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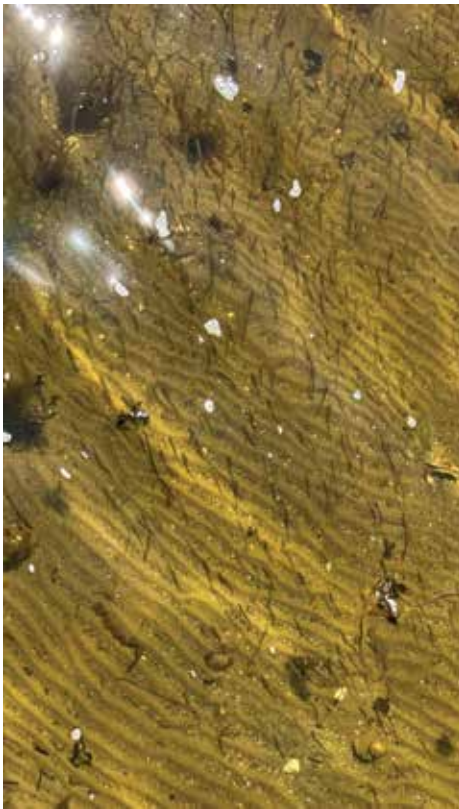
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TriTown Happenings



Minnows at low tide at the Mattapoissett town beach. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



On Wednesday, April 15, retired Mattapoissett Police Chief James Moran celebrated his 90th birthday in Mattapoissett with family and friends. He started as a patrol officer in 1963 and held the position of Chief for almost 20 years. Pictured from left to right: Retired Mattapoissett Police Officers Milt Heuberger, Ed Pina, Chief Moran, and Ken Pacheco. Photo courtesy Patrick Moran



Deer in Robert Pina's backyard on Point Road in Marion. Photo by Robert Pina



On Wednesday, April 15, the Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had fun learning about the parts of a flower that produces pollen and the important role that pollinators play in our everyday lives. By dividing the group into three different types of insect species, Bees, Wasps, and Butterflies, the kids had fun playing a relay game to collect pollen. We then created flower seed "bombs" to take home and plant. Many thanks to museum volunteer Maggie Payne, monarch butterfly and pollinator enthusiast. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



On Wednesday, April 8, the Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group welcomed Marianne Piche, Habitat Biologist with Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife. Marianne helped us to explore the importance of Young Forests. Young forests are areas which are in the process of restoration after a fire or timber harvesting event. These forests provide unique habitat for a variety of wildlife which rely on the tender shoots and herbaceous vegetation that will not be found in a more mature forest. The museum thanks Marianne for her interesting talk and the opportunity to visit our young forest, Holmes Woods. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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Senior Dinner Features: Turkey!

By Sam Bishop

On Saturday, the Mattapoisett Lions Club held their annual Senior Dinner at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church on 27 Church Street.

The free dinner was open to all local seniors, with visitors entering the large hall and taking their seats at one of many tables lining the middle of the room, or makeshift cafeteria. At around 12:00 pm, hungry guests flooded in and were quickly served their turkey dinner.

The kitchen to the back of the room was scrambling, though not chaotically. Though they had many to serve, the assembly line of disciplined volunteers cranked away, as servers ran plates out to the room with no open seats.

Music was also being played live towards the front of the room, as attendees chatted, were waited on by servers, and chowed down. It was not just all the fixings of a turkey dinner, as they were also graced with the holy light of apple pie towards the end of their meal.

Certainly, no one was to leave hungry, just like years prior.

Rochester Fire Quelled Before Tri-Town Aid Arrives

By Sam Bishop

On Monday morning around 7:20 am, the Rochester Fire Department responded to a structural fire just off Cranberry Highway, Route 28, near the Wareham line.

The fire began at the recycling facility operated by E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. Seven engines, Tower 1 and Units 190, 193, 198, 192, 210, initially responded to the call, along with the Rochester Police Department. Upon their arrival, firefighters discovered the fire was mostly contained within a metal compartment used in aluminum

On the Cover: On Saturday, April 18, the Mattapoisett Congressional Church hosted the Mattapoisett Lions Club Senior Dinner. Nearly every seat in the hall was taken up by local seniors chowing down on a full turkey dinner; which also included apple pie for dessert. Live music was also performed as the Lions Club and church staff scurried between the kitchen and dining area in order to serve their many guests. Photo by Sam Bishop

recycling. Employees of Harvey had been able to partially contain the fire and reduce its intensity before the engines arrived by flushing the system of some of its garbage, or fuel.

Through the system of mutual aid, assistance had been called upon from both Marion and Mattapoisett. Though while the other Tri-Town's departments were enroute, their help was called off. Within 20 minutes of Rochester Fire Department's arrival, the fire had been extinguished.

The prior evening, the RFD had responded to the neighboring town of Freetown's mutual aid request for a separate structural fire.

Schedule for Town Meetings, Elections

By Sam Bishop

We're starting to get into election season! In the upcoming weeks, each town in the Tri-Town will hold both town elections and town meetings. Below are important dates for voters as we enter this exciting time to let your voice be heard.

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Marion

The Select Board will hold a Town Meeting Warrant Review at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on Wednesday, **April 22** at 6:00 pm.

The last day to register to vote at Town Meeting or the Town Election is Friday, **May 1**.

In-person, early voting begins Thursday, **May 7** during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm) in the Town Clerk's Office.

Marion's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, **May 11** at 6:00 pm in the Sippican School Auditorium, 16 Spring Street.

In-person, early voting ends Thursday, **May 14** at 12:00 pm.

The Marion Town Election will be held on Friday, **May 15**, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street.

Mattapoisett

The last day to register to vote at the Annual Town Meeting is Friday, **May 1**.

The last day to publish or post a warrant for Town Meeting is Monday, **May 4**.

The last day to register to vote in the Town Election is Friday, **May 8**.

Mattapoisett's Annual Town Meeting will be held at Old Rochester Regional High School on Monday, **May 11** at 6:30 pm.

The last day to request a mail ballot is Tuesday, **May 12**.

The Mattapoisett Town Election will be held on Tuesday, **May 19**, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw Street.

Rochester

The last day to register to vote is Friday, **May 15**.

Rochester's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, **May 18** at 7:00 pm in Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street.

In-person, early voting begins Monday, **May 18** during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday 8:30 am to 12:45 pm) at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

The last day to request a mail ballot is Tuesday, **May 19**.

The Rochester Town Election is on Wednesday, **May 27** from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Lane.

Weweantic Bridge Work Hours Increased

By Sam Bishop

The bridge that connects Marion to Wareham across the Weweantic River is still slated to be completed by the end of the year, in December, but it has new work hours that may affect travel across Route 6.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation updated Marion earlier in the week, stating that work time on the bridge would be done between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm, two extra hours per day from the original pack-up time of 3:00 pm.

MassDOT states lane closures, both east and westbound will still be in place, as well as other temporary lane shifts, shoulder closures, and sporadic traffic flow alterations as needed. They confirm that the



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road will not be closed and traffic will remain open in both directions from at least one lane, with assistance from local police.

Along with police detailing, the MassDOT also ensures proper signage will help direct drivers. Those same drivers, however, should expect heavier traffic and slower progression through the area.

Marion and the state agency recommended mass511.com to check traffic data and live cameras as work progresses on the crossing.

Work on the bridge began in February, with the initial phase to clear trees and other debris from the site. Following that and other erosion control measures, work begins on demolishing the bridge and construction of its subsequent replacement, still slated to be completed December of this year.

Thoughts on...

Red Noses, Floppy Shoes and Modernization By Dick Morgado

After a nine-year hiatus, the circus is back in town. Well not our town. The field near my backyard where it once visited now houses a funeral home, condominiums, and the police station. Instead, it stops at cities around New England and points west. The famous Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus is now called just Ringling. They stopped performing in 2017 after 146 years.

Ownership said operating costs were high, audiences were growing smaller, and pressure from animal rights groups made it difficult to put on a proper show. So, they folded their tents (Actually, they hadn't used tents in years, instead performing in vast arenas. I imagine the basketball and concert fans were glad to see them leave because it has been reported that the smell of the elephants left an unpleasant aroma behind for weeks).

One of my favorite memories as a kid was when I would wake up in the morning to the sounds of the elephants trumpeting. Thanks to the generosity of the circus's band leader, who stopped into my dad's barber shop for a haircut, I got free tickets and the run of the grounds, meeting the performers and watching them

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rehearse. My favorite parts were the clowns. To this day I cherish those memories.

According to Ringling's website, management decided to "modernize", to "re-imagine the circus", and focus on "authentic human personalities" and avoid "pop-culture" tastes. They moved away from "corny, traditional tropes." Hey, what's wrong with tradition and what's a trope anyway?

Tradition is the circus arriving in town on a train or on trucks. Children and their parents would line the streets to watch the elephants and clowns marching to the fairgrounds in anticipation of a fun afternoon or evening of excitement and laughs.

Alas, the "Greatest Show on Earth" is not so great

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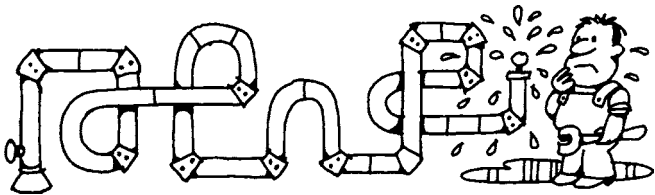
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as it once was. The new version has no elephants, no lions, no tigers, no dancing bears, no prancing ponies... no animals. They don't even have a ringmaster or a live band. And no clowns! That's right, no clowns.

I can see getting away with eliminating wild animals, they were often abused. Living in small cages is no way for a wild animal to live. But clowns! Really? They also felt that clowns were creepy hiding behind heavy make-up, a stereotype associated with horror, and "scary". What? Thanks Stephen King!

Where are these hard-working funny folks supposed to go? Are they expected to pack up their red noses, giant shoes and tiny cars and move to Washington?

Fear not, clowns are not going away. The World Clown Association held their annual convention in Boston this past March. (Imagine thousands of clowns roaming the streets of our state's capitol city.) The top banana of the group visited nearby New Bedford, which is surprisingly, a mecca for clowns, and I don't mean the city's politicians. There is actually a clown school there. Really.

If you are not afraid of clowns (coulrophobia) and have a love of clowns (a crurophilia) and have a desire to yuk-it-up, be silly and goofy just for the fun of it, you can enroll at the not-for-profit Smile Factory, which trains clowns for performances at hospitals, parties, schools and a three-ring-circus of other events... but not the Ringling Circus.

Call me corny, but I say bring in the Clowns.

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

A Poem as Lovely as a Tree

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Fifth graders at Mattapoisett's Old Hammondtown School made a huge impression on the local tree committee (of which I'm a member) with their entries in the annual poster contest. This year's theme "If Trees Could Talk" brought out an array of inventive renderings from students in Greta Anderson's art class, many featuring local landmarks and all focused on the importance of trees within a community. This is one of several events leading up to the Arbor Day celebration in our town with the raising of the Arbor Day Flag to commemorate the 18th year of participation in Tree City USA.

It's fair to equate trees with youthful endeavors. I believe just about everyone has a tree story. It may be the quixotic childhood fantasy fulfilled, climbing so high your mom had to coach you back to earth. Or discovering the bliss of some arboreal labyrinth, memorizing its pungent aroma of pine or leafy extract. Child's play is compatible with these natural structures, and our memories are inextricably linked to them.

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can recall every crisp detail of how it felt to be under their influence. Hopefully we still can have a moment or experience every once in a while, connecting to trees.

Allergies aside, we must admit that trees are magnificent in the whole scheme of things. Swelling buds announce nature's annual metamorphosis as we head toward Arbor Day. The holiday sprouted out of a need to plant trees to improve soil structure and hence agricultural integrity.

In his book *How to Plant a Tree*, Daniel L. Butler documents the holiday's roots: "In 1872 Nebraskan J. Sterling Morton set up a national tree planting festival, Arbor Day, which was targeted particularly at schoolchildren. The idea was an immediate success. By

1885 it was declared a legal holiday in Nebraska and other states quickly followed suit. The original aim was principally to improve agriculture by providing shelter and preventing soil erosion on the Great Plains. Over time, Arbor Day has become an environmental and conservation movement.

Today, this occasion, which is scheduled on the last Friday of April, is recognized as a day dedicated to preserving and appreciating trees. If you have been thinking of planting a tree now is a good time to do so. It may be to mark a moment of significance (a birthday, retirement or a new home) or just part of your horticultural agenda. Planting a tree is akin to putting down roots. It is a visual reminder of time's passage too.

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A few years ago, I revisited my childhood home, where my parents planted their first gardens while rearing their three children. Usually when you go back, things seem much smaller. But in this case the opposite was true. The place had the most magnificent trees, all of them planted by my father who'd bought the house on a blank lot, one of many in a subdivision built in the early 1960s. While clearing land for a new home - the one they presently live in - my father and older brother and several uncles spent months removing trees. Forty years later he's probably replaced them in triplicate.

As they say, the apple doesn't fall far, and I am now as passionate about trees as my father. They surround our home and even grow out of pots that live between house and patio and if there is ever a loss, the void is filled by a tree. When you live on a fairly flat lot, it adds dimension and brings in all sorts of wildlife.

