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By Marilou Newell

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On Tuesday the Mattapoissett Free Public Library hosted a presentation on the subject of mixology and focused primarily on the non-alcoholic drink concepts. Coming before an enthusiastic group of twenty-somethings was the aptly named Cocktail Guru, Jonathan Pogash. Pogash is the owner of this unique enterprise offering consulting services that can include corporate events or catered parties.

Now living locally, Pogash began his cocktail journey in such world class venues as The Russian Tea Room in New York City.

With the rise of "mocktails" as a way to serve delicious beverages to those seeking non-alcoholic options Pogash delighted the attendees on this night. He prepared several drinks offering a taste testing for reach.

Pogash's presentation included how to shack a cocktail, as well as the types of equipment a mixologist should invest in.

To learn more about mixology, visit the Cocktail Guru's website: [thecocktailguru.com](http://thecocktailguru.com).

## Rochester Artist Sells out, in a Good Way

By Michael J. DeCicco

Singer-songwriter and Rochester resident Grace Morrison has found a unique way to advance her career. A recording artist who has toured the country with her live performances for years, Morrison is currently offering her new CD "Saltwater Country" for free on Facebook, and

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*On the Cover: Mattapoissett Public Library hosted the Literary Society's Mocktails and Mixology Masterclass on Tuesday. Participants made mocktails with Jonathan Pogash, author of the 75th Anniversary Edition of Mr. Boston Bartender's Guide. Photo by Marilou Newell*

this promotional effort has been a rousing success.

She said 10 customers a day order the CD, and some purchase one of the other six CD's in her catalog. "The music industry has so changed," she explained. "You need some big recording label to sell your CD. I realized no one will do this for you. I studied the marketing in the '90s, infomercials that included 'free offers.' I tried that. It has been working."

Her impressive online presence carries a strong and apparently effective message. "Not everyone is looking for this kind of music," the message begins. "But if you love songs that tell real stories - messy, human, honest ones - you're my kind of people. I'm a touring



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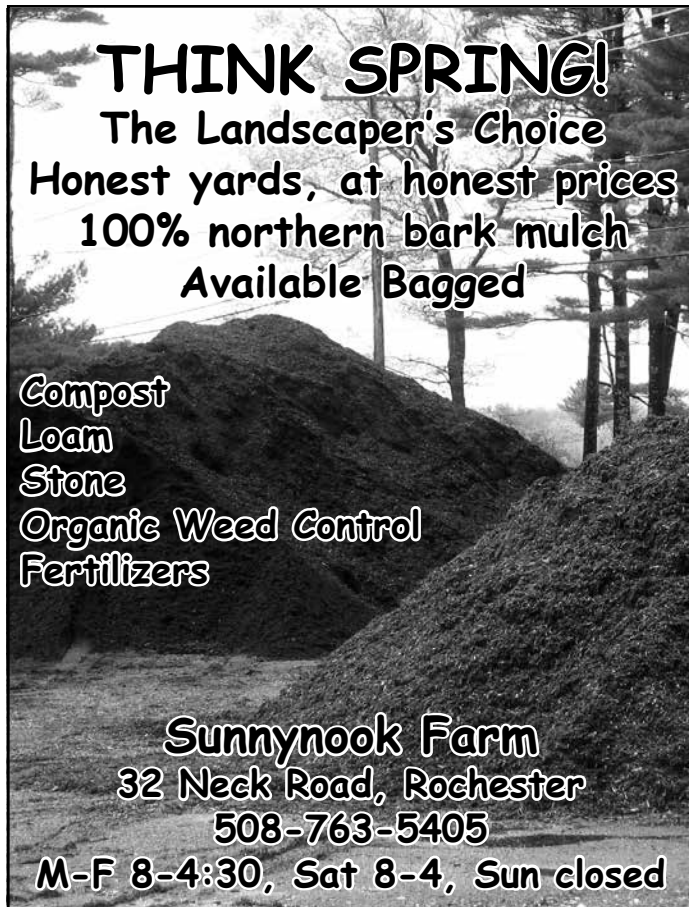
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Morrison noted in her interview with *The Wanderer* that the main song on "Saltwater Country," which is also available on vinyl, is all about her beloved hometown of Wareham, where she lived until marrying and becoming Morrison-Hartley in 2017. She still visits her family home there in the summer, where she said her seven-year-old son and her mother are best friends.

She adds the quick aside that her son will appear this summer in an Apple TV movie that was shot in Boston, but she was not free to share any more details about her son's film debut.

Back to her own rising success, "the free offer has been a game changer," she said. "I've sold out my CD three times already. In this day and age, that's pretty neat, and it's people from across the country that never heard of me before."

She said a big reason for this success is that her personal lyrics resonate with people. "Songs that make you feel seen" is one of the slogans on her Facebook page. "I've had people tell me my songs make them feel seen for the first time," she also has on her page. "If you're someone who connects with story-driven, honest songwriting – not just background noise – I think you might really like this."

As another indication of her success, she reports she has been selected as an "Official Showcase Artist" for the Southeast Regional Folk Alliance's Annual Conference scheduled for May 28 to May 31 in Owensboro, Kentucky. She noted she is one of only 10 folk artists who have been chosen for this honor. Even aside from this, her live performance calendar is very full. She's appearing at The Spire in Plymouth in May, the Mattapoissett Museum in September, and has performances booked for Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Texas in the fall.

Morrison, 39, picked up a guitar at age 12, when her first six-string was purchased for her by her brother from the now-shuttered Radio Shack in East Wareham. Since then, her journey to this moment in her career has been filled with music that doesn't fit easily into any one category. Like her album, she calls her sound "Saltwater Country."

"I was always too pop for folk and too folk for country," she said. "Eventually, I started peeling back the layers of my music to find out what truly made it mine. At the heart of it all was my deep, undeniable connection to the Cape Cod coastline. It's in my blood, in my voice, in every lyric I write. My music carries the storytelling of country, the twang, but also the raw, unshakable spirit of a Swamp Yankee. That's Saltwater Country."

For more information on accessing Morrison's new CD, you can visit [gracemorrison.com](http://gracemorrison.com) or search her name on Facebook.

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*This Week in Revolutionary War History*

**By Sam Bishop**

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies as the story begins to shift westward. Last week, General George Washington finally moved into Boston-proper to take stock of damage to the city and what equipment and supplies may have been left behind. Royal Navy vessels and British engineers in the harbor detonated explosives in Castle William, obliterating the fortress on Castle Island and awakening any asleep around the city. Washington is nervous and not wholly sure of what the next British move will be, though he recognizes there are only so many options.

On March 29, 1776, General Washington's General Orders from the day begin by instructing six different regiments to march at sunrise, without mentioning where exactly they were heading. They were to be led by Brigadier General Nathaniel Greene of Rhode Island. The column is to be accompanied by a wagon train of supplies and will assist in the fortification of New York after their 200-mile journey.

That same day, Washington writes to Major General Israel Putnam in New York, telling him the six regiments will arrive in eight-to-ten days. He adds "The rest of the army will immediately follow," and gives Putnam the authority to take charge of the defensive preparations in the meantime, "You will assume the command and immediately proceed in continuing to execute the plan." He explains the reasoning for this as, "there are the best reasons to believe that the enemy's fleet and army which left Nantasket Road last Wednesday evening are bound to NY to endeavor to possess that important post and if possible secure the communication

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by Hudsons River to Canada." He concludes the letter, saying, "Devoutly praying that the power which has hitherto sustained the American arms may continue to bless them with his divine protection."

On March 30, British General William Howe finally arrives in Halifax, Nova Scotia after their evacuation from Boston 13 days prior. He will spend his time taking command of the town and beginning the acquisition of supplies for the army, still trickling in on ships. From here, he awaits further reinforcements and other assistance from the Crown, notably his brother, Vice Admiral Lord Richard Howe, who has thus far kept up a semi-successful naval blockade of the colonies.

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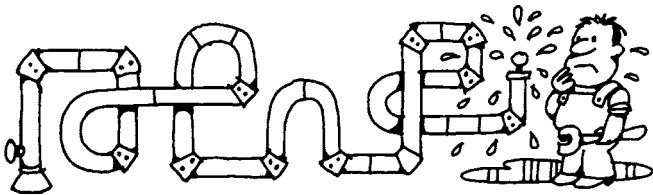
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that the American colonies are still participating in some trade, privateering, and diplomacy. As of late-March, Captain Esek Hopkins of Scituate, Rhode Island and Samuel Nicholas of Philadelphia are on their way back to New England for a successful raid undertaken by the Continental Navy. The Raid of Nassau had taken place on March 4, where seven American ships slipped through the blockade landed men in the Bahamas. The fleet consisted of purchased, recently built, and captured vessels the USS *Alfred*, USS *Hornet*, USS *Wasp*, USS *Fly*, *Andrew Doria*, USS *Providence*, and the USS *Columbus*.

Following the capture of a British fort, the men would then move into the city and hold it for nearly two weeks. They would meet with Governor Montfort Browne of the islands, who agreed to hand over nearly all the gunpowder stored in Nassau.

By April 4, Hopkins' fleet with Bahamian powder had just reached the coast of Long Island where it would engage with and capture the HMS *Hawk*. It would dock and unload its haul in New London, Connecticut on April 8.

Also on April 4, Washington is busy with his final preparations for his trek west. He has periodically sent more and more regiments towards New York in a stagnated pattern for the past week. In writing to John Hancock, he assures the President of the Continental Congress that Boston is secure, though he states he wishes he would've received funds from the congress sooner as some men in the militia "are gone home much dissatisfied, nor have I been without severe complaints from the other troops on the same account." He outlines some general plans following his arrival in New York and what preparations have been made so far. Following his signature on the letter, it reads, "P.S. I shall set off today."

The next time George Washington would step foot in Boston would be thirteen years later, in 1789, as President.

## Looking Ahead

*The Seaside Gardener*

By Laura McLean

March slipped away gently like the proverbial lamb and here we are in April, which writer T.S. Eliot branded the "cruellest month," thanks to its fickle weather. Despite its unpredictability, it's a time of optimism and day-by-day progress in the garden. As the temperature rises in the soil and the air outdoors, we're limbering up.

Gardeners are appearing again all through the towns of our SouthCoast, along with the forthright robins and other assorted feathered friends. It is a joyful time, especially if you take it in slowly.

Pleasures are simple. We can close our eyes and smell the earthy aroma. Loll in the sun, baring arms and hatless head... Earthworms are moving about (I saw one today!) and the soil has returned to life. At dusk comes the delightful strains of peepers drowning out all human sound. Crack open the window to hear their concert. Then

you know spring is in full swing.

The reality check comes when you take a hard look at your flower borders. No matter how carefully you put it to bed last fall, things have turned out shabby. Beds are clogged with dead leaves, soil has been washed away and erosion has exposed roots. Some shrubs have succumbed to winter kill and there are tattered perennials that look like they've been through the mill. Well, they have.

I look out the window to find the landscape still stark and exposed, the trees lining our neighbor's yard standing bare, their branches stripped of leaves. Our hedge is just a long smudge of tangled, brownish sticks and beneath the framework of rhodies and other shrubs that will flower later in spring, there are tiny splotches of green - bulbs planted in the fall - that are steadily emerging to bring May bloom. While it is an uplifting time of year, spring is also the busiest time in the gardening calendar.

I try to pace myself, so I don't end up at the chiropractor. It's a workout for sure and best if done in moderation. For the past few weeks as the snow retreated, I've been scurrying about the garden anxious to uncover emerging bulbs - and remove the debris of winter, with lots of raking and trimming and pruning. With each section (or piece of a section) complete I sigh with satisfaction. This is the time of reacquaintance and renewal - a sacred time between garden and gardener.

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But I must say emphatically that I look forward to my time in the garden. I have a portable speaker that I carry with me about the garden and while weeding or pruning or whatever I get absorbed in stories. So, in a way, it's a two fer. When not listening to a book I will have my portable radio (gifted to me from my husband for just this purpose) that I can tune into.

I pause my audio book to run another wheelbarrow load back to the compost pile. Audible and my cat are two constant companions in the garden. I'm not telling you how to garden but I recommend pacing yourself. The weekend warrior routine is folly. You know you're never going to achieve what you want to - and once you accept that it rests easier on the soul. Coming



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If you haven't pruned the deadwood from roses and shrubs you can do it now. When pruning roses, cut out any dead, diseased, weak or unwanted stems and crossed twigs. Now is a good time to schedule tree work with nurseries that specialize in that.

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Now is an optimal time to get aged manure and seaweed to incorporate into your plots. Also, you will want to run your composted soil and screen it for use. There is no point in cultivating the soil until it's dry and mixable.

