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Hello,

My name is Nicole Doyon Lynch, and I'm running to represent all of you in this incredible community on the Select Board. I'm running as your neighbor, with Mattapoissett as my affiliation.

What I learned in business I would apply to Mattapoissett—in order for organizations to thrive, there has to be value in it for all, and sometimes the best ideas come from those with whom we don't always agree.

I've been lucky to call this beautiful town my home for 40 years—attending our schools from K-12, a member of the National Honor Society and three-sport captain in my senior year. I went on to earn a political science degree from UMass Amherst, where I was a member of the national champion crew team.

I share the view of many of you that one of the Select Board's most important responsibilities is ensuring our budget reflects our community's values and priorities. I've been taking a deep dive into the challenges we face, and thinking through practical solutions to present to you. It will take a sensible, proactive approach to tackle issues like rising costs, aging infrastructure, attracting commercial taxpayers and creating housing options so seniors and young people can remain in town.

Today, my wonderful husband Andy and I live on Main Street with our beloved pets, and our families are still extremely involved in the community—from COA yoga and Woman's Club events to my 90-year-old dad who golfs at "Resi" every day the weather allows. Andy and I also volunteer together on Monday nights with Mobile Ministries.

Let's work together to build consensus around what matters most—preserving all that is so special about Mattapoissett while positioning us for the future.

I think my professional background can add great value to this role. I started in professional sports but transitioned into 27 years in business and leadership—from startups to 9-billion-dollar companies. Most recently, I was responsible for establishing U.S. manufacturing for a global sustainable packaging company and building partnerships with organizations like Walmart and Amazon to support that growth.

I would be honored to earn your vote on May 19th.

Please reach out to teach me more about your priorities for our valued town.

Thank you very much! *Nicole*

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Rochester Fire Rescues Golfer

This morning, at approximately 0830 hours, the Rochester Fire Department received a 911 call from the Regional Old Colony Communications Center, reporting a golfer at the Rochester Golf Club who was unconscious and not breathing. CPR was reportedly being performed. Within three minutes of being dispatched, Rescue 210 and Engine 193 arrived on the scene, coinciding with the arrival of the Rochester Police Department. EMTs, paramedics, and police officers began treating and evaluating the golfer. Bystanders reported that the golfer had collapsed at a hole to the rear of the course and was transported in a golf cart to the parking lot, where CPR continued to be administered.

Utilizing the Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitor and the Lucas automated CPR device, first responders quickly assessed the patient and administered several shocks, along with high-quality CPR and rescue breaths. The patient was rapidly transferred to the ambulance and transported to Tobey Hospital. During transport, Advanced Cardiac Life Support was performed, and shortly before arrival at Tobey Hospital, the patient regained consciousness and was able to communicate with responders. Although these signs were encouraging, the patient remained critically ill. Consequently, the patient was transferred by Boston Medflight Helicopter from Tobey Hospital to a Boston hospital for further definitive care and treatment.

The return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) is not always achieved in cases like this. A major contributing factor to the successful outcome today was the immediate and high-quality CPR the patient received by bystanders, which continued until responders arrived on the scene. Early recognition of a medical emergency, early CPR and early defibrillation saves lives. Everyone should take a CPR class, you may contact your local Fire

On the Cover: Both Marion and Mattapoisett held their Annual Town Meetings on Monday. Residents participated in the direct democracy votes on various articles in a longstanding continuation of the practice from colonial times. Of the many articles voted upon, in Marion all were passed except Article 43, the Citizen's Petition which was passed over to fall and in Mattapoisett all were passed except Article 27 which was voted against. Photos by Sam Bishop and Marilou Newell

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Marion Town Elections

Friday, May 15, 8am - 8pm
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Rochester Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 18 - 7pm
Rochester Memorial School, Shaw Street

Mattapoisett Town Elections

Tuesday, May 19, 8am - 8pm
Old Hammondtown School, Shaw Street

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Man In Car Pronounced Dead On Scene In Marion

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The 76-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene by Marion Police. The department notified the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, who are investigating the death. Foul play is not suspected.

The department is directing any inquiries be given to the District Attorney's office. No official update has been issued following the initial release, and the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office offered no comment.

More Calls for Independence

This Week in Revolutionary War History
By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week, rumors and anxieties swirl over reports that 12,000 Hessian mercenaries from Germany are on their way to support British lines. At the same time, the Colony of Rhode Island was the first to declare independence while a meeting of delegates in Virginia is moving toward the same motion.

On May 10, 1776, General George Washington writes his cousin and manager of his estate of Mount Vernon Lund Washington, informing his manager, cousin, and friend that "I am not able to form any idea of the time

of my return." He then thoroughly outlines the repayment procedure he expects of Lund for various debts to other neighboring estates or business partners. He finishes, "The many matters which hang heavy upon my hands at present do not allow me time..."

On May 11, in response to fears over the arrival of thousands of Hessians, Washington proposes to John Hancock "may it not be advisable and good policy to raise some companies of our Germans to send among 'em when they arrive, for spirit of disaffection and desertion?" Washington hopes bands of German-speaking American soldiers can convince the Hessians to either stand down or switch sides.

On May 12, Washington's General Orders inform carpenters, boat builders, and painters in New York to be ready the next morning at sunrise. They are being called upon to assist in the fortification efforts of the city.

On May 13, John Adams speaks in front of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. The delegate from Massachusetts calls on Pennsylvania to not dismantle their government, but to for a new one, separate from the Crown. He adds, "We can't go upon stronger reasons, than that the King has thrown us out of his protection. Why should we support governments under his authority?"

Pushes away from the authority of the Kingdom of Great Britain seemed to be spawning across the empire, with the town of Mauderly, Nova Scotia voting against the rule of the Crown. In a meeting attended by most residents of the Canadian settlement, eight resolutions were passed to both condemn rulings by the British Parliament and express desire to be under the government of Massachusetts, formally requesting protection from the Commonwealth. The people of Mauderly voted to "share with them the event of the present struggle for liberty."

