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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

#### MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District (District) began construction of the District's Water Treatment Plant Upgrades project on Monday, January 6, 2025. To date, completed construction activities include demolition and removal of the existing ultrafiltration system, delivery and setting of the new ultrafiltration system equipment, electrical work including installation of electrical conduit, wiring, and panels, preparation for stainless steel pipe fabrication, relocating the air receiving system, and miscellaneous pipe work. Installation of ultraviolet disinfection equipment is also included in the upgrades project.



Original ultrafiltration system stages



Filter Area following demolition of original ultrafiltration system stages



New ultrafiltration system stages with shipping crates

## Mattapoisett Dog Found after Large-Scale Search

By Erez Ben-Akiva

Before she was adopted from a rescue by a Mattapoisett family, Tessa was a street dog in Mexico. She had been passed around to different foster homes, likely neglected and abused.

Tessa, five years old, was shy and had been in Mattapoisett with new owner Molly Urquhart for not but two weeks, just coming out of her shell at home, when she ran off on February 18.

Urquhart's nephew had taken Tessa outside that morning to relieve herself, and in doing so, he slipped on a patch of ice, falling backwards. Tessa spooked and, with her leash still attached, bolted. She was gone.

The ensuing five-day search for Tessa engrossed and involved, in a way, much of the town. As Urquhart and her family sought the medium-size, black dog, they were aided in their efforts by a Mattapoisett Animal Control officer and his wife. They enlisted a nearby thermal drone operator. Meanwhile, online updates periodically briefing the status of the search garnered hundreds of rapt reactions.

For Urquhart, it was an awful, seemingly sleepless stretch of time. "It was very scary," she said. "Every single night, I'd wake up the next morning, and I'm like 'We're going to find her today, and we have to because it's so cold.' ... And then we wouldn't find her. It was just the worst feeling."

Urquhart drove around until 2:30 am the first night the dog became lost, she said. Her three sons joined the days-long pursuit, one of them yelling out the backseat window for Tessa. Other family members and police looked, too. Urquhart called Animal Control.

For Deputy Natural Resource Officer Thomas Gomes, the quest for Tessa was perhaps the most intense and most involved dog search he had taken part in.

"This one was really unique because of just her situation, where she's a new dog from a very, very different place than this, and just being scared and taking off the way that she did," Gomes said.

As Gomes looked and set traps, his wife Kera Burba

regularly apprised a Mattapoisett community forum on Facebook of Tessa's rumored whereabouts and status. On those updates (photos of Tessa included), several responses offered services to the search or related sightings of the dog.

"I think you could just tell by looking at her that she was just a sweet girl," Urquhart said. "She was scared, and she needed to come home."

A slew of locals traveled around town looking for the dog, according to Urquhart. Someone brought hamburgers for Tessa to her house, she said.

"It was just a whole community effort," Urquhart

## Don't Forget

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 9 at 2am

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*On the Cover: Five-year-old Tessa the happy dog after being reunited with her family following a five-day search across Mattapoisett. The search involved locals, the police, and a thermal-vision drone. Photo courtesy of Kera Burba.*

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said. "I've never seen anything like it. It was amazing, and it was just all to bring her back home."

Per a recommendation shared in the online forum, Urquhart enlisted a local drone operator, Sam Aromin of Hawkeye Aerial Systems. At first, it was too windy to fly a drone, but Aromin later came and mapped the dog's path. Skittish and evasive, Tessa had been circling an area behind the Knights of Columbus and Wildwood Terrace. It was three days since she ran off by this point.

Tessa's prolonged exposure to cold temperatures became a concern, as did fears of coyotes and that the dog's loose, dangling leash could catch something and trap her, according to Gomes.

At 6:00 am on the fifth day of the search, Aromin returned to Mattapoisett. At 7:00 am, a neighbor reported to Urquhart they saw Tessa run through their yard. Urquhart sent the address to Aromin, who flew the drone there and spotted the dog. Staying near Tessa in the air, Aromin gave directions to Urquhart, who drove up, parked and saw her dog running halfway down the road, she said.

"I just got out and I yelled her name, and then we ran towards each other, and I just hugged her forever," Urquhart said. "It was so scary, and I just couldn't believe I had really found her. And she was freezing. She was so skinny, and she had had her little sweater on. It was all torn up and it was dirty. She had been sprayed by a skunk. She was still dragging her leash. But she was alive."

More than 1,100 people reacted to Burba's online announcement that Tessa had been retrieved. "I can only imagine that was a pretty harrowing ordeal," Gomes said.

Tessa hasn't left Urquhart's side since, she said. The dog sleeps under the covers of Urquhart's bed and waits in the window for Urquhart when she goes out to check the mail.

"She's like my little Velcro dog," Urquhart said. "She's so good."

And while there aren't any plans to let Tessa out of sight any time soon, she's now fitted with a GPS collar. Just for good measure.

### Tabor Receives Historic \$10 Million Gift

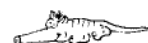
Tabor Academy is proud to announce a transformational \$10 million commitment from John Fish '78, P'15 and his wife Cynthia Fish P'15, marking the largest single pledge of support in the school's history. Over the past 40 years, John and Cynthia Fish have contributed nearly \$20 million in support of Tabor Academy and its priorities, including most recently the resodding of the Upper Chapel Field and the addition of turf to the new Fish

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Head of School Tony Jaccaci said, "We are deeply grateful to John and Cyndy for this inspirational gift that will allow us to change lives in profound and transformational ways at Tabor. John and Cyndy live the values of our school, and this generosity is a testament to their commitment to connect, serve and lead. A gift of this magnitude will make a deep difference in providing the best education possible for our students and I know will motivate others to support as well."

This extraordinary investment directly supports Tabor's Mapping Our Journey strategic plan, advancing key priorities that ensure our students and faculty thrive. The gift will focus on three critical areas:

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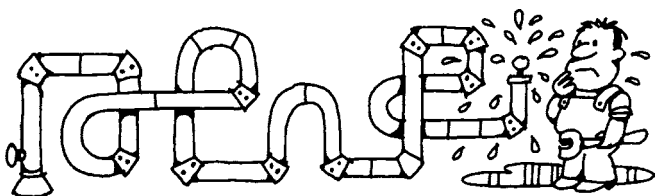


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"John and Cyndy's extraordinary generosity will strengthen our athletic program, fostering a culture of excellence both on and off the field. Their support empowers our student-athletes to compete at the highest level while developing the character, teamwork, and resilience that will serve them for a lifetime," said Kelly Walker, Director of Athletics.

3. Enriching Minds, Enabling Dreams: A Tabor education should be within reach for all talented students who seek it. A significant portion of this gift will be dedicated to financial aid, ensuring that our 'best-fit' students—regardless of financial circumstances—can access all that Tabor has to offer.

"Each year, we see a growing number of applicants in need of financial aid, and each year we must turn away accomplished young people who would surely have thrived at Tabor. This gift will allow us to accept more students with the potential to have a positive impact on the Tabor community," noted Rachael Beare, Associate Head of School for External Affairs.

"John and Cyndy's generosity has shaped Tabor in profound ways. Their unwavering commitment ensures that our school remains strong, accessible, and true to its mission," said Stephen Ginter, Director of Advancement.

"Tabor Academy will always hold a very special place in my heart. While attending Tabor in high school, I built lasting relationships with teachers and coaches who changed my life forever. Through Tabor academics and athletics, I learned the value of collaboration, leadership, courage and caring — core values that are important to me today. But most importantly, at Tabor I learned winning isn't normal and that anything is possible if you believe in yourself," said John Fish. "Cyndy and I are thrilled to support this incredible institution of learning and its

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### **ORR Senior Michael Hogan Bowls a Perfect Game**

Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll are proud to share that senior Michael Hogan, a Special Olympics athlete, recently bowled a perfect game.

Michael Hogan, 18, of Mattapoisett, achieved a perfect score of 300 in a game of bowling at Wonder Bowl in New Bedford on February 18 during school vacation.

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He rolled 12 consecutive strikes, a feat few bowlers accomplish, while his father, Jim Hogan, cheered him on and captured the final moments on video.



"To bowl a perfect game is pretty difficult for anybody, anywhere," said Jim Hogan. "Michael has been working toward this goal ever since he started bowling. He's a perfectionist — he always strives to be the best at whatever he does. Given that, reaching perfection in this way was extraordinary for him."

Michael, who has autism, is a self-taught bowler, learning primarily by watching YouTube videos. He originally bowled one-handed but switched to a two-handed style after watching Australian professional bowler Jason Belmonte. Over the years, he has refined his technique, improving his average consistently while regularly competing in Special Olympics tournaments.

"He enjoys bowling because it's something he can do on his own," Jim Hogan said. "He plays other sports like basketball, softball, and soccer, but in bowling, you're really competing against yourself. He likes that aspect of it."

Michael said the final frame of his perfect game was nerve-wracking. But he cleared his mind and concentrated solely on "calibrating" his shot.

"I was nervous a little bit. I had to take a deep breath," Michael said. "It wasn't easy at all. But I did it. After I did it, I had a lot of enthusiasm. I was very happy."

Michael's dedication to the sport has made him a standout in Special Olympics Massachusetts bowling competitions. During each of the past three years, his father said, Michael recorded the highest bowling scores of



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Beyond bowling, Michael is a well-rounded athlete and student at Old Rochester Regional High School, where he is enrolled in the Life Skills Program. He is also a key player on the school's Unified Basketball Team and is known for his impressive three-point shooting — once he nailed 17 3-pointers in a row.

Danielle Dore, a special education teacher at ORR who has worked with Michael since ninth grade, praised his hard work and determination.

"Whether you stop by a class he's in or see him in after-school activities — from strength and conditioning to basketball — he's always putting in the work it takes to be successful," said Dore. "Since he came to ORR you could see how passionate he is as a student athlete. Michael is always holding himself to the highest standards, and there's nothing he can't accomplish — including bowling a perfect game. We are so proud."

Michael has also served as a role model to younger students in the district, often sharing his knowledge with peers during school bowling outings. He even created an instructional video for an elementary school teacher's bowling unit, offering tips and tricks to inspire younger athletes.

"The teacher showed that video to his students, and they were so impressed," Dore said. "Michael is a true role model."

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Jaime Curley commended Michael, highlighting the positive impact he has on the school community.

"Michael's dedication and passion are inspiring," said Assistant Superintendent Curley. "This achievement is an example of the power of perseverance and the importance of setting personal goals. At Old Rochester Regional, we strive to foster an environment where all students can pursue their passions and reach their full potential."

Principal Devoll complimented Michael for his dedication and hard work, congratulating him on this special achievement.

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Superintendent Nelson congratulated him on the perfect game:

"This is a great moment for Michael, and we couldn't be happier for him," said Superintendent Nelson. "His achievement exemplifies the determination and passion we see in students across our district, whether in academics, athletics, or personal pursuits. We celebrate Michael's success and look forward to seeing his continued success here at Old Rochester Regional and beyond."

### **ORRJHS Student Wins Silver Key in Scholastic Art & Writing Awards**

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Sophie Zhou, an eighth-grade student, received a Silver Key in the Drawing & Illustration category for her piece, "Balancing Act." The drawing is a self-portrait that depicts a girl in a yellow shirt balancing three books on her head.

"This piece in particular was one where I was experimenting with colors. It is a self-portrait in which I tried to utilize every color in the rainbow while coloring the skin," said Zhou, who grew up in a family of artists. "I also experimented with posture and drawing how gravity affected the books on my head. I was inspired by the symbolism of consuming knowledge, balance, and fragility."

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This year, the Massachusetts region received nearly 8,000 individual art entries. A total of 730 Silver Keys and 1,330 Honorable Mentions were awarded across the state.

Zhou, whose love for drawing came before she was old enough for school, said she was surprised and grateful for the Silver Key award.

"When I got the email that awards had been given, I set it aside until later that day because I did not expect anything," Zhou said. "When I checked and found out that I had been awarded a silver key, I was shocked. My main reaction was along the lines of, 'No way!' It felt really rewarding to be recognized for my art."

Superintendent Nelson commended Sophie for her achievement, emphasizing the dedication and creativity required to stand out in such a competitive field.

"Sophie's recognition in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is a reflection of her talent, hard work, and passion for artistic expression," Superintendent Nelson said. "We are incredibly proud of her for earning this honor, and we celebrate the creativity she brings to our school community."

Principal Coellner also praised Sophie's accomplishment and the importance of artistic opportunities



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"Sophie's artwork demonstrates both technical skill and a unique artistic voice, and we are thrilled to see her talent recognized at such a high level," Principal Coellner said. "The arts play a vital role in education, fostering creativity and self-expression, and we are proud to support our students as they pursue their passions."

Sophie and other Silver Key recipients from across the state have been invited to an awards ceremony at Cohen Auditorium on the Tufts Medford Campus on Sunday, March 16.

For more information about the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and to see the full list of winners, visit the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of Massachusetts website.

### Measles: do I Need a Booster?

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

It may hard for younger people to accept this, but when I was in medical school, we talked casually of patients having had "the usual childhood diseases," referring to measles, mumps, chicken pox and rubella (German measles).

Measles is a highly contagious disease that spreads easily to others with near 100% transmission. While generally a flu-like illness with a rash from which children recover, about 5% of measles patients develop pneumonia, 1 in 1000 develop brain swelling with deafness and/or

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Unfortunately, this very success has led to complacency, and the disinformation by "anti-vaxxers" has contributed to a falling off of vaccination rates.

Not surprisingly, measles has recurred. In 2024, the U.S. saw 16 outbreaks (3 or more cases) involving a total of 285 cases. As of the end of February, 2025 has seen 9 outbreaks, with a total of 164 cases. The best known is the Texas outbreak, but there have been others around the country. 95% of the cases involve people who were unvaccinated.