April is also time to:

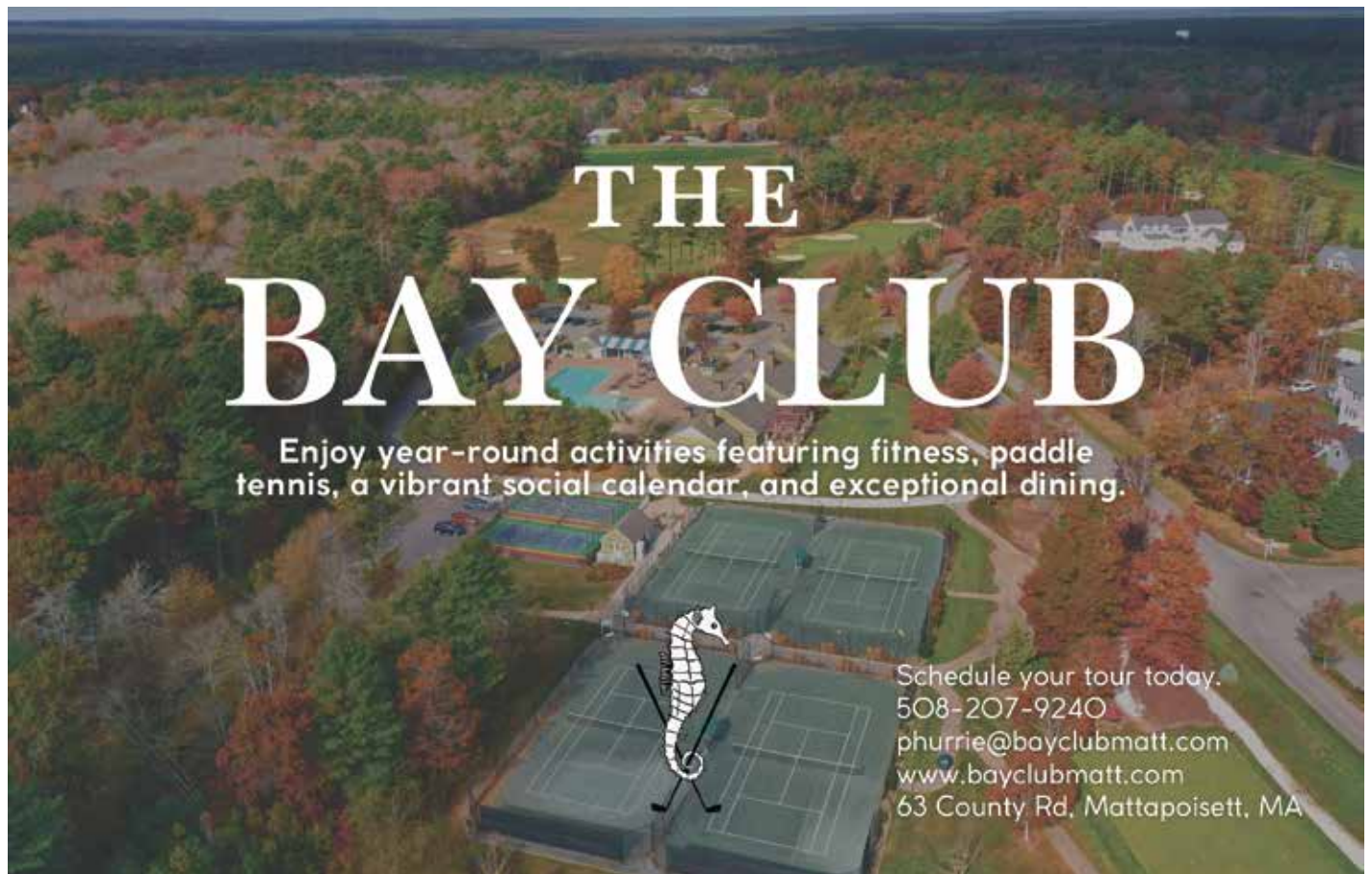
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- Continue planting vegetable seeds indoors.

-Ditto for annual flowers (cleome, morning glory and zinnea).

- Begin laying out and planning new beds.
- Plant cold weather crops.
- Transplant sod on bare spots of lawn.
- Plant dormant trees and shrubs.
- Repot overgrown houseplants.

Spring is not just about cleaning up garden beds or feeding lawns. It's about the return of life. Savor it!

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## Marion's Jigsaw Master Update By Sam Bishop

Last week, we covered Marion's Emma Williamson and her rise in the world of competitive jigsaw speedpuzzling. Having recently had a breakout at last year's 2025 World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship, we caught Emma last week just before she went off to Atlanta for the 2026 USA Jigsaw Nationals.

As the competition was livestreamed online, we back home could root for Williamson from here! So, here's a recap:

Emma finished in third place for her first round of individual with a time of 39:32. In the final round of the individual, she came in 21st with a time of 48:19. In each individual round, competitors completed one 500-piece puzzle.

She competed with Annabelle Platt of Waltham in the pairs competition, where they finished the first round in 10th place with a time of 25:55. For the final round of pairs, the two from Massachusetts came in 19th with a time of 33:30. In the pair rounds, the two also completed one 500-piece puzzle.

For teams, they crushed it, especially with their team's name. Emma was on a team with Emily Chandran, Emma Pan, and Min-Yee Deng. Their team, "M&Em&Em&Em," finished 5th in the first round with a time of 1:01:53. In the final round, they came in 6th with a time of 1:15:13. In the first team round, teams completed

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one 500-piece puzzle and then a 1,000-piece. In the final, they assemble two 1,000-piece puzzles back-to-back.

Keep an eye out for Emma and any jigsaw developments that may be in the works! The World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship begins in Spain on September 16.

### What's Up There?

*Astronomy Update for April*

**By Sam Bishop**

This is the continuing monthly column for the astronomer in all of us, or the aspiring astro-physicist. Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the Tri-Town has pretty good dark skies and thus are very fortunate in that regard. This year has already brought with it some great stellar sights as we eye with anticipation humanity's return to the Moon.

First up, on April 1, the scheduled launch of the long-delayed and long-awaited Artemis II mission from Kennedy Space Center. The 9-day-long flight will see four astronauts, three Americans and one Canadian, return to lunar orbit for the first time since Apollo 17 in 1972. Not spoken of often, this mission also breaks the record for the most astronauts in deep space (out of Earth orbit) at one time, with the previous record from the Apollo missions at three.

The crew is Commander Reid Weismann from Maryland, Pilot Victor Glover from California, Mission Specialist 1 Christina Koch from Michigan, and Mission Specialist 2 Jeremy Hansen from Ontario.

After liftoff and competing one orbit around the Earth, the Orion capsule begins its four-day, 240,000-mile dart to the moon, which it reaches on day 6 of the journey. After nine days, the capsule crashes back to the blue planet and lands in the Pacific. If the April 1 launch date is unfavorable, NASA is targeting the first six days of the month more generally as alternatives.

For cosmic events this month, we stick with the moon at first. On April 2, the month's full moon will occur. Being the first full moon in spring, this one is referred to as the "Pink Moon" due to the colors of flowers in bloom, not the color of the Moon's glow itself.

The new moon will be on April 17, making this the best time to hunt for galaxies, nebulae, and other dimmer stellar masses.

On April 18, Mercury, Mars, Saturn, and Neptune (if you have a capable telescope) are all near each other in the early-morning sky just near the horizon. Venus is also visible, though it is at night and near the moon.

The Lyrid Meteor Shower occurs this year between April 15 and April 29, peaking on April 24 with about 18 meteors per hour. It is named after and seen near the constellation Lyra, or near the star Vega. The star Vega is where the aliens in Carl Sagan's *Contact* were from, if you were wondering.

Taking the spot of Venus nearest the Moon in the night sky is Jupiter, that closes in on our moon on April 22



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in a "conjecture." Around this time, Venus will be visible near Uranus (also requiring a telescope) as the two are just off from the Pleiades star cluster, known as the Seven Sisters.

### 'Structural Imbalance' in Budget

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

The Rochester Select Board and the Finance Committee met Monday to discuss ways to address a problematic town budget proposal for FY27.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant started with a slideshow presentation, laying out the facts. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year is \$27,900,000,

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but the town is facing \$29,200,000 in department requests at the same time it projects revenues for FY27 to be only \$900,000 higher than in FY26, which saw a \$27,200,000 budget.

This means the town is facing a "structural imbalance" gap of \$1,400,000, Durant said. "This is not a town mistake," he said. "There is a structural budget imbalance across the commonwealth."

Budget cuts that are already being proposed leave officials with \$134,000 remaining to further ax to get to balanced spending for FY27, he said. The town-side cuts include \$606,661 trimmed from staffing and variety of departments. The Rochester Memorial School budget is eliminating four staff positions.

But the town has to pay \$240,000 in out-of-district placement tuition budget for Special Education students living in Rochester, he said, and \$716,000 for the Old Rochester Regional School District health-insurance debt.

The town has to decide where these additional cuts will come from, Durant said as he laid out the main sticking points and cautions. The town has \$2,100,000 in its "free cash" account, but there are already large commitments to spend those funds for FY27, he noted. He cautioned against using more free cash too freely. "Using one-time (free cash) funds cannot solve a structural problem," he said. "The issue is generating new revenue and living within our means. The art is how do make it work for our budget needs?"

Rochester resident and retired school superintendent Dr. Kristine Nash cautioned the state circuit-breaker reimbursement program for special education costs does not guarantee how much money the town will get from the state, as the formula only reimburses "up to" 75% of transportation, which does not apply to residential out-of-district placements.

Durant's main suggestion of the night was that the town allocate all of the free cash into specific uses, or "buckets," so the fund will be used only for specific future spending. Finance Committee member David Arancio's main message of the night was, "we focus our energies on what would work best for the town, not just the budget line by line."

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No decisions came out of this joint meeting before the Finance Committee moved to review department budgets, but Durant promised a more refined budget proposal for the April 6 Select Board meeting. The FY27 budget will be voted on by residents at the Annual Town Meeting on May 18.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board was not scheduled at adjournment.

### Town Meeting Warrant Closed

*Marion Select Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Select Board met on Tuesday for three action items, though the most notable was the closing of

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the Town Meeting Warrant.

First, the board moved to approve the appointment of an Election Warden. As recommended by Town Clerk Katrina Desroches, Elisabeth Horan received a unanimous vote of approval by the board. She gratefully shook hands with municipal workers in the room, with her work beginning on the town's election day, May 15.

Next, the board quickly approved the 53G Fund Regulations for the Department of Public Works' Sewer & Water Division without discussion.

Finally, the Select Board was on to close the draft Town Meeting Warrant. Up for discussion were 47 total articles, one being a Citizens Petition and the final two being Special Articles.

Chair Randy Parker noted he had paused discussion on the budgetary articles of the warrant at the last meeting to allow other board members to further look them over. He then said he had already approved the finance articles last time and had no questions. Article 1 was approved with no members nor audience having anything to say or questions. That began a theme, as Articles 2-31 were rapidly approved next, with unanimous votes and no discussion.

Vice Chair John Hoagland would move to accept, Member Norm Hills would second, and Parker would call the vote, being all "aye."

When the board got to Article 31, Hoagland said, "let's talk about this one for a minute." Hills made note of the article as being the transfer of land from the Marine Resource Commission to the Select Board. He stated the land had been transferred to the MRC in 2009, but they have little use for it. Hills stated he hoped the decision to bring the land under the Select Board would allow them to give the land to a proposed Parks Department. Parker immediately said, "I don't support that," and with short discussion between the three, Parker made motion to remove the article with only Hills voting to support it.

Article 32 was a flip of the previous, with only Hills voting "no." The article deals with eligibility to hold public office as well as limiting the holding of the title of Chair of any board, committee, or commission to no more than three years.

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Article 33 focuses on the relationship between pet owners and tenants and received little discussion other than to point to the reasoning of the article as aligning with the state's Ollie Law, passed in 2024. Statewide, its official name is "Act to Increase Kennel Safety" and mainly focuses on regulations for commercial boarding and training kennels. It was approved unanimously.

Article 34 pertains to the Attorney General requirements for the MS4 Bylaw, recently passed in the Fall Special Town Meeting. It grants authority to the town to handle abatements in relation to MS4. It was approved unanimously.

Quickly, the board then approved Articles 35-45. 45 being a Citizens Petition.

The two Special Articles were then approved with little discussion. Article S1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) a sum not to exceed \$219,869.19 to supplement the Fiscal Year 2026 budget of the Department of Public Works to pay expenses associated with the removal of snow and ice from public ways during said Fiscal Year; or take any other action relative thereto. Article S2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining balance in the Fiscal Year 2026 Group Insurance budget, after all obligations for said accounts have been satisfied, to the Town's General Stabilization Fund, established pursuant to M.G.L.c.40, §5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Following the short 21-minute meeting, the Town Meeting Warrant was officially closed. The Select Board will hold a Town Meeting Warrant Review at the Marion Music Hall on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 pm. Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11 at 6:45 pm in Sippican School. The Town Election is on Friday, May 15, 2026, but in person early voting is Thursday, May 7 through Thursday, May 14.

The next regular meeting of the Mation Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

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### Assessors' Budget & Town Meeting Warrant

*Marion Finance Committee*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Finance Committee remotely met on

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March 26 with the purpose of discussion the Board of Assessors' budget, as well as offering recommendations for or against articles on the draft Town Meeting Warrant.

Assessor George T.J. Walker of the Board of Assessors spoke first, as he and the FinCom quickly discussed the board's budget. Walker also went over its purpose and various oversights. He stated the town has about 4,100 assessed record cards, totaling around \$2,924,000,000 with single-family homes making up the vast majority of valuations.