The next day, in response to Rhode Island's formal declaration of independence, the Fifth Virginia Convention meets in Williamsburg. Delegates from across the colony vote unanimously "to propose to that respectable body to declare the United Colonies free and independent states, absolved from all allegiance to, or

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Paris in Spring: A Perfect Proposition

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Paris in the springtime is a sublime experience. Arriving from capricious New England in mid-April, I found Paris already fully leafed out, awash in pastel blooms with temperatures climbing into the 70s. Off came the jacket as we settled into seats at an outdoor café, savoring the warmth and the easy rhythm of the city. The beautiful weather continued throughout my stay, much to my delight. Yet the greatest joy of all was reuniting with my daughter and son-in-law who are fortunate to call Paris their home.

What struck me immediately was how far ahead Paris was in spring's unfolding, thanks to its milder maritime climate. Wisteria cascaded over stone walls and balconies, while chestnut trees stood crowned in blossoms - scenes so lush and fragrant they felt almost transporting. Everywhere we wandered, spring announced itself with elegance.

One afternoon in the Parc des Buttes-Chaumont, we marveled at the Temple of the Sibyl, a miniature homage to the ancient Temple of Vesta in Tivoli, Italy. Perched above a manmade lake, the park offered sweeping views and a moment of calm reflection as I caught my breath from striding the steep grade. Couples, friends and families stretched out on the already thick green lawns relaxing in the afternoon sunshine. The park, commissioned by Napoleon III during Paris's great 19th-century transformation, opened in 1867 after a former gypsum quarry and landfill had been transformed into one of the city's most enchanting green spaces. Its rolling hills, exotic trees, waterfalls, and bird-filled lake make

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it difficult to imagine that this tranquil setting once stood near the infamous Gibbet of Montfaucon, where, for centuries, the bodies of executed criminals were displayed.

Another afternoon while across the city we ventured to Jardin du Luxembourg, a place I had not visited since I was twenty-one and backpacking across Europe. Set beside the Latin Quarter in the heart of the Left Bank, the gardens offer a striking contrast to the romantic wildness of Buttes-Chaumont. Created in the early 17th century for Queen Marie de' Medici, widow of Henry IV, and inspired by the gardens of Florence, they were designed to surround her new palace - now home to the French Senate.

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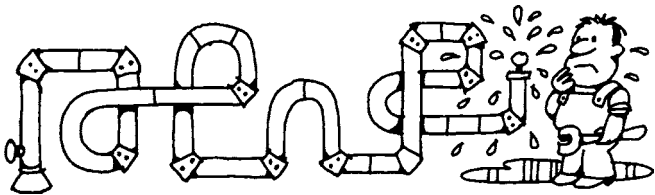
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The Luxembourg Gardens blend French formality with a softer English style: chestnut-lined promenades, geometric flowerbeds, quiet lawns, fountains, and statues at nearly every turn. Its most poetic corner is the Medici Fountain, modeled after Italian Florentine design, with its long, shaded reflecting pool centered by Auguste Ottin's sculpture Polyphemus Surprising Acis and Galatea. We wandered the park watching children sail rented toy boats across the central basin, just as they have since the 19th century. Later we joined others escaping the heat beneath the trees - old friends talking quietly on the green metal chairs, visitors lingering to absorb the calm beauty of the gardens.

Looking back, I see how these two parks speak very different visions of Parisian green space - each reflecting a distinct mood and history.

Buttes-Chaumont is theatrical, romantic, slightly unruly - the kind of landscape one might expect in an English painting, all steep inclines, unexpected turns, and picturesque follies. Olivia told me she first discovered it on her first visit to the city and actually envisioned herself living here. Now she does, not far from its winding paths.

The Jardin du Luxembourg, by contrast, conjures palace grounds with its poise and symmetry. The layout feels royal in the gravel promenades, clipped trees, fountains, and carefully arranged flowerbeds. If Buttes-Chaumont feels like a romantic escape, the Luxembourg Gardens feel like the polished salon of the city itself. One is atmospheric and unexpected; the other elegant and composed. Together they reveal two sides of Paris - its love of cultivated beauty and its delight in imaginative reinvention.

The vacation could not have been more perfectly timed. It felt less like a traditional tour of landmarks than a rare opportunity simply to enjoy one another's company. We did venture out to several memorable places - a mesmerizing concert by Anohni at Philharmonie de Paris, dinner in Montmartre, a hike through Père Lachaise Cemetery, and a day trip to Monet's gardens at Giverny (the latter to be explored in a future column) - but much of the real joy of the trip came from simply being together at chez McLean/Caudron.

Perhaps best of all was the unexpected discovery that my daughter has developed a genuine passion for gardening, a pleasure that felt perfectly in tune with the season itself.

Olivia had anticipated that I would help her with plant selection for the balcony of their new apartment. Naturellement, I would assist - after all, I make house calls for family, especially those living abroad. I was delighted to find the balcony on the sunny side of the building, overlooking neighboring gardens softened by trees and walls that created a sense of private green refuge. Aside from this "borrowed" landscape, the balcony itself was sparse: a vigorous wisteria already trained along the railing, and a few rather tired potted shrubs left behind by previous tenants, soon to be subjected to a decisive

pruning as we began the balconyscaping.

This is also now the domain of their cat, Victor, who comes and goes freely through his cat door during daylight hours. The couple, however, wanted the space to serve them as well. They already have a bistro table and chairs, along with a pizza oven, and hope to add a lounge chair to complete their small urban Eden.



Without delay, we set out the day after my arrival for Truffaut garden center, a large and rather spectacular greenhouse-style nursery. It is an expansive place, carrying everything imaginable, including an unexpected section devoted to exotic birds and small animals. We focused on culinary herbs and decorative plants suited to the long balcony stretching the length of the apartment.

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alcove of the terrace. Into it we planted thyme, rosemary, bay leaf, lemongrass, basil, oregano, with mint put in a separate terracotta pot as mint insists on its independence.

For edibles, we added cherry tomatoes, jalapeño peppers, artichokes, and a lemon tree. From there, the project became more playful: climbing jasmines, *Cytisus canariensis* (Canary Island broom), bamboo, and a ceanothus - California lilac with its rich blue blooms - along with two standard lavenders. Window boxes were seeded with annuals, including bright orange nasturtiums that would spill cheerfully over the railing.