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If you were born before 1957, you almost certainly had measles, whether you remember this or not, and if you were born before 1963, you probably did. Natural infection gives virtually 100% life-long immunity, so there is no need to get a booster.

If you were vaccinated between 1963 and 1968, you may have received a less-effective vaccine and may want to have your antibody levels checked with a blood test.

If you received two doses of the standard MMR (measles/mumps/rubella), you are 97%+ protected unless you have an immune deficiency.

So, for most of us, protected by childhood infection or vaccination, no worries. For our children and grandchildren: GET VACCINATED. The MMR does NOT cause autism, and there have been no deaths from the vaccine in healthy people. Children with immune deficiency, a very rare condition, cannot get the vaccine, and depend on the other 99% of us preventing outbreaks by getting vaccinated.

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

## **MS4 Bylaw A Point of Contention**

*Marion Select Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Select Board met on Tuesday to tackle various action items at a time when local focus begins to draw towards the Annual Town Meeting, the Town Election, and the FY26 budget.

Present in the audience was Planning Board Chairman Andrew Daniel. The board also welcomed Kaylan Valadao, the town's new treasurer/collector, to her first Select Board meeting. Following the approval of minutes and the approval of various bonds, some stretching to 2045, the board looked on to other items.

The Select Board unanimously approved early voting by mail as well as in-person early voting for local

elections. Voting begins Wednesday, May 7, and ends Wednesday, May 14, during regular business hours. It was said that more information can be found on the town clerk's webpage at [marionma.gov](http://marionma.gov).

The next item was a review of potential Town Meeting Warrant articles. There was no voting being done on these, but Town Administrator Geoff Gorman presented them with the floor being open for questions and comments. The Select Board must approve said articles for inclusion in the warrant and make recommendations during their April 1 meeting.

Members from the Historic District Study Committee spoke on the proposed Historic District Bylaw. There were two members of the committee present to clarify features of the bill as well as disagreements over the effects the bill will have on property values and the desire of some to have an "opt-out" of the district. A committee member said, "just because a design meets a zoning law or obtains a zoning variance, doesn't mean it fits well in a historic neighborhood." The committee stressed that studies show housing value rises, rather than diminishes.

Following the committee's time, resident Joe Vergoni of 62 Pleasant Street aired his concerns. He emphasized potential negatives of increasing town bureaucracy, saying, "I feel another level of bureaucracy as a homeowner in Marion, Mass., will be costly and restrictive and is unnecessary." Vergoni said homeowners should go through existing channels, rather than that of another created body. Committee members stressed the district exists to protect the town's current nature and to not allow for "anyone to come in and do whatever they want."

Select Board member Toby Burr told committee members the Select Board would not advance the bylaw to Town Meeting unless certain buildings are excluded, such as the Cushing Community Center.

Next was discussion on the construction of the new Department of Public Works (DPW) building. The Energy Management Committee requested funding for a roof-mounted solar array. The approximate cost of this addition would be approximately \$96,000.

Argument soon erupted between Select Board Chairman Norm Hills and Daniel due to the proposed MS4 bylaw similar to one blocked by the Planning Board. Hills said the bylaw is a "general bylaw," though Daniel countered that it is a "zoning bylaw" and therefore must go through the Planning Board.

Daniel said "because the first attempt failed in Planning, which would have been the proper steps to take. This is a way of circumventing the proper channels." After further argument, Hills requested "we can discuss this someplace else at this point in time." Select Board member Randy Parker agreed with Daniel, saying "they started on it, and it's a slap in the face to pull it away from them." This was the conclusion of the discussion on MS4.

Daniel discussed the last meeting of the Planning Board the night prior and the extensive discussion on proposed short-term rental (STR) bylaw. He said the changes



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discussed at the meeting had been made and the new draft had been sent to Town Counsel, where they returned it with "minor changes, mostly wording." Daniels said they had "piggybacked off what other towns had done and added a touch of Marion to it."

In his Town Administrator's Report, Gorman thanked the Select Board, the Planning Board, and the locals who all visited and contributed to a successful open house at the new Maritime Center.

Further talks on the DPW building's construction saw Gorman say it was on time and on budget, adding the recent talks for the addition of an old-oil burner/recycler. This addition would allow town vehicles to recycle their oil, creating heat for the previously unheated segments of

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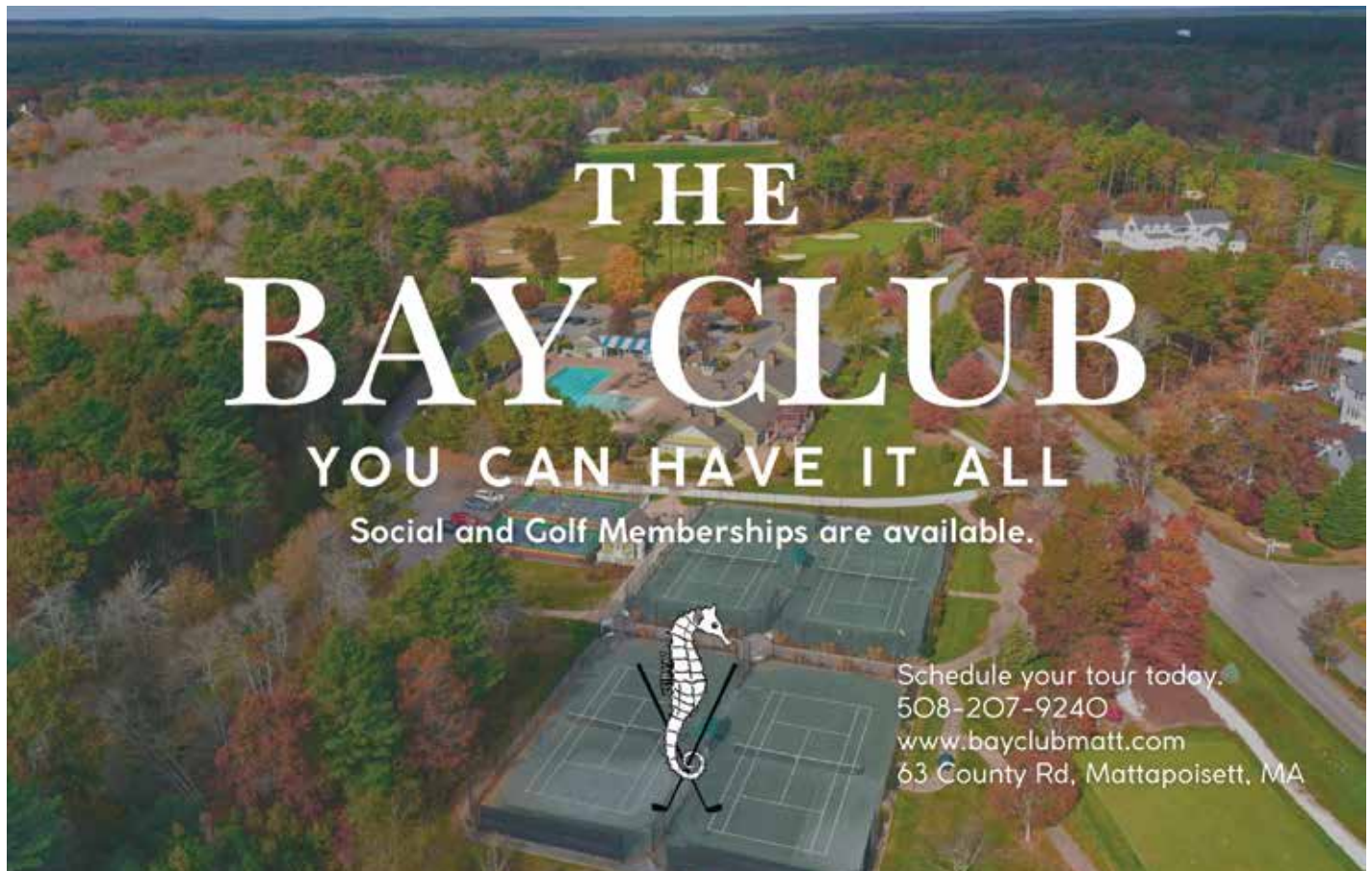


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the build. This addition would cost around \$48,000, per Gorman. Daniel, who works for the Town of Rochester as its facilities manager, added Rochester does things similarly and allows locals to also bring their own oil to recycle.

Finally, the Select Board discussed spots for the informational prelude to the Annual Town Meeting. As the Music Hall is busy with meetings, the board said there is a possibility to hold the informational session in the Community Center.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board will be held on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House.

## Fire Station Plans Explained

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

In a sharp response to recent criticism of the way officials are handling the plan for a new fire station on the former Rochester Country Fairgrounds, Rochester's Select Board Monday clarified the facts with help from members of the Public Safety Facility Building Committee.

At the board's last meeting two weeks ago, Select Board member Adam Murphy said a recent letter from residents is critical of town officials for their spending and lack of "transparency" related to the plan. On Monday, Murphy and Town Administrator Cameron Durant counteracted that criticism.

Durant said the planning stage is an effort to recognize the needs for a new fire station under modern requirements for a safe and effective department headquarters. "A fire station requires specialized design elements to accommodate modern emergency response operations," he said.

He added that important considerations when building a fire station or other municipal buildings include complying with bidding law, "robust" information technology and communications infrastructure to support emergency dispatch operations, a specialized ventilation system for fire engine exhaust and hazard-zone separation and decontamination spaces owing to the nature of fire emergency work. Important considerations for developing the site at 65 Pine Street include that there will be no water or gas service without plans for a sizable cistern and an underground propane tank.

Durant said the January 27 Special Town Meeting approved \$55,000 for site work and engineering to determine whether 65 Pine Street is a viable location for the new fire station, and that crucial work has just begun. "We are going through what is mandatory for the best value possible," he said. "The committee is carefully reviewing the initial design to prioritize essential needs over optimal features. The next step is to finalize the design and obtain cost estimates."

Murphy explained what has been spent to date. A 2023 Public Safety Feasibility Study conducted by



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Cambridge-based Gallant Architecture Studio, Inc. cost the town \$105,619.72, of which \$50,000 was funded through a state ear-marked grant. He said a total of \$119,918.12 has been spent so far on design plans. Out of that \$50,000 came from a grant.

Public Safety Facility Building Committee Chairman Arnold Johnson then said what will likely satisfy the plan's critics the most. He noted that Gallant was replaced with the current consultant, Catalyst Architecture Interiors, because Gallant was not willing to yield for the sake of saving costs on what building materials should be used. He noted that the town reduced construction cost of the Rochester Memorial School building project with similar choices.

Johnson said the site work is just starting for the building foundation. The progress of this phase will be discussed at the next Public Safety Facility Building Committee meeting on March 13. "We will value-engineer the plan and drill down on needs versus wants," Johnson promised.

The lone question from meeting attendees came from Zoning Board of Appeals member Jeffrey Costa, who asked if a schematic of the plans is available. Murphy answered that the committee has not gotten this far yet, that it will know more about the eventual plan when it meets on March 13. Committee member David Arancio added, "Value engineering (of the plan) will continue even as construction begins."

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In other action, the Select Board approved the Patriot Half Marathon to take place in town on June 14 and the Cranberry Trifest Triathlon on August 24.

The board signed the Solect Energy Development contract and its plan to install solar panels at Rochester Memorial School. In a previous meeting, Murphy had raised questions about the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) agreement within the pact. On Monday, Murphy said he had received clarification on this point.

The board signed the Rochester Police Department body camera Memo of Understanding. Under the new Police Union contract, all patrol officers have agreed to wear body cameras. In exchange, the Police Union has been granted a raise in the private detail rate to \$65 per hour.

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Select Board Chairman Brad Morse announced performance reviews for the town administrator and Police Chief Michael Assad will be scheduled soon.

The board appointed Murphy to meet with Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School representatives regarding the School Resource Officer budget.

The board approved the Peter Crapo Cartway as a new public way.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, March 17, at 6:00 pm at 1 Constitution Way.

## **FY26 DPW Planning**

*Marion Finance Committee*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Finance Committee met on February 26 for a discussion with Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Jody Dickerson and held further talks regarding the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Dickerson and the committee spoke on Waste Management's contract expiring on December 31, 2025. He mentioned the increase of fees to people disposing due increases in contract cost. He said "you'll see an increase of 10.96%" when referring to total cost of next year's contract.

For parks and field maintenance, Dickerson said there is a 30% increase in costs from New Leaf. Moving on to utilities, he said, "everybody knows how utility prices have increased, especially in the last few months." An average rise of 2% across all utilities was cited.

Gas expenses were down with electricity and water up. It was said the Wastewater Treatment Plant uses a lot of electricity, and most of Marion's used water was said to come from Rochester. Overall, the DPW's increase from FY25 to FY26 is approximately 2.35%.

In general, there is a 3.63% increase in full-time wages, a 10.71% increase in longevity pay, and a 7.5% increase in uniform allowances for the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was to be held on Wednesday at the Marion Town House Conference Room where the committee planned to further tackle FY26 budget plans.

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## **SEMASS Water Main Improvements**

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Conservation Commission on Tuesday granted a Negative Determination that wetlands bylaw restrictions do not apply to a proposed large-scale water main improvement project by SEMASS at 141 Cranberry Highway.

The project's environmental scientist Hailey Page explained that the plant's main pipe for the employees' water use failed in December of 2023. It is being replaced




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by a 550-linear-foot, three-inch wide water main being dug six-foot deep close to where there is a 25-foot no-disturb zone at wetlands. The project will begin in 2026 provided all permitting and funding has been secured, Page said. The commission's approval vote included the condition that all erosion controls detailed on the plan will be followed.