For the board's budget, he noted three areas of focus for large increases. The first was due subscriptions to the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Offices, which has risen 25% from \$100 to \$125. Next was software, where Walker noted the CAMA (computer-assisted mass appraisal) system that has only four separate options used by the state, with its fees rising from \$29,784 to \$33,365. There was discussion on wages for those working in the Assessor's office and the need to raise compensation. Should a hiring need to take place, Walker said, the current wage is far under what other towns are paying.

Finance Director Heather O'Brien clarified that the requested pay raise would require an increase of the position's classification and contract, currently being a Class F. Walker stated the three assessor positions, collector, treasurer, and associate assessor, used to be in the same pay grade with the collector role now being outstanding. "It was in the same grade for 24 years," said Walker, who said, "I have no idea," when asked why this position was now in a different grade. He stated that the decision was made without his inclusion or knowledge.

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman stated such a contract change was not relevant to the budgetary discussion and said he would be open to discussing it with the assessor at a different time.

FinCom then moved to offer recommendations on the remaining articles in the draft Town Meeting Warrant that they did not cover at prior meetings. The Select Board was to look at the warrant the following week.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was not scheduled at adjournment.

### ConCom Eyes Digital Shift

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Marion Conservation Commission met at the Police Station on March 25 to approve some routine matters and discuss whether it should follow the town's lead with more digital documentation.

The commission first continued a public hearing for Creative Property Associates LLC, 160 Allens Point Road.

At a hearing earlier this month, ConCom took issue with some of the work being conducted adjacent to salt-marsh lands. The applicant is seeking to construct an accessory garage and dwelling unit above an upgraded

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septic system. They have modified plans so there is a slope barrier between the structure and the marsh. New plans also call for elevated walkways.

"I think this is a much less impactful design," said commissioner Shaun Walsh, noting that there will be less intrusion on the salt marsh.

Commissioners took no issue with Theresa Fitzpatrick's plans to demolish and rebuild a new home within a flood zone on Beach Street. Fitzpatrick said her original plans were to rebuild over the foundation, but when that plan did not seem feasible, she scrapped it and is now looking for a complete rebuilding. She said she is working with Zoning Commissioner Bob Grillo, as the new foundation location will lead to some elevation

and other changes. Members did not view it as an issue, noting that the construction is in a flood zone but not in wetlands or environmentally sensitive areas.

The commission also debated the merits of digitizing all documents. They weighed the pros and cons, with positives including that it would minimize the need for filing cabinets and paper, which are always susceptible to water or fire damage.

However, commissioners also pointed out that many site plans are hard to reach digitally, especially when the commission is out in the field. They also pointed out that many documents require legal signatures.

Commissioners appeared to favor initial paper plans that later become digitized when all legal matters are settled.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm at the Police Station.

## Toll Brothers Hearing Continued Again

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 26 in the Police Station's conference room for two action items: one previously continued and one for a new construction.

Due to Chair Cynthia Callow's absence, Member Dana Nelson took up the mantle and led the meeting, joking, "I am filling in for our fearless leader." First, Nelson announced one of the items had been continued to April 9; that of Toll Brothers Northeast V. Corp. of 78 Wareham Road. And then there was one.

After the minutes of the last ZBA meeting were accepted, there was the Public Hearing for Carol C Amick and William Moonan of 14 Quelle Lane. David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. in Mattapoisett represented the applicants, who were seeking a Special Permit for the demolition of an old cottage and its subsequent replacement. The new structure would be built in accordance with FEMA and state guidelines, due to its presence in a flood zone. The original cottage is nearly 100-years-old, being constructed in 1928.

It was noted that the Board of Health requested

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demolition for this project would require a Clean Asbestos Report be filed.

The current plan, as laid out by Davignon, would be for a two-story, Cape-style cottage with a total living space of 1,848 square feet. The project also includes the addition of a covered porch and an attached 352 square foot garage. The construction of the new buildings could increase total lot coverage from 11.2% to 19.3%, Davignon cited. He also stated the new build would be connected to town water and sewer.

Finally, it was noted no abutters within 300 feet oppose the construction. The board had no further questions to offer the party, and thus, the hearing was closed and the ZBA gave a unanimous vote of approval.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 pm in the Marion Police Station and on Zoom.

### Tobacco License Bid Rejected

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Marion Board of Health met on Thursday March 26 in the police station's conference room to discuss several issues ranging from variances, food applications, mosquito prevention, and other matters, as well as a Mill Street business looking for a tobacco license after it was revoked at the location.

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corner of Route 6 and Converse Road, are looking to have the tobacco license reinstated at a liquor store. The previous owners were fined, paid some of it, but did not pay the entire fine for a tobacco sale. In 2024, the previous owner lost the license when tobacco was sold to a minor. The business went bankrupt.

The tobacco license was revoked before the Patel family, which owns the property, took over the business. The Patels said they are committed to more stringent tobacco sales protocols. Some health board members said there are many tobacco licenses in town and there may not be a need for another.

Kishan Patel said he and his mother Sonal Patel are looking to start anew and should not be penalized for the previous owners' mishaps. "We should not be penalized for something that someone else did," Kishan Patel said. His mother evicted the previous owner and has a beer and wine license and would like the tobacco license renewed.

Some officials were torn. Some said the intent was to reduce the number of tobacco licenses in town – a more stringent anti-smoking stance than state standards.

Right now, five businesses have this license, which is at the limit, based on town regulations. However, officials appeared to agree that the Patels should lose potential business over a previous owner's mistake. A neighbor said the previous store was an eyesore and the Patels have revamped the appearance of the place.

However, some said that issuing the license runs contrary to the Board of Health view of reducing the sale of tobacco. Some officials also said that the Patels did not apply for the tobacco license by the deadline.

In the end, the bid was rejected and the Patels cited a potential hardship as they are only allowed to sell beer and wine as some of the more expensive items.

In other news, Health Agent Lori Desmarias mentioned that the state Department of Public Health until the end of April will remove old, discarded tires on properties due to how they can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes. The service is offered to all Plymouth County residents.

Desmarias also said the board is working on

a streamlined application system for temporary food vendors who run seasonal farmers markets. She said the new application would cover matters such as determining a point of contact, restroom facilities available to the public and other pertinent details.

In her report, Desmarais also said that there is a new link available to residents who visit Marion restaurants and exhibit signs of food poisoning thereafter. Residents can fill out the form detailing what made them sick so an investigation can be conducted.

A variance request for a new septic system on Point Road also received approval. The new design will be further from the home and safeguard against potential sanitation issues, as well as giving the homeowner more yard space.

The board also approved a line item of \$18,000 for flu vaccines this year.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 4:30 pm in the Marion Police Station.

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Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, High School Principal Michael Devoll, Junior High Principal Silas Coellner, Rochester Memorial School Principal Heidi Letendre, Sippican School Principal Lynn Dessert, and Old Hammondtown School Principal Stephanie Wells served as masters of ceremonies for the concerts. They thanked FORM for supporting student musicians throughout the district and the teachers who orchestrated the three productions.

FORM welcomed the community for two nights of extraordinary student performances as part of the 2025-26 Concert Series, including the FORM Choral Concert on March 10 and the FORM Instrumental Concert on March 17.

Both concerts, which raise money for FORM music scholarships, featured chorus and band performances by students from Old Hammondtown School, Rochester Memorial School, Sippican Elementary School, Old Rochester Regional Junior High School and Old Rochester Regional High School.

"Each of these concerts showcased the incredible talent and dedication of our student musicians from across all of our schools," said Principal Devoll. "It was especially meaningful to see students of all ages come together and perform at such a high level for the community."

These events are partially funded by donations to FORM, which is now celebrating 43 years of scholarship awards for graduating seniors. Using private fundraisers

to support special events, programming, transportation and musical instrument purchases, FORM provides opportunities for young musicians beyond the regular school district budget.

The concerts also highlighted the collaborative efforts of music educators throughout the district, whose instruction and mentorship help students develop their skills and confidence on stage.

Donations for FORM can be made by mail, with checks sent to P.O. Box 1143, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. To learn more, email [FORM@OldRochester.org](mailto:FORM@OldRochester.org) or visit [FriendsOfOldRochesterMusic.org](http://FriendsOfOldRochesterMusic.org).

The March FORM concerts also offered an opportunity for students and the community to celebrate Hannah Moore and Patricia Richard as they retire from their roles as music directors at Sippican School. Moore is retiring as the Instrumental Music Director and Richard is retiring as the Choral Music Director.

"We are incredibly grateful to Ms. Moore and Ms. Richard for their years of dedication to our students and music programs," said Sippican School Principal Lynn Dessert. "Their impact will be felt for years to come through the many students they have inspired."

Future FORM concerts include "A Night of Jazz" scheduled for 6:00 pm on April 14 at Old Rochester Regional High School, along with the Spring Concert set to be held at the high school at 6:00 pm on May 20, and the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Spring



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Concert at 6:00 pm on May 20.

The production of "The Proposal" presented by the ORR Drama Club was also a tremendous success.

The ORR Drama Club first performed its modern adaptation of Anton Chekhov's one-act comedy as part of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild (METG) High School Drama Festival on February 28 at Joseph Case High School, before presenting a home performance at ORR High School on March 6.

"We are proud of our students for their creativity, hard work and willingness to take on the challenges of live theater," said Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Jaime Curley. "Opportunities like this allow students to grow not only as performers, but as confident

individuals."

"The arts play an important role in helping students develop critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills," said Shari Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning. "These performances are a reflection of both student effort and the strong support provided by our educators."

"These events highlight the strength of our arts programs across the district and the dedication of both our students and staff," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "We are grateful to FORM, our educators and our community for continuing to support these opportunities for our students."



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## Marion Selected for Regional Pilot Program to Develop Historic Preservation Plan

The Town of Marion will develop a comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan with support from the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD), following the Town's selection to receive technical assistance through a competitive regional program.

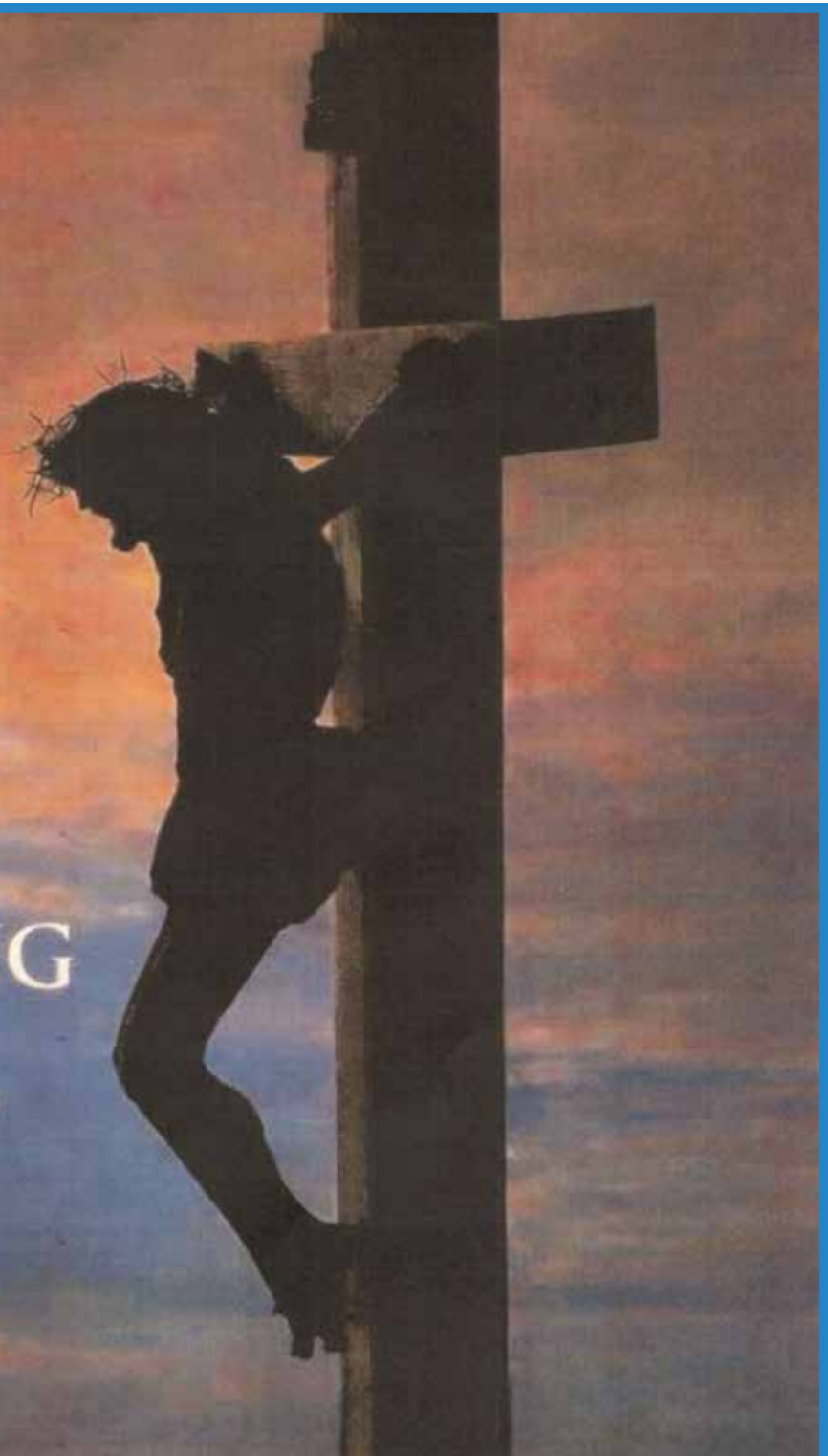
The Marion Historical Commission announces that SRPEDD will lead the project as part of a pilot initiative intended to guide similar efforts in other communities. SRPEDD staff will work closely with the Commission over the next 18 months to complete the plan.



