15 – March 21

- Old Tuck Bog Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Sarabeth Ln – Detector issue
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Vaughn Hill Rd - Medical
- North Ave – General services
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Road hazard
- County Rd - Vandalism
- Noble Rd – Road hazard
- Marys Pond Rd – Burglar alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- North Ave – General services
- Rounseville Rd - Larceny
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Wordell St – Assist other agency
- Rounseville Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln - Larceny
- Randall Rd – Animal control
- Winfield St - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Assis other agency
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Hathaway Pond Cir - Medical
- Stevens Rd - Disturbance

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, March 30:** Whole grain cheese lasagna, mozzarella cheese, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, orange

**Tuesday, March 31:** Shepard's pie w/mashed potatoes, corn & peas, green beans, whole grain biscuit, cinnamon apples

**Wednesday, April 1:** Chicken alfredo, whole grain pasta, broccoli, wheat roll, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit

**Thursday, April 2:** Beef hot dog, baked beans, green beans w/peppers, whole wheat hot dog roll, fruit cup, ketchup

**Friday, April 3:** Potato pollock, sweet potato wedge, Cali blend vegetables, Hawaiian roll, shortbread cookie, tartar sauce

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, March 30:** All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Tuesday, March 31:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed

potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

**Wednesday, April 1:** menu not available

**Thursday, April 2:** menu not available

**Friday, April 3:** menu not available

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, March 30:** All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Tuesday, March 31:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

**Wednesday, April 1:** menu not available

**Thursday, April 2:** menu not available

**Friday, April 3:** menu not available

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, March 30:** All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French

fries

**Tuesday, March 31:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

**Wednesday, April 1:** menu not available

**Thursday, April 2:** menu not available

**Friday, April 3:** menu not available

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, March 30:** All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Tuesday, March 31:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

**Wednesday, April 1:** menu not available

**Thursday, April 2:** menu not available

**Friday, April 3:** menu not available

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, March 30:** All beef hot

dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Tuesday, March 31:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

**Wednesday, April 1:** menu not available

**Thursday, April 2:** menu not available

**Friday, April 3:** menu not available

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, March 30:** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn gravy & dinner roll

**Tuesday, March 31:** Turkey club, baked beans & fries

**Wednesday, April 1:** Grilled cheese & creamy tomato basil soup

**Thursday, April 2:** Steak & cheese sub w/mushroom, peppers & onion, tater tots & green beans

**Friday, April 3:** No school

feedback as to what the applicants believe they can bring to the body. It was then said that the MRC does not have the final say, and they can only recommend a choice to the Select Board who would then perform the appointment.

The chair's original proposal was eventually accepted however, making Trisha McKim MRC's recommendation for the commission's open Full Member position.

Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli spoke next, mentioning the role of Harbormaster is currently vacant. There are currently around 15 applications for the role, with Nighelli saying the screening process will not be performed by solely police officers but with other town boards and committee's involvement.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15.

### Sippican FY27 Budget Hearing

*Marion School Committee*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion School Committee met on March 18 in Sippican School for a Public Budget Hearing as the town continues preparations for Fiscal Year 2027. All school committee members were present, along with Superintendent Michael Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Jamie Curly, Sippican Principal Lynn Dessert, Assistant Principal of Sippican School Gregory Thomas, and Executive Assistant to the



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Superintendent Melissa Wilcox. Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howard Barber attended virtually via Zoom.

The first agenda item for the committee and school administration to tackle was the FY27 budget for Sippican School Public Hearing. "We are in a place where we have done quite a bit of work to get to this point regarding the Sippican Elementary school budget," Superintendent Nelson began. Assistant Superintendent Barber gave a presentation on the process by which the proposed FY27 budget has been developed. First, Barber explained the "core values" used in ascertaining the budget priorities. They were listed as:

"THINK: Cultivate a culture of academic rigor

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# Super Crossword

**DOWNWARD  
TREND**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Baldwin and Guinness
- 6 Pines' cousins
- 10 Google Play buy
- 13 In recent times
- 19 A ton of, in Tijuana
- 20 All over
- 21 Outstanding examples on display
- 23 Hot and bubbling
- 24 All over
- 25 Adds a little dash to?
- 26 Ballpoint topper
- 28 Kind of tide
- 30 Nighttime light from a clear sky
- 31 Creole cooking pod
- 32 Actor Flynn
- 34 — standstill
- 35 Writer Fleming
- 36 Doll's call
- 38 Bean curd
- 40 Person with a mouth-related nervous habit
- 44 In a crowd of
- 45 Some breads and whiskeys