The remainder of the agenda ended in continuances to the next meeting. The commission continued until March 18 its Notice of Intent (NOI) hearing on converting a wetlands swamp at 224 North Avenue into a wildlife and aquatic habitat, agricultural drainage area and fire emergency pond. The applicant, farmer Cody Wood, argued he does not need an NOI or a conservation plan because of the way regulations read on the matter and an opinion from the DEP. Commission chair Christopher Gerrior said he and his board will need to see for themselves the DEP correspondence and the "workflow" of Wood's argument against needing ConCom permissions. "It's on you to prove your case," Gerrior said.

The commission agreed to schedule site visits on High Street when it continued until March 18 its hearings on four separate Notices of Intent allowing the construction of single-family dwellings on two-acre lots there. These are lots close to cranberry bogs that since early November have drawn the attention of abutters who have raised concerns about its possible effect on flooding and natural resources in their neighborhood.

Discussion of "Lot 12" of this project led the board to also motion that the developer pays for an independent engineer to measure the top of the septic tank proposed on the plan. This vote came after abutter Andrew Roth cast



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doubt on the accuracy of the measurements on that lot's plan. "My concern is that some of these lot lines are razor thin," Roth said.

Jim Morse, the engineer for another abutter, Jeremy Sassone, lodged a similar complaint that plan measurements may not be accurate. Sassone had previously complained his property near County Road frequently floods because of the bog and will flood even more when a house lot is built so close to him.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be March 18 at 7:00 pm, at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### By The Numbers in Mattapoisett

*Mattapoisett Finance Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

It's a very busy time of the year for our tri-town municipal offices that deal with budgets.

While capital-planning committees, finance committees, and select boards grapple with the fine details related to all things budget, many voters will be seeing budget spreadsheets for the first time – at Town Meeting. That is likely not enough time to digest the vast amount of data needed to make informed decisions.

In Mattapoisett approximately two weeks prior to Annual Town Meeting, Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo will provide a deep-dive presentation that will cast light on expenses, revenue, the tax levy and a variety of other finance-related matters intended to give the voters all the

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data they will need, along with the opportunity to ask questions before addressing such matters at Town Meeting.

Lorenzo and the Finance Committee (members Paul Amoroso, Brian Connelly, Kathleen Costello, Aaron Goldberg, Gary Johnson, Karen Keenan and Colby Rottler) have met throughout the winter with only one to two meetings remaining before the budget is presented to the Select Board for final review and acceptance.

When the Mattapoisett Finance Committee was about to begin its work, Lorenzo led the group, now populated by several new members, through a tutorial of all things related to municipal finance. Beginning with the general fund, Lorenzo said this consisted of monies collected from the town's financial resources. Enterprise funds, Lorenzo explained, consist of money collected from separate town services such as water and sewer, and subsidy is the action taken to assist the funding of an enterprise-fund account such as the town's Transfer Station.

Lorenzo went on to explain that the levy is the total property-tax collection for a fiscal year and, that Proposition 2.5 is the state law that limits the amount of revenue a municipality can raise from property taxes by establishing a levy limit. Excess capacity is the amount of levy left over after the budget is complete. Exclusion and overrides are increases to the levy limit.

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Lorenzo explained that the Finance Committee acts as a financial advisor to the Select Board and Town Meeting, provides recommendations to Town Meeting for annual budget appropriations, manages the town's Reserve Fund and votes to disperse money from the fund when requested by the town administrator or town accountant for unforeseeable or extraordinary expenses.

Mattapoisett's FY26 levy limit is \$28,900,497, excluding debt (\$1,343,380), and the maximum levy is \$30,243,873.

Local receipts total at \$1,964,000. Monies placed in stabilization accounts now hold \$1,021,462 for the Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund, School District

Stabilization Fund \$376,647, SPED \$224,433, Capital Debt Stabilization Fund \$1,000,000, and Opioid Stabilization Fund \$80,470.

The total FY26 Operating Budget that still needs Select Board acceptance is \$35,362,275. The biggest departmental increase is 7% for the Police Department. Lorenzo said the increase is intended to give officers parity with surrounding communities.

The Mattapoisett Finance Committee will be meeting again in the coming days; no date has been set, however. All town budgets are currently pending final review, and Lorenzo said that public-school budgets are still pending.

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## Short-Term Rental Properties Bylaw Heard

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Planning Board met Monday night for an extensive and detailed public hearing on the proposed Short-Term Rental Properties Bylaw, its draft, and to go over changes to it - among a few other action items. In the audience were two Select Board members, Chairman Norm Hills and Randy Parker.

The first item was that of Vivian Shelton's property at 371 Delano Road and the request for approval to split the property into two lots. Planning Board Chairman Andrew Daniel said the Board could not stop the owner from splitting the property, though both lots must still be compliant. As in, both lots need grinder pumps and proper sewage systems. There is also potential for issues with lot lines and building distance from borders, per Daniel. Board member W. Dale Jones, referring to the need for separate sewage systems, saying, "make sure they are safe - if one fails, both are in trouble."

The second and third hearings were for the same property, 163 Front Street, and another lot split. Sisters Aimee Bean and Molly Lombard want to divide the property to accommodate both of their massage therapy offices. They have been located in Mattapoisett for around 10 years, Lombard said, and are making the move to Marion. They have the endorsement from their landlord and seek the split due to their separate business and clients. The

Special Permit request was approved unanimously.

Finally, there was the public hearing on the Short-Term Rental Properties Bylaw. The process for the creation of this bylaw has been about a year, the chairman explained, with the insistence it is warranted due to there currently being no town-based regulation for short-term rentals.

The discussion saw the board systematically go through the current draft, revised in February, and detail possible changes and problems highlighted by various sources. It was initially stated the difference in short-term rentals (STR) and long-term rentals (LTR) must be clarified. Massachusetts state law was cited with a STR being less than 30 concurrent days and no lease agreement. After the discussion on comments given to the board began and comments on draft changes had started, public questioning began.

First, public comments aired with many in the audience saying comments to each other rather than the Planning Board. The first commentator expressed worry of the new regulations and possible limitations and hurdles for STR's.

"You have a set of rules, and you have to judge everyone by the same rules," said Hills, referring to a need to judge all businesses by the same laws.

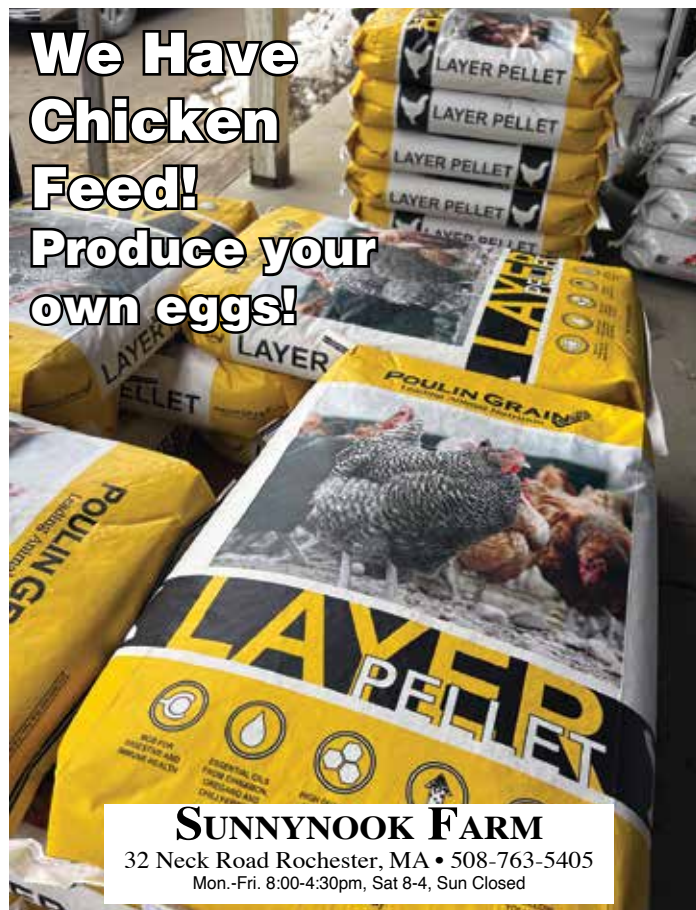
Another member of the public stated, "a short-term rental is a business, so what you're doing is putting a business in a residential zone and no one would allow a motel or a hotel to be in a residential zone."

The owners of 16 Inland Road again said they felt it unfair that they have run a STR in this town and problems and complaints had "never come up." The owner stated the changes are due to Airbnb being "demonized." The owner also said the comparison of Airbnb's and motel/hotels is unsubstantiated.

"You are allowed to have small businesses in your home," one of the owners said. She also cited their adherence to current law and the paying of their taxes. Daniel added "short-term rentals have been a part of Marion history for decades and decades. We have a lot of them. They are all in residential areas." He continued, "they have to apply, and they have to have regulations," also mentioning inspections and property safety.

Marilyn Whalley of Piney Point brought up the cost of living and expense of home ownership. She said, "people who lived here quite a while are looking for more affordable homes," and she mentioned locals looking to downsize due to rising costs. She continued, "what I'm finding with Airbnb - is that it's gotten so blown up that it's taking away a lot of units that could be long-term housing." She would later stress the need for more housing for both local workers and the elderly and said an increase in STR would "have an effect on people not being able to live here."

In terms of a limitation on the number of STR properties in Marion, the amount of 10% or another possible agreed-upon percentage of homes was discussed, though it was difficult for the board to quantify due to there being no definite number to the properties offered as STR at the



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Parker added from the audience that there are currently 69 Marion properties listed on Airbnb, though Daniel said there are possibly many more offered elsewhere, meaning the number is likely already over 10%. Hills mentioned independent research agencies that can analyze and determine exactly how many, though Daniel argued a STR registration would make that unnecessary. Planning Board member Tucker Burr interrupted the long discussion on the number of STR's by saying the exact number is arbitrary, though the "feel" and "culture" of the town must be preserved.

To limit the number of STR's in town, along with registration, Daniel also spoke about the possibility of a lottery system. It was also brought up that the Town of Marion has no noise-ordinance bylaw, so the inclusion of anything like that in the STR bylaw would be awkward and hard to enforce.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee said the STR Bylaw is about "a draft or two away from approving," citing the many changes and revisions still to come. The deadline for the submission of the bylaw to Town Counsel is March 14, with the Planning Board planning on meeting with the Select Board at its next meeting to go over draft changes. The process for the adoption of this bylaw is approval by the Planning Board, then the Select Board, to Town Counsel and finally a vote by Marion residents at the Annual Town Meeting on May 12.



Parker noted Town Counsel's normally lengthy process for approval and the need to deliver a complete bylaw, rather than doing it draft by draft with major alterations.

The general discussion and arguments are not unlike that currently taking place across coastal New England, the United States, and internationally. There are globally over 5,000,000 hosts and currently over 2,250,000 Airbnb's offered in the United States. Nearby, Boston has recently limited the number of days a property can be rented as a STR.

The public hearing was continued to the next Planning Board meeting on Monday, March 17, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department conference room.

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## Cole Road 'Jungle' Arguments

*Marion Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met on February 27 for a public hearing and to go over various correspondences with other boards.

Shane C. and Denise Whittaker of 6 Cole Road had requested a Special Permit to "allow the removal and reconstruction of a legally non-conforming, single-family dwelling which would not increase the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume as allowed."

The current cottage was built in 1948 on a lot which, at the time of construction, had lots of fauna growth and trees. Since they have been taken down, the cottage is now non-compliant per FEMA as well as with non-compliant setbacks from Cole Road. The permit request would allow for the removal of the cottage, the concrete patio, and gravel driveway and, in their place, construction of a new dwelling. It was stressed numerous times that the new house would "basically align with the old house," given that the plan still calls for one floor and similar dimensions. To comply with FEMA, the house would be elevated due to its location in a flood zone.

Various correspondences from other boards and commissions were addressed. The Marion Board of Health had requested an Asbestos Remediation Report it found necessary due to the age of the cottage. The Conservation Commission issued the applicant an Order of Conditions that the applicant must abide by during the process. The Planning Board had no comment.

A local from 14 Cole Road expressed some concern, saying "what's going to happen to the jungle that's there? It's an eyesore," and also expressed concern with wetland breaches.

Members of the Conservation Commission agreed to take a look at these concerns. Finally, argument broke out between the owners of 6 and 14 Cole Street with the permit requestor saying, "someone keeps throwing trash and leaves" on the lot, to which the abutter stated, "it's your trees." Due to these vegetation growths, the residents at 14 Cole Street are concerned over their property value

diminishing.

ZBA Chairperson Cynthia Callow interrupted the disagreement and told the abutter they must go to an alternative board, likely the Planning Board, as these issues do not fall under the purview of the ZBA.

The public hearing was continued to Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

## ORR FY26 Budget Talks and Course Additions

*ORR School Committee*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Old Rochester Regional School Committee met on February 27. The committee set out to cover FY26 budget changes, curriculum updates, and other concerns. A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to budget discussions.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson began with general work and the committee approved foreign exchange students for next year as well as the application for a new high school nurse. The committee approved grants and donations with members debating the allocations of resources to the classroom or otherwise.

Principal Mike Devoll discussed curriculum and course changes. Changes to the MCAS were discussed, with the potential to "opt-out" questioned. There is no way for a student to opt out, though they can be marked absent and not forced to re-take. Though if students do not take the test, they lose out on potential scholarships. Student support systems and mental health initiatives were also discussed, including the continued support of unified sports teams and unified physical education. This allows students to support each other both throughout the school day and after school.

Curriculum adjustments aimed at enhancing student performance were brought up, including new science courses for 10th graders. Interest in many different areas has been expressed by students, including field biology and natural history. More changes to journalism classes and AP were touched on. The addition of a new civics and financial literacy course, set to better prepare students to be leaders in their community and government is set to be added. Student, teacher, and community



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feedback were said to have played a crucial role in shaping these changes.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the board's commitment to transparency and collaboration. The next school committee meeting is scheduled for March 27 in the Media Room of ORR Junior High.