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THE END  
OF MY LIFE...  
IT WAS  
THE  
BEGINNING  
OF YOURS.

Romans 5:8

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# LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING



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## PUBLIC ACCESS

**Comcast Channel 9**

**Verizon Channel 36**

**Thursday April 2, 2026**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Doug Crocker  
 9:30 AM Mattapoissett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers  
 10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Cemeteries, Genealogy, & the Revolutionary War  
 11:00 AM Mattapoissett Rail Trail  
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy  
 Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
 2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam  
 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - 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 April 3, 2026**

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 10:00 AM Southcoast Matters  
 11:00 AM Mattapoissett Rail Trail  
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy

Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Inc ADU Presentation  
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 3:30 PM The Collective Chat  
 3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Doug Crocker  
 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 Paltrocst 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 April 4, 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 - Doug Crocker  
 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 Paltrocst - 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 April 5, 2026**

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
 8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church  
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
 10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church  
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy  
 Sesquicentennial Documentary  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam  
 1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford  
 5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center  
 7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral  
 8:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn  
 9:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

**Monday April 6, 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  
 3:00 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz  
 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 April 7, 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  
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
 4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!  
 6:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center  
 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
 8:30 PM Pete on the Street  
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 PM Gay USA  
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

**Wednesday April 8, 2026**

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
 8:30 AM For Your Health  
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 10:30 AM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz  
 11:00 AM Mattapoissett 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 Mattapoissett 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  
 8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! with David Green  
 9:45 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews  
 10:30 PM Classic Movies

**MARION GOVERNMENT**

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 39**

**Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 9:00 AM Marion Stewards of Open Space  
 10:00 AM Marion School Committee  
 11:30 AM Marion Marine Resource Committee  
 11:00 PM Marion Planning Board  
 2:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 2:30 PM ORR School Committee  
 5:00 PM Marion Water and Sewer  
 7:00 PM Marion Board of Health  
 8:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission  
 9:30 PM Marion Finance Committee

**GOVERNMENT**

**Comcast Channel 26**

**Verizon Channel 40**

**Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Rochester Select Board  
 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

**EDUCATION CHANNEL**

**Comcast Channel 8**

**Verizon Channel 37**

**Daily Schedule**

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 Hamondtown 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  
 10:00 PM ORR Football vs Dartmouth

**MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT**

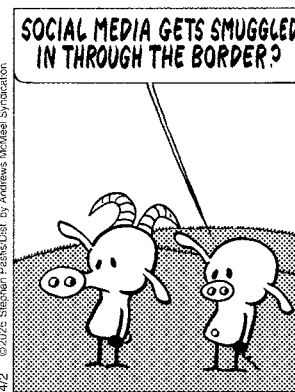
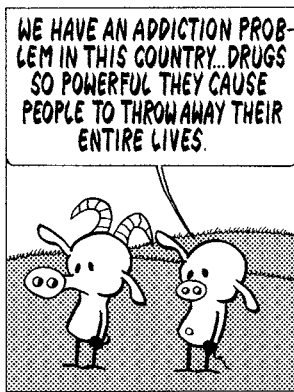
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**Daily Schedule**

**ROCHESTER**

**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
 by Stephan Pastis



The plan acts as a roadmap, integrating heritage protection with growth management. The Massachusetts Historical Commission recommends that every city and town should have such a plan.

Key components of the plan will include an updated survey and inventory of historic resources, recommended preservation strategies and tools, and a framework built around community priorities. The document will also support future planning efforts, including integration with Marion's master planning initiatives.

The Historical Commission sought and received approval from the Select Board earlier this year to move forward with the project.

"We are delighted that the project was approved and look forward to having this important project completed for us," said Meg Steinberg, Chair of the Historical Commission. "In addition to our ongoing survey and progress on National Register nominations, this plan will give us a framework for future endeavors to protect Marion's historic character and architectural significance."

### **Marion COA Receives Grant**

The Marion Council on Aging has received a grant from the American Parkinson Disease Association Massachusetts Chapter to launch a new weekly movement class for people living with Parkinson's disease.

The "Mindful Movement" class will be held Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Council on Aging, 465 Mill St., and will be led by Linda Vivino, a certified yoga instructor who specializes in working with people with Parkinson's.

The program is designed to help participants improve balance, mobility and coordination through accessible yoga, functional movement and guided breathing. Exercises are offered in both seated and standing formats to accommodate varying mobility levels.

In addition to the physical benefits, the class provides social connection, helping participants stay connected and avoid the isolation that can come with Parkinson's.

"We are grateful to the APDA Massachusetts Chapter for their support in bringing this vital resource to our community," said COA Director Karen Gregory. "These classes are designed to help people with Parkinson's reconnect with the joy of movement while meeting their daily challenges with compassion."

The class is open to people living with Parkinson's disease and is not limited to just Marion residents.

For more information or to register, contact the Marion Council on Aging at 508-748-3570.

### **Annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser**

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library invite

you to our annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser hosted at the historic Marion Music Hall on Sunday, **April 12**. Performer Sheryl Faye returns as Abigail Adams in "Liberty and Legacy."

Guests are encouraged to wear festive hats and/or time period appropriate attire to add to the fun! Doors will open at 2:30 pm. Tea service starts promptly at 3:00 pm. Finger sandwiches, scones, and desserts will be served. The performance will begin after teatime.

Tickets are \$45/per person.\* You may purchase tickets in the library or online. Book Clubs are encouraged to purchase a table to sit together! Ticket sales end on Friday, April 10. \*If you purchase tickets online, there is an additional convenience fee (\$3.00).

To purchase online tickets, please navigate to the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library page on the library website: [elizabethtaberlibrary.org/friends-of-the-elizabeth-taber-library/](http://elizabethtaberlibrary.org/friends-of-the-elizabeth-taber-library/).

### **Mattapoisett Road Race College Stipends**

July 4 will be here before we know it and so will the 54th running of the Mattapoisett Road Race, "4 on the 4th"! Begun in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Since then, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family.

Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students. The online application can be accessed via a QR code available at the high school guidance office. The application deadline is May 18.

### **Spring Hike with MLT at Old Aucoot**

On Saturday, **April 4** at 10:00 am, the Mattapoisett Land Trust is excited to bring you a dog hiking Adventure. This is the first in a year-long series every other first Saturday of the month (next walk in June!).

We can't think of a better way to spend a couple of hours on a Saturday morning than hiking with friends and dogs in the woods! Bring your own dog or meet new ones on this Adventure Hike. We will meet at the new Grace Pond parking lot (please continue down Bowman Rd. to the new lot) for a walk through Old Aucoot District. The Old Aucoot District is a collection of properties making up roughly 397 acres of protected land and trails. Don't have a dog to bring? No problem - there will be plenty of dogs to share! We will begin by heading down the red trail towards the water, then loop back and meander up Old Slough Road to the parking lot for an approximately 1 1/2-hour walk. What a great way to start the weekend! This event is free and will happen rain

# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights March 22 – March 28

- Front St – Suspicious person
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Lewis St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd -Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Deer Run – MV collision
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Juvenile offense
- Front St – MV collision
- Count Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd - Transport
- Village Dr – MV collision
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV stop/citation
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Deer Run - Fraud
- Crapo St – EMS/medical
- Front St – General service
- 195 West – Suspicious activity
- Front St – Health/welfare
- 195 West – MV collision
- Blueberry Way – MV stop/citation
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Cottage St – MV collision

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights March 22 – March 28

- Marion Rd – Open door
- Wolf Island Rd – Animal control
- Hillside Ave – Officer wanted
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – 911 call
- Church St – MV crash
- Pico Beach Rd – General service
- Barstow St – Property lost
- 195 East – MV violations
- North St – MV violations
- Church St – Animal control
- Nantucket Dr – Follow up
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Split Rock Ln – Ambulance request
- North St – Property found
- 195 East – MV crash
- North St -Follow up investigation
- North St – Medical alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Seamarsh Way - Complaint
- Shaw St – Animal control
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Riverside Dr – General service
- Melanie Ln – Missing person
- County Rd – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Follow up
- County Rd - Arrest
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- River Rd – Notification

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights March 22 – March 28

- Mattapoissett Rd – Panic alarm
- Rounseville Rd – Disabled MV
- Hartley Rd – General services
- Gerrish Rd - Larceny
- Gerrish Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- Gerrish Rd – Suspicious activity
- Hartley Rd – 911 call
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Noise complaint
- North Ave – Medical alarm
- Clapp Rd – 911 call
- Mendell Rd – Animal control
- Springwood Dr – Suspicious activity
- Kings Hwy – Erratic MV
- Braley Hill Rd – Lost animal
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Randall Rd – Assist other agency
- High St – Animal control
- Mattapoissett Rd – General service
- Pine St – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Neck Rd – Erratic MV
- Randall Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Rail car fire
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- High St – Assist other agency
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Panic alarm

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, April 6:** Roast turkey w/ apple chutney, rice pilaf, brussel sprouts, wheat bread, banana
- Tuesday, April 7:** Braised beef & vegetables, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, wheat bread, chocolate pudding, diet: fruit
- Wednesday, April 8:** Shrimp taco w/cheese, cilantro lime rice, black beans, corn & peppers, tortilla wrap, orange
- Thursday, April 9:** Chicken pot pie, whole grain buttermilk biscuit, broccoli, applesauce
- Friday, April 10:** Tuscan white fish, roasted potatoes, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, Fig Newton

## CENTER SCHOOL

- Monday, April 6:** Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
- Tuesday, April 7:** Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
- Wednesday, April 8:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

- Thursday, April 9:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 10:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

- Monday, April 6:** Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
- Tuesday, April 7:** Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
- Wednesday, April 8:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, April 9:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 10:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

- Monday, April 6:** Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato

- Tuesday, April 7:** Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
- Wednesday, April 8:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

- Thursday, April 9:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 10:** Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

- Monday, April 6:** Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
- Tuesday, April 7:** Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
- Wednesday, April 8:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, April 9:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 10:** Cheese pizza,

- roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

- Monday, April 6:** Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato
- Tuesday, April 7:** Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
- Wednesday, April 8:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, April 9:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 10:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

- Monday, April 6:** Build a burrito bowl
- Tuesday, April 7:** Calzone, fries & steamed carrots
- Wednesday, April 8:** Chicken parmesan, spaghetti & broccoli
- Thursday, April 9:** Waffle & chicken sliders w/tater tots
- Friday, April 10:** Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

or shine! Wear sturdy shoes, and your dog should be on leash. Questions? Email [manager@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:manager@mattlandtrust.org).

### Plumb Library Kicks Off 50th Anniversary Celebration

At Town Meeting on April 12, 1976, the residents of Rochester voted unanimously to accept “a proposed deed of gift from Dorothy B. Plumb in memory of her late husband Joseph H. Plumb conveying to the Town for the use of Rochester Free Public Library also parcel of land at Rochester Common” (Article 22, Town of Rochester Annual Report 1976, page 13). The following day, the Board of Selectmen sent a letter to Mrs. Plumb at her home on Mendell Road with a message of thanks, a copy of which we have in our archives at Plumb Library: “Dear Mrs. Plumb: The members of the Board of Selectmen wish to take this opportunity to express for themselves, personally, and for all the people of our community, their extreme gratitude and thanks for the magnificent gift to the Town of the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library. The joy of using this extraordinary facility will be shared by young and old alike, and generations yet to come will reap the benefits of your thoughtful generosity.”

Fifty years later, the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library continues to be a cherished local institution here in the center of Town. We are excited to kick off our 50th anniversary celebrations with a special limited edition library card featuring a drawing of Plumb Library on

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### Four Bridges at the Mattapoissett Museum

Four Bridges, a New England-based bluegrass band, will be returning to the Mattapoissett Museum on Saturday, **April 11** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$18.00 for Museum Members and \$20 for the general public. They can be ordered from the Museum’s website [www.mattapoissettmuseum.org/events](http://www.mattapoissettmuseum.org/events) or will be available at the door if available.

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**Kaitlyn Donna Leary Griffin “Katie”**, 44, of Taunton, passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at Morton Hospital in Taunton. She was born in Taunton, the daughter of Ret. TPD. Francis “Ted” and Patricia (Leary) Griffin of Mattapoissett.

Kaitlyn overcame her disabilities and challenges with a profound triumph. Kaitlyn had a luminous aura of love that everyone around could see and actually feel. Kaitlyn’s love was genuine, sincere, and authentic.