When people ask me to



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recommend a tree for their yard, I tell them to do their research on things like soil preferences and how big you want said tree to grow and how fast. If you want to see the tree in your lifetime, you're limiting your choices. I say go for posterity and plant for future generations. A marvelous tree that graces our front yard in the Seven Sons (*Heptacodium miconioides*), propagated in Beijing, China and cultivated at the Arnold Arboretum and recommended to us by Allen Haskell many moons ago when we were mapping out our landscape. It is glorious in all the seasons and the growth is fast and the branching graceful. We could not have chosen a better tree for the site which overlooks a patio.

If I had a few extra acres I would plant a Pagoda Tree, also known as the Chinese Scholar tree. This specimen always holds me spellbound for its shape and grandeur, first in Edgartown and then again at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. These are likewise Chinese imports. My husband credits the merchant sailing captains for many of Edgartown's interesting trees, having brought specimens back from overseas. Captain Thomas Milton brought the Pagoda Tree seedling from China (where it is known as a Flame Tree) to the Vineyard in the 1830s planting it next to his home, now part of the Harborside Inn. It's the oldest on the continent and towers above several inns and homes.

Perhaps a more realistic choice brings me back to earth: a Mulberry tree. Red Mulberry is the only native

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With more than 700 tree species in North America alone, it's time we were on a first name basis with some of the major players. The Arbor Day Foundation offers several booklets and field guides, most notably the

"What Tree Is That?" (164 pages) guide for identifying over 250 North American tree species. Other publications include the "Tree Board Handbook" for community forestry management and "Now is the Time for Trees" for planting, available through their online store.

"Trees are the earth's endless effort to speak to the listening heaven." Rabindranath Tagore, Fireflies.

A Year of Fighting

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week, General Washington and a long column of thousands of Continental Army soldiers finally arrived in New York City. The general would set up a temporary headquarters in lower Manhattan, 1 Broadway. From here, he prepares to inspect and strengthen defenses of the city.

April 19, 1776 is the first anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Therefore, the American Revolution had been raging, in its "hot" form, for a year. Patriots Day was this past Monday, and it commemorates the battles and the "shot heard round the world." The holiday is not a federal one and is observed as a state holiday by Massachusetts and Maine.

Back to 1776, Washington begins his General Orders for the day with "Parole Lexington," choosing the town as the day's password for guards and sentries. However, it is not evident that much more is done to highlight the anniversary. Washington instead writes to President of the Continental Congress John Hancock, urging the congress to act quickly in pressuring Native American tribes. He writes, "In my opinion it will be impossible to keep them in a state of neutrality - they must, and no doubt soon will, take an *active* part, either for or against us, and I submit it to the consideration of Congress whether it would not be best immediately to engage them on our side, and to use our utmost endeavors to prevent their minds being poisoned by ministerial emissaries, which will ever be the case while a King's garrison is suffered to remain in their country."



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With that, Washington is signifying to Congress to quickly press native groups to join the Continental's ranks and also potentially suppress/outmaneuver (by what means, one can imagine) those that could ally the British. He also again highlights the importance of Canada, though doesn't recommend a large-scale conquest of it, saying, "The security of that country is of the utmost importance to us, this cannot be done so effectually by conquest as by taking stronghold of the affections and confidence of the Inhabitants."

The next day, Washington writes to the New York Committee of Safety asking the body what measures are in place should British warships appear on the horizon. Along with requesting the manner in which 2000-2500 militiamen could be raised for such an instance, he asks for information on and men be stationed at "good lookouts on the heights and head lands at the harbor." He also asks for signals to be developed and agreed upon across neighboring towns. Though not quite a beacon system like Byzantium or Gondor, he also asks for greater cooperation and understanding from New Jersey.

That same day, as is the theme of the conflict, General Washington writes to Governor Jonathan Trumbull in Lebanon, Connecticut. He writes of the "the state of our ammunition," saying, "I find we are greatly deficient in the article of ball, and as I understand a large quantity of lead has been manufactured at Middletown in your government." Connecticut has recently increased

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production of war-time materials, while also receiving the pirated bounty of powder from Nassau. On that, he ends the letter, "P.S. As the quantity of powder here is much smaller than I expected, and the demand from Canada greater, I should be obliged to you if you would inform me how that has been disposed of which was said to be imported lately into your government on Continental account."

As Washington continues to be disappointed by the state he finds New York and Colonel Henry Knox continues to be delayed on his trudge from Boston with all the army's artillery, on April 22 to the south, the Cumberland County Committee for Safety in Virginia drafts a declaration of sorts. Member Carter Henry



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Harrison reads it allowed on the steps of Effingham Tavern. To the people gathered, he calls on Virginia and the other colonies to “abjure any allegiance to his Brittannic Majesty and bid him a goodnight forever.”

Similarly, further to the south, on April 23, the South Carolina Grand Jury in Charlestown issues “Presentments,” or arguments against the Crown and in favor of independence. It begins, “When by evil machinations tending to nothing left than absolute tyranny, trials by jury have been discontinued: and juries in discharge of their duty have assembled, and as soon met as silently and arbitrarily dismissed without being impaneled...” It goes on to state the Magna Carta has been breached, and in order to avoid anarchy, “a new continuation of government, independent of royal authority” is necessary.

Slowly but surely, the war taking place is evolving from what was thought of as a civil war between subjects of King George III towards a war for independence, where by British subjects in the Thirteen Colonies are looking for separation. These acts by smaller town bodies are emboldening and inspiring voices in Philadelphia; especially those keen to write.

Mattapoissett Looks into Saturday Town Meetings
By Sam Bishop

On Saturday, March 18, the Mattapoissett Select Board stated they were seeking input from the community. More specifically, the board is exploring opinions on moving the date in which future Town Meetings are held to a Saturday.

The posting states, “The Board is considering moving the meeting to a Saturday in May, which would require an amendment to the Town’s General Bylaws.” Such a change in town bylaw would require a vote of approval at a Town Meeting.

This would be another big shakeup to longstanding norms, alongside the enlargement of the town’s Select Board from three to five members, approved by voters at last year’s Town Meeting.

Other towns in Massachusetts hold their meetings

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on Saturdays, though it's fairly sporadic and doesn't seem dependent on region. Nearby municipalities with Saturday town meetings include Plymouth, which just held theirs on April 11, and Hingham. Other towns are in the Greater Boston Area out farther west.

Residents are encouraged to submit their thoughts or ideas. It could be possible to vote on this year, were such a question added to the 2026 Town Meeting Warrant. Mattapoisett residents looking to share their thoughts can do so at a Select Board meeting or by visiting mattapoisett.gov/597/Saturday-Town-Meetings---Input-Wanted.

Voting Clickers Donated for Town Meeting

Rochester Select Board & Finance Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board had much to say about the May 18 Annual Town Meeting when it met with the Finance Committee to review the meeting's 33-article warrant on Thursday, April 16.

The first revelation of the night was about a donation meant to make voting easier that night. Town Administrator Cameron Durant reported an anonymous entity has donated 400 remote voting clickers for Town Meeting voters with a \$1,800 grant. Durant said Rochester is one of three Massachusetts communities to receive this generous donation "and also the software, in perpetuity. No strings attached," he said. "Unsolicited. No one at



Town Hall applied."

Durant added that representatives of the manufacturer, Meridia, will come to town the night of Town Meeting and walk officials through how the device will work. Select Board member Brad Morse liked the idea and said it will make voting simpler and easier for residents at Town Meeting. "No more holding up cards and taking hand counts," he said. The board quickly approved acceptance of the donation.

When the Select Board and the Finance Committee began its review of the Town Meeting Warrant, three articles were placed on hold for further revision or discussion at a separate meeting in April.

Article 17 seeks to transfer \$10,000 from free cash

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for the maintenance, repair and replacement of existing kitchen equipment at the Council on Aging Senior Center. The hold here is to add "qualifications" and controls on who will decide how this money is spent. The board agreed to hold off.

The other holds are for Article 19, which would transfer \$250,000 from free cash to supplement the school system's Special Education out-of-district tuition, a cost that has risen dramatically this year to \$1,100,000, and Article 20, which would transfer from free cash \$100,000 to establish a Special Education Fund that could be used for this type of future expense.

Resident David Eckhart argued that, because the town is expecting a state earmark of \$250,000 to reimburse

this cost, the town should influence how the money is spent should this amount be received. "All the financial squeezes on the town are due to squeezes from the schools," he said. He noted with alarm that the student population has declined but school expenses are rising. The town should take control of how that earmark money is spent, he indicated.

Robin Rounseville and Katherine Duggan of the Rochester Memorial School Committee protested this suggestion, saying this money needs to go only to school Special Education. "We have 72 new students, but costs are not the same for every student. We have much greater needs. You are comparing apples and oranges," Rounseville said.

Morse said the language could be changed for Article 19. Select Board Chair Adam Murphy recommended a meeting be scheduled to explain all the aspects of current, out-of-district, Special Education costs. Eckhart agreed to this meeting.

In other business, the board announced that long-time, Board of Assessors member Jana Cavanaugh recently passed away. In his written tribute, Durant noted, "she served with distinction as a long-time elected and Chairman of the Board of Assessors. She was also an educator at Rochester Memorial School, where she made a lasting impact on the lives of her students."

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board and the Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday,

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EPA Bottleneck Slows Pathway

Marion Pathways Committee

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Marion’s long-awaited recreational pathway has hit some minor snags but has moved forward on some issues.

Pathways Committee Chair John Rockwell reported at the April 15 meeting, held at the Music Hall meeting room, that the March Special Town Meeting for a land swap with the town was approved and is now before the Massachusetts Legislature. However, an environmental firm appointed by the state Environmental

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Protection Agency has reported that it will not be able to conduct the report in a timely manner, which could delay the August 15 construction of the pathway.

Other than that bad news, all aspects of the pathway project are moving along. Rockwell reported to committee members that the land swap, which requires 3,000 feet of Washburn Park to the committee, is now before the legislature for approval.

The town held a Special Town Meeting last month instead waiting for the Annual Town Meeting in May to keep the project on schedule.

Rockwell said the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has also conducted its critique of the project, with mostly minor issues such as the location of

the path before a telephone pole as people from Spring Street cross to Front Street.

Rockwell said the DOT is deliberating over some of the issues that were marked "with red ink" in the hopes of modifying the path to meet current safety and other guidelines.

Rockwell said the project survey team has completed its work.

The chair said the committee still awaits some funding, including a grant for an appraisal and for easements, which need an extension and will go before voters at the May Town Meeting.

According to the Pathway Committee, the 3.8-mile, proposed pathway is designed for bicycling, walking and jogging. It would start around Point Street and end at the Mattapoisett line. The project calls on converting an abandoned former railroad trolley bed.

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



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Proposed Garage Determined Too Close

Mattapoisett Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

On April 16, the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals denied the case filed by Shelley and Vincent Mondo for a Special Permit. The Mondos sought the Special Permit to construct an attached two-car garage with a great room. Further, the filing sought relief from



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side- and front-yard setback requirements. The property being reviewed is located at 26 Sagamore Road.

The filing was represented by Andy Stackpole of Field Engineering, who described the request as being rather common for the Antassawamock Beach neighborhood. But the board was not convinced that other design options were not found, leaving the submitted design the only option.

Several times during the hearing board members murmured that there wasn't a hardship and that abutters had to be taken into consideration. ZBA members Aaron Goldberg, Tony Tranfaglia and Chair Susan Akin were like minded in their assertion that the design simply put the proposed garage and porch were too close to the abutter in question and that there really wasn't a hardship. The Special Permit was denied.

A Variance filed by Marcous Baptiste, 17 Shore View Avenue, for the construction of a new single-family home was withdrawn.

A Special Permit was granted to Neil and Cynthia Musante, 4 Dyar Road, for reconstruction of a roof overhang.

Returning to the board on this night was the Special Permit request filed by Patrick and Sharon Costello for the construction of a new single-family home featuring one-level living. The case received permitting.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals is planned for May 14.

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Snipatuit Pond Weed Debate
Rochester Conservation Commission
 By Michael J. DeCicco

Residents pelted Rochester's Conservation Commission with concerns and alternative solutions Tuesday when the board re-opened its Notice of Intent hearing for the Town of Rochester's proposed work with a harvester to cut and remove invasive aquatic weeds in Snipatuit Pond.

Commission Chair Christopher Gerrior started the meeting with the magnitude of the problem. He noted Snipatuit is the town's largest pond, and that it sits at the head of the Mattapoissett River. In 2025, the water-choking invasive weeds milfoil and fanwort were so thick in Snipatuit boat propellers couldn't operate and fish and shellfish below them die from losing oxygen.

The town commissioned a vegetation study that led to a suggestion that a harvester be purchased or rented to physically remove these weeds from the water. He said Senator Michael Rodrigues is seeking to find state funding for the town's harvester. The NOI proposes these plants would then be hauled off to be composted at a local landfill.

Residents crowding the room sparked a debate on whether the harvester would be permanent solution. The basic answer was no. Commission member Matthew Bache said an herbicide treatment would kill them more effectively but would have to be done slowly and

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methodically, treating small portions of the pond at a time. A harvester is how the town gets rid of the weeds quickly, Gerrior admitted, "But it's not the whole picture," he said.

Rick Charron, a member of the town Water Commission, noted a new harvester can clear 800 acres but not get the job done permanently. Resident David Eckhart asked if any scenario would allow weed harvesting to happen this season; the current timeline for acquiring a harvester sets its use at next year. "I don't have any scenario," Gerrior said, "I don't see that as likely." Former Commissioner Ben Bailey offered to pledge \$10,000 to the effort if local citizens pledge \$20,000.