## Preparation Serves Bulldogs Well

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls basketball team hosted Arlington Catholic on February 27 in the first round of the MIAA Division 3 state tournament. Entering the game, the 13<sup>th</sup>-seeded Bulldogs (15-6) wanted to make sure they were ready, as they had lost in the opening round last year. But this time they took care of business, winning 72-60.

"The girls have done a tremendous job of preparing. We wanted to come in with an aggressive mentality and run offense, play really good defense, and not turn the ball over," said ORR Head Coach Rick Regan.

Old Rochester did just that.

Halfway through the first quarter, the Bulldogs jumped to an 8-2 lead with multiple buckets in the paint. It was back and forth through the rest of the quarter, with ORR on top 19-14 by the end of it. The Bulldogs were up 27-18 at 4:20 seconds left in the half, but 20<sup>th</sup>-seeded Arlington (10-13)

was not backing down. The Cougars went on a 10-0 run to end the half with a 1-point lead.

Old Rochester made some changes at halftime and started the third quarter hot with an 8-0 run. The Bulldogs were shooting the three at an unreal rate in the third, and it ultimately gave them a lead of 48-41 going into the fourth quarter. It was a big momentum boost from the second quarter.

"We switched up a little bit on defense. We went diamond and 1 on number five (Nora Simpson) to take her out (of the offense) a little bit," said Regan. "(Simpson) got really hot at the end of the first half. We thought that (strategy) kind of changed the game a little bit, and it got us moving offensively because then we could get in transition." Old Rochester shot 52% from three this game, making 12 shots from beyond the arc.

"The focus is to move the basketball, and if the three is open, we take it. But we love getting the ball inside, especially with Hannah Thorell and Emma Johnson. But when we have shooters that are hot, we love to get them." The Bulldogs were an underdog in Tuesday night's Round of 16 game at fourth-seeded Medway (16-5).

Caroline Brogioli scored six 3-pointers last game against New Bedford, and Emerson Gonet scored six against Arlington Catholic, both tying the school record for threes made in a game. Johnson had 17 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 assists. Brogioli had 14 points, 6 rebounds, and 6 assists, as Emerson had 18 points, all off of three-pointers.



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### ORR Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs faced Tantasqua Regional in the Division 3 state tournament on February 28 and won, 58-47. Gavin Martin had a great game, scoring 25 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, and had 8 steals on the defensive end. Brody Hiles and Grady Oliveira each had 10 points, and Hunter Horsey had 9. Old Rochester was down 29-23 at halftime but outscored Number 13 Tantasqua by 17 points in the second half to bring home the victory. The 20<sup>th</sup>-seeded Bulldogs took a 12-9 record into Wednesday's Round of 16 home game against Norton in the round of 16. Norton, seeded 36<sup>th</sup>, won two tournament games on the road by a total of three points to reach the Round of 16, most recently upsetting fourth-seeded Shawsheen Valley Tech (18-3). For those who see this article on March 5 at wanderer.com, the ORR-Norton game tips off at 6:00 pm.

### Old Colony Boys Basketball

The Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School boys basketball team has done it again, traveling far from Rochester to win its opening game in the Division 5 state tournament. The 17<sup>th</sup>-seeded Cougars handed 16<sup>th</sup> seeded Notre Dame Cristo Rey of Methuen its second loss of the season in a 67-59 decision that gave Old Colony its 21<sup>st</sup> win against 2 losses. The Round of 16 task was more daunting, as the Cougars traveled 128 miles to Northfield on Tuesday to take on top-seeded Pioneer Valley (21-0), which won its opening-round game by 50 points.

### Galligan, Skaters Never Quit

*MIAA Division 3 Hockey*

**By Mick Colageo and Aiden Comorosky**

Connor Galligan's senior season of hockey was in peril after separating his right shoulder midway through the schedule, but last week's triumphant return allowed him and his teammates to win a state tournament game and finish a challenging season on a high note.

"When he went out nine games ago now, all our hearts sank," said Old Rochester/Fairhaven Coach Zach Ledogar, describing Galligan's all-around effect on the Bulldogs' 200-foot game after they defeated St. Bernard's, 4-1, on February 26 in the first round of the MIAA Division 4 playoffs at Tabor Academy. "He's the heart and soul of the

team, especially on the offensive side of things. Getting him back was huge."

Galligan's ordeal began on one of the first shifts of a game against Dennis-Yarmouth, and the separation was initially classified as Stage 5, which would have ended his high school hockey career. That diagnosis was revised, according to Ledogar, to Stage 2, setting the stage for a three-goal performance in the opening round of the state tournament. Galligan returned to the lineup with two points in the regular-season finale against Apponequet.

Coming back and contributing was Galligan's focus ever since learning of the possibility, and he wasn't shy in re-engaging a rough-and-tumble sport.

"I try to not really think about it because (doing so) affects how I play, but at the end of the day I've just got to trust my body. My body's taken time to heal," said Galligan.

Ledogar leaned heavily on Galligan to drive the top forward line at 5-on-5, along with his playmaking and scoring ability on the powerplay and his offensive threat keeping opponents cautious when they have the man advantage.

Against St. Bernard's, the Bulldogs were down a goal at the end of the first period, but they scored four straight goals en route to the victory at Tabor Academy.

"Very proud of the way the boys played. After being down 1-0 after the first, they never wavered from our game plan of executing our systems and winning puck battles," said Ledogar. "The last half of the season has been strong for us, winning eight out of the last nine games. It's a testament to their willingness to play good team hockey when we need it most."

Connor Foley scored a goal and added two assists against St. Bernard's, and junior goalie Tucker Roy's 30 saves factored more than the scoreboard would indicate, considering the Bulldogs were chasing the game at first intermission. One of those saves was his 2,000<sup>th</sup> career stop.

"Tucker's been unbelievable," said Ledogar, noting the 1.98 goals-against average and .948 save percentage that he took into the postseason. "We talk about Connor Galligan being the heart and soul of the skaters, Tucker is the anchor to our team, he's the MVP, definitely, to this team."

"He's always going to stop the first puck, he's going to stop the second and maybe the third and fourth, but we have the right guys in front of him. We know we're going to be okay with him in net."

"He's good every night, I don't think he's ever had an off game ... we're lucky to have him," said Galligan after the victory against St. Bernard's.

As the son of Pat Galligan, who led Dartmouth High in scoring as a senior, Connor Galligan remains interested in playing hockey beyond high school. "I'm looking at Florida ... I'm hoping to play on a club team," said Connor, who also played golf at ORR.

The tournament road ended for ORR/Fairhaven against Hanover for the third time in the last four years. Saturday's result was 5-2 Hanover, launching the second seed into a quarterfinal matchup against 10<sup>th</sup>-seeded Hudson



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Connor Foley scored both goals for ORR/Fairhaven with two assists from Chase Almeida and one each from Caleb Bousquet, Matthew Tobin, and Michael Brown.

Along with Galligan, Bousquet and Brown, 2025 graduates completing their high school hockey careers include Justin Marques, Jarrod Frates, Jack Langlais, Gavin Austin, Padraig Carrier, and Nate Lewis.

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To the Editor,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed By-Law that would create a historic district in the Village of Marion. My wife and I are new residents and property owners in the Village, and it was the historic

character and welcoming nature of the Village that drew us to Marion.

The town we came from had a historic district. I was a member and Chair of that Commission for more than a decade. I would like to offer some insight to those who are concerned as to the impact the By-Law might have on their rights as property owners.

The proposed Marion By-Law is extremely limited in scope and the review process is consistent with the procedures used by other Historic District Commissions throughout the State. The review process allows for initial informal notification of an applicable project and provides property owners with resources and guidelines to prepare a formal application. The application is a simple form supported by documentation that might be utilized when applying for any required permits. The Commission's role is to work with the property owners to ensure that the design of their new applicable structure maintains the character of the Village.

In the years serving on my former town's commission, not a single project was ever denied. There may have been adjustments to design, but every project went forward. In fact, not a single applicant ever reported that the suggested adjustments increased the cost of their project. In many instances the costs were reduced by the commission's recommended adjustments. A collaborative approach between the property owners and the commission always resulted in the efficient administration of a project

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application and a project that added to the preservation of the character of the historic district.

I would ask my friends and neighbors who live in the Village to view the historic district By-Law in two important ways. First, the By-Law protects the investment you have made in choosing to live in the Village. Second, the By-Law is the most effective and proven way to maintain the character of the Village. In supporting this By-Law, we have the opportunity to preserve what we all love about the Village for ourselves, our families and for future generations.

Please join me and my wife in voting YES for this By-Law.

Regards,  
John Morgan, Marion

To the Editor;

The following is the first phase of comments to the proposed Short-Term Rental (STR) Properties Bylaw that I

submitted to the Marion Planning Board on February 18:

First, I want to state up front that these comments are mine as a concerned resident of Marion and are not intended to represent any Board or Committee that I may be a part of. Second my comments are in two phases; the first phase are general comments that I consider more overarching and significant comments, and the second phase goes through the document item by item with more specific comments, if I have them, that need resolution.

General Comments:

As presented, this draft STR bylaw is a copy, with a few interesting deletions, of Fairhaven's document. It shows no research and input of good ideas from any other Town's bylaws. For example: Falmouth, West Tisbury, Plymouth, Cambridge, and Yarmouth all have bylaws that for the most part are shorter, more succinct, and clearer than this draft.

There is no documented justification for proposing that STRs are by-right in almost all zones in Marion. Currently Marion bylaws only allow conversion to two

## OBITUARIES



**Atty. Jan E. Dabrowski**, 67, of Mattapoisett passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Tufts Medical Center following a long illness.

Jan graduated from Bishop Stang High School, Boston College, and Boston College School of Law. He was an attorney in private practice in New Bedford for over 40 years.

A proud member of the U.S. Merchant Marines, he served aboard the SS San Antonio, SS Mormacsun, SS Gulf Oil, and the collier SS Marine Electric (RIP Bill Mulberry). He also worked for The Steamship Authority.

Jan was a devoted fan of the Boston College Eagles and served as manager of the basketball team from 1975-1979. He was a member of the Board of Directors of St. Anne Credit Union and served as Chairman of the Board. He was also a member of the Reservation Golf & Beach Club. Jan was happiest at their home on Anna Maria Island, FL.

He was the son of the late Sheriff Edward K. and Helen Dabrowski. He is survived by his long-time partner and best friend Carol Mansfield; his sister Christine Amaral of Parkesburg, PA; his brother Ronald of Arlington, VA; his nephews Joshua Amaral and Zachary Dabrowski; his niece Amanda Dabrowski; and his long-time friend Leslie Power.

In accordance with Jan's wishes, there are no visiting hours. His family will receive guests on Saturday, March 1st from 12:30 - 1 pm in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett, followed by his Funeral Mass at 1 pm.

In Jan's memory, please make a donation to the Jimmy V Foundation, 106 Towerview CT, Cary NC 27513 (<https://www.v.org/>), where 100 percent of the donations are dedicated to cancer research.

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Don't give up. Don't ever give up. Jim Valvano, March 4, 1993

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**Wende L. Ouellette**, 52, of West Wareham passed away Monday February 24, 2025 after a long illness.

She was the loving wife of James Ouellette, Jr. of West Wareham and daughter of Beverly J. Chappell and the late David F. Pontes.

A 1990 graduate of Taunton High School. Wende was the mother of James Ouellette, III, of W. Wareham. Daughter in-law of James and Linda Ouellette of W. Wareham and sister in-law of Regina & Christopher Hammond of Rochester. Aunt of Ryan Hammond of Rochester She was also survived by her fur babies Lilly & Shadow and many loving relatives and friends. She was the sister of the late Jason D. Pontes.

Services will be private at this time. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit [www.wareham-villagefuneralhome.com](http://www.wareham-villagefuneralhome.com)

A Go Fund Me has been setup to assist Jim with her burial and medical expenses. <https://gofund.me/c63a373b>

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dwelling units (accessory apartment) with the consent of Zoning Board of Appeals and the use as a B&B either with Planning Board Approval or Zoning Board of Appeals approval. STRs are essentially no different than a motel or hotel which are commercial uses. Commercial uses are non-conforming uses in a Residentially zoned area. Section 230-6.1.B specifies that non-conforming uses require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. There is nothing in this document that discusses or justifies the topic of Commercial uses in a Residential zone; especially by-right. Town residents deserve supporting documentation that justifies this significant deviation.

Likewise, there is no documented justification for eliminating a cap on the number of STRs in Marion or for not limiting the number of STRs under one ownership. These two deletions have no substantiated justification. Again, Town residents deserve supporting documentation that justifies these apparent arbitrary decisions.

The state requirement that STR operators shall maintain liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 to cover the STR use should be included.

Rental duration is not addressed. Hourly rentals should be prohibited and there should be consideration of a minimum rental of 2 consecutive nights.