Kaitlyn had a distinctive one-of-a-kind generosity that no one will ever be able to duplicate. Kaitlyn was brave and strong right up until her last breath. Kaitlyn believed in Jesus Christ. Kaitlyn was an angel on Earth. Kaitlyn was devoted to her family. Having been blessed with a niece Cassidy (Syd), and then two nephews Declan and Collin.

Kaitlyn began a new life of being able to share her big heart and a very deep love with each of them. Kaitlyn shared her big heart and generosity with all her cousins (almost too many to count) and their children too. Kaitlyn remembered all of their names. Kaitlyn never forgot a birthday, a special event, a face, or anyone’s name.

Kaitlyn was the best daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, and person ever. Kaitlyn was a special Olympian who earned hundreds of medals, gold, silver or bronze, it did not matter. Kaitlyn was able to compete with her lifelong friends and then celebrated their achievements together, skiing, bowling, softball, whatever sport, it was the gathering of friends after the competitions, that mattered most.

Kaitlyn dedicated her life to children. For 20 years Kaitlyn volunteered at the YMCA in Taunton in the childcare program. There, Kaitlyn made many lifelong friends, Ms. Renee, Ms. Lisa, and Ms. Brittany are only a few. During her high school years, she assisted in a childcare program for young mothers who were able to continue their education at Taunton High School. Kaitlyn would help to care for their infants, to this day some of those mothers still remember her for longer than 20 years until Covid hit. She not only loved all of the children, she also acquired some of the best friends of her life! We now call them family. Kaitlyn’s family would like to thank cousin Dr. James Hoyer for his exceptional care, love, and his unique empathy. Thank you to the ICU staff at Morton Hospital for their expert care and compassion, to our friends and family who took us through this journey with grace and compassion, Thank you. Additionally, in no particular order, Karon Terry and Jessica Sprout, we could not have gotten through these past two weeks without you, we love you, we thank you. Kaitlyn taught us how to love. Kaitlyn showed us that the little things matter. A random hello, good morning, rainbow, or smiley face text, always make your day a better day. Kaitlyn was a gift from God.

Survivors besides her parents are her brother: Michael Griffin and his wife Nitaya; a niece: Cassidy; two

nephews: Declan and Collin.

Services were held for Kaitlyn in Taunton, Mass on March 18, 1926.



**Janet F. Jenney**, 95, of Mattapoissett, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on March 27, 2026. She was the daughter of the late Edmund and Catherine Ferry, and beloved wife of the late David S. Jenney of Mattapoissett.

Janet, known by her friends and family as Jan, was raised in West Roxbury Massachusetts and spent every summer in a cottage at Crescent Beach in Mattapoissett. Her favorite childhood memories were of sledding in the street near her house in Boston and sailing the sweet breezes of Mattapoissett. She graduated from Wheelock College and taught grammar school children in the City of Boston School System.

Jan met the love of her life, David, while racing Herreshoff-12 sailboats on Buzzards Bay in Mattapoissett. Their lifelong love for the water and sailing brought them together first as racing opponents while crewing for her father, then racing partners, and finally as husband and wife in 1953. Throughout their 65 years of marriage, their love for each other was deep, pure, and incredibly inspiring to their family and friends. David and Jan raised three children in Stratford, CT where David worked at Sikorsky Aircraft, and spent every summer in their favorite beachside town of Mattapoissett. The summers were filled with sailing, swimming, and enjoying family time sharing stories and lunches around the picnic table.

Jan was selfless and always thought of others before herself. She was an amazing mother who juggled three children, two cats, and a beagle while making it all look easy. An exceptional cook, every Sunday after church included family dinner enjoying the fruits of her labor. Jan and David were very active in their Congregational Churches in both towns where they lived. They shared a love of music and were loyal members of the church choirs as well as being active in many church groups and committees. Jan and David sponsored many children across the world as part of Plan International USA. They were also part of the “Big Brothers/Big Sisters” program mentoring a child for many years. Jan enjoyed gardening and being involved with the Garden Club and Women’s Club in both Stratford and Mattapoissett. In Stratford, she volunteered at the hospital delivering flowers to patients.

Jan loved to spend time with her four grandchildren and great-grandson while playing at the beach, traveling to local adventures, creating fun snacks, teaching them how to weed the garden and sharing her joy life and importance of family. Jan lived each day to the fullest, loved with all of her heart and believed each day was a gift....

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book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Spring Book Sale on Saturday **April 11**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will also be accepting book donations on Thursday, **April 9 and 10**, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success. In addition, donations of jewelry will also be accepted in preparation for the annual winter jewelry sale.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library, funding programs, events, and resources that enrich the Mattapoisett community.

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library at [friendsofmattapoisettlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmattapoisettlibrary@gmail.com).

### Sippizine Call for Submissions for "Lucky" Issue

Southeastern Massachusetts creatives are invited to bring prose, poetry, and visual art centered on the theme of "Lucky" to the community literary magazine Sippizine.

Open to poetry, prose (under 1,000 words), visual art and video, submissions are accepted through **April 4**. Sippizine provides a welcoming platform for both established and emerging voices to share their stories. Contributors from Onset to Fall River have contributed to the six previous issues of this community literary project.

"As Sippizine begins its fourth year, I appreciate the range of voices we've shared," says editor and publisher Alanna Nelson. "Each creative brings a new angle to life in our neck of the woods."

Visit [sippizine.art](http://sippizine.art) to read past issues, find fresh inspiration, and submit to the next issue. Bring us your prose, poetry and art, and celebrate life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

### The Lamb of God Christian Church

Sunday Church Services and Adult Bible Study every Sunday at 5:30 pm at the American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Free Food Outreach, **April 12** from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the American Legion Hall. Children's "Bible Story Time" for children, parents, and care givers of children, **April 7** at 10:00 am held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, in the lower meeting room. For more information call (508) 998-6990, or e-mail: [pastor@lambofgodma.org](mailto:pastor@lambofgodma.org).

### Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship

The Sippican Lands Trust seeks applicants for its Richard I. and Helen A. Arthur Scholarship. The applicant for this \$2,000 award must be a Marion resident

in their last year of high school or enrolled as a freshman or sophomore in college elsewhere. This award may be given to the same recipient at a maximum of two (2) times. The following schools will be notified: Bishop Stang High School, Old Rochester Regional High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and Tabor Academy. A preference will be given to applicants who are majoring in or plan to major in environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship Fund. This award was created and named after Richard I. "Dick" (1933-2018) and Helen Adams Arthur (1940-2008), who were beloved residents of Marion and long-time volunteers for the organization. Dick and Helen held a deep interest in the preservation of the beautiful open spaces in Marion.

SLT's Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and will award the scholarship to the student(s) whose pursuits most closely reflect Dick and Helen's wishes, as mirrored by the mission of Sippican Lands Trust: to acquire, preserve, and provide access to open space throughout Marion for the benefit of the public today and for future generations.

Requirements for the application include:

-A completed Richard I. and Helen A. Arthur Scholarship information sheet

-A personal statement highlighting the applicant's educational goals and interests. Please include information about environmental course(s) taken, community service completed, volunteer involvement, or jobs held, as applicable.

-Two letters of reference with contact information (examples: teacher, guidance counselor, coach, employer, Scout leader, community leader, etc.).

All forms will be available in guidance offices and on the SLT website at [www.sippicanlandstrust.org/scholarship](http://www.sippicanlandstrust.org/scholarship). Completed applications should be postmarked by **May 1** to be considered. Please mail to: Sippican Lands Trust, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 848, Marion, MA 02738

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She is survived by three children, Laurel Carlson of North Attleboro, MA, Faith Ball of Mattapoissett, MA, and John Jenney and his wife Diana of Southbury, CT, her four grandchildren, Catherine Ball of Mattapoissett, MA, Samantha Ball of Charleston, SC, Spencer Jenney of Southbury, CT, Ashley Ghent and great-grandchild Jonathan Nunez of Stratford, CT.

Her visiting hours will be held on Friday April 24th from 4-7 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoissett. Her Funeral Service will be held on Saturday April 25th at 11 am at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church at 27 Church St. Mattapoissett. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her name to Plan International USA, PO Box 9747, Providence, RI 02940-9420 <https://www.planusa.org>



**James Crook**, 81, of Mattapoissett, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. He was the loving husband of Karole (Koczera) Crook for 60 years.

Born in the South End of New Bedford, son of the late Clarence and Bernadette "Boots" Crook, he moved to Ohio to obtain his Masters and Ph.D, then raised his daughters and started his career in California, before he and Karole moved to Florida for a short time, eventually moving "back home" to Massachusetts, starting off in Norwell and ending up in Mattapoissett.

Jim was an environmental engineering consultant with more than 40 years of experience in state government and consulting engineering, serving public and private sectors in the United States and abroad. He authored more than 100 publications, was an internationally recognized expert in the area of water reuse and reclamation, and was involved in numerous projects and research activities involving public health, regulatory and permitting issues, risk assessment, and water treatment technology. He remained active as a consultant into his late 70's.

In his younger days, Jim enjoyed sailing, usually starting off at Buzzards Bay. Later in life, he found pleasure in tinkering around the house and yard and kept in shape by working out at home, which he did well into his 70's. He loved listening to and dancing to classic 50's rock and roll, he'd never turn down an opportunity to cheer on New England sports teams, especially the Boston Bruins, and he was always up for going out to a meal of little neck clams, quahogs, or English batter fish & chips, often washing them down with an ice cold beer.

Survivors include his wife Karole; his children, Cathryn A. Green of Bremerton, Washington, and Paula M. Benone of Richmond, California; his grandchildren, Brienne Jones, Marissa Jones, and Rachel Green; his great-grandchild,

Delilah Ann Frasquillo and Charlotte Renee Frasquillo; and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his siblings, Judith Laliberte, Thomas Crook, and George Crook; and by his grandson, Ryan James Green.

Jim's funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 10 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoissett. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in New Bedford. His visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 1st from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to donate to an animal rescue organization of your choice.



**Chief Ronald E. Scott**, 80, of Mattapoissett died March 22, 2026 at Tuft's Medical Center after a period of declining health surrounded by his family.

He was the husband of Janet T. (Sears) Scott.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late Earl A. And Carrie (Helliwell) Scott, he lived in Mattapoissett most of his life.

Ronald "Ronnie" was a 1964 graduate of ORR High School. He entered the military following graduation where he served with the US Navy Seabees, PHIBCB2, during the Vietnam War. Upon his honorable discharge from active service in 1968, he chose to continue serving his community in the fire service. Ronnie rose through the ranks finishing a 41 year career as Mattapoissett Fire Chief (1993-2009), retiring in 2009. At the start of his fire career, he enrolled into college to study business at Bristol Community College and Fisher College earning an Associate's degree.

Throughout his life, Ronnie built an incredible resume for himself. His work was never just a job to him, it was a passion. A dedicated and hard working man, Ronnie worked for everything he had and worked even harder to provide for his family. In earlier years, he owned and operated Scott's Welding and Scott Brothers Towing. He was a certified welder, and also worked as a tin knocker for Milhinch and Norris Tripp. Ronnie's true passion has always been cars since he was a teenager, whether it was building them, fixing them, or racing them. He spent almost every summer weekend since the late 60's at New England Dragway, which later grew to be a family tradition. In his spare time he enjoyed his beautiful garden, and built his own flower and vegetable stand "Tinkhamtown Tomatoes & Flowers".

Ronnie was a man with an unlimited amount of stories to tell. From his time in the Navy, to working on the skyscrapers in Boston, building cars from scratch, fabricating the copperwork on the ceiling of the Providence Performing Arts Center. You could sit with him for a month straight, and you would only scratch the surface of his life experiences.

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All applicants will be notified of their status by email by June 1.

For more information, contact the Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080 or [info@sippicanlandstrust.org](mailto:info@sippicanlandstrust.org). Please note that volunteer opportunities are available at the Sippican Lands Trust.

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

As weather warms and snow melts, our museum will be reopening and our current exhibit, "The Tools and Industries that Made Rochester" will be up for at least another month. It can be viewed before our **April 15** meeting at 6:00 pm and by calling Connie at 617-750-2818 or emailing [eshbach2aol.com](mailto:eshbach2aol.com).

Some of the tools on display, like the scythes, come in many sizes and have many uses. Others have a very specific use, like the cranberry scoops and the wide





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shovel from the Hartley sawmill designed for shoveling sawdust.

What almost all of these tools have in common is that they are made of wood and/or iron. This means that they (particularly the larger ones) are very heavy. One example, the broad axe was used to remove bark from the sides of a felled tree. The logger would walk down the log swinging it one-handed along the side. When I say that I found just lifting it with two hands was difficult, that's an understatement.

Another large and heavy tool was the Peavey or "Persuader". As you can see in the picture, a peavey is a very large wooden mallet. This tool was used in the building of "timber framed" houses or barns. It was

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Everything he did was for his family. Out of every title he has ever held, a few stand higher than the rest. Brother, Husband, Father, and Upa. Nothing was more important to him than family. While he may never really know or believe it, Ronnie has shaped his family and friends into who they are today and has left a lasting impact on their hearts and souls forever.