Board members and residents alike considered other possible solutions such as dredging the pond, applying herbicides along with harvesting, installing boat wash machinery at pond boat ramp, and employing a Lake Manager to oversee a comprehensive plan. As a result of these ideas, the commission ultimately continued the NOI hearing to its next meeting but also moved to investigate chemical treatment and dredging options and learn how many acres at once the harvester would clear.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be May 5 at 7:00 pm, at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

\$50,000 Boost From Recovered Funds

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
 By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission received some good news at the April 16 virtual meeting. Rockwell said the Point Road walking path's land acquisition of town land has been approved by Town Meeting and when the state legislature approves it, the easements will go to the Select Board.

The acquisition of 3,000 feet from Washburn Park was approved at a Special Town Meeting last month to help build the Point Road Bike and Walking Path. But to top it off, the OSAC learned that town finance officials found \$50,000 extra that will be deposited into the OSAC's treasury.

Rockwell and OSAC member Kitty DeGroot noted that due to a clerical error, the money was labeled as an "environmental affairs reimbursement." OSAC learned later that it was from a reimbursement grant in which OSAC had to pay some money and receive money in return.

The project was for the acquisition of the 30-acre Hoff property, which provides a half-mile walking trail as well as wetlands and wildlife protections. OSAC acquired it for that purpose in 2021.

"They (the Town Accountant and Finance Director) tracked down what happened with the money, and it sounds like there was an entry error and they will provide monthly reports and will get our first report in May," DeGroot said.

DeGroot updated OSAC on the open space

property maintenance plan. The commission has sought help from Department of Public Works Director Jody Dickerson. The DPW does not have funding available for regular maintenance of open space lands and trails but Dickerson and his staff have conducted some maintenance work at Grassy Bog, including building drainage ditch and leveled out ditches at Great Swamp.

"They did a great job," OSAC member Adele Sands said. Rockwell, who also chairs the Point Road Path Committee, for the second consecutive meeting had updates on the path. He stressed that the state Legislature must approve the land swap. He said the Community Preservation Committee has approved funding that will analyze the existing path and cover material before final approvals are made.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 7.

Harbor Management Plan Meeting Next Week

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Sam Bishop

At their meeting on Wednesday, April 15, the Marion Marine Resources Commission had a long list of action items that mostly centered around harbor management as well as the Harbor Management Plan, which is to be presented next week. The meeting was also attended by Select Board Vice Chair John Hoagland.

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Following the approval of minutes from their April 1 meeting, the commission moved to discuss the Harbor Management Plan. They agreed to discuss the plan further the following week, on April 22.

First, they discussed Old Landing. For the floats that go against the boat ramp, commission members said they are currently buried and need to be "dug out." They agreed this should be a priority as "fisherman are going to start calling," one member said.

Next, the MRC discussed the selection process for the vacant harbor master position. The question was raised as to who exactly would perform the selection process. Chair Vincent Malkoski, Jr. clarified a panel of various officials would perform a first and second review, with the



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Select Board being responsible for the final decision, using recommendations received by the panel. The panel would likely comprise the fire chief, police chief, Malkoski, Jr., MRC member Ray Cullum, Department of Public Works representatives, and Select Board member Norm Hills. Chair Malkoski stated he was still awaiting final confirmation from other board heads. "The pick lies with the Select Board," the chair said, maintaining that other groups can only make recommendations.

Though "Kayak Racks" was on the list of action items, the chair stated, "I have nothing new to report." The members did, however, discuss maintenance of the racks as well as enforcement for their proper usage, with the board noting in the past "there's been everything but kayaks."

Next, the chair moved on to discuss Island Wharf, a topic which has seen much recent discussion between MRC and the Select Board. Many town officials have spoken on parking at Island Wharf, as well as various levels of jurisdiction over the lot. For parking, Hoagland maintained an agreement where the topic of parking would be discussed at a Select Board meeting on Tuesday, May 5, thus moving another topic off the MRC docket for the night.

The MRC will meet to review the agenda for the upcoming Harbor Management Plan Public Meeting on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 pm in the Maritime Center and virtually through Microsoft Teams. The plan's Public Meeting itself will take place on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall.

Netters Headed for D-R Showdown

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's girls tennis team played at Dartmouth (3-2) on April 15 and won 4-1. Neva Matos won 6-0, 6-2 at first singles, Caroline Houdelette won 6-1, 6-1 at second singles, Grace Hebert won 6-4, 6-1 at third singles, and Molly Franco and Paige Marotta won 6-4, 6-1 at second doubles. The Bulldogs took a flawless 4-0 record into Tuesday's match against Fairhaven (2-3), and they'll play a tough South Coast Conference rival at Dighton-

Rehoboth (4-0) on Thursday, April 23.

Boys Lacrosse

The Bulldogs played at Apponequet (3-4) on April 17 and won 13-4. Senior Chase Kuppens was named the player of the game, scoring 5 goals and dishing out an assist. Old Rochester took a 4-3 record into Wednesday's game at Bourne (6-0), and the Bulldogs will host Nantucket (8-1) on April 30.

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To the Editor:

What unfolded at Marion's Select Board meeting on March 31, 2026, appeared routine: three agenda items, swift approvals, and a Town Meeting warrant closed in just over twenty minutes. But beneath that efficiency lies a more consequential story, one defined not by what was debated, but by what was avoided.

The meeting began with perfunctory actions: appointing an Election Warden and approving 53G Fund regulations for the Department of Public Works. Both passed without discussion. The central task followed: closing the Town Meeting Warrant, comprising 47 articles that will shape decisions before Marion residents.

What followed was striking. Articles 1 through 31 were approved in rapid succession, motion, second, unanimous vote, no discussion. Governance reduced to cadence.

That rhythm broke briefly at Article 31.

Vice Chair John Hoagland paused: "Let's talk about this one." The article proposed transferring land at Island Wharf from the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) back to the Select Board. Originally conveyed to the MRC in 2009, the parcel was described as underutilized. Member Norm Hills suggested that returning it might allow eventual placement under a proposed Parks Department.

It was a question of land use, stewardship, and long-term intent, one worthy of public airing.

The discussion was cut short.

Chair Randy Parker immediately rejected the idea: "I don't support that." Within moments, he moved to remove the article entirely from the warrant. The motion passed, with only Mr. Hills dissenting. The matter did not proceed to Town Meeting. It did not reach the public. It vanished from consideration.

Removing an article from the warrant does more than delay a conversation; it prevents one. Residents are denied the opportunity to debate or vote on land that is,



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Yet its character has shifted incrementally. A bandstand was installed. Pavement added. Parking expanded. Individually modest, collectively transformative.


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compacted. Grass recedes. The function of the land shifts from parkland to staging ground.

A public park cannot coexist indefinitely with industrial use without ceasing to be a park.

Meanwhile, related discussions continue elsewhere. At a subsequent Marine Resources Commission meeting, Island Wharf was explicitly addressed. Proposals included seasonal permits for commercial vehicles, coordination through the harbormaster, and even reimagining the space as managed parking infrastructure. One remark captured the shift: "the idea that you can never put stuff on the grass is just not a reality."

That framing moves the question from whether

the land should be protected to how its use can be accommodated.

This is why the removal of Article 31 matters.

While discussions about Island Wharf's future are clearly underway, in recommendations, commission meetings, and planning documents, the public forum where those issues might be openly contested has been narrowed. The opportunity for residents to weigh in was not postponed. It was precluded.

What remains is a pattern worth examining: a warrant advanced with unusual speed; a single article paused, then eliminated; a land-use question halted before public review; parallel planning conversations proceeding elsewhere.

Individually, each action may be defensible. Together, they suggest a process shaped as much by omission as by open debate.

Island Wharf is more than a parcel. It is a test of how Marion interprets its obligations, balances pressure against principle, and includes the public in decisions that shape shared space.

The deed is clear. The designation is clear. The condition of the land is increasingly clear.

What remains uncertain, and urgent, is whether the public will be fully included in deciding what comes next.

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

Students Turn Food Waste into a Hands-On Learning Experience

Students across Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 schools are gaining a deeper understanding of food systems and sustainability through a hands-on food waste workshop led by the Marion Institute's Grow Education program.

Designed to make food waste visible, measurable, and meaningful, the workshop engaged students in sorting cafeteria waste into landfill, compost, and animal feed categories - helping them better understand their role as everyday consumers and the environmental impact of their choices.

"By making food waste tangible, students

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are able to see the direct impact of their decisions in real time," said Nate Sander, Grow Education Program Manager at the Marion Institute. "This kind of experiential learning sparks important conversations around responsibility, sustainability, and how we care for our shared resources."



Through the activity, students explored how small, daily actions - like what they choose to throw away - connect to larger environmental outcomes. The workshop also encouraged critical thinking about food systems, waste reduction, and opportunities to divert organic material away from landfills.

This workshop was an eye-opening experience for our students, transforming how they view their daily meals," said Jill Henesey, Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Old Rochester Regional School District & MA Superintendency Union #55. "Reducing food waste

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begins with the very first step: choosing the foods they want to eat. Our goal is for students to fuel their minds with nutritious choices, while also empowering them to make the next best decision if they have leftovers - saving food for later or sharing it with a peer through the share table. By making waste tangible, we help students become mindful consumers who recognize the value of their resources and understand the impact of their choices."

ORRHS Students Participate in Third Annual Credit for Life Fair

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recently received a hands-on lesson in financial literacy at the school's third annual Credit for Life Fair.

Juniors gathered in the auditorium on Tuesday, April 7 on the "5 Habits of Financial Wellness" and the Financial Fit Program. Seniors attended a similar presentation before participating in the Credit for Life Fair in the cafeteria on Friday, April 10.

During the fair, students chose professions and were assigned monthly take-home salaries. They then navigated online checkpoints to either accumulate savings or make hypothetical purchases using imaginary cash or credit.

The Credit for Life Fair is held in light of 2019 findings by the Barr Foundation showing that 86% of high school students say the most important skill they need after graduation is an understanding of personal finance, while only 30% believe their schools are preparing them on this topic.

"We recognize the important roles that financial literacy and independence play in a student's success as they transition out of high school," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "Events such as the Credit for Life Fair allow us to teach financial lessons in a fun and engaging way. I want to acknowledge Lauren Millette for her hard work and dedication in coordinating the fair, and Cape Cod 5 for their partnership. I also want to thank the other businesses who volunteered their time and helped make this event a success."

Volunteer bank representatives operated booths that provided students with insight into topics such as charitable giving, education and training, food and nutrition, health and wellness, housing costs, furniture spending, utilities, lifestyle choices, fun activities, part-time jobs, planning for the future, transportation and more, including one table devoted to prize giveaways for the event. Students had additional opportunities to win prizes by earning a Financial Fit Certificate prior to the fair, or by meeting with a budget counselor after the event.

"For me, the Credit for Life was an incredible experience," said senior Laila Brown. "Credit for Life influenced me and many other students how to properly

manage your money in many efficient ways and made you think carefully about financial decisions. Throughout the fair, I was guided through different stages of life, where I had to budget for necessities like housing, transportation, food and unexpected expenses. It showed me how quickly money can be spent and how important it is to plan ahead and prioritize needs over wants. I also learned the basics of managing a bank account, including how to keep track of spending, not to overspend, and save responsibly. By the end of the experience, it felt good to see how my choices affected my financial situation. As a fun outcome, we were entered into a prize drawing and I was lucky enough to win a waffle maker, which made the whole experience even better."

Prizes were chosen to support students in their post-graduation journey. A range of helpful and entertaining items were offered, including dorm or apartment furniture and appliances, luggage, pickleball sets and shower speakers.

"We are grateful to all of the volunteers who helped the fair run smoothly," said Assistant Principal Millette. "The enthusiasm and expertise they shared with our students explained how to best approach their finances as they move into the next chapter of their lives."

The goal was for students to learn to live within a budget, learn fiscal responsibility and plan for the future, all while having fun.

"Resources such as this fair are integral to setting our students up for success," said Principal Michael Devoll. "The conversations that happen at the Credit for Life Fair empower our students to make informed decisions as they take control of their finances. In the three years we've held this event, students always leave the fair with a better understanding of fiscal responsibility."

Sippican Elementary School in Marion Hosts Arts-in-Action Event

Sippican Elementary School celebrated the creative abilities of its students during the 2026 Arts-in-Action event held on Wednesday evening, with hundreds of pieces of artwork on display and more than 20 live musical performances.

Guests viewed a wide range of artworks made by students throughout the school year, including watercolor paintings and plaster masks, and they also participated in live hands-on art demonstrations, such as the construction of origami animals.

The event was made possible by volunteers from the Music Department, the Art Department, and VASE (Volunteers At Sippican Elementary), along with parent volunteers, the Sippican Scoop, and high schoolers from Old Rochester Regional High School.

Food was served in the Music Cafe throughout the event, while a lineup of student music performances was staged in the area, with proceeds supporting Sippican arts programs. In addition to individual students singing

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karaoke, doing dance routines or playing instruments, the event features performances by the Monday Jazz Band and the Tuesday Jazz Band, along with the Concert Choir and many individual performances.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Principal Lynn Dessert and Assistant Principal Gregory Thomas thanked all of the students, families, teachers and volunteers who supported the annual Arts-in-Action event.

"The artwork that was on display this year was really impressive," said Assistant Principal Thomas. "Thank you to our staff and volunteers who ensured this event went on as planned. Congratulations to all of our students who contributed their works of art for display during this wonderful event."