- 46 Equine beast
- 47 Blaze fighter's helmet
- 51 Facilities for processing a paddy product
- 53 Pep rally yells
- 55 Big bay windows
- 56 Cope (with)
- 57 See 33-Down
- 59 Env. directive
- 61 Back of the neck
- 62 Revolutionary Guevara
- 64 Baking pans
- 66 Tall conifer of California
- 68 Revise copy
- 69 — -Cola
- 71 This instant beautiful quality
- 72 — Zedong
- 73 Grand — wine
- 74 Clamors
- 75 Cyber-chuckles
- 76 French painter Manet
- 78 1996 running mate Jack
- 80 Once named
- 81 Rival of Hertz
- 82 Long period
- 83 Haiku, e.g.
- 85 Gavel noise

- 87 Low-status, as labor
- 89 Treatment tablet
- 91 Like fattening food
- 95 Be the chairperson
- 97 Plato's "T"
- 98 Toward the mouth, to an anatomist
- 99 Bungee, e.g.
- 100 Large plant with fronds
- 102 Hershey's toffee bar
- 103 Long periods
- 104 Turkey Day tuber
- 107 — -mo
- 108 Slack-jawed
- 110 Actress Chaplin
- 112 Strangely beautiful quality
- 116 German for "genuine"
- 117 Quick-to-build house
- 120 Very strictly organized
- 122 Rx orders
- 124 World-weary
- 125 Navy aerobic team
- 126 A Great Lake
- 127 Singer Goulding

- 128 Sloping
  - 129 Decompose
  - 130 Oct. preceder
  - 131 Bob of folk
- DOWN**
- 1 "Do I need to draw you —?"
  - 2 Garage job
  - 3 Recession
  - 4 Maine's state bird, e.g.
  - 5 Of the sun
  - 6 Craze
  - 7 By a single decisive action
  - 8 "Get Shorty" actress
  - 9 Cuss
  - 10 Burnt residue
  - 11 — ed (gym class)
  - 12 Flip-top's relative
  - 13 1995 war film with Danny Glover and Ray Liotta
  - 14 Fish features
  - 15 Emmy winner Remini
  - 16 Second part of a play
  - 17 Singer — Marie
  - 18 Ruhr Valley city

- 22 "Suppose ..."
- 27 Ancestry via the father's side
- 29 Event at which people enter frigid water
- 33 With 57-Across, singer with the 1994 #1 hit "Stay"
- 36 Tarnish
- 37 Pal, in Paris
- 39 Olive of comics
- 41 "Baloney!"
- 42 Goof up
- 43 Held in check
- 48 Likely to run into adversity
- 49 Of Swiss peaks
- 50 African fly
- 52 Wrestling pad
- 54 Wall Street fluctuation
- 58 Witty Bombeck
- 60 Lacerated
- 62 Letter-shaped vise
- 63 Vacuum cleaner brand
- 65 Lymph —
- 67 Dingbat
- 70 Help

- 77 Form a group
- 79 Golf norm
- 84 Planet's livable zone
- 86 Overly modest type
- 88 Smog soils it
- 90 Actress — Flynn Boyle
- 92 Philosopher — -tzu
- 93 Investment option, in brief
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- 96 Trapping morays, say
- 101 Promote
- 104 California's — Buena Island
- 105 Skating leaps
- 106 Media bigwig
- 109 Peaks
- 111 Formed into a ball
- 113 "— yellow ribbon ..."
- 114 Somali supermodel
- 115 Prefix with drama
- 118 Laos' home
- 119 "It's — real!"
- 121 June hrs.
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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This week offers new opportunities for adventurous Sheep, both personally and professionally. Single Sheep could find romance with a TAURUS or SCORPIO.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your big break is about to happen in the workplace. Expect to hear more about it within a few days. Meanwhile, enjoy some much-needed fun time.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your past tendency for breaking promises could be catching up with you. You need to reassure a certain someone in your life that, this time, you'll keep your word. Good luck!

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Watch your tendency to be overcautious in your personal relationships. Give people a chance to show who they are -- not who you assume them to be.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor closer attention to family matters, especially where it concerns older relatives who might need special care. A co-worker has information that can help.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A workplace change causes a temporary delay in your plans. Continue working on your project so that you'll be ready when it's time to start up again.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Stick with your plans despite some recent disappointments. Persistence will pay off. Meanwhile, a family member's health takes a happy turn for the better.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your gift for seeing through to the heart of a matter (or the heart of a person) impresses someone who is in a position to make you a very interesting offer.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your colleagues believe in your leadership abilities because you believe in yourself. Your strength inspires others to follow your example.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A sensitive situation needs careful handling. Show more patience than you usually do. This will allow everyone time for some really hard thinking.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You are determined to take charge of a difficult situation and turn it around. Good for you! Accept much-needed help and advice from a LIBRA.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You are able to help people by sensing their deepest pain, but be careful not to let your own emotions get injured. Try to maintain a safe balance.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Not many people know this, but yours is the most emotional sign of the zodiac. You are empathetic and have a deep spiritual core that gives you great strength.