I honestly felt I did more than help with installing plants but had 'planted' a more permanent kind of seed. Olivia was genuinely engaged in a way I had not seen before. Years ago, when she had a rabbit, I created a small garden of kid-friendly plants around its hutch - complete with a tulip-shaped gate my father had crafted - hoping to spark an interest in gardening. It didn't quite take. But this time felt different.

She was involved with the hands-on process and what would follow, compiling a document cataloguing every plant along with its watering and care requirements. Even during our visit to Giverny, she lingered with curiosity, noticing for the first time the scent of irises and asking thoughtful questions about what she saw as we toured the amazing plantings. On the drive back to Paris, we stopped again for more pots and supplies.

I could see it taking shape: a budding enthusiasm that might well grow into a full-fledged gardener. And yes - there's something deeply satisfying in that realization. When you live on different continents, time together is never taken for granted; even the simplest moments carry a particular brightness!

"When spring comes to Paris, the humblest mortal alive must feel that he dwells in paradise." - Henry Miller.

Mattapoisett Town Election

Select Board Candidate Spotlights

The Mattapoisett Town Election is on Tuesday, May 19. There are six candidates running for three open seats on the now-five-member Select Board. Each

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candidate was offered the chance to submit a column before the upcoming race, and they are presented alphabetically.

Eric Beauregard

I am Eric Beauregard, a Mattapoisett resident running for one of the three Select Board positions in this year's election. I am the father of two daughters who attend OHS and ORRJHS. I have served 22 years in the military, including two operational deployments as a pilot. The military provided me with a tremendous



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I decided to run for several important reasons. Our town is currently in a very strong financial position, and I intend to help ensure it remains that way. Many surrounding communities are not as financially fortunate, and it takes accountable leadership and disciplined spending to maintain long-term stability.

If you review the Capital Budget, you can see a trend that much of the town's infrastructure is aging, resulting in increasing maintenance costs rather than opportunities for expansion. I strongly support Mattapoisett's AAA bond rating, as a strong fiscal position helps keep borrowing costs low. However, financial pressures will continue to build, and the town needs proven leadership on the Select Board to navigate those challenges responsibly.

I also believe the town should guide its future growth through the voices of its residents. That requires leaders who listen first and work toward common ground among differing viewpoints.

Lastly, I believe Mattapoisett can improve its framework for affordable housing. The town remains below 3% of the state's 10% target, and the Housing Production Plan has not been updated or state-certified in over a decade. The HPP serves as the blueprint for affordable-housing initiatives and helps the town maintain local control over development. Seniors should

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have opportunities to remain in town while downsizing, and young families should have attainable housing opportunities that help strengthen our community and schools.

I respectfully ask for your support on May 19th.

James 'Jim' Harlfinger

Jim is committed to listening to the issues and concerns people have and identifying the needs that are not being met. Having lived in Mattapoissett for three decades, he understands the town, but he wants to hear from you, both now and after he is elected. That's his personal number below. Just call him. Elect Jim so that your voice can be heard. 781-844-4335.



Ned Kaiser

My name is Ned Kaiser, and I'm running for Select Board because I care deeply about the future of Mattapoissett and the community that helped shape me.

I was born and raised here, and today I own and manage Mattapoissett Boatyard, where I work alongside a team of more than 20 employees every day. Through that experience, I've learned the importance



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of leadership, communication, budgeting, long-term planning, and making difficult decisions with fairness and accountability.

I've always considered myself a problem solver who enjoys a challenge. In both business and life, I believe that difficult situations require persistence, teamwork, and a willingness to keep pushing forward until a solution is found. The harder something is to accomplish, the more determined I become to see it through.

Over the past several years, I've also served on the town's Marine Advisory Board and currently serve as chairman. I've enjoyed working collaboratively on issues that impact our waterfront, local businesses, residents, and public access to the harbor.

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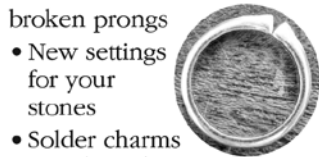
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I would be honored to earn your support.

Frances-Feliz Kearns

Hello, I'm Frances-Feliz Kearns, and I'm running for Select Board in Mattapoissett.



I'm running because I care deeply about this community and believe my experience can help guide us through the challenges ahead.

I grew up on the South Coast and attended New Bedford Public Schools. I have earned a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a Master of Science in Quality Management from the National Graduate School of Quality Management.

Professionally, I bring over 20 years of experience as an engineer across aerospace, defense, and life sciences. I currently serve as a Director of Engineering at Takeda Pharmaceuticals, where I ensure complex systems operate safely, effectively, and in the best interest of the people who rely on them.

For the past six years, I have served on the Old Rochester Regional School Committee working on complex budgets, difficult decisions, and collaboration

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across multiple communities. This work has included negotiating contracts across multiple bargaining units to ensure fair and competitive compensation for employees while remaining responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

I have also worked to secure nearly \$1,000,000 in earmark funding to support local priorities and strengthen services without increasing the burden on taxpayers. I am actively involved in community service, including serving on the Board of the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library and advocating for increased library funding at the state level.

Across our town, we are facing rising costs, housing challenges, coastal-resilience concerns, and the need to support both an aging population and attract young families. I believe these challenges require thoughtful, collaborative leadership and strong coordination across local and state government. If elected, I will bring experience, collaboration, and a focus on practical solutions that serve the entire community. I ask for your support on May 19th.

Nicole Doyon Lynch

I'm Nicole Doyon Lynch, and I would love the honor of serving you on the Mattapoissett Select Board. I'd like to highlight a few of the reasons I believe I could add value to our beloved town - my favorite place on earth.



I care deeply about this community, where I have deep roots. My husband and I grew up here, attending our schools and playing on our sports fields, and we still meet new friends all the time. Our parents are active in the community - maybe even more so than we are - from the Woman's Club to the COA and "Resi" golf!

I would bring 27 years of private-sector experience leading divisions, managing the fiscal health of business units and helping teams of people with differing viewpoints pull in the same direction - to help us do the same here. I want to make sure we understand the implications of our consequential votes and build consensus whenever possible.



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My focus will always be on Mattapoissett and the people who call it home - and holding regular office hours to stay connected.