A lot of discussion has addressed families that let relatives and friends use their property sometime during the summer. There should be a discussion about possibly exempting properties that are rented less than 21 days per



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## PUBLIC ACCESS

### Comcast Channel 9

### Verizon Channel 36

Thursday March 6, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Flair  
9:30 AM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
11:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Henry  
3:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Sousa Spectacular  
11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Cultural Heritage

Friday March 7, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM The World Fusion Show  
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Land Trust  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM A Conversation With...  
11:30 AM Cape Conversations  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
3:30 PM This is America and the World  
4:00 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
5:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: Marion's Portuguese, Azorean, and Cape Verdian Residents  
8:00 PM ORR Girls Varsity Basketball vs Bourne  
9:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Plymouth South  
10:30 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Celebrating the Archive

Saturday March 8, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM A Conversation With...  
10:30 AM Cape Conversations  
11:00 AM Science 360  
11:30 AM Health Source  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Henry  
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
8:30 PM Mattapoisett Land Trust  
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday March 9, 2025

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

Church

8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park  
11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
3:30 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: Marconi Building  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
8:30 PM Mattapoisett Museum: Butterflies  
10:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give  
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday March 10, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
10:30 AM Cape Conversations  
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM In the Toy Box  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters  
2:30 PM The Collective Chat  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000

4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift  
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne  
7:45 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Plymouth South  
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:30 PM Building the Future  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

Tuesday March 11, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches  
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM The Collective Chat  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
5:00 PM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond with Peter Balzarini  
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne

Wednesday March 12, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
8:30 AM For Your Health

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
3:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series  
8:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
9:30 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Monomoy  
11:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne

## MARION GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26

### Verizon Channel 39

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
9:00 AM Marion Planning Board  
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
11:30 AM Marion School Committee  
12:30 PM Marion Finance Committee  
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
2:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
4:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission  
7:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
8:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission  
9:00 PM Marion Planning Board  
11:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
11:30 PM Marion School Committee

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

## Comcast Channel 26

## Verizon Channel 40

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee  
12:30 PM ORR School Committee  
2:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
2:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
3:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
5:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
6:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
7:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
9:00 PM Rochester Select Board  
9:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
10:30 PM Rochester Planning Board

## EDUCATION CHANNEL

### Comcast Channel 8

### Verizon Channel 37

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee  
8:00 AM Sippican School Play  
9:00 AM Old Hammondtown Spring Concert  
10:00 AM Cable History of Old Colony  
11:00 AM Center School Tribute  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Bulldog Weekly  
1:00 PM Old Colony Graduation  
2:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night  
4:00 PM Old Colony Drama  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM Bulldog Weekly  
7:00 PM STEAM the Streets at ORR  
8:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Cohasset  
9:30 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Game  
11:00 PM ORR Class Olympics

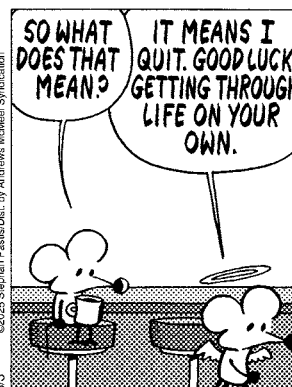
## MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26

### Verizon Channel 38

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



calendar year.

There is no discussion with respect to pets.

And last, everyone should know that Town Counsel has opined that because there is no existing Marion bylaw allowing STRs; there are no legal STRs in Marion. Norman Hills, Marion

### Academic Achievements

**Katherine Solowey**, Mattapoisett, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the fall 2024 semester.

**Failenn Fitzpatrick** of Marion, class of 2027, and **Joel Michaud** of Mattapoisett, class of 2025 were named to the College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year.

### Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, **March 10** at 6:30 pm, at the Ponderosa Sportsman's Club, located at 242 Robinson Rd, Acushnet. Rochester's Town Administrator, Cameron Durant, will be the guest speaker. All are invited to attend. Come, bring a friend, and meet Rochester's new Town Administrator.

### A Homeschool Cooperative in Rochester

Rochester Christian Homeschool Learning Center is located in Rochester, MA and serves Southcoast families who are interested in homeschooling their children in Grades K-8. The learning center operates Tues, Wed, and Thurs from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

There will be a parent presentation/open house on Saturday, **March 22**, at 10:00 am for families interested in learning more about Rochester Christian Learning Center. Pre-registration for this event is encouraged and can be done through the website. Enrollment applications for the 2025-2026 school year can also be found on the website, [RochesterChristianLC.org](http://RochesterChristianLC.org)

### Butterfly Arrivals with Joe Dwelley

Butterfly naturalist Joe Dwelley will be focusing

his presentation on the butterflies we might see in spring, summer and fall on Wednesday **March 12**, 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the Marion Natural History Museum. He'll be concentrating on native plantings to attract butterflies to our backyards. We'll be learning how to identify our local species and what we can provide to attract them so they'll stay. We'll be meeting at the museum so please remember to RSVP to ensure there is enough seating. Please RSVP at the museum's website: [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

### UCT College Fair

Upper Cape Tech welcomes area high school students and their parents/guardians to attend the annual UCT College Fair on Thursday, **March 13** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Over 60 colleges, technical schools, and military representatives will be available to meet with interested students about post-secondary opportunities and admissions requirements. Counselors will be present to assist students with identifying appropriate institutions and navigating the fair. The event is most appropriate for 10th and 11th grade students, as well as 12th grade students who may still be exploring their options for next year.

There is no cost to attend the fair. Questions may be directed to the Upper Cape Tech Guidance Office at 508-759-7711 x210.

### Open and Affirming

It took one voter making a motion at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's 2023 Annual Meeting, and a unanimous vote in favor, to set into motion a process to explore becoming an Open and Affirming Church. This meant that the Church would welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions into the full life and ministry of the congregation.

Over the next two years, working with dedicated Church members and the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ, the congregation began an extended period of discernment through education, in depth basic teaching of scripture, prayer, reflection and discussions as a church. During this time, the Church also improved its accessibility by upgrading and adding new lifts, installing

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Oscar Night

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

It wasn't Conan O'Brien's fault — aside from that ironic but awful "I Won't Waste Time" number, his whack at the hosting gig was fine — but this was the least engaging Oscar night in memory. I didn't feel a burning need to catch up with most of the nominated films (*Conclave* and *The Substance* were the only two Best Picture nominees I saw), and still don't, although I suppose I should see *Anora* at some point. Oh, and *Flow* looks good, and *I'm Still Here* will probably be worth a shot. This sort of thing is what the Oscars do best — shine a light on deserving smaller films.

Which I guess describes *Anora*, certainly the evening's little film that could. Still, none of the footage shown from it hooked me or showed me why it sparks such joy in some hearts. (For sure, there have been a large number of "what's the big deal" responses to *Anora* as well.) Sean Baker seems interested in chronicling the lives of the disrespected and overlooked in America, a noble goal that still doesn't guarantee my interest. Maybe I should give his filmography a chance, but there are so many other directors whose work I should check out and more time behind me than ahead.

Needless to say, my rooting interest in the Oscars this year was close to nil. *Conclave* and *The Substance* should have captured the top acting prizes, but the former had to make do with Best Adapted Screenplay and the latter Best Make-Up, both richly deserved. I'll probably catch *A Complete Unknown* at some point, and would have liked to see it win, well, anything. The chances of me sitting still for all 73 hours of *The Brutalist* are very slim. *Emilia Perez*, a story about a Mexican transwoman, started to lose luster for me when it started annoying Mexicans and trans people. Is this the first time in Oscar history that a Part One (*Wicked*) has been up against a Part Two (*Dune*)? Have we lost the ability to tell a story in a one-part 90-minute film? (*Conclave* runs a neat 120 minutes; the other nine films all run north of two hours.)

Even if the competitors had claimed my



attention, this was still a dreary, uninspired show, with a James Bond tribute montage that seemed to bid a fond farewell to the pre-Amazon 007 many know and love. Starting the show proper at 7pm EST may have ensured much of the audience a bedtime before 11:00, but cutting performances of the Best Song nominees didn't do much to make the production feel streamlined. The practice of having a past acting winner talk up the five nominees in their category isn't a substitute for just showing decent clips of their performances. Judging from the show, I don't know what Mikey Madison did to win Best Actress other than scream or jabber. Nor did I see what Adrien Brody did except glower and growl things in a Hungarian accent. The Oscars show did not do what it could to celebrate *cinema* here, just mostly nominees that few people saw and were given no motivation to see.

The whole thing felt off and noncommittal. A couple of moments threatened to be relevant to the world taking shape around us. Adrien Brody's speech might have been a trenchant plea for compassion if he'd trimmed about 50% of the fat off of it, but then again the movie he won for isn't the most succinct night out at the theater, either. The Palestinian and Israeli filmmakers accepting for their documentary *No Other Land* made me want to see their work. Next year, no doubt, a great Ukrainian documentary will win. But events are still unfolding too rapidly right now for movies to comment on. It has to be told slant, through subtext and eternal verities (*The Substance's* concerns about aging Hollywood beauty are at least as old as *Sunset Boulevard* or *The Wasp Woman*). The show seemed cowed, timid, in the face of a reality wilder and more dramatic than most of its nominees this year.



doors accessible with push-button access, and more wheelchair spaces embedded into pews.

The two-year journey included a unanimous vote of the congregation at a 2024 special meeting, and the adoption of the ONA covenant. It culminated on Sunday, February 23rd, when the Church received its Certification and is now listed on the Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ and national UCC websites.

A favorite song of the Congregational Church is "All are Welcome Here" by Marty Haugen. We encourage everyone to come as you are.

### Learn-to-Crochet Class

The Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street is once again offering its popular Learn-to-Crochet class for beginners and advanced beginners. The class, which will be instructed by Jackie Sousa, will occur almost every Monday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, starting **March 10** and ending April 14. Please reserve your spot at [www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/event-info/crochet-for-beginners-advanced-beginners-2](http://www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/event-info/crochet-for-beginners-advanced-beginners-2)

Jackie recommends bringing a size G or H crochet hook and a skein of cotton yarn, such as Lily Sugar'n Cream Super Size Yarn. This class is limited to 6-9 people depending on experience level; tickets must be purchased in advance for the session. Refunds will not be given unless we have to cancel the session. The cost is \$120 for Museum Members or \$130 for non-members. Cash or check are preferred methods of payment. Register now and bring it to

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Feb 23-March 1

- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Beach St – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – Parking enforcement
- Bullivant Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln – EMS/medical
- Great Hill Rd – EMS/medical
- Cross Neck Rd – Fraud
- Main St – General service
- 195 East – Assist other police dept
- Field Stone Ln – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Ryders Ln – Suspicious activity
- Blueberry Way – General service
- Dexter Rd – Animal complaint
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Road hazard
- Front St – Found property
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV stop/citation
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Pleasant St – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Animal control
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Olde Knoll Rd – Gas leak
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Paper service
- South St – EMS/medical

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Feb 23-March 1

- Holly Woods Rd – Medical alarm
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up investigation
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- North St – Ambulance request
- I195 East – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Restraining order
- Long Plain Rd – MV violations
- Cannon St – 911 call
- County Rd – Property lost
- Marion Rd – Open door
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- Crooked Bow Path – 911 call
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Barstow St – Complaint
- North St – Assist other agency
- County Rd – Animal control
- Church St Ext – MV violations
- Tinkham Ln – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Harassment order
- Wildwood Ter – 911 call
- Baptist St – Animal control
- Barstow St – General service
- Acushnet Rd – Unattended death
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Hitching Post Rd – General service
- Cedar Rd – Animal control

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Feb 23-March 1

- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln – Transport/escort
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- Kings Hwy – Outside investigation
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave – Animal control
- Ryder Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Road hazard
- Rounseville Rd – 911 call
- Rounseville Rd – MV lockout
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Follow up
- Clapp Rd – General services
- North Ave – MV stop/arrest
- Clapp Rd – Vandalism
- Rounseville Rd – Outside investigation
- Clapp Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln – Harassment
- Pine St – Lost animal
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Assist other agency
- Bowens Ln – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Clapp Rd – Follow up
- Williams Way – Animal control

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



## REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

### COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, March 10:** Broccoli cheddar stuffed chicken, rice pilaf, mixed root vegetables, Hawaiian roll. Mixed fruit

**Tuesday, March 11:** Pork cacciatore, whole grain pasta, green peas, cinnamon apples

**Wednesday, March 12:** Garden salad w/ranch dressing, chicken pot pie, vegetable medley, whole grain biscuit, chocolate pudding, diet: fruit

**Thursday, March 13:** Beef w/peppers & onions, white rice, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, shortbread cookie

**Friday, March 14:** Kale, sweet potato, white bean stew, orzo, green beans, cornbread loaf, Mandarin oranges

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, March 10:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans

**Tuesday, March 11:** BBQ pulled pork sliders, creamy cole slaw, onion rings

**Wednesday, March 12:** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, maple syrup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 13:** Spaghetti w/meat

sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, March 14:** Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, March 10:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans

**Tuesday, March 11:** BBQ pulled pork sliders, creamy cole slaw, onion rings

**Wednesday, March 12:** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, maple syrup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 13:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, March 14:** Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, March 10:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked

beans

**Tuesday, March 11:** BBQ pulled pork sliders, creamy cole slaw, onion rings

**Wednesday, March 12:** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, maple syrup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 13:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, March 14:** Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, March 10:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans

**Tuesday, March 11:** BBQ pulled pork sliders, creamy cole slaw, onion rings

**Wednesday, March 12:** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, maple syrup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 13:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, March 14:** Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping

sauce and fresh veggie sticks

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, March 10:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans

**Tuesday, March 11:** BBQ pulled pork sliders, creamy cole slaw, onion rings

**Wednesday, March 12:** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, maple syrup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 13:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, March 14:** Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, March 10:** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll

**Tuesday, March 11:** Sloppy Joe & fries

**Wednesday, March 12:** Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

**Thursday, March 13:** Steak & cheese sub, peppers, onions & mushrooms

**Friday, March 14:** Assorted pizza

the first class.

Jackie Sousa has been knitting and crocheting since she was a small child, skills that her grandmother taught her mom and were passed down through the generations. Jackie has done craft shows and sells her goods on Facebook, which can be seen at Jackie's Knits and Knots, where she takes special orders. Most of the classes she has taught have been in a home setting with small groups to provide more one-on-one instruction. She has also worked with the Girls Scouts and has taught many people the basics of knitting and crocheting.