"It's always a joy to see so many works of art created by our students. We have so much incredible talent at Sippican Elementary School," said Principal Dessert. "Thank you to all the teachers, staff and volunteers who make this event possible."

"Arts-in-Action is an event we always look forward to," said Superintendent Nelson. "This is our next generation of artists on display. Kudos to our students, their families and to the teachers and staff who provide such incredible arts programs here in our district."

Learn About Our Amphibian Neighbors

Have you ever been curious about the quacking and peeping going on in the woods behind your house? There's a good chance there is a vernal pool nearby. Join the Mattapoisett Land Trust during School Vacation on Saturday, **April 25** at 1:00 pm at our Woodcock Preserve to learn more about vernal pools. Vernal pools are a vital breeding habitat for resident amphibians and invertebrates such as wood frogs (the ones that quack.), spotted and blue-spotted salamanders, and fairy shrimp. Local vernal pool enthusiast Gary Johnson, who has certified numerous pools in town, will lead this walk. The pool is just a short hike from the parking lot. Once there, we will examine frog and salamander eggs and learn more about the amphibians and invertebrates that call these pools home.

The exploration is free and open to all, including residents of other towns. The walk will begin at the parking area at our Woodcock Preserve on Long Plain Road. Please leave your dog friends at home - this walk is focused on wildlife observation and dogs may impact our opportunity to see some species. Please wear appropriate clothing including rubber boots. The exploration will take place rain or shine. For more information, go to our website www.mattlandtrust.org, call 774-377-9191 or email manager@mattlandtrust.org.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 6**. We meet at the

American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, May 4. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

From the Marion Town Clerk's Office

It's that time of year again when we find our Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election right around the corner. Here are some important dates for Marion town residents.

On Wednesday, **April 29**, Ballot Machine Testing will occur in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:00 am and Warrant Review will be held at the Marion Music Hall Located at 164 Front St, starting at 6:00 pm.

Important dates: Friday, **May 1**, last day to register to vote. Thursday, **May 7**, first day of in person early voting. Monday, **May 11**, Annual Town Meeting at Sippican School Auditorium, start time: 6:00 pm (doors will open at 5:30 pm). Thursday, **May 14**, at 12:00 pm noon, last day for in person early voting. May 15, Annual Town Election from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

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Thursday April 23, 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 - Joanna Makepeace Bennett and Christopher Makepeace
9:30 AM Mattapoissett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers
10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Revolutionary War
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
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 Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
4:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
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 - Early Life of Humpback Whales
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday April 24, 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 Marion Art Center - Being

Seen Exhibition
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
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 - Joanna Makepeace Bennett and Christopher Makepeace
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 25, 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
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joanna Makepeace Bennett and Christopher Makepeace
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Studies
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
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 26, 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 27, 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
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey
10:30 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday April 28, 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 Marion Art Center - Unplugged
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 29, 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
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! with David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

**MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 26
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Daily Schedule**
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Marion Planning Board
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
2:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee
3:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Committee
5:30 PM Marion Pathways Committee
6:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing
8:00 PM Marion School Committee

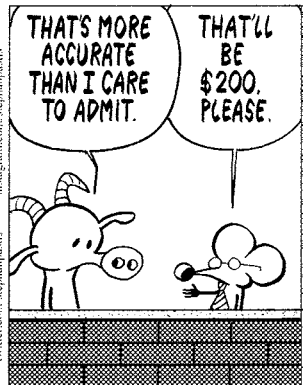
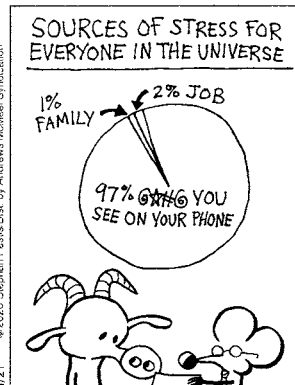
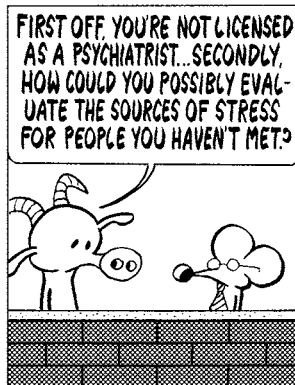
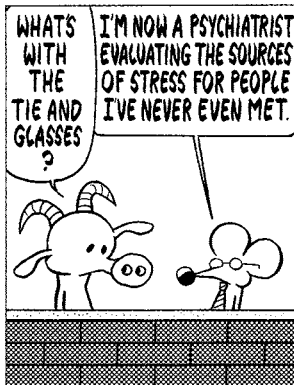
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**ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
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Daily Schedule**
7:00 AM Rochester Select Board
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
1:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
3:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
4:00 PM Rochester Select Board
7:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 PM Rochester 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 4th Grade Chorus Concert
8:30 AM OHS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
9:55 AM ORR Senior Superlatives
10:30 AM ORR Night of Jazz
11:30 AM Bulldog Sports
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
2:00 PM FORM Choral Concert 2026
3:15 PM Sippican Winter Concert
4:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral
5:00 PM ORR Promenade
5:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Buddy Thomas
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM MIAA D3 ORR Basketball vs Norwell
8:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Bourne
9:30 PM ORR Theater Class
11:00 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Game

**MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



New this year, we will be introducing our new Polling Pads in an effort to streamline the check-in process for both Town Meeting and Town Election. Voters will now check in by Last Name vs Street Name. A driver's license is not required but will expedite the check in process by means of a quick scan of the license bar code.

Books & Play at Plumb Library

On Friday, **April 24** we'll be having two Freeplay Fridays sessions: One for ages 0-5 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and another for ages 6-12 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. On Saturday, **April 25** at 12:00 pm noon we'll be doing an adult storytime, because listening to stories isn't just for kids. Listen to Kristen read a short story aloud, followed by some information and book recommendations for participating in the Massachusetts Center for the Book Reading Challenge.

Book Buds is back. Come talk about books with other young readers and enjoy some snacks. Book Buds for ages 8-12 is on Monday, **April 27** from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Ages 6-8 meet on Tuesday, April 28 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Ages 12-18 meet on Wednesday, **April 29** from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Please register on the library's online events calendar. The library's monthly book group for adults also meets this week, on Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 pm. The group will be discussing *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* by Sangu Mandanna and copies are available to borrow at the library.

Drive-up Book Donation Day

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library will sponsor a Drive-up Book donation day at the Library, 8 Spring St, Marion on Saturday, **April 25** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will be accepting adult books, children's books, large print books in good condition, also accepting games and puzzles. We are not able to accept textbooks, encyclopedias, items in unsellable condition, etc. The Friends will help unload your donations from your vehicle on April 25.

Additionally, you can bring your donations into the library during open hours from April 27 through May 6.

The book sale will take place at the library on Thursday, May 7 at 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm; Friday, May 8, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm; Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Proceeds of sale will benefit library programs.

Mattapoissett Yacht Club Annual Spring Fling

Saturday MYC held its annual Spring Fling party at its new clubhouse. Over 100 members and guests attended. Refreshments were served and a fantastic array of food.

This springtime event starts off the season at the yacht club, and it was the first time most had viewed the new clubhouse. There is a lot of excitement as the Club revealed some of its racing, cruising and social events

planned for this year.

To get more information on Mattapoissett Yacht Club visit our website: www.mattapoissettyc.org.

Mattapoissett Congo Church Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church (MCC) Scholarship and the Coquilletts Scholarship offer awards of \$1,000 and \$2,500 to graduating seniors. These scholarships are open to graduating seniors who are members of MCC or who reside in the towns of Mattapoissett, Marion, or Rochester. Graduating seniors from the greater SouthCoast area who have a connection to MCC are also invited to apply. Applicants must submit an application, high school transcript, and a letter of recommendation. Applications should be submitted online at mattapoissettcongregationalchurch.org. The deadline for electronic submission is May 1. For questions, please contact mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

Wareham Garden Club Annual Spring Plant Sale

On **May 16**, the Wareham Garden Club is planning a spring plant sale from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm noon, at the Methodist Meeting House 495 Main Street, Wareham.

There will be: perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, and much more. Also, there will be a herb table with recipes to share, garden treasures table, birdhouses, buoys, bake sale table, and raffles. A fun event for everyone. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Friends of Mattapoissett Bike Path

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path are hosting an Open House at the American Legion Post 280, 7 Depot Street, Mattapoissett, on **May 2**, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Board members of the Friends will be at the facility to discuss the future of the rail trail and our programs. Come see us. Restrooms will be open to all.

Non-Partisan Candidate Event

An informal meet and greet for Mattapoissett voters and candidates will be held Wednesday **May 6**, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road. All are invited.

This event has no podium or speeches. Community-minded individuals, board and committee members may appreciate an informal, non-partisan opportunity to meet the candidates and discuss local issues of concern.

The meet and greet is organized by Bonne DeSousa, a community-minded, politically independent voter who has lived in Mattapoissett since 2002. This year's six-person race for three seats on the new five-person Selectboard is an unprecedented opportunity for our community and local government. Candidates for any

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Marion Art Center

New Session of ART+Play - The MAC will run another session of Art + Play, a program for children ages 2-5 on Mondays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the MAC Studio, with instructor Aylin Cetik. Sessions start on May 4 and run through June 1 excluding May 25, Memorial Day. The program focuses on process art, which is a playful and explorative approach to creating. Here, the journey is more important than the finished product.

Each class offers several creative opportunities, empowering children to make their own choices and work at their own pace. The four-week session cost is \$90 for MAC members and \$105 for nonmembers. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, MA. More information and registration can be found at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.



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Jana (Golan) Cavanaugh, 79, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026, in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Born on March 13, 1947, in Rochester, New York, she was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Carol (Bingley) Golan.

Jana was a proud graduate of The Harley School and later earned her degree from Wheelock College. Her passion for education led her to a fulfilling career as an elementary school teacher at Rochester Memorial School, where she inspired countless young minds for 27 years with her dedication and love for learning. Beyond her role as an educator, Jana also served as a town assessor for Rochester for 39 years, was a member of the Women's Club, a Friend of the Library, a Library Trustee, and served on various other boards and committees, demonstrating her commitment to her community and its well-being.

Jana's life was deeply enriched by her family, especially in her beloved role as "Nana," which brought her endless joy. She is survived by her brother, Tim Golan; her sons, Matthew Cavanaugh and his wife Paula Cavanaugh, Douglas Cavanaugh and his partner Tammy Noonan, and Brian Cavanaugh and his wife Jessica Cavanaugh; and her former husband, Donald Cavanaugh. She was a cherished grandmother affectionately known as "Nana" to Richard, Nicholas, Logan, Keith, Caeden, and Seamus and a proud great-grandmother to Charlie and Sam. Jana was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Carol Golan, and her daughter-in-law Teresa (Terry) Tansey.

Jana is also lovingly remembered by her closest friends and her RMS teaching family, whose endless support and care meant the world to her.

In addition to her professional accomplishments and devotion to family, Jana found joy in life's simple pleasures. She was an avid reader who loved immersing herself in books. A passionate sports fan, she cheered enthusiastically for the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins. Her love for teaching extended beyond the classroom into every aspect of her life—she touched the hearts of all who knew her with kindness and wisdom.

Jana's legacy is one of love—for her family, her friends, her community, and the many lives she influenced through teaching. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

May the memory of Jana bring comfort to those who mourn her passing. A visitation will be held on Thursday April 23, 2026, from 4-8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday April 24, 2026, at 10 am at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church 124 Front St., Marion, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jana's memory to The Friends of The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 69, Rochester,

MA 02770 or dropped off at the library. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Ronald A. Secia, 86, of Mattapoisett passed away Thursday April 9, 2026 surrounded by his family after a period of declining health. He was the husband of Irene E. "Betsy" (Huggins) Secia.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Anthony and Jessie (Mello) Secia, he lived in Mattapoisett for most of his life.

He was a graduate of Fairhaven High School

Ronald was a builder who owned and operated Northeast Design Build Associates at 56 Main Street in Fairhaven.

An avid golfer, he had been a member of the Reservation Golf Club, the Hawthorne Country Club, the Whaling City Golf Club, and the Allendale Country Club. He also enjoyed playing cards.

He is survived by his wife Betsy; his children, Brian Secia and wife Paula, Kevin Secia, Bethany Abde, and Daniel Secia and wife Traci; his grandchildren, Amanda Secia, Tony Secia, Mark Secia, Stephen Boardman, Parker Pereira, and Ryan Secia; his great-grandchildren, Makayla Secia, Madilyn Brown, Mallory Vaske, Maddox Vaske, Marshall Vaske, Henry Boardman, Lydia Boardman, Charles Boardman, Aryanna Secia, Bently Secia, and Dylan Secia; and his great-great-grandchildren: Magnolia Hollister and Souline Srenci.

He was predeceased by his grandsons, David Secia and Eric Secia.

His memorial service will be held on Thursday April 23rd at 11 am at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday April 22nd from 4-8 pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Thomas J. Tyson, 80, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Born on May 18, 1945, in New Bedford, Thomas lived in Fairhaven for many years and was a current resident of Mattapoisett. He was the son of the late Joseph and Leonora (DeMello) Tyson. Thomas earned a Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute.

Thomas recently retired after a distinguished career as Vice President of Research and Development Manufacturing at Technic, Inc. In that role, he was known for the kind of measured leadership that values both precision and progress—

Afternoon - The Maker Club - Art in the Afternoon resumes classes with Spring Session 2 of the Maker Club on Friday afternoons starting **May 1** and running through June 5. The six-week program allows for Sippican School students ages 6-12 to be walked over by a MAC volunteer or staff member. Parents can choose an hour or 1.5-hour program.