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and integrity which encourages critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration and effective communication. LEARN: Strive for academic excellence in educating the whole child through authentic, rigorous and evidence-based learning opportunities that foster real world application and a continuous pursuit of learning. CARE: Ensure a caring and safe environment for all school community members by promoting a sense of belonging and respect for all."

Barber noted the important steps in developing the budget, noting the importance of this public hearing in the process as it pertains to review and revision.

First, he noted "funding offsets," or funds obtained through grants or other revenue streams that can be deducted from the town's contribution to the budget. He noted Sippican School as receiving \$105,225 in funding offsets, with Student Services having \$215,582 and Facilities having \$25,000 respectively. Most of these offsets are given through grants by the state, but others come from the \$30,000 in Project Grow Grants or \$25,000 in Sippican Building Rental.

Barber then spoke about the General Funds Proposed Operating Budget for Marion Public Schools. For budget amounts,

Sippican School: \$5,083,459  
 Central Office: \$254,591  
 Student Services: \$1,173,256  
 Transportation: \$805,525  
 Technology: \$118,304  
 Facilities: \$577,001

The total FY27 budget lies at \$8,011,135. It was noted that the current year, FY26's budget is \$7,553,549, marking a \$457,586 or 6.06% increase. The largest increases were from Sippican (\$178,803 more than FY26), Student Services (\$124,670 more than FY26), and Transportation (\$84,943 more than FY26).

The assistant superintendent then spoke on the significant changes leading to the increase in costs. For Sippican itself, he noted a "reduction of two positions but we are adding one position in a different capacity. He said the loss of two regular education teachers led to an estimated \$130,000 decrease, though he stated union-mandated step increases have led to higher costs, as well as a math interventionist cost estimated at \$70,000



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He noted the Student Services increases as being out-of-school placement costs and transportation being an increase in the contracted cost.

After the presentation and some discussion, the Marion School Committee approved the proposed FY27 Marion Public School Budget with a unanimous vote of approval.

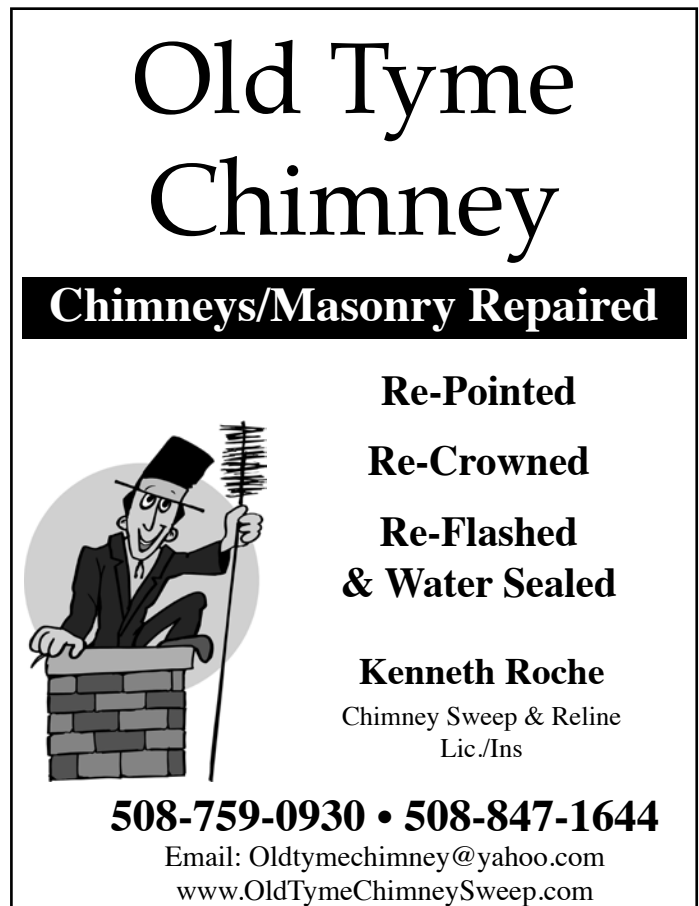
The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for June 2.

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To the Editor;

In honor of Women's History Month, the Rochester Democratic Town Committee would like to recognize Sister Aurora Avelar for her legacy of work with immigrants and the poor in Southeast MA. The true measure of any life is how it elevates the lives of others. By that standard, Sr. Aurora Avelar was a living treasure. Her loving hands