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Judith 'Judy' Mooney

My name is Judith (Judy) Mooney and I am running for the Mattapoisett Select Board.

I have proudly called Mattapoisett home for over 40 years, where my husband and I raised our two children. This community means a great deal to me, and I am running because I want to give back through service.



Over the course of my career, I have spent more than 25 years working in municipal government, including serving as Finance Director and Town Accountant in Mattapoisett, and later as Assistant Town

Administrator and Finance Director in Marion. I have worked closely with Select Boards, Finance Committees, and town departments on budgeting, long-term planning, and the day-to-day operations of local government.

If elected, I will bring a thoughtful, balanced, and responsible approach to the role. My priorities include fiscal responsibility, transparency, and preserving the character of Mattapoisett while planning responsibly for the future.

I believe local government works best when residents feel informed, heard, and confident that decisions are being made in the best interest of the community.

I also believe that respectful collaboration and open communication are essential to maintaining the trust and strong sense of community that make Mattapoisett such a special place to live.

Mattapoisett is a special town with a strong sense of community, history, and pride. I care deeply about this town and would be honored to serve the residents of Mattapoisett as a member of the Select Board.

I respectfully ask for your support on May 19th!

Voters Say 'No' to Cottage Bylaw

Mattapoisett Town Meeting

By Marilou Newell

The first motion of the Mattapoisett 2026 Spring Town Meeting came from the moderator, Liz Anne

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Campbell, who asked the voters to declare her decisions on whether or not a simple majority or a two-thirds majority had been decisively achieved, versus declaring the actual hand count or, motion to allow the moderator to call the vote. Her request was swiftly moved with no comments from the people.

The evening found nearly all articles moved with little articulated pushback or questioning until nearly the end and Article 27, Cottage Cluster housing was announced.

The Mattapoissett Planning Board labored for over a year drafting the proposed new bylaw that would have seen a new type of residential construction along the Route 6 corridor. Public hearings were held, and

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Planning Board member and proponent of the new bylaw, William Wennerberg, defended the board, pointing out that the new bylaw was studied thoroughly. He said it was a way for people to downsize and stay in Mattapoisett by owning a small, manageable lot, presumably for less than a conventional housing lot.

Wennerberg said the new bylaw in question was not intended to be counted toward affordable housing as mandated by state regulations. He said it was simply giving people another option for living in the town. He said it was not intended to replace affordable housing.

Speaking on behalf of affordable housing was Liz DeCarlo, who said she has long held there is a need for affordable housing in Mattapoisett, which currently has less than 2% falling into the affordable category (the state's prescribed target for towns is 10%). DeCarlo asked that the matter be tabled to a later date to give the community more time to gather information.

Article 26 ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) Bylaw reinforced the state mandated by-right regulations and did not solicit much in the way of questions or concerns, with the exception of Board of Health member Michelle Bernier asking for and receiving additional language to Article 26 that would bolster existing Board of Health regulations for ADU construction.

A brief overview of the town's financial profile was given by Finance Committee member Colby Rottler, in which he pointed to the town's robust financial

debate and comments were welcomed during a series of public hearings held by the board as it worked through myriad issues including new zoning setbacks, possible architectural styles and whether or not this housing option would be accepted or wanted by the community. The community said "no."

Stepping up to the podium to speak most vocally against the addition of this new bylaw was Donald Fleming, who said that the board failed to provide sufficient details necessary to make an informed decision. He believed that the board had not held enough hearings, and that voters did not know what the vote meant, and that it didn't meet the looming question, "what about affordable housing?"



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standing and how the Capital Plan is achieved. Article 13 asked the voters for \$1,754,000 in capital expenses covering requests from the Police and Fire departments, elementary schools, and Highway Department.

Article 14 requested \$725,000 for the relining of the Pine Island watermain. Article 15 listed various projects requiring funding such as Fire and Police Department maintenance (\$31,000 for Fire Station and \$75,000 for Police building), Harbormaster building upgrades (\$20,000,) America Celebrates 250 Celebration (\$7,500), Main Street TIP project (\$175,000), and Highway Department building ongoing renovations (\$215,000).

The voters also welcomed the opportunity to support veterans by passing the Hero Act that will grant

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veterans greater exemptions starting in Fiscal Year 2027. A full list of all articles passed is available at Mattapoissett.gov.

Mattapoissett 2026 Spring Town Meeting Results:
 Articles 1-26: Passed
 Article 27: Failed
 Articles 28-29: Passed

ORR Health Insurance Will Cost

Marion Town Meeting

By Sam Bishop

For a comprehensive tally on Town Meeting results, see the end of this article.

Marion held its annual Town Meeting on Monday night. On the docket for the direct democracy vote were 43 Articles and two Special Articles. Beginning promptly at 6:00 pm, Moderator Brad Gordon began with an introduction before turning it over to Select Board Vice-Chair John Hoagland.

The vice chair moved to vote on the Town Meeting's articles. Article 1 was passed with only one nay vote. It increased pay of various town officials, including Select Board members. Hoagland stated the last increase in pay was 14 years ago. Article 2 was the approval of the FY27 Town Operating Budget, with Hoagland reading through each department's budgetary expenditure. It was unanimously passed. The Select Board members each got a chance presenting articles for vote, with Article 3

through Article 13 passing in short order with unanimous votes of approval. Article 14 was passed with one nay, followed by Article 15, which passed with three nay votes.

Next was Article 16, which regarded Gateway Health. Money is owed due to an issue with the original insurance broker. Old Rochester Regional School Committee member April Nye answered a flurry of questions, saying the committee voted to transfer into Mayflower Health, "we were lucky to land into Mayflower." Nye stated legal action is being considered. Select Board Chair Randy Parker said, "we're ahead of this, but it's going to cost money unfortunately." ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson said, "the district is pursuing all legal means," adding any recouped funds would go back to the town. The article passed with four nays.

After the unanimous vote to pass Article 17, the opening of a Special Town Meeting was held, with Articles S1 and S2 quickly passing before progressing back to the regular Town Meeting. Article S1 handled costs with the removal of record snow, and S2 was for the transfer of remaining FY26 costs.