In this hands-on art club, kids will have access to a wide variety of arts and crafts materials, tools, and textures each week. From paint and paper to recycled bits, fabric, wire, and more - every session is an invitation to explore, invent, and make something uniquely their own. With creative prompts to spark ideas and a supportive instructor to help guide their process, students are free to experiment, tinker, and express themselves in a relaxed, imaginative environment. Whether they're building, drawing, gluing, or sculpting, Maker Club is all about the joy of creating without pressure - where the process matters more than the final product.

The shorter program runs from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the MAC Studio and costs \$155 for MAC families and \$185 for nonmember families. The longer program runs from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm and costs \$155 for MAC member families and \$185 for nonmember families.

The MAC Studio is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, MA. More information and registration can be found at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

Early Dismissal Half Day Camp for Children ages 6-12, May 27.

In this half-day art camp, kids will design and build their very own enchanted fairy or dragon

gardens using natural materials, clay, and a collection of charming miniature objects. Campers will sculpt tiny details, arrange stones, moss, and twigs, and create cozy hideaways fit for fairies, dragons, and other forest friends. We'll also spend time outdoors enjoying splatter art and playful activities, giving kids a chance to move, explore, and get a little messy. The camp is on Wednesday, May 27 from 12:20 pm to 3:00 pm in the MAC Studio at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. The cost is \$75 for MAC member families and \$85 for nonmember families. More information and registration can be found at marionartcenter.org/art-lab

All levels Watercolor - New Sessions with Jay Ryan.

The MAC's Watercolor with Jay Ryan Spring Session 2 starts on **May 7** and runs through June 26. The sessions are a great option for those with a little painting experience and are also a perfect "next step" for those who would like to explore watercolor painting beyond a basic understanding of color and brush strokes. Using the brilliant nature of light (and dark), we'll "push" the medium, adding other water media, brushes, and paper surfaces, and experiment with palette color mixing to capture magic and luminosity. In each class, we will start a new painting together using landscape, still life, the figure, abstract or imaginative thought, or narrative ideas as subjects. Each class will also provide a brief and supportive group "critique". Students will leave with expanded knowledge of technique and traditional and contemporary use of watercolor.

Students who cannot commit to the full session can enquire about the Drop-in options for an "open paint"

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bringing quiet diligence and sound judgment to work that required consistency, expertise, and responsibility.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Barbara (Cullivan) Tyson. He was predeceased by his former wife, Sandra L. (Ingram) Tyson. He is also survived by his children: Daniel Tyson and his wife Kendra; Kelly Mello and her husband Jason; Donna Faucher and her husband Brian; Beth Tyson; and Matthew Soares and his wife April. He is survived by his sister, Judy Bernier and her husband Henry; his cousin and best friend, Fred Jackson and his wife Jeannette; his sisters-in-law, Donna Tyson and Pat Tyson; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Timothy Tyson and Alan Tyson.

Thomas was a proud grandfather to Jack, Alyssa, Nick, Nathan, Cody, Connor, Ryan, Gabriel, Emma, and Ellana. His love for his family and grandchildren was a constant in his life—steady, generous, and deeply felt.

Outside of work, Thomas found lasting enjoyment in boating, fishing, skiing, photography, woodworking, golfing, traveling, reading, and driving his John Deere. He especially loved the White Mountains.

Thomas also gave his time and leadership to youth

athletics, serving as former President of Mariner Youth Soccer and former President of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association. He was instrumental in the creation of the current Mariner Youth Soccer fields in Fairhaven, a lasting contribution that reflects his commitment to community and to creating opportunities for young people to grow and thrive.

Visiting hours will be held at Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn, 180 Washington Street, Fairhaven, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 10 am. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery, 274 Main St., Fairhaven.

Flowers are welcome or donations can be made to Mount Washington Valley Adaptive Sports Program, www.mwvas.org.

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.



MOVIE REVIEW

That's a Wrap

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Lee Cronin's *The Mummy*. Starring Jack Reynor and Laia Costa. Directed by Lee Cronin. Running time: 133 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

In the one moment in *Lee Cronin's The Mummy* (as per the marketing) that I freely enjoyed, a grim Cairo detective named Dalia (May Calamawy) is standing next to a colleague's desk eating a wrap. Dalia learns something urgent that makes her flee the room and drop the wrap, and the camera lingers to catch her colleague calmly, expressionlessly leaning forward to regard the wrap on the floor. I laughed. But I'm afraid that's the only entertainment I found in this *Mummy*, a gory horror film full of ripping flesh and outlandish violence (someone becomes a snack for a pack of coyotes) and dark brackish vomit.

Lee Cronin's previous film as writer and director was *Evil Dead Rise*, similarly awash in blood and muck and devilish cruelty. Cronin's *Mummy* is more or less another *Evil Dead* picture with Egyptology tossed in. News correspondent Charlie (Jack Reynor) and wife Larissa (Laia Costa) lose their little daughter Katie one day. Eventually she is found inside a sarcophagus, and behaves exactly like a deadite in an *Evil Dead* movie does, spitting out obscenities and floating and manipulating the minds of her brother and sister — yes, Katie's parents take her home to deal with what looks to be a king-hell case of demonic possession.

So the movie swipes from *The Exorcist*, of course, but also *Pet Sematary* and even *Raiders of the Lost Ark* in a sequence when Charlie runs through a Cairo marketplace looking for Marion — uh, I mean Katie. There is a danger that by recounting too much of the plot I might make the plot sound interesting, so let me be clear — the Wikipedia summary makes for more captivating reading than the movie makes for zesty viewing. It's overlong and feels anecdotal: something happens, something else happens, and none of it seems to matter.



The parents are stupid, the unpossessed kids have no personalities until one of them becomes possessed (said kid's response to the aforementioned coyote picnic is admittedly the movie's second and final highlight), and the story just comes off as needless. What about this thing needed to be told? Katie has been mummified, wrapped in strips that have sacred writing on them, or perhaps they're her skin; forgive me for not paying closer attention to a film that scarcely pays attention to itself, letting itself drool on for two hours and thirteen minutes. So Katie is a mummy, occupied by some sort of malefic Egyptian spirit, but this doesn't feel like any mummy picture you've ever seen — certainly not the Karloff or Christopher Lee versions, nor the bouncy Brendan Fraser adventures of the turn of the century. It's not fun. It's hectic and cliché-ridden.

Performances aren't really possible in a construct like this, though Verónica Falcón brings some aging-diva energy to Larissa's mother Carmen, and the Egyptian-Palestinian actress May Calamawy (*Moon Knight*) clearly has more oomph than she's allowed to express as the no-nonsense Dalia. Mostly, though, we sit there feeling sordid as the movie offers nothing but bodily disaster and grotesque fluids as entertainment. This is where, as an audience member with more years in the rearview than in front, one starts thinking wistfully of the Marx brothers or Cary Grant or Ginger Rogers, or, in the realm of horror, Lugosi and Chaney and James Whale — people who could enchant us without covering us in a thick layer of vile jelly. If you like this, though, Lee Cronin is producing (though not writing or directing) *Evil Dead Burn* and *Evil Dead Wrath*, the former of which arrives this July. Can't wait!

session. Classes are offered on Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm noon in the MAC studio. The two-hour classes are \$205 for MAC members and \$245 for nonmembers. One day drop-ins are \$35 per day. Classes are also offered on Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the MAC Studio. The three-hour classes are \$310 for MAC members and \$355 for nonmembers. One day drop-ins are \$50 per day. More information at: marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Sippican Choral Society to Celebrate "The Glory of Spring"

Join Sippican Choral Society in celebration of "The Glory of Spring" on Sunday, **May 3** at 4:00 pm, at Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy. The featured work of this annual concert will be Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria," one of sacred music's most uplifting choral works, with solos by local singers Karen Antonsen-Devoe of Marion and Patrice Tiedemann of New Bedford. Other highlights of the program include selections from Haydn, Alice Harper, and Dan Forrest, together with the rousing sounds of "Down by the Riverside" and the humor of Gilbert and Sullivan. Ticket information can be found at sippicanchoralsociety.org.

Marion Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee

Please join the Town of Marion Water & Sewer

Regulations Review Committee for an Informational Session at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on Thursday, **April 30** at 6:00pm. The committee will discuss proposed edits to the current water regulations.

Children's Department at the Mattapoissett Library

The votes have been counted, and the pizza party guest list has been made. We will be announcing the winners of the 2026 Quahog Award on **April 29**, so keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram pages, or on our website. Quahog Readers who are at the pizza party will receive a sneak peek at the winning titles.

On Wednesday, **April 29**, at 11:00 am, kids ages 3 and up are encouraged to come down to the library to make a DIY Seed Mosaic Bird Feeder. Registration is required, and as a heads up we will be using nut butter for this activity.

Family Storytimes are happening every Thursday at 10:30 am, except for April 23, until May 14, where they will take a short recess.

Baby Storytimes are happening every Friday at 10:30 am, except for April 24, until May 15, where they will take a short recess.

Children who are crawlers through Pre-K are welcome to our Drop-In Play Group every Tuesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Children ages 5-10 are invited to Drop-In Play Club every Thursday from 3-4

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Log highlights April 12 – April 18

- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd - Trespassing
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – MV stop
- Marion Rd – General service
- Spring St – MV collision
- Point Rd – MV stop
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Upland Way – Warrant/arrest
- Marconi Ln – Animal control
- Reservation Way – Health/welfare
- Front St – MV collision
- Parkway Ln – EMS/medical
- Washburn Park Rd – Suspicious MV
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV stop
- Partridge Pl – MV collision
- Point Rd – Brush fire
- Mill St – MV stop
- Spring St - Gathering
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Assist other dept
- Point Rd – MV stop
- 195 West – MV collision
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Blackhall Ct – EMS/medical
- Field Stone Ln – General service
- Dexter Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – Suspicious MV

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Log highlights April 12 – April 18

- 195 East – MV violations
- Water St – Past MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- County R – Harbormaster emergency
- Water St – Medical assist
- Aucoot Rd – Suspicious MV
- Chapel Rd – Animal control
- Beach Rd – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Dyar Rd – General service
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Driscoll Ln – Ambulance request
- Locust St – Parking complaint
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Aucoot Rd – General service
- Marion Rd - 911 call
- Deer Run – Suspicious MV
- Neds Point Rd – Assist other agency
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- John St – General service
- Park St – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd - Disturbance
- Industrial Dr - Disturbance
- County Rd – No trespass order
- 195 West – MV crash
- Channel St – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – Property lost

ROCHESTER

Log highlights April 12 – April 18

- Forster Rd – Suspicious activity/arrest
- North Ave – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Outside fire
- Kings Hwy – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Hartley Rd – Follow up
- Cranberry Hwy - Harassment
- Benjamin Dr – Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave – Animal control
- Dr Braley Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – NCIC warrant entry
- Bradford Ln – 911 call
- Bishop Rd – Assist other agency
- Marys Pond Rd - Vandalism
- Alley Rd – Noise complaint
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious item
- Wordell St – Animal control
- North Ave – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- Walnut St – MV collision
- Edwards Ln – Suspicious activity
- Featherbed Ln – Outside investigation
- Marys Pond Rd – Parking complaint
- Boxberry Ln - Medical
- Marion Rd – Road hazard
- Marion Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd - Vandalism
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 27: BBQ chicken, baked beans, broccoli, cornbread loaf, fruit cup

Tuesday, April 28: Creamy Cajun shrimp, cheesy grits, green beans & red peppers, wheat roll, lemon square, diet: fruit

Wednesday, April 29: Pork in mustard wine sauce, egg noodle, root vegetables, wheat roll, chocolate pudding

Thursday, April 30: Tortellini w/beef bolognese, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, banana

Friday, May 1: Cheesy chicken casserole, seasoned rice, green peas, dinner roll, orange

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, April 27: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, April 29: Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, April 30: Baked creamy

chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 1: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 27: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, April 29: Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, April 30: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 1: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, April 27: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, April 29: Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, April 30: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 1: Appetizer Basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, April 27: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, April 29: Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, April 30: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 1: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, April 27: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked

beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 28: Taco Tuesday: beef taco, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, April 29: Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, April 30: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 1: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, April 27: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potatoes, corn, gravy & dinner roll OR Shepherd's pie & dinner roll

Tuesday, April 28: Sloppy Joe, baked beans & fries

Wednesday, April 29: Bagel pizza & side salad

Thursday, April 30: Loaded buffalo chicken tater tots OR shredded buffalo chicken sandwich & tater tots with carrot sticks

Friday, May 1: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

pm. Adult caretakers must stay with their young ones for the duration of the program - it's a Drop-In Play Group, not Drop OFF. These two programs will not be running during April Vacation (April 19-25).

More information about all of our upcoming programs is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

Maintenance in the Children's Department at the Mattapoissett Library

We are excited to share that a complete flooring replacement will be taking place on the bottom floor of the Mattapoissett Free Public Library. From the Large Meeting Room to the hallways, to the entire Children's Department, a team will be working throughout May to install a brand-new floor.

We are planning for the work to begin on May 4, and preparations for the work crew will begin on May 1. It is expected that the project will take around 3 weeks to complete. In order for the work crew to complete the work as soon and as safely as possible, the lower floor of the library will be closed to all patrons starting on May 1.