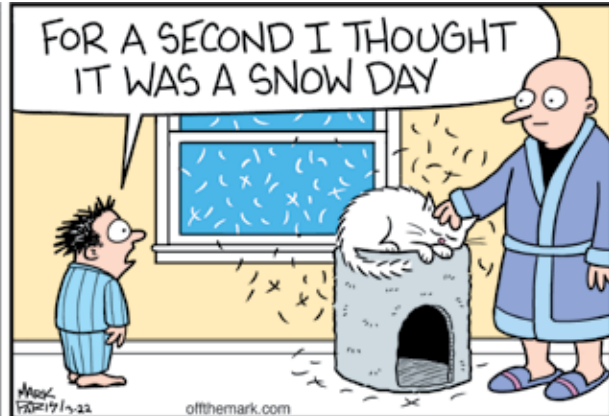
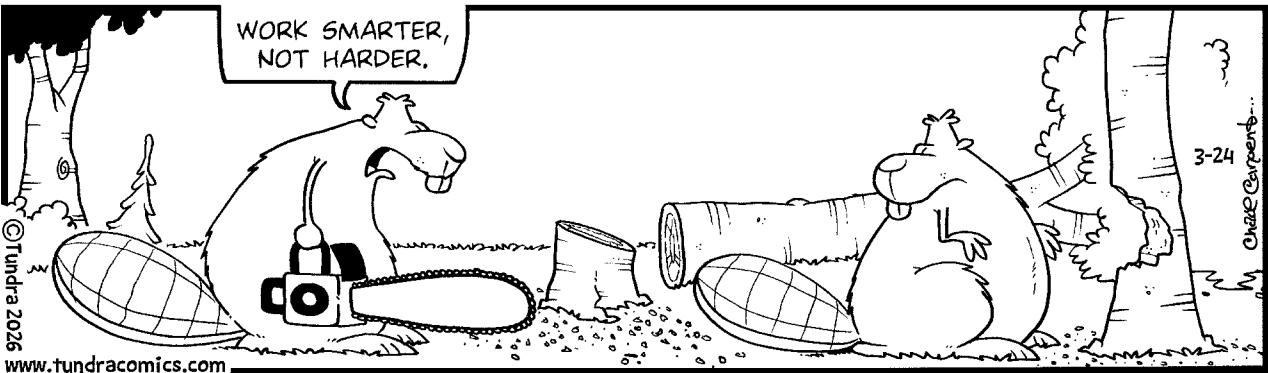
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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



quietly lent dignity to the lives of thousands of the less fortunate. She earned her reputation as the Mother Theresa of New Bedford.

Sr. Avelar was born in 1903 to US citizen parents on the remote Portuguese island of Corvo, Azores, which had a population of roughly 700 people. In 1923 she left this sheltered, secluded life to come to the United States at 20 years old, where she joined the Sisters of St. Dorothy and served as a teacher in New York City and Bristol, Rhode Island. In 1960, Sister Avelar arrived in New Bedford to teach at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School where she would devote the remainder of her life. She had wanted to do more for her community, and after Vatican II permitted nuns to work outside of the church, she took the opportunity to do so. Sr. Avelar continued teaching Portuguese at the parish school in the mornings but during the afternoons she ventured out into the neighborhoods of New Bedford to assist those who desperately needed help. Sr. Avelar then gave up any leisure time she had, including time to play her beloved piano. She later said, "I forgot everything... I left everything in order to help the poor."

A typical day for Sr. Avelar could entail accompanying someone to an immigration hearing, medical appointment, or substance abuse treatment. She assisted with English translation, immigration hearings, employment services and benefits applications. She visited the sick and the incarcerated. She helped immigrants navigate the culture and customs of their new American home. She also ran a used clothing and furniture store out



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<p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1233</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Nelson Bernardo, for property located at 28 Marion Rd., identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lot 3, who is seeking a Variance from the required 40-foot front setback on the construction of a new single-family home, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section D., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, April 9th, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 3/19, 3/26</p>	<p>float piles at 290 Delano Road, in the municipality of Marion, in and over the waters of the Weweantic River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within thirty (30) days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).</p>	<p>Applicability, submitted by Roger Holmes, for the reconstruction of a pool, spa, and patio area with landscape improvements at 11 Reservation Way.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 42Q on Marion Assessors' Map 18. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 3/26</p>
<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing.</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday April 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm, to review a Site Plan Review as follows: Submitted by: Water &amp; Sewer Department / Town of Mattapoisett Property owner: Town of Mattapoisett Represented by: Jon Gregory/Tata &amp; Howard Scope of Work: Proposed construction of a 16,800 square foot pre-engineered metal building to serve as Water and Sewer Department offices and garage space. Location: 15 Industrial Drive; Map 27 Lot 403</p> <p>This meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by April 2, 2026, for zoom instructions.</p> <p>All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto. Thomas Tucker, Chairman 3/19, 3/26</p>	<p>Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <a href="https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/">https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/</a> (enter "26-WW01-0025-APP" in the Search Page as the Record ID). If you need assistance, please contact <a href="mailto:brendan.mullaney@mass.gov">brendan.mullaney@mass.gov</a> or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (508) 946-2707 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.</p> <p>Written comments must be addressed to: Brendan Mullaney, Section Chief, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 or <a href="mailto:brendan.mullaney@mass.gov">brendan.mullaney@mass.gov</a> 3/26</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by 24 West Drive, LLC, for the construction of a timber deck with railings on top of the existing concrete cap and solid-filled pier at 24 West Drive.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 23 on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 3/26</p>
<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm on the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, Assessors Map 10, Lot 117 in Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes construct a handicap ramp to service the existing museum. 3/26</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the public hearing of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2026-2027 school year at 6:00 pm, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. This hybrid meeting will be held at Center School located at 16 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. <a href="https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/95561881344?pwd=OxKszymWvS8ZMw4qrs4PR5MgaDhcal.1">https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/95561881344?pwd=OxKszymWvS8ZMw4qrs4PR5MgaDhcal.1</a> Meeting ID: 955 6188 1344 Passcode: 798324</p> <p>Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 3/26</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Melissa Cruz, for the treatment and management of invasive phragmites reeds, as well as multiflora rose, within the salt marsh located at 13 Holly Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots 111 &amp; 90 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 3/26</p>
<p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1234</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Anita Milka, for property located at 19 County Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 10, Lot 3A, who is seeking a Special Permit for a kennel license for up to fifteen (15) dogs, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, April 9th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 3/19, 3/26</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Jeff and Beth Doubrava, for a landscape renovation and installing a conduit for electrical line to the pier at 47 East Ave.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots 64A &amp; 64B on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair</p>