Quickly, Articles 18 through 21 were passed unanimously. Article 22 handled surplus money left over from the construction of the new Department of Public Works building. Resident, Assessor, and Select Board candidate TJ Walker questioned the article, asking where the remainder of excess funds were. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman stated some funds had already been allocated. "The objection isn't about the action items. It's about process," Walker responded. Planning Board Chair Andrew Daniel jumped in, saying "wants" in expenditure were not frivolous. The article passed with one nay.

Chair of the Community Preservation Committee Will Tift read off the next articles, with Articles 23-30 passing quickly. Article 31 handled the addition of language to Chapter 109 Animal Control of the Code of Marion. There was a vote to strike a section. There was then a successful vote to cut off debate levied and passed. There were 53 votes for and 63 votes against the motion to strike an article. It passed with five nays.

Nearing the end of the meeting, Articles 32-39

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were passed in rapid succession. Article 40 was a yearly article that handles the Select Board's authority to lease town land. There was concern over giving the Select Board the right to lease park land, with notably Island Wharf and parking entering discussion. The town's legal counsel argued against worry, saying the article has been voted on continuously at Town Meeting for "probably decades." He also added that, though the board already has this authority, it does not expand any powers and said it is a way to increase transparency and "let voters understand." Resident Bill Washburn said, "I'm filling in for Chris. Move the question." Debate was halted, and the article passed with five nays.

Article 41 was passed unanimously, and Article 42, being the Town Election Ballot, didn't require a vote or motion.

Finally, Article 43: the Citizens Petition by Daniel, who spoke on the process begun at the Special Fall Town Meeting Last year, saying studies still need to be completed for the town to fully understand the ramifications and costs of its passage. The town has completed the water study, not the sewer study, per Daniel. He cited new housing developments that will bring in money in sewer fees, thus alleviating town worries. He recommended another postponement to this fall that would allow the sewer study to be completed, though, qualifying his remarks, "we need to not postpone this indefinitely."



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Daniel added, "I think more work needs to be done. I think we need to find a better way." He moved to "pass over" until the Fall Town Meeting. His motion was passed unanimously.

New Restaurant Receives Permissions

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On May 12 the Mattapoisett Select Board held a hearing at the request of Tracey White for licenses to operate a recently vacated restaurant located at 33 County Road. The Select Board questioned White about the number of occupants anticipated, if the footprint would change, hours of operation, and outdoor dining.



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An abutter asked about the type of music that would be played, both live and recorded. Assurances were received that outdoor music would stop at about 8:00 pm and would be appropriate for family dining. Hours of operation are intended to be 11:00 am to 11:00 pm, seven days a week. However, one day a week the business will be closed, White said. Entertainment would be offered three or four nights per week.

The hearing notice read: All-alcohol License, common victualer license and entertainment licenses were being requested.

The board gave their approval, pending sign-off from the Fire Department and submittal by White of updated interiors that are currently being renovated.

White said he anticipates an August opening date. The meeting was adjourned promptly following the hearing.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, after the May 19 Town Election.

New Harbormaster Selected From 27 Applicants

Marion Select Board

By Jared Melanson

The Marion Select Board quickly approved two new police officers and a shellfish constable during their May 12 special meeting in the Police Department.

First, Police Chief Richard Nighelli announced the passing of Michael Paoella on May 8. Paoella served in the U.S. Air Force and was formerly Assistant Harbormaster in Marion.

Next, the board approved the appointment of new Police Officer Robert Caldas. Caldas worked previously as a police dispatcher. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The board then appointed Sgt. Larry C. Savery as Shellfish Constable. He recently completed the Shellfish Constable training course. Savery is a third-generation Marion police officer, with his father helping in shellfish.

The board also appointed Cameron Wentworth as the new Harbormaster and Shellfish Officer. Chief Nighelli said that 27 applicants had applied for the Harbormaster position, and four were selected to be interviewed. After careful consideration, Wentworth was selected.

Wentworth is a graduate of Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He serves as the Harbormaster and Shellfish Constable in Plymouth. He is also serving as a part-time police officer in Berkley, and a volunteer firefighter in Carver. Wentworth will effectively start in his position on June 7.

Finally, there was also a short update on Old Landing delivered by the police chief.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 following the Marion Town Election on Friday.

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Alternative to Gas Line Approved

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board Tuesday approved a minor modification of the Site Plan Review application for 0 Cranberry Highway that would allow the use of a propane tank instead of a public gas line for the site's 10-contractor-bay building's heating system.

The tank that the applicant Sealord Enterprises proposes will be located off the west side of the contractor-bay building currently under construction, said project representative Bob Richards of GAF Engineering. He explained Sealord has learned the site has no access to a Cranberry Highway gas line, forcing the developer to make this change. It would be a 5x16-foot tank on an 8x20-foot concrete pad and would connect to all 10 bays, he said. He asked the board to consider this a minor change rather than a major one to avoid reopening the hearing.

Board members questioned details of the plan before ultimately endorsing Richards' request. "I've never seen meters on a propane tank," member Lee Carr responded. Board member Matthew Bache was concerned about safety. "Make sure they have ballers attached," he said. Richards confessed he didn't have the expertise to answer their technical questions but assumes the project will rely on nearby Roby Gas to meet the necessary building codes.

Continuances were the story for the remainder of Tuesday's swiftly moving meeting. The board continued to June 9 its two Site Plan Review and Special Permit hearings for High Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High Street. It also continued until June 9 its Site Plan Review hearing on a plan to clear and regrade land behind Town Hall for an 8,220-square foot parking lot.

In other action, the board approved canceling its regular meeting on May 26 because of its closeness to the Memorial Day holiday.

The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.



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Land Swap Moves Bike Path Forward


Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission met in person in the Police Station on May 7 for discussions on the land swap between the commission and the Select Board, tree removals, and other updates.

Following the approval of the minutes from the commission's April 16 meeting, Chair John Rockwell moved to discuss the Land Bank Report fund. However, it was noted by commission members the most recent report would not be available until the following week, therefore delaying this conversation to next month's meeting.

Next, the chair opened discussion on the Open




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Rockwell said the commission's newly acquired property contains two restrictions, or easements, in relation to land usage. One of the nearby homes has the ability to access part of the land as well as the federal government due to wildlife conservation efforts at the nearby bogs.