Ronnie is survived by his wife Janet; a son, David M. Scott and his wife Jennifer J. Scott of Mattapoisett; a daughter, Jennifer C. Scott and her boyfriend Brian Hiller of Mattapoisett; 3 brothers, Earl "Skip" Scott, Jr. of Mattapoisett and Cape Coral, FL, Peter Scott of Mattapoisett and Barry Scott of Fairhaven; 2 grandchildren, Erin Scott and Andrew Scott; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Bethann Oliver.

His visiting hours were held on Sunday, March 29th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Geoffrey W. Grainger**, of Marion, passed away on March 25, 2026 at the age of 70. He was the son of the late Rachel (Stover) and Douglas Grainger.

Geoffrey was born in Boston. His family lived in W. Newton before moving to Sherborn where he spent some of his high school years. He moved to Marion at age 15 and it has been his home ever since.

He graduated from Old Rochester High School. Geoffrey was a talented potter starting his career making lamps. He eventually opened his own pottery studio, Grainger Pottery, where he combined his two favorite things, fishing and pottery, and he would make plaster molds from a real fish and then hand-press clay into the molds to make beautiful life-like ceramic fish. His fish were very well known and bought from people all over the country. Some traveling to far off places, like Japan, England, Sweden and Bermuda. Geoffrey married Karilon Babbitt on December 11, 1996 and the two settled in Marion.

Geoffrey loved spending time in nature whether it was gardening, bird-watching, fishing, or skiing. He had a great personality and was funny and had a good sense of humor. He was a warm, generous and a loving person. He was an especially good photographer. He learned to fly in light planes and was taught by his brother Douglas, a Marine Corps helicopter pilot.

Geoffrey was the loving husband of Karilon Babbitt-Grainger. Brother of Douglas Grainger, Jr. and his wife Ann Marie, Jacob Grainger and his wife Jody, and Gary Grainger. He was the loving uncle to seven nieces and one nephew and great-uncle of three nieces and two nephews. Geoffrey had a large group of friends who cherished his friendship, and will be greatly missed by all.

Geoffrey's family wishes to thank the dedicated hospice nurses for their wonderful care.

Relatives and friends may visit on Saturday, April 4, 2026 from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham. A celebration of life will be held in the summer to honor him.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Community Nurses Fairhaven, 62 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719 or on-line at: [www.communitynurse.com/support/donate/](http://www.communitynurse.com/support/donate/). For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: [www.chapmanfuneral.com](http://www.chapmanfuneral.com)



It is with great sadness that the family of **William Dale Jones** announces his passing at Charlton Hospital in Fall River on January 17 at the age of 85.

Born at Morton Hospital in Taunton on November 6, 1940, he was the son of William Richard Jones and Jennie Mae (MacLeod) Jones.

Upon graduating from Hopewell School and Taunton High School, Dale studied Marine and Electrical Engineering at Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA).

Upon graduation, Dale served in the Merchant Marine, sailing to many ports in Europe and South America from various cities along the East Coast, as well as from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. He later worked at the General Dynamics Quincy Shipyard, building nuclear submarines.

Dale was a registered professional engineer employed by Raytheon in North Dighton, Wayland, MA, and Portsmouth, RI, working on anti-ballistic systems. Later, he worked with Braincon in Marion, where he helped develop the Type 120 V-Fin Towed Underwater Vehicle, designed to enclose a sonar transducer.

Next, he was an engineer with Thompson Consultants, also in Marion. Along with many assignments, he primarily worked at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he became familiar with the entire facility. He was President of the South Coast Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers.

Dale was later hired by Princess House as their Plant Manager. He later purchased their metal fabrication, plating, and powder coating operation and relocated it to the Fall River Industrial Park.

Dale served on the Designer Selection Board for Massachusetts, which selected designers for the Commonwealth's buildings. He pursued his master's degree in business at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where he later served on the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation.

As an active member of the Marion community, he was a founding member of the volunteer EMS Association. He served for 40 years as an EMT and volunteer firefighter, Emer-

raised into the air and then brought down to “nudge” or push timbers into the proper position in the building’s frame. In other words, it was used to persuade the timbers to take their place in the construction. The peavey was used rather than a sledgehammer or similar tool to avoid damaging the timbers. Stop by the museum and try hefting it and you’ll appreciate both the strength and balance needed to work with it. Like all the tools of the past, the user needed well- muscled arms, a strong back and a straight eye to complete a day’s work.

## Rochester Historical Society News

Finally, it is April and the Historical Society season is ready to go. On **April 15**, we will have our first meeting followed by Mac Phinney and Howie Smith who will be presenting a program on how they used genealogy to help them learn about ancestors who fought in the American Revolution.

We’ll also have packets for anyone interested in doing research on either their own relations or any one of our Rochester Revolutionary War veterans.

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agency Management Director, CPR Instructor, member of the Water Board, Chairman of the Police Station Building Committee, and member of the Sippican School Building Committee. Dale was a dedicated Assistant Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 32, where he taught many merit badges, including First Aid. He was a Scout Leader at the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1989. He was also a Hunter Safety Instructor and was a member of the Masonic Pythagorean Lodge in Marion. He enjoyed his time as a crossing guard at Sippican School right up until his hospitalization.

In retirement, he was able to concentrate on his tinkering, drafting new designs, and producing gadgets.

Throughout the years, Dale’s classmates have remained very close. Dale was an active member of the MMA Alumni Association throughout his lifetime, serving as the President of the Board of Directors. His MMA classmates were like brothers as they lived together on their training ship, USTS Bay State, for three years. His Taunton High School and MMA reunions were definite highlights of his life. Academy reunions have continued for over 60 years, with classmates and their wives maintaining close relationships to this day.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Jean (Packard) Jones, and his two sons, William Carlton Jones (Alice Lee) and Richard Dale Jones (Andrea Dolezal), cousins Sandy Schwaab (Shirley) and Roderick MacLeod (Michelle), and nephew David Carlton Packard (Melina Molina Packard).

He adored his grandchildren, William Alexander Jones, Eleanor Frances Jones, and Luke Zachary Jones.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Marion Fire Department or the American Red Cross.

The funeral service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery at 10 AM on April 11. There will be a reception at the Marion Music Hall immediately following the service.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Cra-po-Hathaway Funeral Home, Taunton.

For online family register please visit [www.hathawayfunerals.com](http://www.hathawayfunerals.com)



**James R. Porter**, age 86, of Fall River, passed away Monday, March 30, 2026, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was the husband of Marguerite (Parrish) “Margo” Porter to whom he has been married for the past 32 years.

Born in Lynn, a son of the late Albert M. P. and Annie M. (Goldrick) Porter, he spent his youth in New Bedford, lived in Mattapoisett for many years before moving to Fall River 35 years ago.

A graduate of New Bedford High School, James went on to graduate from Bridgewater State University with a bachelor’s degree in education. He built a career as a science teacher with the Fairhaven School Department for many years.

James was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla in Marion for over 30 years. He was an avid reader, focusing on boats, trains, and airplanes. Above all else, he cherished time spent with his family.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his children: Kevin Porter of Mattapoisett, Andrea Porter-Lopez and her husband Antonio of Portland, OR, Karen Gheesling and her husband Dominick of Milwaukie, OR, Marc Bertoncini of New Smyrna Beach, FL, Michael Bertoncini of Freetown, MA, his grandchildren, Diego Lopez, Xavier Bertoncini, Lily May Bertoncini, Eli Bertoncini, Jaxon Bertoncini, Tristin DiCambra and Samantha DiCambra, his brother, John Porter and his wife Linda of Florida, and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Albert Porter.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 10:00 AM at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, 390 Thames St, Newport, RI 02840 followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. Relatives and friends are invited. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Fall River.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in James’ honor can be made to St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, 390 Thames St, Newport, RI 02840.

*If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at [office@wanderer.com](mailto:office@wanderer.com).*

# Super Crossword

MEAGER MEAL

**ACROSS**

- 1 Colon's meaning in analogies
- 5 Casino IOU
- 9 Honcho
- 13 Fruits to bob for
- 19 Flow slowly
- 20 Jay of jest
- 21 Sinful
- 22 Artist Monet
- 23 Free
- 25 — avis (unusual thing)
- 26 Ottawa's land
- 27 Start of a riddle
- 30 By means of
- 31 Response to a punch
- 32 Clunker
- 33 State whose cap. is Boise
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 46 Touch-me — (explosive plants)
- 48 Cellphone game, often
- 49 — Trapp family
- 50 Stable animal
- 51 Riddle, part 3
- 58 Locality
- 59 Squirms, as in pain

- 60 Film critic Roger
- 61 Propelled a bicycle
- 63 Acting prize
- 64 Made a run for it
- 65 — extra cost
- 66 The, in Paris
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 73 Pool length
- 76 "Jeepers!"
- 77 Margarine, quaintly
- 78 — salts
- 82 Vocalist with the 2018 hits
- 84 Lyric poets
- 86 Sweet wine of Portugal
- 88 Map out
- 89 Riddle, part 5
- 92 Gobble down
- 94 Big Brit. lexicon
- 95 Tooth doctor's org.
- 96 Auth. unknown
- 97 End of the riddle
- 104 British verb suffix
- 105 Toward a boat's back
- 106 Wriggly fish

- 107 Klutzy type
- 109 Riddle's answer
- 120 Regain a conscious state
- 121 Challenge
- 122 Fitness club machine
- 123 Consolidator
- 124 Iran's home
- 125 "Jeepers!"
- 126 Around H'wood, e.g.
- 127 Go to bed
- 128 Comply with
- 129 Lone
- 130 Novelist Jennifer

**DOWN**

- 1 Caesar's "vidi," translated
- 2 "Late Night" host Meyers
- 3 Able to read minds
- 4 Express a view
- 5 Musical staff symbol
- 6 One who saves the day
- 7 Wild about
- 8 Pomeranian, e.g.
- 9 Deprived (of)

- 10 Egg-shaped
- 11 Assistant on iPhones
- 12 Pomeranian, e.g.
- 13 Accumulate, as interest
- 14 Modeling compound for kids
- 15 Twinge of guilt, e.g.
- 16 Oahu feast
- 17 Water whirl
- 18 Briny body
- 24 Sharp remark
- 28 Cry of Homer Simpson
- 29 Actor Byrnes or fielder Roush
- 33 Halved
- 34 Entryways
- 36 Go very fast
- 37 Numbered musical work
- 38 FedEx rival
- 39 State firmly
- 40 Variety
- 41 Like most musical works with five sharps
- 42 Civil rights figure Parks
- 43 Dentist's tool
- 44 Lauder of cosmetics
- 45 Oboe inserts

- 47 Occupy, as a table
- 52 Morel or enoki, informally
- 53 Narrate
- 54 Comply with
- 55 City that's home to Tufts University
- 56 As far as
- 57 Carnival shelter
- 62 End of a college's URL
- 64 Go very fast
- 65 Earlier
- 68 Language of Bangkok
- 69 Infamous ldi
- 70 Ye — Shoppe
- 71 Relaxation
- 72 Met offering
- 73 Cartoon skunk Pepé
- 74 Islamic God
- 75 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)
- 79 Representing
- 80 Often-twisted cookies
- 81 French river or department
- 83 "... some kind of —?"

- 84 Ran in the wash
- 85 Q7 or A8 carmaker
- 86 Lead-in to care or gap, in health care
- 87 Impose — on (illegalize)
- 90 Gear tooth
- 91 Owns
- 93 Book of hymns
- 98 From the distant past
- 99 High degree
- 100 Conquer
- 101 That gal
- 102 A-list groups
- 103 Yummy
- 108 Apt first name for a general?
- 109 Actress Skye
- 110 Leave off
- 111 — pot (congestion clearer)
- 112 Cain's father
- 113 Flower jar
- 114 Lake abutting Ohio
- 115 Thus
- 116 Close tightly
- 117 Lose vibrancy
- 118 Spanish pot
- 119 — Bator, Mongolia
- 120 Mean mutt

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You are self-reliant and rarely ask anyone for help. But this time, you might want someone you trust to be there for you while you deal with a difficult matter. Cheer up! Things will improve soon.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your patience begins to pay off. Look for the first sign that your goals are in plain sight. Then take time out from all your hard work for some fun with someone special.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) There could be some lingering effects from a recent setback. But it's all for the best (as you're now beginning to appreciate). Use the lessons that you've learned to start over.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) What seemed to be a difficult goal to reach is now -- or soon will be -- all yours. Congratulations! Meanwhile, an unexpected travel opportunity holds an intriguing new prospect.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A chilly reception to your presentation shouldn't cause you to abandon your ideas. Instead, tweak up the weaker parts and then, once again, show them what you have.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Hiding your feelings might make you feel safer against rejection. But this could be the time when you'll need to speak up or risk losing out on an important event in your life.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Some co-workers might try to talk you out of accepting a promotion, but you need to follow your own instincts. And if you believe you're right for the job, then take the chance.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some changes are in order as you come to realize that you need to sort out several areas in your life. Your remarkable insight helps you make the right decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's time to act on your own behalf and separate yourself from people whose selfish needs threaten your personal and/or professional survival.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Resist the tendency to close yourself off from unpleasant situations. Instead, open up to how things are so that you can help change them to what they could be.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An unspoken problem could be driving a deep wedge between you and a special person. Some honest talking "twixt the two of you can start the healing process.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might feel like you've been going around in ever-widening circles when trying to deal with recent workplace problems. Cheer up! A successful end is finally in sight.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to talk, and people love to hear what you have to say. If you were a teacher, you'd never have to worry about keeping your students' attention.