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of the basement of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church to aid the poor. Over the years, Sr. Avelar developed a network across local government agencies and charitable organizations to help those she took under her wing. She learned to navigate the maze of government bureaucracy and was recognized as an effective and determined advocate for those in need. Seven days a week, 365 days a year, she left those she touched in a better place than where she found them.

Sr. Avelar did things the old-fashioned way. Lacking a driver's license, she walked or took the bus as she crisscrossed the city, through the heat, snow, and rain, well into her eighties. Her mission was simple. "I live in a convent" she said, "I have no house to take care of, no children to take care of. I use my time for my neighbors". These "neighbors" were anyone who needed help, no matter if they were born here in Massachusetts or anywhere else on the globe. Sr. Avelar believed in helping people become self-sufficient, saying "I help them to help themselves". She believed in the basic decency of people. "Real Americans are good people" she said, "They love to help"; but she also believed in striving to do better, "I believe we could love one another better than we do, we could care more for others than we do". Sister Avelar said she considered those she assisted to be her "family" and was committed to helping them improve their condition.

Sr. Avelar was awarded "1987 Person of the Year Award" by Prince Henry Society of Massachusetts, New Bedford chapter; she also received citations from the City of New Bedford and Massachusetts Senate at that ceremony. In 1996, the city of New Bedford honored her by naming the Crapo St. Community Center in her honor. This center also now also houses Casa da Saudade Library and Immigration Assistance Center. Sr. Avelar died in 1999, at the age of 96.

Damien McCann

### **The Mother Tree Cries**

**By Cheryl Randall-Mach**

Oh. The solar comes and the trees must go.  
Uncovering hidden stone walls of my great  
grandfather's toil years ago.

But the walls will be smoothed out too- just like the  
mother trees-

The wisest, oldest, trees spared by my fore-fathers  
years ago.

Tall sentries in the corners of their fields.

I cry with the mothers as I count their rings. We are  
all pushed aside for modern things.

Progress is upon us. Our memories will perish with  
the coming night sky.

As I sit and remember the mother tree cries.

### **RMS Fourth Grader Wins Feinstein Foundation Golden Ticket**

Rochester Memorial School is pleased to announce that fourth grader Tommy Cahill was recently selected as a Feinstein Foundation Golden Ticket winner.

The ticket earned Rochester Memorial School a \$2,000 grant and an additional \$500 for Tommy to donate to

a charity of his choice.

Tommy donated his prize to the Forever 1111 Fund, which honors Madelyn Eitas of Rochester, who tragically passed away in February.

Each Feinstein Jr. Scholar receives an individually numbered Golden Ticket.

Beginning in October, random drawings are held on WPRI Channel 12, and five student tickets from elementary and middle schools across Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts are randomly selected each week.

"We are thankful for the Feinstein Foundation's charity and the opportunities they provide ticket winners," said Principal Heidi Letendre. "Our students' generosity and kindness shines through when they have the chance to make a difference, and that was certainly the case with Tommy. His decision to support a local Rochester family's cause through the Forever 1111 Fund is admirable."

The Feinstein Foundation has also included a \$300 grant to fund an End of Year Sixth-Grade Celebration.

"The Feinstein Foundation's commitment to teaching the younger generation the values of kindness is honorable," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "Their work allows students to see the impact good deeds have within their communities and provides them the power to do so in a way that aligns with their own values. Tommy's choice to donate to the Forever 1111 Fund shows his support and compassion for the Rochester community."