The Select Board already independently voted to approve the transfer, with the commission voting

this night to also support it. Rockwell said there was a separate vote taking place by the Massachusetts General Court on Wednesday, May 13, which they were expected to support.

The commission then moved to the discussion of updates on tree removals at Grassi Bog. Before tree removal can commence, a budget estimate needs to be assessed. The chair stated, in meeting with experts, work on felling the trees would only take a day but removal of the debris could take up to four days. "The small stuff would be obliterated," Rockwell said, noting only larger pieces would require extraction.

On the timeline of the project, Rockwell clarified, "we have no money until a year from now," signifying the project will not get the go-ahead until 2027.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission is scheduled for Thursday, June 4.

Matos, ORR Keep Rolling

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls tennis team played against Apponequet (2-9) on May 7 and won 5-0. Neva Matos won 6-0, 6-0 at first singles, Caroline Houdelette won 6-1, 6-0 at second singles, and Grace Hebert won 6-1, 6-2 at third singles. Ella Bishop and Molly Franco won 6-3, 6-1 at first doubles, and Eve Skomal and Miah Motta won 6-1, 6-1 at second doubles. The players of the match were Eve Skomal and Miah Motta, as they earned their first varsity victories. The Bulldogs took a perfect 10-0 (8-0 South Coast Conference) record into the week with matches on Monday against East Bridgewater (5-3) and Tuesday against West Bridgewater (2-7). The Bulldogs host Bourne (7-5) on Thursday, May 14.

Girls Lacrosse

The Bulldogs played at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech (2-11) on May 7 and won, 16-2. Rylee Cusick was named the player of the game. Old Rochester took a 7-5 record into the week with games on Monday against Dighton-Rehoboth (8-3), Wednesday against Apponequet

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LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING



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PUBLIC ACCESS

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Thursday May 14, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Connie Shepard
 9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers
 10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Historic Flair with Colonial Flair
 11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 2:00 PM The Collective Chat
 2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology
 9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Early Life of Humpback Whales
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday May 15, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
 11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition

11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 3:30 PM The Collective Chat
 3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Connie Shepard
 5:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket
 6:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset Berkley
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 8:30 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz
 9:00 PM A Conversation With...
 4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
 10:00 PM For Your Health
 10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday May 16, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
 10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
 2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 3:00 PM The Collective Chat
 3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Connie Shepard
 5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
 6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 8:30 PM Paltrocst - with Darren Paltrowitz
 9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 9:30 PM A Conversation with...
 10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

10:30 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 17, 2026

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 St Gabriel's Church
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 4:30 PM Miss New Bedford
 5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
 6:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket
 7:30 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset Berkley
 10:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday May 18, 2026

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

3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 4:30 PM The Human Truth
 5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
 8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
 9:30 PM The Collective Chat
 10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday May 19, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM For Your Health
 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
 10:30 AM The Collective Chat
 11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 11:30 AM In the Toy Box
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
 1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
 6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged
 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 8:30 PM Pete on the Street
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday May 20, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Cape Conversations
 8:30 AM For Your Health
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 10:30 AM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz
 11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
 1:30 PM Money Matters
 2:00 PM A Conversation With...
 3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 3:30 PM The Mattapoisett Rail Trail
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
 5:00 PM Marion Art Center
 5:30 PM Building the Future
 6:00 PM Pete on the Street
 6:30 PM World Fusion Show
 7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
 9:45 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
 10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
 8:30 AM Marion Town Meeting Warrant Review
 9:30 AM Marion Harbor Management Plan
 10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
 11:00 AM Marion Board of Health
 12:00 PM Marion Candidates Night
 1:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
 2:50 PM Marion Conservation Commission
 3:30 PM Marion Pathways Committee
 4:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee
 5:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing
 7:00 PM Marion School Committee
 8:30 PM Marion Candidates Night
 10:00 PM Marion Town Meeting Warrant Review

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
 8:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
 10:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
 11:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
 1:00 PM Rochester School Committee
 3:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
 4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
 6:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
 7:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
 8:30 PM Rochester School Committee
 11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
 7:30 AM ORR School Committee
 10:00 AM Old Colony New Building Update
 11:30 AM Old Hammondtown School - Autism Acceptance
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 12:30 PM ORR Baseball vs West Bridgewater
 2:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket
 3:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset Berkley
 4:30 PM ORR Baseball vs West Bridgewater
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 6:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony
 7:30 PM ORR Class Olympics
 8:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
 9:00 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Bishop Stang
 10:30 PM ORR Homecoming Football vs Dighton Rehoboth

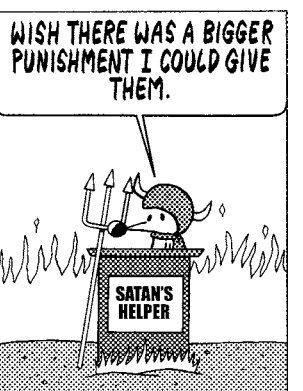
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Daily Schedule

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
 by Stephan Pastis



(8-5) and against Seekonk (7-4) on Friday, May 15.

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Academic Achievements

Rebecca Mann of Mattapoisett has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Spring 2026 Dean's List.

Mariner Youth Soccer Renames Preseason Event

Mariner Youth Soccer is proud to announce that beginning in 2026, its annual preseason jamboree will officially be known as the Forever 11 Preseason Jamboree, a heartfelt tribute to Maddie Eitas, whose impact continues to inspire the Mariner community.

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Under Massachusetts General Laws, the Tax Collector is responsible for the collection of all municipal revenues, including real estate and personal property taxes, motor vehicle excise taxes, and other charges committed to the office. The role includes the timely and accurate billing and collection of these revenues, the enforcement of delinquencies in accordance with state law, and the proper accounting and remittance of all funds to the Town. This statutory responsibility is essential to maintaining the Town's financial stability and ensuring that services can be delivered to the community.

During my tenure, I have developed extensive experience with the Town's current financial software system, and I am actively working to support the transition to a new operational platform. This effort is focused on improving efficiency, enhancing reporting capabilities, and ensuring that our systems continue to meet the needs of the Town now and into the future.