We look forward to welcoming everybody back to the refurbished space in June, but in the meantime, we will have take-home bags for children available upstairs starting on May 2nd, but that's not all. Storytimes will continue as scheduled; they will simply be held outside,



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weather permitting. We will also be hosting "Mini Big Top", a small but mighty circus show and workshop on Saturday, May 23 at 11am, outside on the library lawn. You will not want to miss this.

In case you still have some questions or concerns, here is a quick set of FAQs:

How can we return our books, DVDs, etc.? As always, all checked-out items can be returned at the upstairs desk. Except for Wonderbooks and Backpacks, they can be placed in the bookdrop or returned to other libraries.

How can I check out books for my kids? Your Mattapoissett library card works at more than 40 other public libraries in this area. You can also order books from

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- 15 Close loudly
- 19 Maui porch
- 20 Yankee Yogi
- 21 Penne — vodka
- 22 Imogene of comedy
- 23 Motivational speaker who wrote "Unlimited Power" [1960]
- 25 Tooth-saving procedure
- 27 Takes effect
- 28 He convoked the Council of Trent [1468]
- 30 Via walking
- 33 Rolling car part, in Leeds
- 34 Suffix with Rock
- 35 Lead singer on the 2010 hit "Pumped Up Kicks" [1984]
- 39 And more: Abbr.
- 41 "Always on Time" rapper [1976]
- 45 Suffix with Rock
- 46 Aquanaut's abode
- 48 "Equi-" cousin
- 50 Bovine bellow

- 51 — B. DeMille
- 54 Director of "Wings," the first Best Picture winner [1896]
- 59 Santa — (hot winds)
- 61 Platoon VIP
- 62 Morales of "Freejack"
- 63 Liquidy Japanese bowlful
- 67 Gave it a shot
- 69 Crime doers
- 73 When the people featured in this puzzle were born
- 77 Sniffed (around)
- 78 Tale
- 79 More prying
- 80 Political admin.
- 82 Dianne of "Parenthood"
- 85 — marché (cheaply, in Paris)
- 86 He played Jagger Cates on "General Hospital" [1972]
- 92 Finished
- 95 Color grade
- 96 Hwy. offense
- 97 Overly long sentences

- 99 Bread variety
- 100 Founder of the Shakers in America [1736]
- 103 "Adios!"
- 106 "Anniversary Song" singer [1916]
- 109 Wise to
- 111 Catch sight of
- 113 Fled to marry
- 114 "So Rare" bandleader [1904]
- 118 Thick-trunked African tree
- 121 Criminal court of London
- 122 Designation for the people featured in this puzzle
- 127 Maui, e.g.
- 128 Facet
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- 130 Actress
- 131 Depilatory brand
- 132 Co. honchos
- 133 Requires
- 134 Be in power

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- 4 Consents verbally
- 5 Get bored by
- 6 Recedes

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- 8 Smile widely
- 9 Suffix with north
- 10 Hoarse
- 11 Rug
- 12 Healing plant
- 13 Skiing site
- 14 Classic neon diner sign
- 15 Mountain climber, e.g.
- 16 TV actress Anderson
- 17 Brazilian berry
- 18 African nation
- 24 Klemperer and Preminger
- 26 — rug (dance)
- 29 Raw metal
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- 32 Noisy fights
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- 36 Stitch
- 37 Mai —
- 38 Right-angled annexes
- 40 Covert U.S. org.
- 42 Steak- — (frozen beef brand)
- 43 Mauna —
- 44 Huge time stretch

- 47 What the number in brackets is for the people featured in this puzzle
- 49 Stockholm is its capital
- 52 During a single sitting
- 53 1996 Mario Puzo novel, with "The"
- 55 Farming-related prefix
- 56 "Correct — I'm wrong"
- 57 Blanket for the legs
- 58 Rest atop
- 60 Tofu source
- 63 Everest, e.g.: Abbr.
- 64 — Jima
- 65 Remove from the cargo hold, e.g.
- 66 Fruit stone
- 68 Failing grades
- 70 Bit of precipitation
- 71 Lead-in to nuptial
- 72 Leb. neighbor
- 74 "And — word from our sponsor"
- 75 Chi-Town daily paper
- 76 Constricting snake
- 81 Part of DVD

- 83 Cram, e.g.
- 84 Novelist Morrison
- 86 "I've got it!"
- 87 Mother superior, e.g.
- 88 Five pairs
- 89 Sis or bro
- 90 Actor Hamm
- 91 Single-stranded cell stuff
- 93 Brontë's Jane
- 94 Feat of skill
- 98 "Come Back, Little —" (1952 film)
- 101 Supple
- 102 "Exile" New Age singer
- 104 "For sure!"
- 105 Jargon suffix
- 107 "Buffy the Vampire —"
- 108 Walk with a limp
- 110 "It's true!"
- 112 Aviator's guidepost
- 114 Connect
- 115 "Casablanca" heroine
- 116 Roman 1,551
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You can easily handle your tasks this week, thanks to your high-energy levels that never seem to run down. But pace yourself, Lamb, for a demanding week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With the arts dominant this week, you might want to pick up any creative projects that you've neglected. Meanwhile, a workplace situation benefits from some fresh insight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Music helps replenish your energy levels. Press play and put your phone on Do Not Disturb if you must. However, a live concert could prove more rewarding, especially if you go with a very special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. A workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A revelation clears up a perplexing job-related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will have to meet the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture to your good deed, no matter how well-intended.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be another tough challenge to face before the month is over. But all your hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with some personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jumping hurdles this week might be exciting for most, but not for the sage Sagittarian who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the experience, too, by accepting an offer of help?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might find that you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of finding practical solutions to complex problems, and you do it with grace.

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those libraries and have them sent here for pickup at the upstairs desk.

Are the librarians on vacation? Nope. They are in the Marine Room or helping out upstairs. The Children's Department may be closed, but Summer Reading is getting closer every day.

More information is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

**From the Files of the
Rochester Historical Society**

By Connie Eshbach

The Rochester Historical Society in collaboration with the Rochester Historical Commission are continuing with their project to make as many of our Revolutionary soldiers and sailors more than just names on a list. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated.

While the muster cards and pension records tell the story of their service in the fight for independence from England, there are additional resources to further flesh out their lives. Shown here is a muster card for William Sherman (sic) which is really that of William Sherman about whom I have previously written.

As regular readers know, I enjoy receiving responses to my articles. I was excited to hear from Cornelia Dougall. William Sherman, born in 1726 and



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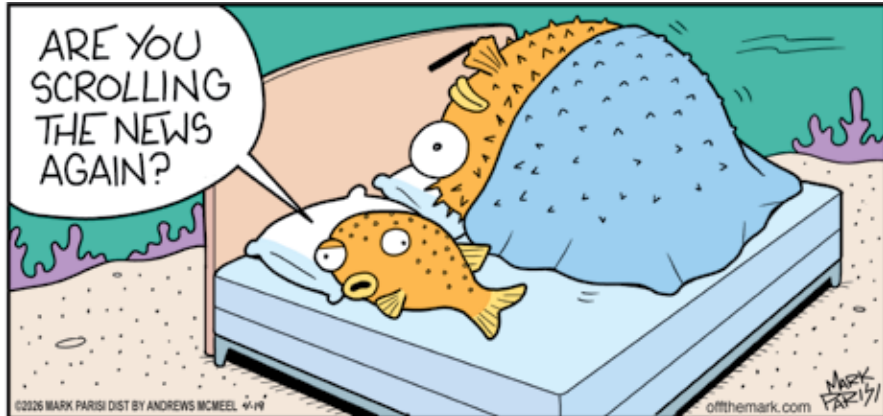
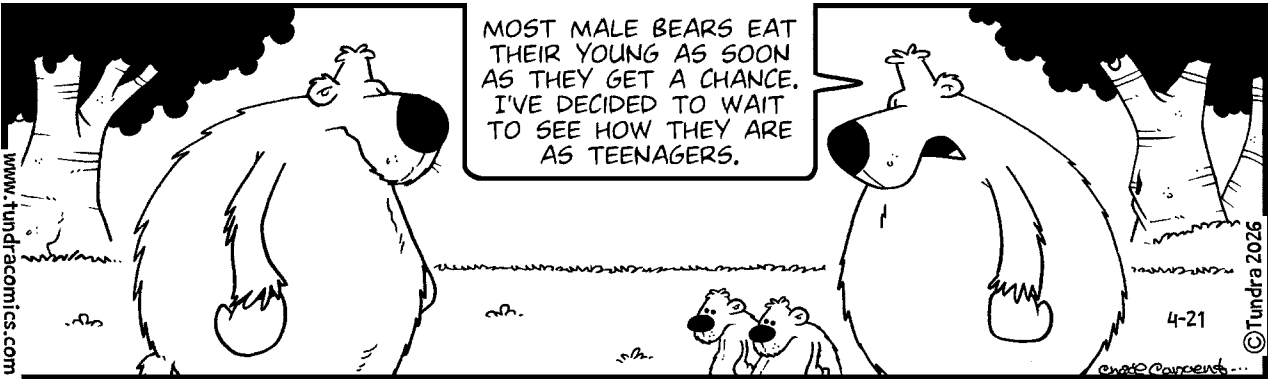
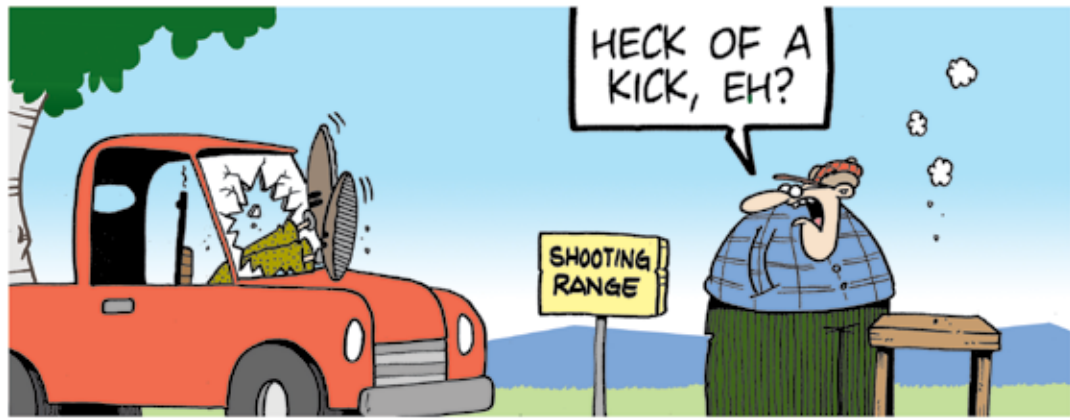
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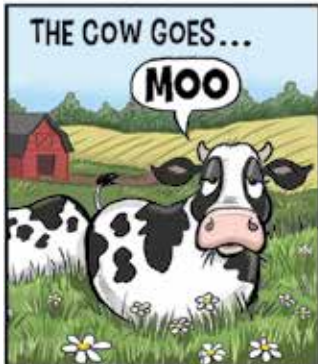
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



dying in 1800, was her 5th great grand uncle. Through her ancestry searches, she had more information about him outside of his militia duties.

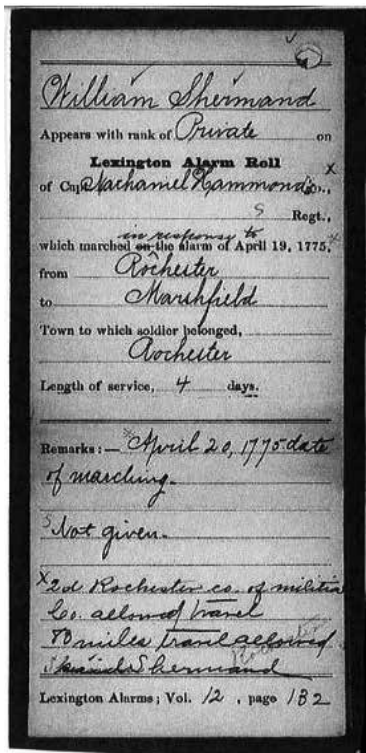
His family (and hers) became Rochester residents in 1715 when John B. Sherman and Sarah Baker Sherman settled in Rochester on 80 acres granted to his father in 1697. Shermans can still be found on Snipatuit Rd. today.

William married Abigail Handy in Sandwich on June 4, 1752. The couple had 14 children. At the time of his service, William was 49 yrs. old. His oldest child was 21 and his youngest was 1 yr. old.

For context it is interesting to note that the average life expectancy of a male in 1775 ranged from around 36 years to 53.5 years. However, a man who reached 60 yrs. was more apt to live into his 70's. The colonists actually had a longer average life expectancy than the average English working man.

William responded to the Marshfield Alarm on April 19, 1775, marching with his militia company under Capt. Nathaniel Hammond on April 20, 1775. Marshfield was home to many loyalists (pro England) and after hearing of the colonists' success at the battles of Concord and Lexington and the retreat of the British forces, they entreated then Commander in Boston, Gen. Thomas Gage, to send troops to protect them.

On hearing of British troops being dispatched to Marshfield, the militias were called out. When the militia



companies from across the south coast arrived, they were 2000 strong. The 100 British soldiers who had been sent there quickly departed. The militia men then returned to their homes.

William Sherman's muster card shows "80 miles of travel allowed" and 4 days of service. This was the only card that I found for him. Maybe the 80 mile walk for a false alarm discouraged him from future service.