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**TOWN OF MARION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
 The Town of Marion is attempting to upgrade water meters for all customers of the Marion Water System. A small number of customers have not responded to multiple requests for conversion by the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Select Board. Due to lack of response and compliance, the following locations will have water service terminated on or about April 1, 2026:

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27 Parlowtown Rd	
152 Marion Rd - Rochester	
241 New Bedford Road - Rochester	
284 New Bedford Road - Rochester	
409 New Bedford Road - Rochester	

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| Bruce B Pires           | March 27 |
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**ORRJHS Drama Club to Perform 'Adventures of the Fearsome Pirate**

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Silas Coellner are proud to announce that the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Drama Club will present a musical about a play starring the teenage heartthrob of every girl in Shakespearean England.

It's called "Adventures of the Fearsome Pirate Frank," and the ORRJHS Drama Club is performing it at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Auditorium, 133 Marion Road, on March 27 and March 28 at 7:00 pm, followed by a 2:00 pm performance on March 29.

The production is a comedic, high-energy spoof that follows the story of a popular stage actor known

for playing the Fearsome Pirate Frank, who becomes entangled in real-life pirate adventures when he and his fellow performers are unexpectedly kidnapped during a performance.

The show blends humor, adventure and pop culture references, featuring a wide range of colorful characters, including pirates, mermaids and even a surprise superhero appearance, as the story unfolds both on stage and at sea.

The production is directed by Kate Fishman, with set construction by Shawn Sivil and Rick Verbois, and illustration by Haley Roberts.

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said Principal Coellner. "The Drama Club continues to provide an outlet for students to express themselves, build confidence and take pride in their work, and we are excited for the community to see what they have accomplished."

"We are proud to support our drama students as they explore the arts and develop important life skills both on and off the stage," said Superintendent Nelson. "The hard work and enthusiasm of everyone involved in this production are impressive, and we look forward to a fantastic set of performances."

Tickets will be sold at the door, with admission set at \$13 for adults and \$7 for ORRJHS students and children 12 and under.

"Students have been working incredibly hard and are so proud of what they have created," said Beth Faria, ORRJHS Spanish teacher and advisor to the drama club. "They have been amazing this year, and it has been wonderful to see their dedication and excitement come together in this production. We are very proud of them and hope the community will come out to support their efforts."

### **OCRVTHS Students Host Successful Blood Drive**

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School students recently rolled up their sleeves and gave back to the community by hosting the school's first blood drive in nearly 10 years.

The blood drive, which was organized by seniors Kyla Troup and Angelina Fowler, surpassed its goal of 30 donations, helping address the region's ongoing blood shortage.

Kyla, a Health Careers student from Carver, organized the drive as part of her civics project for U.S. Government classes.

"I wanted to do a blood drive for my civics project because many states, including Massachusetts, are in a blood shortage crisis," said Kyla. "This is leading to where hospitals are suffering and can only use the donor blood they have for major issues like desperate transfusions, traumas, etc. I myself have health issues requiring the need for blood transfusions, so this is a personal issue, too."

Once she helped form the idea, Kyla contacted the Red Cross of Massachusetts, which eagerly partnered with the school.

The student leaders said the purpose of the blood drive was to help address the region's blood shortage while engaging students in community service.

They were supported by their advisor, history and English teacher Brandon Terrien, who first donated blood through a school-sponsored blood drive as a high schooler.

Superintendent Aaron Polansky praised the students' leadership.

"Thanks to Kyla, Angelina and their peers, our community has come together to help those in critical need," Superintendent Polansky said. "Their initiative shows how students can make a real difference, and we hope it inspires others to get involved in giving back."

### **Plumb Library Expands Access to Technology**

Did you know that you can borrow hotspots with

your library card at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester? Thanks to grant funding, the library now has ten additional hotspots available to borrow. You can also borrow a high contrast large print computer keyboard, an assistive computer mouse, or a Kobo Clara Color eReader. Technology like this can be expensive, but if you borrow it from the library, you can try it for free before you buy or borrow it for free only when you need it. The high contrast large print computer keyboard and assistive computer mouse are great for seniors and the visually impaired. The Kobo Clara Color eReader includes built-in Overdrive integration, making it easy to borrow library ebooks directly on the eReader - no computer required.

Additionally, Plumb Library now offers access to Northstar Digital Learning, an online training program for building essential computer and digital skills. Northstar Digital Learning focuses on three main areas: essential computer skills (such as phone keyboard basics and using email), essential software skills (such as Microsoft Word and Google Docs), and using technology in daily life (such as using social media, navigating Telehealth appointments, and cybersecurity basics). Access it right at home from the library's website: [plumblibrary.com/digital-borrowing-streaming/](http://plumblibrary.com/digital-borrowing-streaming/).