### **Presentation by Lynn Smiledge, Preservation Consultant**

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission invites you to a Presentation by Lynn Smiledge, Preservation Consultant, on March 29, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the meeting Room at the Mattapoisett Public Library. Ms. Smiledge has completed Phase One of a multi-phase inventory of significant historic and cultural resources in the Town of Mattapoisett. This survey was funded by matching grants from the Community Preservation Act and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The presentation will provide information on the background and rationale of historic property surveys. Survey highlights include town history as it relates to the built environment, early houses, interesting architecture, interesting histories, and interesting owners. Ms. Smiledge will focus on individual historic homes, public buildings, areas and cemeteries. Three area forms and seventy-five individual form B's have been completed thus far. They can be found on the Town of Mattapoisett website (Mattapoisett.net) under the Historical Commission.

Please join us for this free and informative presentation. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the amazing historic resources of Mattapoisett.

### **Local Author Talk: "Make the Adjustment"**

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Wednesday, **March 26** from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm to hear Mattapoisett resident Chris Mader speak about his recently published first book entitled Make the Adjustment. Mader's

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book discusses how embracing change and overcoming adversity will help people achieve better outcomes both in their personal and professional lives. Over the past three decades, Mader has specialized in training and developing leaders, executive coaching, keynote speaking, and developing talent at all levels, and management roles to the C-Suite. Previously a professional athlete, Mader has been fortunate to spend time competing with elite athletes and business professionals, giving him a unique perspective on what drives performance, motivation, and excellence in diverse and dynamic environments. Mader has been a guest lecturer and published author on topics such as managing across multiple generations, changing management, emotional intelligence, and global growth strategy. Signed copies of his book will be available for purchase. This free program is open to all.

### **Celtic Concert with the Vox Hunters**

The Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street invites one and all to A Celtic Concert with the Vox Hunters that will be held from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on **March 15**.



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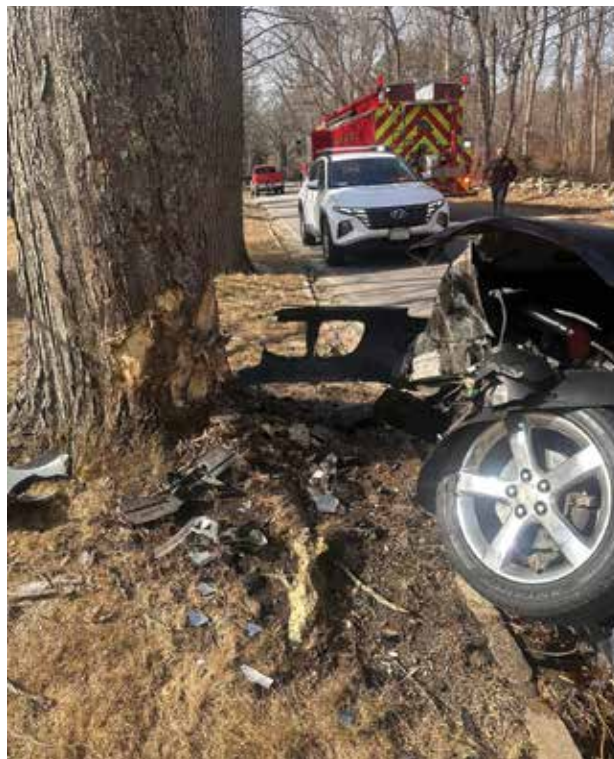
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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



*The Old Rochester/Fairhaven hockey team advanced in the MIAA Division 4 state tournament with a 4-1 victory over St. Bernard's on February 26 at Tabor Academy. The Bulldogs' season ended Saturday in the Round of 16 with a 5-2 defeat against Hanover. Photos by Mick Colageo.*



*A car accident in Rochester on Monday, February 24, saw one person being taken to Saint Luke's Hospital. Photos courtesy of Rochester Police Department.*



*Photo by Jennifer Shepley*

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Hailing from the great state of Rhode Island, Armand Aromin and Benedict Gagliardi are musically bound by a shared love of traditional Irish music, which originally brought them together. With a banjo, concertinas, a hand-crafted fiddle, and a pair of complementary voices, The Vox Hunters present an exciting repertoire of driving dance tunes blended with an unorthodox collection of interesting songs and musical variety.



The Vox Hunters' search for good songs - "We don't aim to fuse genres, push boundaries, or redefine 'folk music' -- we simply sing songs we like to sing in exactly the way we like to sing them. Our influences and inspirations are voices in the English, American, and Irish folk music realm, but we allow our ears a long musical leash."

As seekers and singers of old songs, cultivators of local music, and chronic multi-instrumentalists, Aromin and Gagliardi are sure to please. They are touted as strong tradition-bearers in their generation, and their genuine affinity for the music is evident in the emotion they draw from it.

Please register at [mattapoisettmuseum.org/events](http://mattapoisettmuseum.org/events). Cost for Museum members is \$18.00 per person; \$20.00 per person for non-members.

### Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **March 10** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Station, Training Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion. The public and new members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

### FCCR Ladies Friendship Luncheon

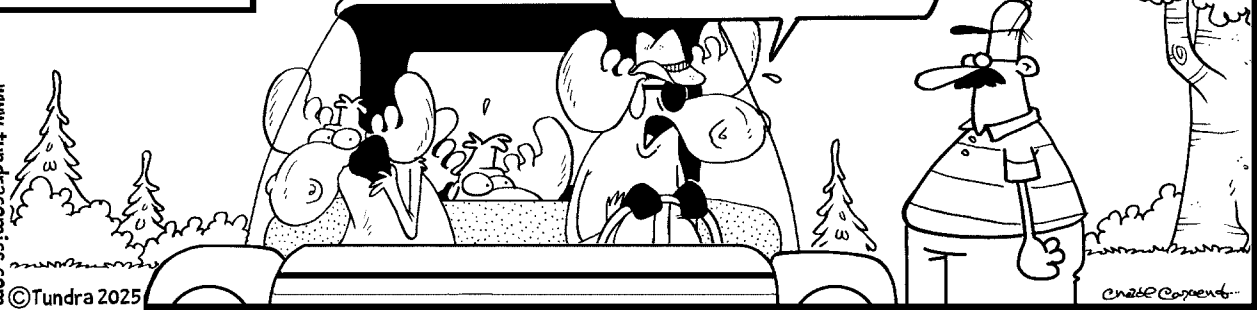
A Ladies Friendship Luncheon will be held on Saturday, **March 29** in the Fellowship Hall at First Congregational Church of Rochester, located in the center of town (11 Constitution Way). Doors will open at 11:30 am with a light lunch being served at noon. This year's theme is "A Fresh Start," and FCCR is happy to welcome Bonnie Merrill of Living Power Ministry as the guest speaker. Invite a friend (or lots of friends) to come and share food, friendship, and inspiration. Tickets are \$15 per person. Please call the church office at 508-763-4314 or email [rochestercongregational@comcast.net](mailto:rochestercongregational@comcast.net) to register by March 24.





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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





## Hello from Plumb Library

The Library is pleased to announce some upcoming events for adults.

Alfred Saulniers, author of "The French of New Bedford, the Early Years" will be giving a presentation on his new book from Spinner Publications at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday **March 15**. The event will be held in our Downstair Program Room. Space is limited, so please register on the events calendar at [www.plumblibrary.com](http://www.plumblibrary.com).

At 12:30 p.m. on Saturday **March 29** presenter Marty Gitlin will be here getting us ready for Boston Red Sox Opening Day with his "Ultimate Presentation for Red Sox Nation" talk. Join us for a fun hour of facts, trivia, history, and all things baseball. This event will be held in our Downstairs Program Room and space is limited. Please register on the events calendar at [www.plumblibrary.com](http://www.plumblibrary.com).

Every Monday in March our Knitting Group will be meeting from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for a social gathering of handcrafters. Bring your latest project, sit, chat, and relax.

The Writer's Group will meet at 6:30 pm Thursday, **March 20**. Anyone who is interested in creative writing is welcome to attend. Writing prompts are presented, 10 minutes of writing time given, then share with the group what you came up with. No pressure, no critique, just for fun. Refreshments are served. This is an 18+ program.

Don't forget about our book clubs. The COA Group will meet at 1:00 pm Tuesday, March 18 to discuss "One Hell of a Book" by Jason Mott and Books and Babble will meet at 6:30 pm Thursday, March 27 to discuss "The Lobster Chronicles" by Linda Greenlaw. New members are always welcome.

If you're interested in volunteer opportunities, consider joining the Friends of Plumb Library. They are meeting Thursday, March 6 at 6:00 pm to discuss the upcoming spring book sale and clothing drive.

Please remember that library cards are required for checkout. If you have lost your card, it can be replaced for a \$2.00 charge. Always have your card with you by loading it into the SAILS Mobile app. It's quick and easy and we're happy to show you how it works.

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## Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The library will be closed through March 7 to accommodate our move back to the Elizabeth Taber Library building.

Due to ongoing construction and improvement efforts the building will remain closed to the public from **March 10 to March 22**. During this time services will be limited to picking up holds. We look forward to fully reopening to the public on Monday, **March 24**.



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8 Breakwater embankment  
15 Nintendo title plumber  
20 Germ-free  
21 Singer with the 2018 hit "Boo'd Up"  
22 Put up, as a building  
23 Patti Smith  
25 Flat, as cola  
26 One of the two Pro Bowl gps.  
27 Rankle  
28 Notices  
30 Hero type  
31 Nina Simone  
39 Napoli's nation  
41 Alien-seeking proj.  
42 City near Disney World  
43 Manicure tool  
46 Oxidizes  
49 Put the kibosh on  
50 Missy Elliott  
53 Dir. from Miss. to Mich.  
56 Pre-CIA gp.  
57 Ad featuring Smokey Bear, e.g.

- 58 "Science Guy" with multiple Emmys  
59 Honorable  
60 Busy airport  
63 George Strait in the Andes  
69 World capital  
74 '60s war zone  
75 2010-14 Mets member  
76 Britney Spears  
79 Plane ticket detail  
80 Large musical disk  
81 Encyc. unit  
82 Tosses out of the game, for short  
85 "Law & Order" spinoff, in brief  
88 Busy insect  
89 Bessie Smith  
97 Plane ticket detail, for short  
98 Mafioso John  
99 Narrates  
100 Running rather quickly  
104 "This Is Life" journalist Lisa  
106 Totally in favor of  
107 Chuck Berry

- 112 "Casablanca" woman  
113 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)  
114 — Schwarz  
115 Peculiar  
118 Just making, with "out"  
120 Liza Minnelli  
127 Roaring cat crossbreed  
128 Remove loose coverings from  
129 "Tartuffe" playwright  
130 Thick  
131 Ancient Jewish ascetics  
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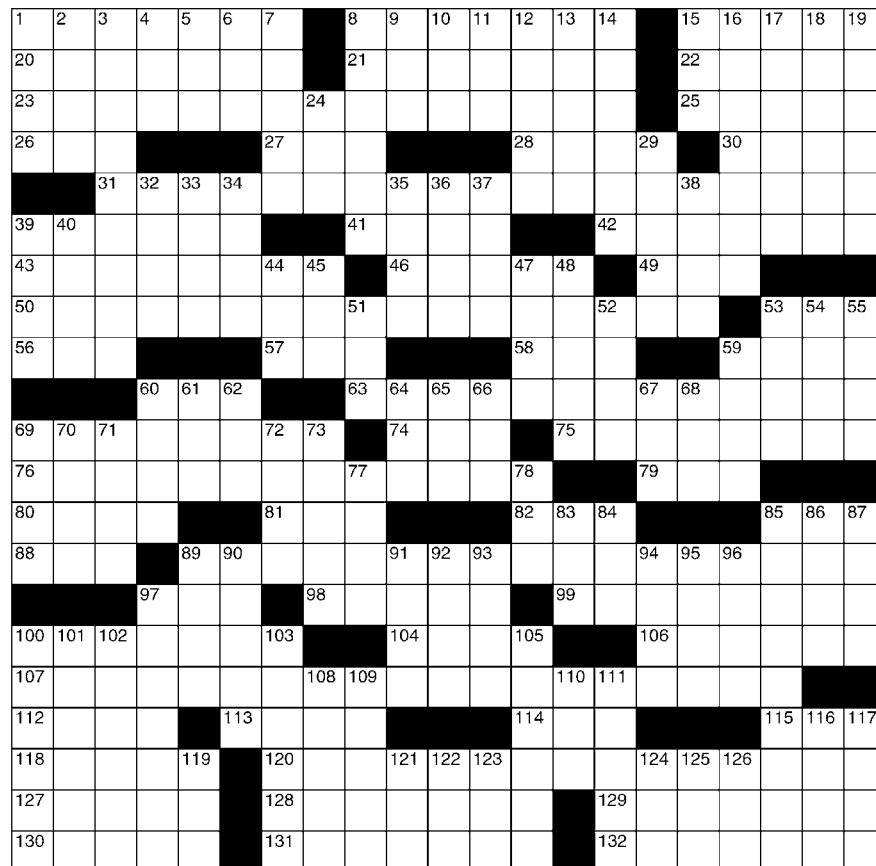
### DOWN

- 1 Very long tale  
2 Dating from  
3 Furniture pieces for lying or sitting  
4 Tach abbr.  
5 Judge Lance  
6 Petty peeve  
7 Have — on one's shoulder  
8 "Black Panther" actor Andy  
9 "Xanadu" gp.  
10 Sitcom ET  
11 "679" rapper Fetty —  
12 Make laugh