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Our first meeting of the year is always a good time to get together after the winter and chat over refreshments following the program. We hope to see you there.

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Do you like knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, or crocheting? Join our newest club. Meet new people, share fiber art project ideas, work with others, and share some laughs. Fiber Arts Club meets every Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

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 programs require registration and more information can be found at [elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events](http://elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events).

Tickets are available for the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library's Afternoon Tea Fundraiser. Performer Sheryl Faye returns in "Liberty and Legacy" as Abigail Adams on April 12 at the Marion Music Hall. Doors will open at 2:30 pm, Tea service starts at 3:00 pm. Finger sandwiches, scones, and desserts will be served. Tickets can be purchased for \$45 at the library, or online at



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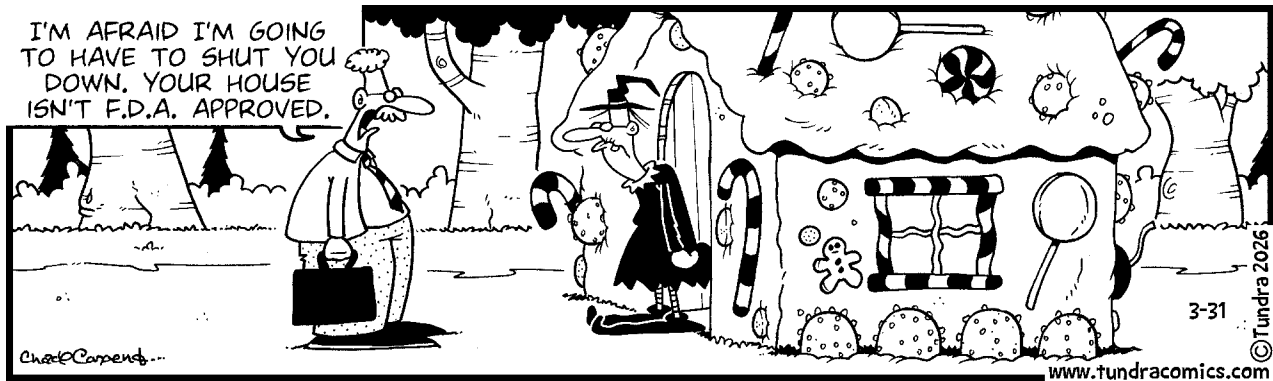
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For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or email the library at [ETLibrary@sailsinc.org](mailto:ETLibrary@sailsinc.org). 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738.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

### Mattapoissett Yacht Club

MYC will hold its Annual Spring Fling on April 18 at 6:00 pm at the new MYC Clubhouse located at 32 Ned's Point Rd, Mattapoissett. The new clubhouse is located on the 2nd floor of the Mattapoissett Boatyard. The clubhouse features a spacious outside deck area, bar and lounge area, large screen tv, and captain tables and chairs. MYC members are encouraged to invite a guest to the event. The cost is \$20./pp. Food is supplied by "On The Go". Members can pay at the door or online via the MYC website: [mattapoissettyc.org](http://mattapoissettyc.org). Mattapoissett YC is accepting membership applications for the 2026 season. All yacht racing, cruising and social events can be found through the website.

### Ruta Sepetys to Speak in Mattapoissett

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library will welcome international bestselling author Ruta Sepetys for a special keynote event on Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 pm at the historic Mattapoissett Congregational Church.

Sepetys, acclaimed author of *Salt to the Sea* and other internationally recognized works of historical fiction, will speak about her writing, research process, and her highly anticipated new novel, *A Fortune of Sand*.

To celebrate the occasion, the first 100 registered attendees will receive a free copy of *A Fortune of Sand*. Registration is not required to attend the event but is required to be eligible for a free book. Books will be distributed at the event while supplies last, and attendees must be present to receive a copy.

This special evening will take place at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, allowing the library to welcome a large audience for what is expected to be a well-attended community event.

The program is free and open to all. Seating is



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### Lisa Regan Durr Community Activism Scholarship Fund

Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) is honored to announce the establishment of the Lisa Regan Durr Community Activism Scholarship Fund, a tribute to Lisa's unwavering commitment to social justice and her instrumental role in the early formation of TTAR.

Lisa was a passionate advocate for racial equity and believed deeply in the power of education to foster an anti-racist community in the Tri-Town. Her dedication to social justice, learning, and action inspired others to do the same, and her legacy continues to inspire us all.

To honor Lisa's memory, this scholarship will be awarded to a student of color attending school in the Tri-Town who embodies the values she championed, such as her passion for volunteerism.

Lisa's work lives on in all of us, and through this scholarship, we hope to empower the next generation of leaders committed to equity and change.

The Lisa Regan Durr Community Activism Scholarship seeks to support a student who reflects both academic commitment and a deep dedication to community service. This scholarship is intended for a student who has actively volunteered in their community

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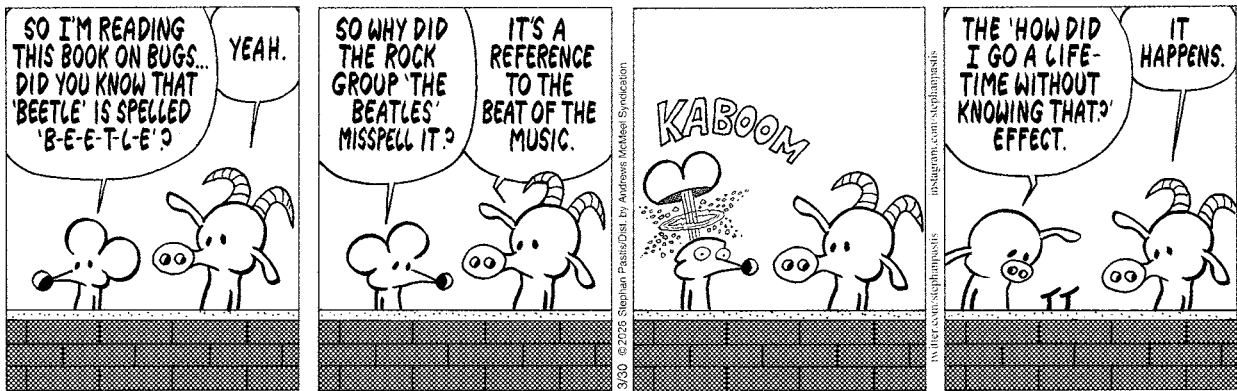
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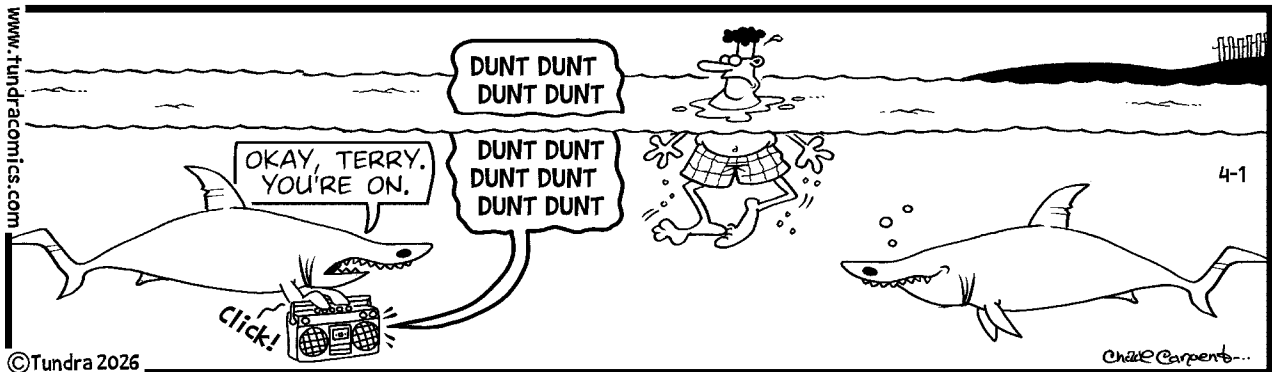
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<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Michael Lorenzo, Tow of Mattapoisett, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to conduct beach nourishment at Pico beach. The project is located at the terminal end of Neds Point Road, partially on Map 7.0, Lot 130., and is further identified as Lot 130.0 on Assessor Map 7.0 **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/2</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for April 14, 2026, at 6:45 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Salty Dog Ventures, LLC, dba Salty Dog Tavern, 33 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Requesting an All-Alcohol License, Common Victualler's License and Entertainment License.</p> <p>Manager on record to be Tracey White R. Tyler Macallister, Chair Jodi L. Bauer, Vice Chairperson, Jordan Collyer, Clerk 4/2, 4/9</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b></p>	<p><b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #842</b></p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 23, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of John and Jessica Peters, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1c of the zoning by-law to allow the renovation and expansion of an existing residence.</p> <p>The property, located at 20 South Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as lot 146. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 4/2, 4/9</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #843</b></p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, April 23, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of the Marion Art Center, for a Variance from section 230-5.2 of the zoning by-law to allow renovations/additions to existing building to exceed 40% of ground area coverage.</p> <p>The property, located at 80 Pleasant Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 15 as Lot 77. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 4/2, 4/9</p> <hr/> <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 in the Mattapoisett Town</p>	<p>Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Derek &amp; Kyrene Gregoire. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicants propose to construct a 10' x 10' deck within an area previously approved for development. Said deck will be supported by helical anchors.</p> <p>The work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 17).</p> <p>The property is located at 2 Goodspeed Island and is further identified as Lot #28A on Assessors Map #10. 4/2</p> <hr/> <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 in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Vera B. Gibbons. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to construct a 10' x 13.4' addition to the single-family dwelling. The work will be performed within the within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 16).</p> <p>The property is located at 9 Pearl Street and is further identified as Lot #135 on Assessors Map #10. 4/2</p>

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Essay: 1-2 pages, 12pt. Times New Roman, 1.5 sp. Or a four-to-five-minute video outlining their volunteerism and commitment to social justice. The essay or video should provide evidence of commitment to community and social justice, such as describing the applicant's involvement, values, and experiences related to equity and advocacy.

Documentation of participation in social justice-focused activities, which may include attendance at workshops, programs, community events, or school initiatives related to social justice.

Proof of at least 10 hours of community service, which can be demonstrated through:

A signed service log or certificate confirming the number of hours volunteered.

Email confirmation or official documentation from a supervisor or program coordinator verifying participation.

Two letters of recommendation from the organization(s) where the service was completed, or from a teacher, mentor, coach, or other significant person with knowledge of your volunteerism.

Applications are due no later than April 30, 2026. Decisions will be announced on May 14, 2026.

Applications should be emailed to [info@tritownagainstracism.org](mailto:info@tritownagainstracism.org). All supporting documents should be in one PDF file.

Upon approval: 10-hour volunteer commitment to TTAR over an academic year.

Actual scholarship money will receive the scholarship money after the first semester, upon proof of successful matriculation at an accredited institution.

### **Mattapoisett Free Public Library**

Spring into April with the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow Street, this month.

Do you need some free, basic tech help? Stop by Felicia's Tech Corner on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm for personalized, one-on-one assistance. Example topics include basic email assistance or help accessing Libby and Hoopla, the library's eBook and audiobook platforms. Not sure? Email Felicia at [faguiar@sailsinc.org](mailto:faguiar@sailsinc.org) or call the library to see if we can help.

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to our monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 pm. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is an action-oriented

group of students who work to integrate their youthful voices into MFPL's services, programming, goals, and communications. New members are always welcome.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 pm in the Marine Room. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at [mfpl@sailsinc.org](mailto:mfpl@sailsinc.org). We can pass along your message to the Friends.

The Friends will continue accepting jewelry donations for their December 2026 sale. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, the Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library's used Book Sale is on Saturday, April 11, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Book donations will be accepted on Thursday, April 9, and Friday, April 10, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in the library's meeting room.

This month's Silent Book Club meets on Sunday, April 12, at 2:00 pm in the upstairs Reading Rooms. Participants will enjoy delicious treats, tea, and quiet time to read. Relax with friends, acquaintances, and strangers while learning about your next favorite book. The event is for patrons ages 16 and up - no registration required.



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2. MOVIES: In the "Star Wars" movies, which character wields a purple lightsaber?
3. GAMES: In Monopoly, how much money do players get when they pass "Go"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain's 1970s jingle began, "Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, special orders don't upset us"?
5. TELEVISION: What holiday did George's dad invent in the sitcom "Seinfeld"?
6. ANATOMY: How many skin cells does the average human being shed in a minute?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize?
8. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Mars have?
9. LITERATURE: What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl in the novel series?
10. SCIENCE: What is the boiling point of water in Celsius?

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Answers  
1. British Columbia.  
2. Mace Windu.  
3. \$200.  
4. Burger King.  
5. Festus.  
6. 30,000 to 40,000.  
7. Four: Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama.  
8. Two: Phobos and Deimos.  
9. Hedwig.  
10. 100 degrees C.