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

- ◆ Moderate
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to a Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree, certificate, or career advancing coursework. The application is available online at [www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org](http://www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org). All applications must be postmarked by **May 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fund-raising events including the Taste of the Town and the biennial garden tour to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. These scholarships are intended to support the club's belief in the importance of education and to demonstrate its grateful dedication to the community. Membership in the Mattapoissett Woman's Club is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

### Spring Nature Drawing and Journaling Program

Join us outside (hopefully) Saturday, **April 4**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm along with natural science illustrator and wetland scientist Tricia Cassidy of The Art & Nature Studio to explore nature drawing and journaling in the springtime when everything is starting to bud and come alive. If you have been taking classes with us this past year you can now try out some of the techniques and materials we have been learning and apply them to your nature sketchbook/journal. Please bring any materials you are interested in working with: Pen & Ink, watercolors (small travel kit is the best), colored pencils, graphite pencils, etc...

We will be learning how to observe, identify some of the species we see as well as how to create an appealing sketchbook page layout. We will all learn to be scientists and artists during this class. No experience necessary.

To register please go to the museum's website: [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

### Taste of Italy

The Marion Social Club located at 44 Pumping Station Road will be holding a "Taste of Italy" dinner on **April 12**. The dinner will include Antipasto, Lasagna, Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo, Chicken Parmesan, Bread and Italian Pastries. The price is \$16.00 per person. If interested in attending, please call Betsy Youngson to reserve your tickets at 508-295-8253 before April 5th. Dinner will be served at 1 PM, and the Club will open at 12 for socializing. As always, the Social Club is looking for new members if you would like to join.

### Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 1**. 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 30, 2026. Please submit inquiries to [cwmccullough@comcast.net](mailto:cwmccullough@comcast.net).

### A Homeschool Cooperative in Rochester

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Rochester Christian Learning Center is accepting enrollment applications through **May 15** for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information, or to apply online, please visit [RochesterChristianLC.org](http://RochesterChristianLC.org).

### From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach


The lists of Rochester's Revolutionary soldiers contain the names of Elnathan Haskell, Elnathan Haskell, Jr., James Haskell, and Nathan Haskell along with twelve others that share the same surname. Looking at the elder Elnathan's family tree, we know that at least three of his and Dorothy Peckham Haskell's sons fought in the Revolution.

Two sons, Elnathan, Jr., who was an adjutant to Gen. Washington and followed the war to South Carolina and Nathan, who died at sea, have already been mentioned previously. However, another son, James, also served. He was born in 1757 and died in 1793 at the age of 35 and is


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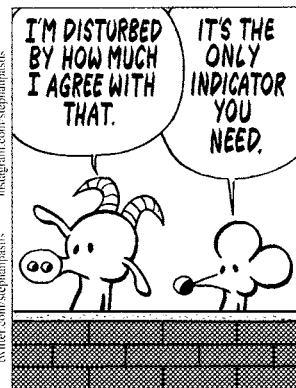
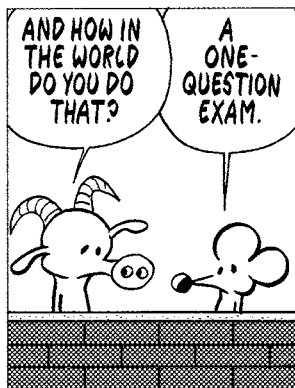
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis



buried in the Rochester Center Cemetery.

James'

Revolutionary War service was more emblematic of the average soldier's, than was that of his brothers. He enlisted in Rochester as a private in Captain Joseph Parker's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Sprout's Regiment for 15 days according to a muster card. Like quite a few other Rochester men who enlisted, he was sent to Rhode Island on a secret mission. For this he was allowed mileage for 70 miles of walking.



The muster card that details the end of his term of enlistment on Dec.21,1779 has an interesting entry. It states that he was granted both a firearm and a bayonet to replace the ones he lost while retreating from Rhode Island. The muster card shown here is typical of what you can find if you research one of our veterans at MA, Rev War Index Cards to Muster Rolls, 1775-1783.

### Mattapoissett Celebrates 250 Years Committee

Please join us as we plan the Semi quincentennial celebration of our country. We need your help to make it happen. The committee is working on several ideas for the celebration. The events will be family friendly that recognize the historical past and the future of our great country. Volunteers are the heart of this celebration. Please consider donating your time to make these events fun and memorable.

The next meeting is scheduled for **April 2** at 6:00 pm at American Legion Hall Florence Eastman Post 280 on 3 Depot Street. Questions or comments can be emailed to Barbara Gaspar at theseamstress058@gmail.com.

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Elizabeth Taber Library is excited to announce that we'll be hosting acrobat Li Liu on Saturday, **March 28** at 1:00 pm on the Marion Music Hall. Join us to see Li's performance and to learn about the traditions of Chinese acrobatics. This program is for all ages and is free to attend. This program was funded with the generous support of the Marion Cultural Council.