- 13 Thin streets  
14 "In this way"  
15 Spanish for "month"  
16 Skilled crafter  
17 Go further in the book, say  
18 Apple digital storage service  
19 Verdi opera  
24 Mess up  
29 Hercules player Kevin  
32 Afflictions  
33 Natural talent  
34 Greet loudly  
35 Architect  
36 Double — (Oreo option)  
37 Wife on "The Addams Family,"  
38 Big to-do casually  
39 Lowdown  
40 Mai — (rum drinks)  
44 Track circuit  
45 Mag staffers  
47 Ex-Yankee Martinez  
48 James Bond genre, in brief  
51 Ox of Tibet  
52 "Doggone it!"  
53 Punishment for a tube watcher  
54 "Me neither"

- 55 Rival of Ben & Jerry's  
59 Nibble (on)  
60 Suspend  
61 Scanned market ID  
62 Busy insect  
64 With one flat, musically  
65 Brief snooze  
66 Biotech-created food  
67 Atop, in verse  
68 Japanese salad green  
69 Links gp. for women  
70 Club for a 69-Down member  
71 Small fortune  
72 Letters of invitation?  
73 American assn.  
77 Margarine, quaintly  
78 Adobe Acrobat suffix  
83 Fourth of a yr.  
84 That girl  
85 Large yellow bloom  
86 Put the kibosh on  
87 KGB's land  
89 Parce "to be"  
90 Native New Zealander

- 91 WWII battle town in France  
92 Glue — (brand of adhesive in a tube)  
93 Hog sound  
94 Tesla auto, e.g.  
95 String necktie  
96 Quiet stretch  
97 Fuel gases  
100 Off-track  
101 New film type in the 1920s  
102 What "@" is  
103 Rotational force  
105 Big blunders  
108 Man-goat deities  
109 Marsh plants  
110 Capture  
111 Campus buildings  
116 Have the guts  
117 Made blond, maybe  
119 Test for college srs.  
121 Prior to, in sonnets  
122 Indian flatbread  
123 Not closed, in verse  
124 — -pah band  
125 Heady brew  
126 Day, of Diego



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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You find yourself making sheep eyes at someone who seems receptive. While the situation looks promising, you might not be ready for a long-term commitment.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The delay in getting your task done leaves you pawing the ground in frustration. Be patient. The reason for the holdup will soon become apparent. Meanwhile, an opportunity to travel comes from an unexpected source.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your usually sharp instincts about people should be right on the cutting edge in regard to a major decision. You might want to hold off on a commitment until (or unless) you feel like both the person and project are trustworthy.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Resist the impulse to tell tales about a co-worker. Even if your motives are sincere, they'll be seen as self-serving. A personal situation remains unstable. Wait for things to settle down.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You love to lap up compliments. But be wary of someone at work who is drowning you in an outpouring of praise. In your personal life, pay more attention to your spouse or partner.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A perplexing romantic situation turns out to be less complex than you thought. A simple explanation soon clears up all misunderstandings.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Try to remain balanced as you cope with two emotional people. They want your advice -- but at a price to your equilibrium.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Avoid being goaded into making stinging remarks you could later regret. Best advice: Walk. Don't talk. There'll be time later to deal with the situation in a way that makes you look good.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A family matter becomes too demanding as it overflows into several areas. Try to narrow your focus to where it will do the most good with the least drain on your time and energy.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It's fix-up time. Make plans to get things repaired and repainted around your home. A relationship could also stand some patching up before the damage is beyond repair. Schedule a physical checkup.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A job that seems to offer everything you've always wanted might require moving to a new city. Your family offers support no matter what you decide to do. Other options will also require some hard decision-making.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Get back into the social swim. Enjoy some fun time with old friends and be open to making new ones. A previous health problem recurs, but prompt attention makes everything all right.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a deep reservoir of strength that you can draw from to help you get through difficult times. Your compassionate nature allows you to offer support and comfort to others. You are artistically gifted in many areas.

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Story Times will be held on **March 10, 11, & 17** at 10:30 am, upstairs at the Marion Natural History Museum.

Copper Stamping workshops with Heather Beck will be held at the Marion Music Hall starting Saturday **March 8** and continuing Saturdays in March from 1:00 pm to 2:30pm

During Saturdays in April the Elizabeth Taber Library will be hosting Basket Weaving workshops with artist Patty Benson of the New Bedford Arts and Cultural Emporium. Workshops will take place in the Elizabeth Taber Library's new event space. Each session in April will have participants creating a completed basket and will feature the following unique designs:

April 5 - Mail Basket

April 12 - Round Handled Basket

April 19 - Gathering Basket

April 26 - Wine Basket

Sessions will take place on Saturdays in April from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Spaces for this free professionally led workshop are limited. Participants may attend one or multiple sessions, and registration is required. To register please call or contact the library at [ETLibrary@sailsinc.org](mailto:ETLibrary@sailsinc.org). This series is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library commissioners.

Please check our website for further updates or call the library at 508-538-1214

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber

Library visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or email the library at [ETLibrary@sailsinc.org](mailto:ETLibrary@sailsinc.org)

### **Mattapoisett Library Seed Exchange**

The Mattapoisett Library is excited to announce the return of our well-loved Seed Library Program! As the days get longer and the snow melts away, it's the perfect time for local gardeners and nature enthusiasts to prepare for spring planting. Whether you're starting a brand-new garden or looking to expand your collection, our Seed Library is restocked and ready for you.

This season, we're offering a hearty selection of staples such as herbs, beets, tomatoes, kale, peas, and corn. We also have flowers to enhance any landscape! Supplies are limited. Please take only what you need so we have plenty for everyone.

Seeds do not need to be returned. However, we encourage patrons to bring in any seeds they've collected or no longer need when they come by to check out new ones. And while you're here, visit our Library of Things for all the tools and kits you need to dig in and grow your garden, including Soil Testing Kits, Soil Block Kits, Tillers, and more!

The Seed Library is free and open to everyone, regardless of gardening experience. Patrons only need an active SAILS library card to participate!

Don't have a library card yet? No worries! Just bring your ID, and you can sign up for one when you visit to browse our seed selection. Library cards are free



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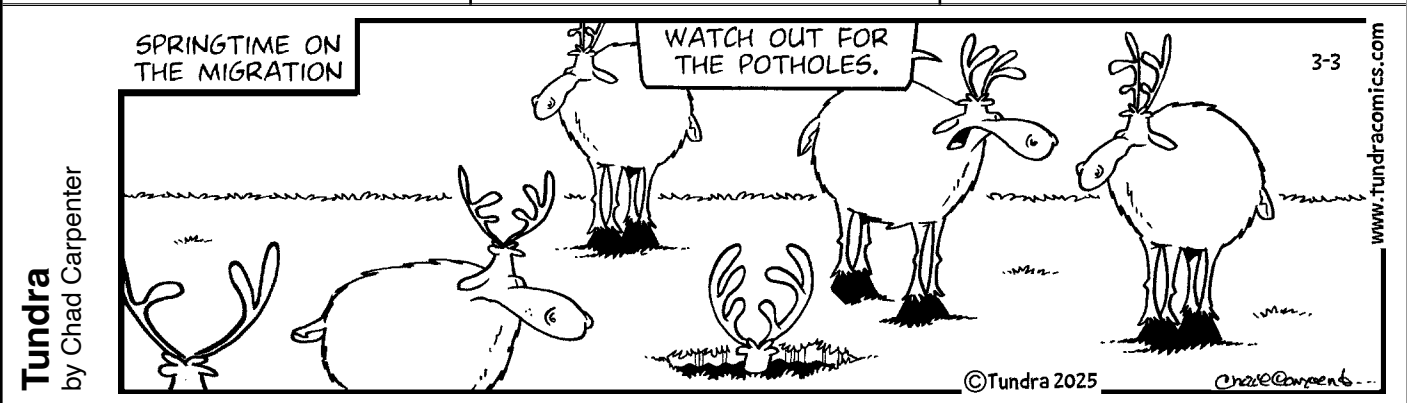
## **Corned Beef and Cabbage!**



Saturday March 15th in time for for St. Patrick's Day let the Knights cook your Corned Beef Dinner for only \$20! Meal includes, Cabbage, Potatoes, Vegetable, Irish Soda Bread, dessert and the star, Corned Beef! **Call Jim at 508-237-3803 or use our Google order form** (on Facebook) to order your meals and pay when you **pick up between 5 and 6 pm on Sat. March 15th** at 57 Fairhaven Rd. (Behind the Shrine). Thank you for your continued support!



LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES	CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
<p><b>TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday March 7, 2025 beginning at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Marion Police Station Conference Room. The meeting will also be available by Microsoft Teams. Please contact the committee chair, Jeff Doubrava, at <a href="mailto:CommunityPreservation@marionma.gov">CommunityPreservation@marionma.gov</a> for log-in details.</p> <p>The agenda for this meeting is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review, amend and approve minutes of the February 21, 2025 meeting.</li> <li>• Review and discuss applications for CPA funding. Vote to present applications for consideration at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles. The following applications will be considered Marion Congregational Church – Restoration of Town Clock Town of Marion - Restoration of Holmes Woods Trails Town of Marion – Development of Signage for Town Recreation Facilities Restoration of Veterans' Graves at Evergreen Cemetery Town of Marion - Town House Restoration and ADA Compliance Marion Natural History Museum – Development of Native American Artifact Collection</li> <li>• Consider requests to extend the spending period for two previous CPA awards. Vote to present at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles. Shared Use Path Appraisals – extend until June 30, 2026 Share Use Path Easements – extend until June 30, 2027 Jeff Doubrava, CPC Chair 2/27, 3/6</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025.</p> <p>Case #1558: Petition of: Kim A. Randall &amp; Jennifer Randall, 3 &amp; 5 Mechanic Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 6.3.2 and</p>	<p>Section 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request a change of property lines between Assessor Map 9 Parcels 127.0 and 127.A by transferring 1,838 s.f. parcel of land to simplify the property lines. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025.</p> <p>Case #1559: Petition of: Elizabeth S. Turowski Revocable Trust - 2017, 28 Pearl Street Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: The applicant is requesting a special permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and as provided by Paragraph 7.2.2.2 through 7.2.2.2.7 Part 1: The applicant proposes to remove the existing 4x7.4 front porch landing and steps and replace it with a 6.41 x 24.4 porch landing constructed with steps within the footprint. Part 2: The applicant proposes to demolish the existing 12x12 shed and replace it with a 14x16 shed in the same general location. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 9 on the Assessor's map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025</p> <p>Case # 1560: Petition of: Shane Mills – Gary Mills &amp; Sons, LLC, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1.2.1. &amp; 3.1.2.2 of the By-Law and provided by Sec. 7.2.2 Location of premises: 57 Church Street, Property Owner: Thomas F. &amp; Sharon K. Brownell, Trustees of Brownell Living Trust. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling on a pre-existing non-conforming lot in terms of area. It is proposed that the rear setback of the new building will be 26.25, which is 13.75 less than the allowed rear setback of 40' The property is further described as Plot 9 Lot 75 on the Assessor's map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025.</p> <p>Case # 1561: Petition of: 12 Highland Avenue Trust, 9 Garrison Drive, Norwell, MA 02061 RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and as provided by Paragraph 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.2.7 Location of Premises 12 Highland Avenue – PC The applicant proposes to construct a 10'x 24' 2-story deck along the easterly side of the house to match the existing 2- story deck along the south side of the house. Additionally, the applicant proposes to remove and replace (within the same footprint) the deck located at the southwesterly corner of the house and the multi-level deck located along the southerly side of the house. The property is further described as Plot 2A, Lot 31 on</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 40</i></p>	<p><b>Classified Policy:</b> All Classified Advertisements must be prepaid and can be placed at our office or on line at <a href="http://www.wanderer.com">www.wanderer.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Classified Deadline:</b> Tuesday at 10:00 am for Thursday's paper.</p> <p><b>Classified Rates:</b> Classified Advertisements are \$8.00 for 3 lines or less per week. Each additional line is \$1.00 per week. There are an average of six words per line. 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## From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Quite a while ago, one reader asked if I had written about Rochester's schools and said she would be interested to read about them. I have written a few articles about some of the schools that are no longer in existence, but there's always more to tell.

Long before schools were even considered, Rochester's town fathers were concerned with churches, roads, mills of various types and other infrastructure that had to be put in place. But by 1704, the first movement to provide schools for the town's children was considered. Minister Rev. Samuel Arnold was given a rate of ten pounds to support a teacher as well as the job of finding one (an English pound = 240 pennies).

The next references to a school can be found in 1705. The selectmen discussed the need to "engage some able person to teach children and Youth to Reed and Right". That able person would receive a wage of 2 shillings (a shilling = 12 pennies) along with "dyet washing and lodging". However, there is nothing to show that any school was created at that time.

I'll take a moment here to state the obvious. In colonial times the spellings of words were not standardized and those who wrote spelled words the way they thought that they sounded.

Going forward six more years to Sept. 5, 1711, "mrs. jane mashell" was hired at a salary of 12 pounds and it is questionable if she ever taught because three townsmen, "joseph Benson, john dexter and ichabod bury" (capitals and punctuation were also not standardized) made a protest against her being hired. They said that she was "not as the law directs". Mary Hall Leonard wrote in her history that she believed their objection was not to her morals but to her



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qualifications.

After this, schoolmasters (all men) had to be examined and approved to be "qualified as the law directs". According to Abraham Holmes, born in 1754, the qualifications were to be able to write legibly, read passably and know basic rules of arithmetic - so reading, writing and "rithmetic". Reading through some of the town fathers' documents makes me wonder who did the examining for competence. No doubt it was the current minister at the church, since the clergy were generally the most educated people in town.