If anyone in our area knows that they have an ancestor who was a Revolutionary War soldier or sailor and doesn't really want to research the military but has already done ancestor research, I would really appreciate it if you would share your findings with me. I can be reached at 617 750 2818 or eshbach2@aol.com. Also, reach out if you are interested in researching the veterans listed in the back of the book, "Mattapoissett and Old Rochester" that you can find at Plumb Library or on the town website under the Historical Commission.

Upcoming Events for the Rochester Historical Society

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our country means that there is a lot going on. We are collaborating this year with other town organizations to maximize the events planned. On May 9, the Historical Society will be holding its May meeting at the Plumb Library to hear Robert Barbosa speak about his book, "Patriots of the South Coast". His book is a collection of stories about

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1235

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Joe Mardo of JM Craftsmanship, on behalf of property owner Ashley Ohrenberger, for the property located at 100 Ryder Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 21, Lot 14, who is seeking a Variance for a structure over 1,000 sq ft for the construction of a detached garage to replace the existing garage, and a Variance for the 40-foot side setback requirement to be reduced to 20 feet, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2 of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.
Donald Spirllet, Chairman 4/23, 4/30

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Botelho Custom Homes LLC, 54 Warner Street, Fall River, MA 02720, for property located at 0 Robinson Road, Map 36, Lot 2 & 5. The applicant is seeking permission to alter an area subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act and/or Bylaw. The proposed work includes the construction of a single-family home and septic system. The applicant's representative is Farland Corp., 154 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.
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Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 4/23

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SELECT BOARD/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
PUBLIC NOTICE – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Rochester, Massachusetts, acting by and through its Select Board and Town

LEGAL NOTICES

Administrator, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30B, invites sealed proposals from qualified parties for the lease of building space to be used as a Town Hall Annex for municipal operations and public services.

The Town is seeking space located within the Town of Rochester that is suitable for municipal use, including administrative offices, public meeting space, and secure records storage. The space must meet minimum requirements, including ADA accessibility, adequate parking, office and workspace capacity, and appropriate infrastructure to support municipal operations.

The Town intends to enter into a lease for an initial term of ten (10) years, with options to extend for up to two (2) additional ten (10) year terms, subject to appropriation. Request for Proposals (RFP) documents will be available beginning Friday, May 22, 2026 at 10:00 am and may be obtained from:
Town Administrator's Office
Town Hall
1 Constitution Way
Rochester, MA 02770

Sealed proposals shall be submitted in two (2) separate sealed envelopes, clearly labeled:
* "Technical Proposal – Town Hall Annex Lease"
* "Price Proposal – Town Hall Annex Lease"

Proposals must be received at the Town Administrator's Office, Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 no later than Friday, May 22, 2026 at 10:00 am, at which time proposals will no longer be accepted.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; to waive minor informalities; to negotiate terms with one or more proposers; and to award a lease agreement as deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. 4/23

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those on the South Coast who were active during the Revolutionary War. The talk will begin at noon.

Also, in May, it's time to get out your baking pans or warm up your sweet tooth. The Historical Society will be having a Red, White and Blue Bake Sale on **May 30** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We'll once again be at the Rochester Land Trust Pony Pasture off of Mattapoisett Rd. More information for those who want to help out by baking will be available soon.

Marion Invites Public to First Harbor Management Plan Meeting

The Town of Marion will host the first public meeting on its Harbor Management Plan on Tuesday, **April 28**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Marion Music Hall.

Residents, boaters, waterfront property owners and other community members are invited to attend, learn about the planning process, ask questions and share feedback.

The Town of Marion, with support from the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) at UMass Boston and the Marine Resources Commission (MRC), has begun developing a Harbor Management Plan that will guide decision-making for Marion's waterways and waterfront over the next decade. The plan is intended to address the future use, protection and management of the Town's harbor and related coastal resources.

Community participation will play an important role in shaping the plan. The process will include several opportunities for residents and stakeholders to offer comments and ideas, so the final plan aligns with the community's priorities and needs.

"This is an important opportunity for our community to help shape the future of our harbor and waterways," said Randy Parker, Chair of the Marion Select Board. "We encourage residents, boaters and stakeholders to stay engaged and share their input as we move through this important plan. I'd like to thank our town employees who are actively involved in this plan, this includes the Marine Resource Commission, for your proactive approach to ensure our waterfront continues to serve the needs of our community."

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Additional information about the planning process is available on the UHI website. Questions may also be directed to Shannon Hogan at shannon.hogan@umb.edu.

Celebrate National Poetry Month


Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Wednesday, **April 29** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm for an engaging and informative performance by actor Stephen Collins as he brings poet Robert Frost to life. Collins grew up in Cambridge and received a BA in Literature from UMass Boston. After twenty plus years in a sales career, he is back doing what he truly loves - performing and teaching. Collins has been performing and giving teaching seminars at various venues on literary figures such as Melville, Whitman, Hardy, Shakespeare, Frost, Millay, Yeats, Whistler, and Contemporary Poetry. Described as a hybrid between performance and lecture he has received numerous accolades for his work. The program is free, open to all, and no reservations are necessary.

Marion Town Meeting Information

The Marion Select Board will hold a Town Meeting Warrant Review at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on Wednesday, **April 29** beginning at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting can be

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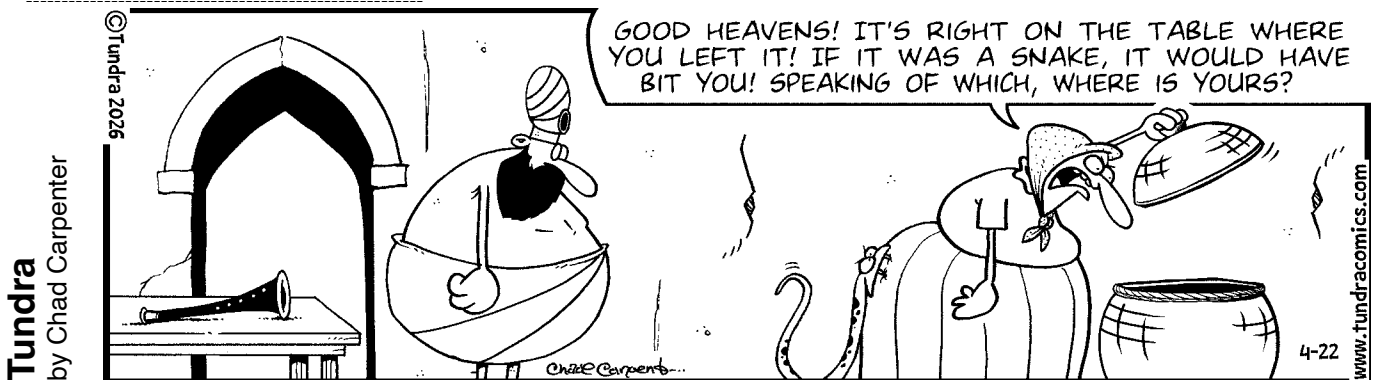
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The Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Sippican School Multipurpose Room, 16 Spring Street, on Monday, May 11. Please note: The Annual Town Meeting will start at 6:00 pm.

Harvard Krokodiloes

The Harvard Krokodiloes, Harvard University's oldest a cappella singing group, will bring their signature blend of musical excellence and humor to the SouthCoast with a special performance at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium on Saturday, **April 25** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

This special event will also highlight a hometown connection: Eddie Gonet, a Fairhaven native and Old Rochester Regional High School alumnus, is a current member of the Harvard Krokodiloes. His return to the ORR stage marks a full-circle moment, showcasing his journey from local student to performer in one of Harvard's most celebrated musical groups.

"We're proud to welcome the Harvard Krokodiloes to ORRHS for a night that celebrates both exceptional talent and the strength of our local community," said Principal Micahel Devoll. "Having Edward Gonet IV return to the stage as one of our Bulldog alums makes this event especially meaningful for our students and families."

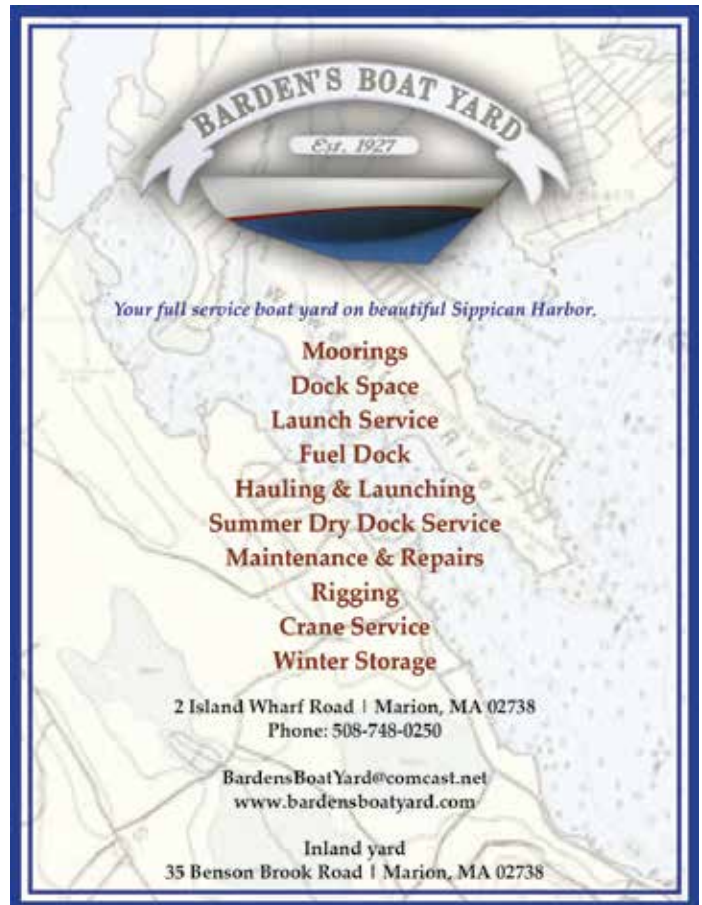
The performance will serve as a fundraiser for the Old Rochester Ambassadors, a student organization dedicated to fostering leadership, community engagement, and citizenship among ORRHS students.

Founded in 1946, the Harvard Krokodiloes are renowned for their energetic performances, rich harmonies, and international tours spanning over 20 countries every summer. Their visit to Old Rochester promises an evening of entertainment for all ages, featuring a mix of classic hits, contemporary favorites, and comedic flair.

On his travels to over thirty-five countries, Gonet stated he is "blessed to have spoken with and learned from people of all walks of life and cultures through



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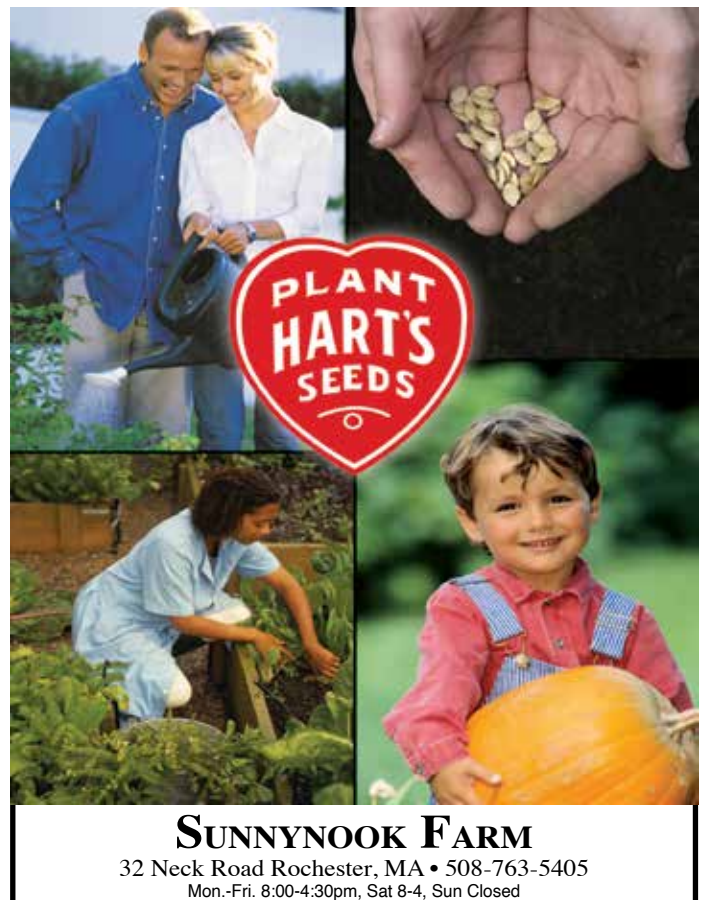
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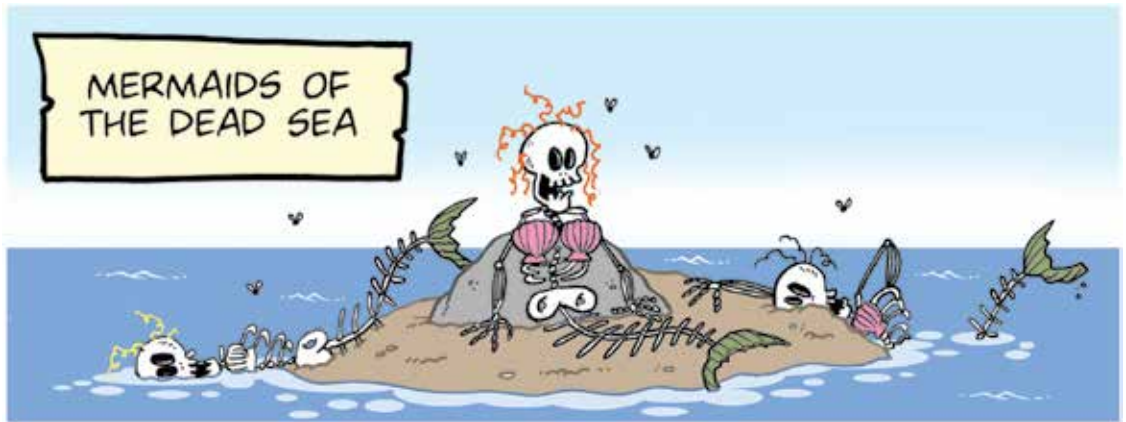


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Don't forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday!