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For full job description visit the Town's website at [mattapoisett.gov/Jobs.aspx](http://mattapoisett.gov/Jobs.aspx)

The Mattapoisett Public Free Library is seeking applicants for part-time Children's Librarian. Details are available on the Town website under **Employment**. Please send resumes and cover letter to [jmartin@sailsinc.org](mailto:jmartin@sailsinc.org)

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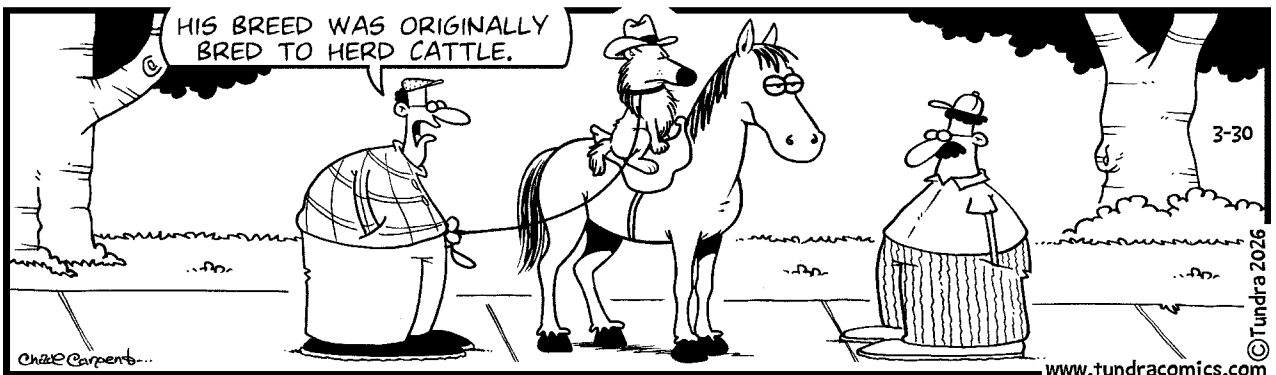
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Join performer and educator Stephen Collins for an engaging evening exploring the life and work of Robert Frost through a blend of storytelling and performance. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm in the library's meeting room.

Did you know April is "Financial Literacy Month?" On Saturday, April 18, at 1:00 pm, visit the Mattapoissett Library with for Economic Empowerment Hour. Teens can learn essential skills like understanding credit and how to write a check. No registration required.

Join Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the Mattapoissett Library on Sunday, April 19th, at 2:00 pm. Sheryl Faye will portray the late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in her one-woman show. All adults are welcome. No registration required.

Our Sunday Book Club meets on April 19th at 2:00 pm. They are reading My Friends by Fredrik Backman. Copies are available at the library. Contact Librarian Robbin Smith with questions at rsmith@sailsinc.org.

Join our next Board Game Club on Tuesday, April 21st, at 6:00 pm. Come with friends and family or drop by solo to have some table-top fun. Bring your own games or play some of ours. No registration required.

In honor of America's 250th year, teens and tweens are invited to join us for a screening of the award-winning musical, Hamilton, on Wednesday, April 22nd at 1:00 pm. No registration is required and free snacks.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group regularly meets on the Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6 PM in the Marine Room. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22. This month's book is American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures in North America by Colin Woodard. Copies will be



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Come to the Mattapoissett Library for an afternoon with Anita Diamant on Sunday, April 26th, at 2:00 pm. Anita Diamant is a prolific and award-winning author of fiction, non-fiction, and essay collections. Some of her notable titles include The Red Tent and The Boston Girl. This event is free and open to all.

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### Loft School Spring Art Show

The Loft Cooperative Preschool recently hosted its annual Spring Art Show, welcoming families and friends to celebrate a year of creativity and learning.

The event featured a vibrant display of artwork created by children

in each classroom, showcasing their exploration of a wide range of artistic materials and techniques. Families had the



opportunity to experience how classroom activities inspired each piece, offering insight into the children's creative processes.

Rooted in a play-based philosophy, The Loft's program encourages curiosity, imagination, and self-expression. The artwork on display reflected these values, providing a meaningful glimpse into how young children think, learn, and interpret the world around them.

The Spring Art Show was a joyful celebration of the children's accomplishments and the school's commitment to hands-on, experiential learning.

### Mattapoissett Woman's Club Continuing Education Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to offer a continuing education scholarship of \$1500 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.mattapoissettwomensclub.org](http://www.mattapoissettwomensclub.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 Cassady 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.

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### 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 1:00 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.

### Mattapoisett Celebrates 250 Years Committee

Please join us as we plan the Semi quincennial 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.

### Music at the MAC

Carl Beverly & Richard D. Lewis are Making Music to Change the World on Saturday, **April 18** at 7:00 pm Carl Beverly & Richard D. Lewis will be Making Music to Change the World. Carl and Richard are two gifted singer-songwriters whose music embodies the very best qualities of the human experience to inspire us all to create a more egalitarian and humane world. Come join us to hear well-crafted songs with beautiful melodies and lyrical messages that will give you hope that, yes, we can save the planet and truly make the world a better place for ALL of humanity. General admission tickets are \$25 for MAC members and \$30 for nonmembers. The MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Tickets and more information for this concert are available at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

### Writing Class: 6 Weeks, 6 Stories

The next session of our popular writing class 6 Weeks, 6 Stories returns starting **April 7** and will run through May 12 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the MAC Studio at 80 Pleasant St, Marion. Sarah Banse returns to guide writers whether they are beginning a practice, a seasoned writer or a complete beginner. 6 Weeks, 6 Stories is an opportunity to experiment with new forms and share fresh work in a supportive environment. Class size is limited; to register or for more information please go to [marionartcenter.org/adult-classes](http://marionartcenter.org/adult-classes).

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### Get Moving with TapFit

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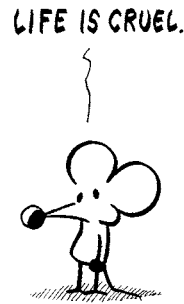
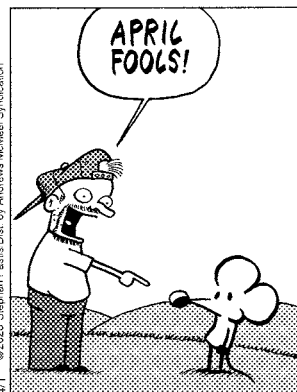
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis



### Priscilla Hathaway Art Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Land Trust is seeking applicants for its \$1000 Priscilla Hathaway Art Scholarship. This award is available to a Mattapoissett, Marion, or Rochester resident graduating from high school in June 2026, who is committed to keeping the core values that Priscilla Hathaway exemplified, is studying art, and plans to continue education in fine arts. The scholarship is made available through the generosity of Brad Hathaway and his family.

Application forms are available in the high school guidance offices and at the Mattapoissett Land Trust website: [mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/](http://mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/).

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 17**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 15.

The actual award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of the first semester in college to the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

### Blanche B. Perry Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Land Trust is seeking applicants for its \$1000 Blanche B. Perry Scholarship. This award is available to a Mattapoissett resident graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, or Tabor Academy by June 2026, and pursuing education in the sciences and/or environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman Fund, a bequest left to provide support for children in the community.

Application forms are available in the guidance



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offices of participating schools listed above and at the Mattapoissett Land Trust website: [mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/](http://mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/).

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### Mattapoissett Lions Senior Dinner

The Mattapoissett Lions Club Senior Dinner will be held on Saturday, **April 18** at 12:00 pm for local seniors at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. There is no fee for the meal, and the dinner includes full turkey dinner, with fixings and dessert. Participants and individuals who need meals can contact the Council on aging at: [coordinator@mattapoissett.gov](mailto:coordinator@mattapoissett.gov) or 508-758-4110 to report attendance or need for meal delivery. Any questions about the senior dinner can be directed to Jeffrey Swift, 508-758-3666.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS						<i>See past listing on our website: <a href="http://www.wanderer.com">www.wanderer.com</a></i>
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price	
Sprague, Chad F Sprague, Sarah B	Eilertsen, Alex J Eilertsen, Meredith	224 North St	Mattapoissett	03/13/2026	697,500.00	
Pini, Beverly Welsh Pini, Albert Ross Jr	Beaulieu, Marc J TR Souza, Lesley L TR Marc J Beaulieu & Lesley L Souza Family Trust	5 Beach St	Mattapoissett	03/13/2026	560,000.00	
Bisio, David Henry Bisio, Christine Lemaire	Downey, Donna J Downey, Paul C Pereira, Cheryl A Pereira, John Dailey, Kristen N Dailey, Christopher J	21 Hitching Post Rd	Mattapoissett	03/13/2026	910,000.00	
Vdev Development Corp	Dunn, Jeffrey C	0 Angelica Ave Lot 159d	Mattapoissett	03/16/2026	250,000.00	
Cammarata, Haley	Designer Home Properties	38 Rocky Knook Ln	Marion	03/16/2026	632,500.00	
Canary, Brendan Michael Metivier, Chelsea Lyn	Sarajon Realty LLC	490 High St	Rochester	03/17/2026	805,000.00	

Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
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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).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the March 26, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 29

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**  
CROSSWORD SOLUTION

I	S	T	O	C	H	I	T	B	O	S	S	A	P	P	L	E	S		
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**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution

1. Parade; 2. Manner  
3. Mental; 4. Sacred

Today's Word  
**SEPARATE**

Sudoku Answer

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



## GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

## MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

8 oz. Selected Variety  
Wish-Bone  
Dressing  
**2/\$3**



Half Liter Bottles, 24 pk.  
Poland Spring  
Water **\$5.99**

12-16 oz. Frosted Mini Wheat or  
Kellogg's  
Frosted Flakes Cereal **\$3.99**

8.5 oz. Selected Variety  
Ben's Original  
Ready Rice **2/\$5**

7.25 oz. Original  
Kraft  
Mac & Cheese **2/\$3**

16.9 oz. Selected Variety  
Filippo Berio  
Olive Oil **\$8.99**

12-16 oz. Selected Variety  
Betty Crocker  
Cake Mix or Frosting **2/\$3**

5.5 oz. Selected Variety  
Food Should Taste Good  
Tortilla Chips **\$3.49**

32 oz. Selected Variety  
Stonyfield Organic  
Yogurt **\$5.49**

8 oz. Selected Variety Bars or  
Food Club  
Shredded Cheese  
**2/\$5**



1.5 qt. Selected Variety  
Tillamook  
Ice Cream  
**\$5.99**



14 oz. Pkg.  
Kayem  
Fenway Meat Hot Dogs **\$6.99**

12 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety  
Kayem  
Bacon **\$7.99**

Fresh  
Boar's Head  
Sweet Slice Ham **\$9.99 lb**

Deli Sliced  
Boar's Head  
Genoa Salami **\$10.99 lb**

Deli Sliced  
Friends' Store Made  
Turkey **\$8.99 lb**

Deli Sliced  
Land O Lakes  
American Cheese **\$7.99 lb**

Deli Fresh  
Friends' Store Made  
Loaded Baked Potato Salad **\$7.99 lb**

Deli Fresh  
Friends' Store Packaged  
Red Bliss Potato Salad **\$7.49 lb**

Deli Fresh  
Friends' Store Packaged  
Egg Salad **\$11.49 lb**

8 oz. Pkg. Romano or  
BelGioioso  
Parmesan Cheese **\$4.99**

8 oz. Pkg. Vermont  
Boar's Head  
Cheddar Cheese **\$9.99**

10 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety  
Boar's Head  
Hummus **2/\$7**

8 oz. Pkg.  
Friends' Store Made  
Yogurt Parfait **\$5.99 ea**

Ready to Serve  
Allen's  
Rotisserie Chicken **\$9.99 ea**

## CHEF PREPARED

## BAKERY

With Sour Cream & Salsa  
Smoked Pork Burrito **\$12.99 ea**

Spicy Sesame  
Peanut Noodles **\$10.99 lb**

Pint  
Black Bean & Corn Salad **\$9.99**

Fresh  
Garden Side Salad **\$6.99 ea**

Various Styles  
Take & Bake Pizza **\$8.99 - \$10.99 ea**

Homemade  
Savory Pies to Go! **Small Large**

Chicken Pot Pie **\$13.99 ea \$19.99 ea**

Shepherd's Pie **\$12.99 ea \$19.99 ea**

9.5 oz. Loaf  
Fresh Baked  
Mini Parisian Bread **\$1.49**

20 oz. Selected Variety  
Table Talk  
Crumb Cake **\$6.49**

## WINE

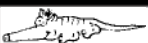
William Hill - 750 ml. California  
Chardonnay **\$13.99**  
Reg. - \$15.99

Decoy - 750 ml. California  
Merlot **\$19.99**  
Reg. - \$22.99

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Classics  
Soup**  
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Peanut Butter**  
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**Bear Naked  
Granola**  
**\$4<sup>49</sup>**



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**Stonyfield  
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Milk**  
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**Brigham's  
Ice Cream**  
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Fresh, Cara Cara or  
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lb

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Peelz Blood Oranges

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lb



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Yellow Onions

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Zucchini or Summer Squash

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lb

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