The teacher salaries that began at 12 pounds for Mrs. Mashell rose over the years to sixteen, then twenty and finally thirty pounds, all with "dyet". Early reference

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the Assessor's map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely,  
Susan Akin, Chairperson  
Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottier, Jordan Rodrigues  
3/6, 3/13

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

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom \*\*) on the Request for Amended Order of Conditions submitted by Katherine Myatt, Trustee of The Myatt Family Trust, 7 Spruce Street, Map 4, Lot 135, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to convert an existing 16.69'x12.08' deck into a sunroom including the installation of five (5) proposed sonotubes. \*\*Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 3/6

### TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1219

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jason & Erin Denham and Janice Mello, for property located at 142 Sarah Sherman Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 29, Lot 16, who is seeking a Variance for the side yard setback on a proposed 10-foot extension, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, March 27th, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.  
David Arancio, Chairman 3/6, 3/13

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

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by 12 Highland Avenue Trust.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

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The Applicant proposes to remove and replace a ground level deck and a multi-level deck and to construct a multi-level deck addition. Said work to occur within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 18).

The subject address is 12 Highland Avenue (at Point Connett) which is further identified as a Lot #31 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #2A. 3/6

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to school really refers to the schoolmaster who would travel around town to a building or home in one of the “five quarters in which the town was divided for educational purposes and wherever that was, would be the school. Lots would be cast to determine in which order school would be held in each section of town. While this system was set up, not every year saw schooling brought to any or every part of the community. Abraham Holmes wrote in his memoirs that he personally had no “benefit of a spelling book till after he was a man grown”.

Some of the schoolmasters employed by the town were William Griffith, Josiah Mashell (maybe he was Jane’s son) and Benjamin De La Noy (Delano). De La Noy was eventually paid 30 pounds, his dyet and also, given use of a horse.

In 1770, a vote was passed in town recommending that a grammar school be maintained and in 1789, the now state of Massachusetts passed a law allowing towns to divide themselves into school districts and Rochester adopted the district system in 1799. This ended the migratory system and over time one room schoolhouses were built throughout town. In these buildings one teacher would teach all the grades.

### BBAHFH Seeking Wheelchair Ramps

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) is seeking metal wheelchair ramp donations for Ramp Donation Program. According to Executive Director Christine Lacourse, “There is a growing need in our area of people that need wheelchair ramps but cannot afford them. Our Ramp Donation program is making such a difference in people’s lives that need our help. We are working with families who do not have safe access to come back to their homes or leave for doctor appointments. They appreciate having their freedom back.”

BBAHFH has installed eleven ramps over the last eight months for several elderly and disabled individuals. As one recipient enthused after receiving a new ramp, “It is perfect. Perfect. I can get to the ramp by myself which opens everything for me as far as transportation goes. I am more independent.” The daughter of another ramp recipient who was able to leave a nursing home due to the BBAHFH ramp remarked, “The first day I brought her home, she lit up like a kid in a candy store.”

Another recipient able to walk, but not safely walk down her front steps, remarked, “I can walk down the ramp and go outside by myself. I enjoy it so much. The new ramp has made it so much better, and I can’t believe how much easier it is to walk. I am almost speechless about the change it made for me.”

BBAHFH formally introduced the Ramp Donation program to give low-income homeowners the accessibility they needed to remain safely in their homes. Through ramp donations and purchases, BBAHFH has built an inventory available that can be loaned out and installed by volunteers when needed by a family. Typically, ramps are installed at no cost to the family due to grant funding like the one received

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through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection which has in part funded the project.

Ramps are expensive, often needed on short notice, and frequently needed only temporarily. When a family no longer requires the ramp, it is picked up by BBAHFH and then loaned to another low-income family in need. The Ramp Donation program helps those with existing accessibility issues, temporary injuries, or those who are checking out of a rehabilitation facility. BBAHFH is running this program throughout Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport.

BBAHFH is currently looking for ramps to keep up with the demand to help additional families and



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For more information on the fundraiser or Ramp Donation program, email Christine Lacourse at [BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com](mailto:BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com), or call 508-758-4517.

### Project GROW Preschool Program Registration

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson reminds parents and guardians that registration for the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Project GROW preschool program for the 2025-26 school year remains open.

Program vacancies remain and families can still sign up.

Project GROW was established to provide high-quality pre-schooling to children in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

"Our inclusive and accessible Project GROW program aligns with our core values of thinking, learning and growing," Superintendent Nelson said. "Our staff do a wonderful job of providing these preschoolers with a great first classroom experience that serves as a foundation for years to come."

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

The program will be offered at three district schools:  
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Parents and guardians are reminded that they are responsible for providing transportation to and from the program each day.

"We are proud to offer a high-quality preschool program to children in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester," said Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes. "Our Project GROW program aims to create an environment for children that allows for active exploration and involvement in materials, concepts, and experiences with the support of early childhood professionals."

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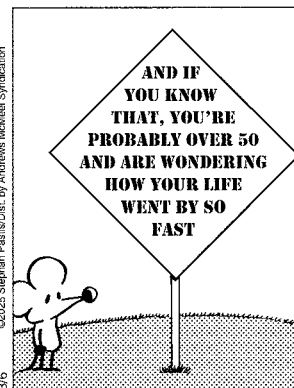
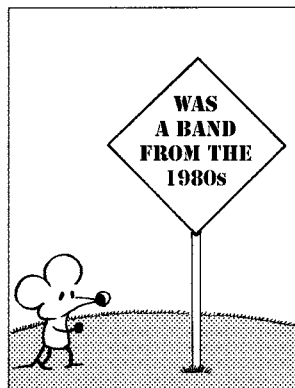
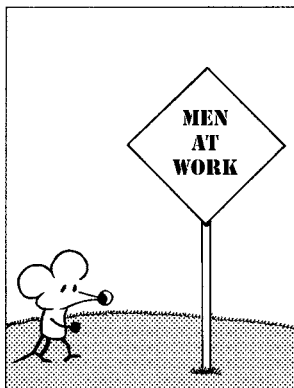
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



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### Mattapoisett Yacht Club

MYC Spring calendar is taking shape and here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

April 11 - MYC Spring Fling Social. 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm at The Inn at Shipyard Park.

May 31 - MYC Race Committee Seminar and Skippers Meeting at MYC clubhouse, 5:00 pm.

June 3 - First Tuesday Night Ensign Race.

June 4 - First Wednesday Night PHRF Race.

June 6 - MYC Clubhouse Grand Opening Party 5:00 pm.

June 7 - MYC Spring Round The Bay Race.

June 28 - MYC Bassett Island Cruise and Social (power & sail) Day Event.

Details for all events are upcoming.

Clubhouse News: Work continues, we now have freshly painted walls. New flooring, furniture purchases, a bar area, lighting, and heat/cooling all taking shape.

MYC Storefront: Buy all your swag at our new online store. Shirts, jackets, rain gear, hats and more all with a variety of colors to choose from. Personalized boat names and logos. All apparel is purchased through Coral Reef Sailing and found on our website under Merchandise. MYC burgees are now for sale for members only for \$35. Burgees will be available at the clubhouse.

Clubhouse Boat Pictures: Members, got a favorite picture of your boat? Our new clubhouse walls would love to show it off. Send a copy to our in-house photographer and Vice Commodore Fran Grenon @spectrumphotofg@aol.com.

Membership is now open online. Join in the fun. [www.mattapoisettyc.org.](http://www.mattapoisettyc.org/) / membership page.

### Reminder for Hunters on Land Trust Land

The Mattapoisett Land Trust protects approximately 900 acres of open space in the town, and each of our preserves, if large enough, is open to hunting during the state-regulated hunting season. We welcome hunters to responsibly hunt on our preserves, even allowing them to place temporary hunting stands in their favorite hunting spot. We only ask two things from hunters who place stands on our preserves: that their name and phone number is written conspicuously somewhere on the stand (under the



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seat so that it is visible from the ground is a good option), and that the stand is removed at the end of the hunting season. So, if you are a hunter on an MLT preserve, please be sure to remove your hunting stand by March 31 this year. If after that date we find a stand on one of our preserves, we will remove it. Also, if you are wandering in the woods on one of our preserves and see a hunting stand, please call or email us and let us know its location. You can reach us at 774-377-9191 or at [manager@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:manager@mattlandtrust.org).

### Mattapoisett Congregational Church Scholarships

Mattapoisett Congregational Church is pleased to once again offer scholarships to students graduating from high school in June 2024/5 who are a member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church or reside in the town of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester. One \$2,500 scholarship and one \$1,000 will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service, and essay submission. Applications and supplementary information are now available at the local public and private schools. The deadline for electronic submission of documents is Friday, March 28.

Student applicants will be notified of their selection via email by April 28. Scholarship recipients will be introduced during the 10 o'clock service of worship on Scholarship Sunday, June 1.

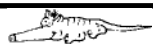
If you are a graduating senior and have any questions about the scholarship application process, you are invited to contact the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office via email at [mattcongchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mattcongchurch@gmail.com).

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			See past listing on our website: <a href="http://www.wanderer.com">www.wanderer.com</a>		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Arne, James A	S & S Ventures LLC	694c Mill St	Marion	02/12/2025	238,000.00
Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Robert	Doherty, William TR Princiotta, Barbara TR Mary R Ross ILT	10 Doran Way	Marion	02/14/2025	310,000.00
Diligence Investing LLC	Marcisin, Judith A	55 Quails Crossing	Marion	02/18/2025	380,000.00



## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	March 6	12:42	1:11	7:31	6:21
Friday	March 7	1:45	2:15	9:18	7:45
Saturday	March 8	2:54	3:23	10:26	9:47
Sunday	March 9	5:08	5:31	11:57	11:54
Monday	March 10	6:12	6:29		1:01
Tuesday	March 11	7:03	7:18	12:38	1:34
Wednesday	March 12	7:46	8:01	1:14	1:58
Thursday	March 13	8:24	8:41	1:49	2:18
Friday	March 14	9:01	9:18	2:25	2:42
Saturday	March 15	9:35	9:53	3:02	3:10
Sunday	March 16	10:09	10:26	3:39	3:40
Monday	March 17	10:43	10:59	4:14	4:11
Tuesday	March 18	11:18	11:34	4:50	4:44
Wednesday	March 19	11:57		5:25	5:18
Thursday	March 20	12:13	12:41	6:03	5:56
Friday	March 21	12:59	1:30	6:51	6:44
Saturday	March 22	1:51	2:24	8:00	7:50
Sunday	March 23	2:50	3:24	9:41	9:14
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	March 6th	Full Moon	March 14th
		Last Quarter	March 22nd	New Moon	March 29th



## I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the February 27, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 26

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## SCRAMBLERS

### solution

1. Gloom
2. Please;
3. Dimple;
4. Wrath

### Today's Word

## LIGHTS

### Sudoku Answer

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

NO, I DON'T CARE IF YOU  
HAD THE ZOOMIES

off the mark by Mark Parisi





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12 oz. Selected Variety  
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Selected Variety  
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Sparkling  
Water  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**  
plus dep.



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Poland Spring  
Water  
**\$5<sup>99</sup>**

128 oz. Selected Variety  
Arizona  
Iced Tea  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**

14 oz. Selected Variety  
Hormel  
Hash  
**\$3<sup>49</sup>**

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

32 oz. Selected Variety  
Stonyfield Organic  
Yogurt  
**\$4<sup>69</sup>**

9 oz.  
Buitoni  
Tortellini  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**

7 oz. Selected Variety  
Buitoni  
Pesto  
**\$3<sup>99</sup>**

27 oz. Selected Variety  
Klondike  
Ice Cream Bars  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**

## MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Old  
Neighborhood  
Point Cut  
Corned Beef  
**\$5<sup>99</sup>**  
lb  
price good  
thru 3/17



Old  
Neighborhood  
Flat Cut  
Corned Beef  
**\$7<sup>99</sup>**  
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Bell & Evans®  
Boneless Chicken Breast  
**\$8<sup>99</sup>**

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Pork Tenderloin  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**

Boar's Head, Cracked Peppermill®  
Turkey Breast  
**\$12<sup>99</sup>**

Boar's Head  
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**\$6<sup>49</sup>**

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

Boar's Head, 8 oz. Pkg.  
Havarti Cheese  
**\$5<sup>99</sup>**

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It's time for our  
March Mania  
Wine Sale!

Mix'n Match  
6 or more Bottles of  
Wine & get 20% off!!

Excludes Markdowns,  
3/\$18, 3/\$25 and wines  
priced ending in .98

## CHEF PREPARED

Spicy Peanut Noodles  
**\$10<sup>99</sup>**

Baby Back Pork Ribs  
**\$11<sup>49</sup>**

Friends' Meatloaf  
**\$12<sup>49</sup>**

Friends' Potato Skins 4 Pack  
**\$7<sup>99</sup>**

## BAKERY

16 oz. Pkg. With Raisins  
Irish Soda Bread  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**

Sizes Vary  
Cake by the slice  
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**\$7<sup>99</sup>**  
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11 oz. Pkg.  
Selected Variety  
Al Fresco  
Chicken  
Sausage  
**\$2<sup>48</sup>**

**BLOCKBUSTER  
SAVINGS**



46 oz. Selected Variety  
Tropicana  
Orange  
Juice  
**\$2<sup>48</sup>**

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SAVINGS**



5.3 oz. Selected Variety  
Chobani  
Greek Yogurt  
**4/\$5**



48 oz. Selected Variety  
Breyers  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



## QUALITY PRODUCE



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Florida  
Green Cabbage **BLOCKBUSTER  
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**38<sup>c</sup>**

1 lb. Pkg.  
Baby Carrots

**2/\$3**

5 lb. Pkg.  
White Potatoes

**\$2<sup>99</sup>**

1 lb. Pkg.  
Strawberries

**\$3<sup>99</sup>**

Pint  
Blueberries

**\$3<sup>99</sup>**

Crisp!  
Granny Smith Apples

**\$1<sup>69</sup>**



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