I respectfully ask for your support as I continue this important work. With your trust, I look forward to building on the progress we have made and continuing to serve the Town of Rochester with professionalism, accuracy, and dedication.

Sincerely,
Beatrice Renauld
Town Collector
Town of Rochester

Paid for by Beatrice Renauld 79 Burgess Ave Rochester MA

OBITUARIES



David T. Rocha, 86, of Mattapoisett died Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Tobey Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Elvita (Baptista) Rocha, with whom he shared 36 years of marriage.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late Joseph and Maria (Taft) Rocha, he lived in New Bedford and Mattapoisett for most of his life.

He honorably served in the United States Navy from 1963-1966.

David graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961 and later graduated from Cranbrook Academy of Art with a Master of Fine Arts degree in 1968.

He was formerly employed as an art teacher with New Bedford Public Schools for many years until his retirement.

David was a very talented artist who especially enjoyed creating pastel paintings. He loved to travel, was a great cook, and enjoyed going out to dinner.

He is survived by his wife, Elvita; his son, Sean Rocha; his daughter, Kali Rocha and her husband Michael Krikorian; his sister, Sandra Ayres; two grandchildren, Barlow and Savria Krikorian; and many nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Service will be held Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 10 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Wednesday, May 13th from 4-7 pm. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Michael J. Paoella, 77, of Wareham, passed away on May 8, 2026, at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. He was the beloved husband of Louise A. (Boissoneau) Paoella, with whom he shared 57 years of marriage.

Born in Queens, New York, Michael was the son of the late Dominick and Rose (Barberine) Paoella. He proudly

served his country as a Vietnam War veteran in the United States Air Force.

Michael spent his career at the United States Postal Service, retiring as Manager of Resource Management. Along the way, he led the team that built the agency's first digital HR software program and rolled it out nationally.

But the work that brought him the most joy came after he retired. Michael poured himself into his community on the South Coast of Massachusetts and gave it decades of his time.

He founded the Middleboro Youth Soccer League (MYSL) and secured the land and funding for the town's youth sports fields. He coached in MYSL and Mariner Youth

Soccer, taking teams from each to the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions, and at the high school level at Middleboro from 1985 to 1987 and at Old Rochester from 2017 to 2026, carrying more than a few teams to the playoffs (and more than a few snacks to the bench). When he wasn't coaching, he was refereeing soccer and lacrosse across the South Coast and training the officials who came up behind him.

He was the Assistant Harbor Master in Marion, a first responder on the water and a boating safety instructor on land. He led volunteers at Damien's Place Food Pantry and cooked breakfast for the Rochester Council on Aging. And he was a fixture in the stands at Old Rochester Regional games, the loudest Bulldogs fan in the building.

To those who knew him best, Michael was steady and dependable. He showed up for the people he loved, every time, without needing the credit. His family knew they could count on him for guidance, a hand with something practical, or just his quiet presence in the room (especially all the times he fell asleep on the couch).

He was tough when he needed to be, and never far from the people who needed him.

Above all, Michael's greatest pride was his family.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He built his life around the people he loved, and his presence will be deeply felt in the stories, memories, and values he leaves behind.

He is survived by his wife, Louise A. (Boissoneau) Paoella; his children, Tina Rood and her husband, Hal, of Falmouth, Karrie Perry and her husband, Matt, of Castle Rock, Colorado, and Amanda Young and her husband, Rich, of Daniel Island, South Carolina; his nine grandchildren, Troy (and his husband, Oti), Kyle, Megan, Brett, Julia, Ethan, Owen, Gavin, and Quin; and his siblings, D.J. Paoella and his wife, DeDe, Ricky Paoella and his wife, Karen, and Susan Schmitz. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Daisy.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 pm on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations - Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Highway, Wareham. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 am on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations - Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory may be made to a few causes he loved: Old Rochester High School Boys Soccer (ORR Booster Club, Attn: Boys Soccer, PO Box 192, Mattapoisett, MA 02739), Damien's Place Food Pantry, or the Rochester Council on Aging.

Michael's family will carry forward his strength, his love, and the steady example he set every day.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.chapmanfuneral.com.

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

Maddie proudly wore the number 11 during her time at Mariner, bringing an unmistakable spirit to the game she loved. Her passion, energy, and dedication were evident every time she stepped onto the field. Yet it was Maddie's kindness, encouragement of others, and ability to lift everyone around her that made her truly exceptional. She was a cherished teammate, friend, and role model whose legacy remains deeply embedded in the Mariner family.

Becky Eitas shared, "We are deeply honored that this jamboree will be renamed in Madelyn's memory, bringing teams together to play and enjoy the game she loved so much. My girl would be flattered that this is all being done for her."

"The Forever 11 Preseason Jamboree is our way of honoring Maddie's legacy," said Greg Visinho, Director of Soccer Programming. "She embodied everything that makes youth soccer meaningful. Her joy, competitiveness, friendship, teamwork, and attitude were one of a kind. This event will ensure her spirit continues to inspire players for years to come."

The Forever 11 Preseason Jamboree celebrates not only the sport Maddie loved, but also the joy, community, and friendships she helped cultivate. Each year, as teams gather to begin their fall season of soccer, the event will serve as a reminder of Maddie's lasting mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Mariner Youth Soccer is also proud to partner with the Forever1111 Foundation (www.Forever1111.org), created by Maddie's parents, Becky and Greg Eitas. The foundation works to strengthen the communities Maddie loved and stands as a lasting tribute to her kindness, courage, and vibrant spirit. Its mission aligns beautifully with the values and purpose of the Forever 11 Preseason Jamboree.

The Forever 11 Preseason Jamboree will be held on **August 29 and 30** at the Mariner Soccer Complex. Divisions: U8-U14 boys and girls. All teams guaranteed three games.

Youth soccer teams from across the region are invited to participate in this special event celebrating community, competition, and the legacy of a remarkable person.

For more information or to register, teams may visit www.marineryouthsoccer.com or contact Mariner Youth Soccer directly.