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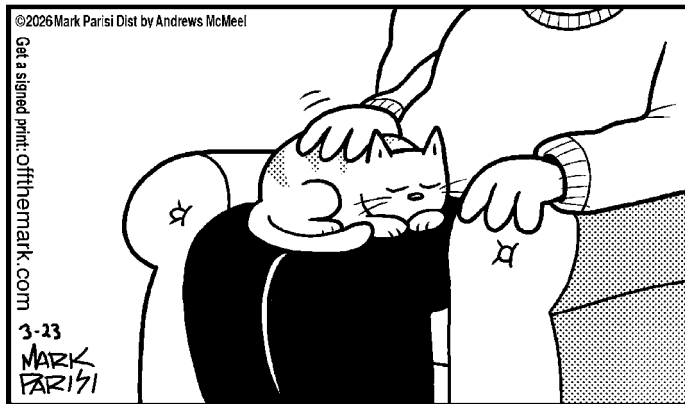
Starting to plan ahead for April Vacation? Keep the Library in mind. We're hosting Little Sparks Theater on Wednesday, **April 22** at 11:00 am for Big Kid Creative Drama - an engaging and highly interactive drama program for kids ages 6-8/grades 1-3. On Friday, April 24, we're running our very own escape room. Sign up for a timeslot to Escape the Library. Both program require registration and more information can be found at [elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events](http://elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events).

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or email the library at [ETLibrary@sailsinc.org](mailto:ETLibrary@sailsinc.org). 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

### Music at the MAC

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Thursday	March 26	2:39	3:12	10:10	8:56
Friday	March 27	3:48	4:20	11:14	10:52
Saturday	March 28	4:59	5:26		12:03
Sunday	March 29	6:02	6:24		12:42
Monday	March 30	6:54	7:14	12:43	1:13
Tuesday	March 31	7:39	7:58	1:23	1:37
Wednesday	April 1	8:21	8:40	2:00	2:01
Thursday	April 2	9:01	9:20	2:36	2:29
Friday	April 3	9:40	9:58	3:11	3:02
Saturday	April 4	10:18	10:35	3:47	3:37
Sunday	April 5	10:57	11:13	4:22	4:13
Monday	April 6	11:37	11:53	4:58	4:50
Tuesday	April 7		12:20	5:36	5:30
Wednesday	April 8	12:37	1:07	6:20	6:16
Thursday	April 9	1:25	1:56	7:19	7:15
Friday	April 10	2:16	2:48	8:45	8:34
Saturday	April 11	3:11	3:44	10:03	9:59
Sunday	April 12	4:11	4:45	10:52	11:03

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	April 2nd
	Last Quarter	April 10th
	New Moon	April 17th
	First Quarter	April 24th

**I Found the Aardvark!**

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

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**SCRAMBLERS**

solution

1. Worsen; 2. Tier
3. Erase; 4. Exile

Today's Word

**SIXES**

Sudoku Answer

7	5	4	9	3	2	6	1	8
1	9	6	5	7	8	2	4	3
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8	4	3	2	6	7	5	9	1
9	1	5	4	8	3	7	6	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	8	4
4	6	9	3	5	1	8	2	7
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**Friends'**  
marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

**EASTER IS APRIL 5TH**  
Order your ham, lamb or custom  
roast at our butcher counter today!

**565 Rounseville Rd.  
Rochester, MA 02770  
Phone: 508.763.5333**

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**SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, March 27 to Thursday, April 2, 2026**

# BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Selected Variety  
Dom's  
Steak Tips  
**\$26<sup>99</sup>**  
lb



64 oz. Selected Variety  
Ocean Spray  
Cranberry Drinks  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**



Half Liter Bottles, 24 pk.  
Poland Spring  
Water  
**\$5<sup>99</sup>**



7-8 oz. Selected Variety  
Cabot Creamery  
Cracker Cut or  
Slice Cheese  
**2/\$6**



32-52 oz. Creamer or  
Selected Variety  
Planet Oat  
Oatmilk  
**\$2<sup>79</sup>**



48 oz. Selected Variety  
Hood  
Ice Cream  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**



## QUALITY PRODUCE



1 lb. Pkg.  
Strawberries **\$3<sup>99</sup>**

Tender  
Asparagus **\$2<sup>99</sup>**  
lb

Fresh  
Broccoli Crowns **\$2<sup>49</sup>**  
lb



Fresh  
Green Grapes **\$3<sup>49</sup>**  
lb

3 lb. Pkg.  
Minneolas **\$5<sup>99</sup>**

12 oz. Pkg. Snipped  
Pero Family Farms  
Green Beans **\$2<sup>99</sup>**

**SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!**