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performances and experiences." Despite all of his travels, he says, "there's no place like home, performing for my favorite audience of friends, family, and the incredible Southcoast Community." After graduating from Harvard, Gonet will travel on one last world tour before attending Georgetown Law in Washington, D.C.

"Even though they are a world-renowned group, I love how the Krodiloes are still making time to come back to ORR again." said Luke Pierre on behalf of the Ambassador Club. "This is a great opportunity to both showcase a world-class singing group and raise money for our school."

Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Ambassadors' programs.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but please reserve them through this link: tinyurl.com/kroksorr.

Elizabeth Taber Library Seeks Community Feedback

The Elizabeth Taber Library is completing a new strategic plan and wants to hear from community members. The Library's last strategic plan was completed in 2021 and largely responded to the needs of the community identified during COVID.

"Community feedback for our last strategic plan led directly to the library renovation project that was completed in 2025," said Library Director Elizabeth Sherry. "The feedback received on this survey will guide the library's programs, services, collections, and space through 2031."

The brief survey is available at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/survey and will be open through mid-May. Staff can also connect you with the survey in-person at the Library, located at 8 Spring St. in Marion.

"If you don't use the Elizabeth Taber Library, or prefer to use other libraries in the Tri-Town, we'd love to hear from you as well," said Macy Kinney, children's librarian. "We serve the entire community and believe the Library can offer something for everyone. We want to know what would bring non-users into the Library."

The Elizabeth Taber Library has seen increased circulation, visitation, and program attendance since the completion of the Library's renovation project a year ago. Additionally, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has compiled data revealing that in times of economic hardship, Library attendance in the state of Massachusetts increases by 32.4% and circulation increases by 12.5%.

"With affordability front and center in local and national conversations, we're looking ahead to see how we can meet the needs of Marion and the Tri-Town in our next strategic plan," said Adult Services Librarian, Emily Newell.

For further information contact Library Director

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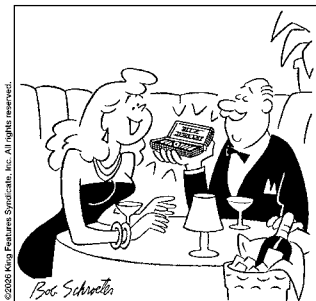
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then
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TODAY'S WORD



"How lovely! I guess these are my
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Elizabeth Sherry: esherry@sailsinc.org or 508-748-1252.

Mattapoissett Woman's Club Community Tag Sale

Bargain hunters and community members alike are invited to attend the Mattapoissett Woman's Club Tag Sale on Saturday, **May 2**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The event will take place at Reynard Hall, located within the Congregational Church in Mattapoissett.

Browse our many tables filled with fun and amazing items you're unlikely to find anywhere else. Proceeds from the tag sale benefit the Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarship Fund. Cash or check is preferred and no early birds, please.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the objectives and mission of the organization. For more information or questions please contact info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org.

Mattapoissett Democrats Candidates' Night

On Wednesday **April 29** from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee will host a Candidates' Night in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoissett Free Public Library.

All candidates for any elected position in our upcoming Municipal Election on May 19, 2026, will be extended an invitation and provided an opportunity to give a brief opening statement to the public and answer questions of attendees.

The uncontested race candidates (Mattapoissett School Committee, ORR School Committee, etc.) will proceed first and then the contested races for the Select Board, Library Board of Trustees, and Board of Health will be the last of our presentation.

Please come with a neighbor, family member or friend and bring any questions you might have for the candidates or just listen in. For more information, please reach out to William Morse, Chair, mattapoissettdtc@gmail.com.

Marion Candidates' Night

The League of Women Voters of the South Coast invites you to Candidates' Night on Thursday, **April 23**, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room at Sippican School. Please plan to arrive by 6:45 pm and kindly leave all campaign materials outside the school. Attorney Jack Eklund will serve as the moderator.

All candidates for Town Offices have been invited. The evening will feature two engaging components:

Meeting the Candidates: Unopposed candidates will have five minutes to introduce themselves. This is a chance to clearly present qualifications, explain suitability for the role, and demonstrate understanding of the position's responsibilities. Please note audience questions will not be included in this portion.

Issues Forum: Candidates in contested races will begin with a two-minute opening statement outlining their qualifications and perspectives. The forum will follow League of Women Voters guidelines, including no "empty chair" or proxy representation. Audience members will have the opportunity to submit written questions for these candidates, encouraging thoughtful discussion on key issues.

To confirm your participation, please email Chair Eileen J. Marum at u_emarum@umassd.edu by Friday, April 17. Your timely response is greatly appreciated and helps ensure a well-organized and productive event.


The League of Women Voters and its Education Fund are strictly nonpartisan and do not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

We look forward to an informative and engaging evening of civic dialogue.


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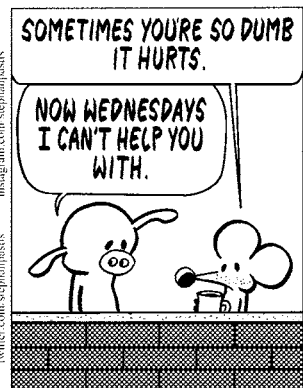
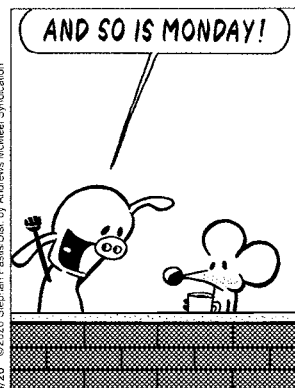
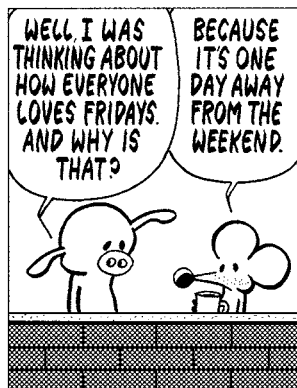
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
 by Stephan Pastis



cancer research, driven by Noah's childhood dream to cure cancer, the foundation wants to carry forward his legacy of kindness, joy, and the belief that every person matters. This scholarship seeks to recognize graduating high school seniors who embody these same qualities through their character, actions and impact on others. There will be five awards of \$2,000 each. The application deadline is **May 1**.

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More details about the application and submission instructions can be found at thencgfoundation.org.

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.

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The Mattapoisett 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 Mattapoisett 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.

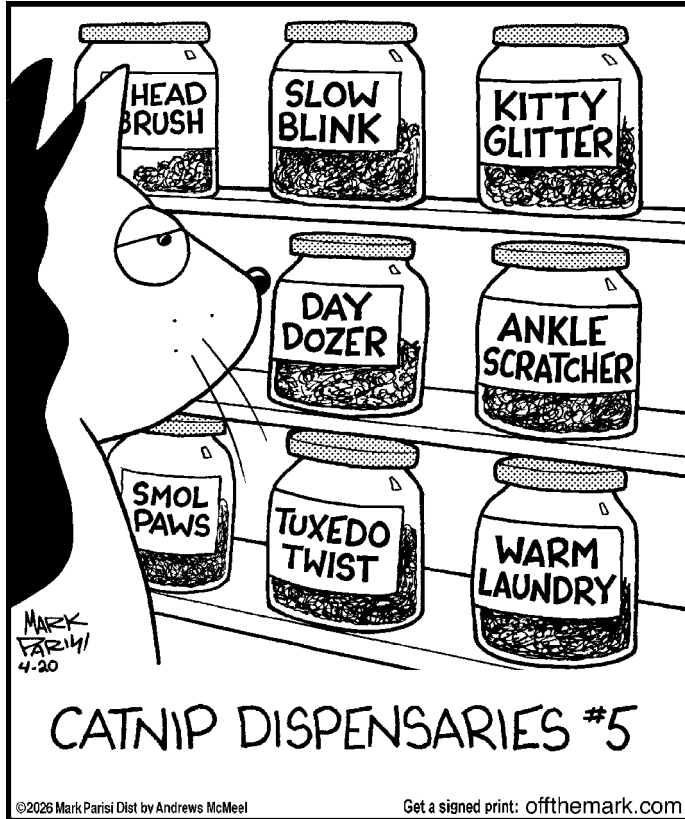
To celebrate the occasion, the first 100 registered attendees will receive a free copy of A Fortune of Sand. Registration is not required to attend the event but is required to be eligible for a free book. Books will be distributed at the event while supplies last, and attendees must be present to receive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

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

The program is free and open to all. Seating is first come, first served.

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Wednesday	May 6	11:53		5:16	5:07
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Friday	May 8	12:52	1:26	6:44	6:44
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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!

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N	A	I	R	C	E	O	S	N	E	E	D	S	R	E	I	G	N			

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Teacup; 2. Prone
3. Large; 4. Dome

Today's Word
GOLDEN

Sudoku Answer

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



GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

10 oz. Selected Variety
Ro-Tel
Diced Tomatoes
2/\$3



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

64 oz.
Old Orchard
Cranberry Juice **\$2⁹⁹**

17.2-18 oz. Selected Variety
Kashi
Cereal **\$5⁹⁹**

11-15.5 oz. Selected Variety
Del Monte
Canned Vegetables **2/\$4**

24 ct. 10 Inch
Simple Done
Paper Plates **\$2⁹⁹**

14 oz. Squeeze
Daisy
Sour Cream **2/\$6**

48 oz. Selected Variety
Friendly's
Ice Cream **\$4⁹⁹**

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



16 oz. Selected Variety
Food Club
Butter Quarters
\$3⁴⁹



Fresh
Bell & Evans
Split Chicken Breast **\$5⁴⁹**
lb

14 oz. Pkg.
Kayem
Natural Casing Meat Franks **\$5⁹⁹**

16 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Bacon **\$12⁹⁹**

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

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
Deluxe Ham **\$10⁹⁹**
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Red Bliss Potato Salad **\$7⁴⁹**
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Macaroni Salad **\$7⁹⁹**
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Beet & Onion Salad **\$7⁴⁹**
lb

7 oz. Pkg.
Eiffel Tower
Brie Cheese **\$4⁹⁹**

6 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Sliced Pepperoni **\$3⁹⁹**

8 oz. Pkg. Imported
Boar's Head
Gouda Cheese **\$7⁹⁹**

Ready to Serve
Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken **\$9⁹⁹**
ea

CHEF PREPARED

With Sour Cream & Salsa
Smoked Pork Burrito **\$12⁹⁹**
ea

Spicy Sesame
Peanut Noodles **\$10⁹⁹**
lb

Pint
Black Bean & Corn Salad **\$9⁹⁹**

Fresh
Garden Side Salad **\$6⁹⁹**
ea

Daily Assortment of Flavors Including: Spinach & Tomato,
Roasted Vegetables, Ham & Cheese, & More!
Quiche **\$17⁹⁹**
ea

Various Styles
Take & Bake Pizza **\$8⁹⁹ - \$10⁹⁹**
ea

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

Chicken Pot Pie **\$13⁹⁹ ea \$19⁹⁹ ea**

Shepherd's Pie **\$12⁹⁹ ea \$19⁹⁹ ea**

BAKERY

Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Garlic Bread **\$3⁴⁹**

Mix Berry
Friends' Store Made
Yogurt Parfaits **\$5⁹⁹**

WINE

Josh - 750 ml. California
Sauvignon Blanc **\$15⁹⁹**
Reg. - \$18.99

Zach Brown - 750 ml. California
Cabernet Sauvignon **\$12⁹⁹**
Reg. - \$15.99

GARDEN CENTER

6 Pack
Annuals **\$3⁴⁹**
Flat (48 Plants) Mix & Match! - \$25.99

6 Pack Cold Season
Vegetables & Herbs **\$2⁹⁹**
Mix and Match - Flats (48 Plants) \$19.99

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BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus,
Boneless
**Friends'
Premium
Ribeye Steak**
\$18⁹⁹
lb



12 oz. Cans, 8 pk.
Selected Variety
**La Croix
Sparkling
Water**
\$3⁹⁹
+Dep



8.8-12.5 oz. Selected Variety
**Old El Paso
Dinner Kits**
\$3⁴⁹



6.7-7.33 oz.
Selected Variety
Bagel or
**Stacy's
Pita Chips**
\$3²⁹



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



16 oz. Selected Variety
**Talenti
Sorbetto
or Gelato**
\$4⁴⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



Fresh
Tropical Mangos **\$1⁹⁹**
ea

Make Fresh Guac!
Avocados **\$1⁴⁹**
ea

Juicy
Limes **99¢**
ea



Fresh
Cilantro **\$1⁵⁹**
ea

Fresh
English Cucumbers **\$1⁵⁹**
ea

3 lb. Pkg.
Peelz Cara Cara Oranges **\$5⁹⁹**

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