Mattapoissett Woman's Club Offers Continuing Education Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to offer a continuing education scholarship of \$1500 to a Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree, certificate, or career advancing coursework. The application is available online at www.mattapoissettwomensclub.org. All applications must be

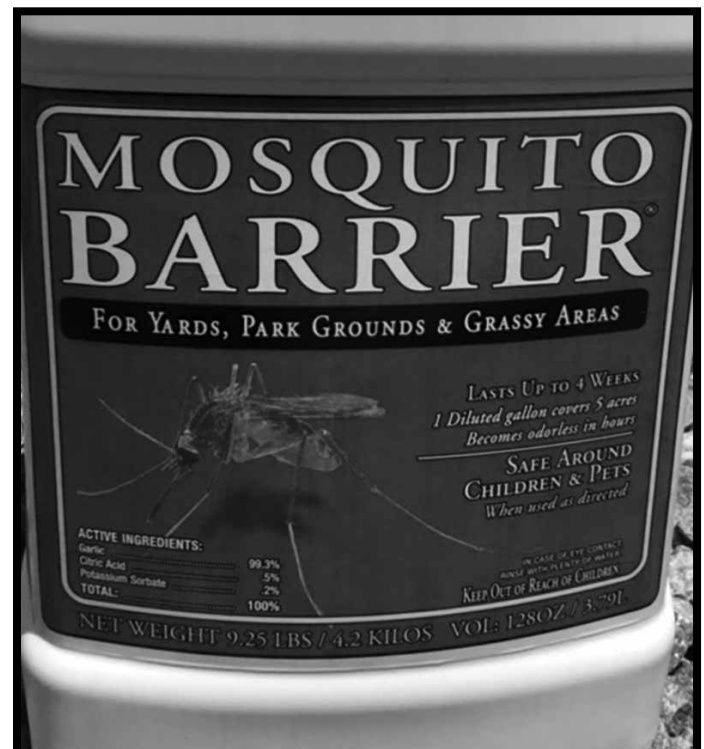
postmarked by **May 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

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

Marion Democratic Town Committee to Meet

Marion residents are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Marion Democratic Town Committee at 5:30 pm, Thursday, **May 21**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street.

The agenda will include committee reports about our essay contest winners who submitted compositions on the meaning of democracy. This contest was offered to ORR high school juniors and seniors, and we are excited that the results are in. We will make plans for our Damien's Food drive. The members tasked with fundraising ideas will discuss options. Coordinating with Democratic committees in the tri-town area is another topic. As the primary seasons are in full swing, we will



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finalize whom we should assist in neighboring states. Again, please attend.

Mattapoisett Woman’s Club Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Woman’s Club has announced its scholarship awards for recent high school graduates pursuing a four-year degree.

Maeve Bradshaw is a graduating senior at Fairhaven High School who is planning to study nursing at Northeastern University with the goal of earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. In addition to being a sports captain, Maeve has spent the past eight months volunteering at St. Luke’s Hospital, an experience she credits with shaping her college plans and future career goals. “Each shift has strengthened my interest in pursuing nursing.”

Nina Pierre is a graduating senior at Old Rochester Regional High School. She is planning to attend Fairfield



University in the fall to study biochemistry on a pre-physician’s assistant track. Nina says she hopes to build a strong foundation in science and contribute to research that improves the lives of others. She served as executive board president of her students’ council, where she led initiatives that strengthened the school and supported families in need. Nina is also a competitive Irish dancer who has competed nationally and internationally. “Irish dance has taught me resilience, discipline, and teamwork.”

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

Auditions for *The Constant Wife*

The MAC Theater will be conducting auditions for *The Constant Wife* by Somerset Maugham, and adapted and directed by Kate Fishman.

Get your groove on. This classic play is reimaged for the late 1960s, when women’s liberation was rising, social norms were shifting, and everything was groovy.

This adaptation drops Maugham’s sharp social comedy into the vibrant, swirling world of the late 1960s - a moment when women were questioning marriage, autonomy, and identity with new fire. In this story Constance Middleton, the stalwart wife of a philandering

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MOVIE REVIEW

Wild Thing

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Devils* (1971). Starring Oliver Reed and Vanessa Redgrave. Directed by Ken Russell. Running time: 114 minutes. No MPAA rating.**

Briefly: Ken Russell's notorious 1971 film *The Devils* has undergone a slew of cuts and suppression over the years, due to its hysterically blasphemous content. Now it has played at the Cannes Film Festival in a complete cut, and will get a one-week theatrical release in October ahead of, one assumes, a physical-media treatment by Warner Bros. Clockwork, the same specialty shingle that has restored it.

Now. Should you go out of your way to see it when it drops in the fall (probably at no theater close by)? If you haven't already seen the uncut version, the vehemence of its style might come as a surprise. Never a shrinking violet, Russell zooms manically in and out, or fixes his camera on plug-ugly faces in brutal close-up. After a while, when the plot's machinations become clearer, we recognize that the style is the story's *point*. And that story is rather simple: Father Urbain Grandier (Oliver Reed) is accused by corrupt politicians/church higher-ups — in this movie there's little difference — of heresy and leading a convent of nuns to be possessed by demons.

There are complications, of course. Sister Jeanne des Anges (Vanessa Redgrave), who loves Grandier, is vexed when he marries another woman, and adds her voice to those of his accusers. It all leads to the sequence that has gotten all the attention over the past 55 years — dubbed the "Rape of Christ" scene, in which the desperately frenzied passions of the nuns are loosed on a large statue of Christ. In context, the scene is defensible because the nuns have been told they are not responsible for their actions, and so they throw off their repression and, well, commit to the bit. They're supposed to act wantonly and sacrilegiously, to strengthen the charges against Grandier, and so they do.

That's as "bad" as the proceedings get,



though there's also a bit of torture, which you hardly ever hear any offended squawking about. *The Devils* is far from the teeming pit of chaos newcomers might expect. Some of it is actually becalmed, such as Grandier's scenes with his new wife (Gemma Jones). There's a lot of art behind it: Derek Jarman, who later went on to a film directing career himself, designed the imposing sets, and the film was shot by master cinematographer David Watkin. If you're going to take the Ken Russell ride, it's either this or *Altered States*; both have been classified as horror, but past a certain point Russell just made Ken Russell films. It's probably safe to say *The Devils* isn't as extreme or feverish as its reputation has suggested. It's *conceptually* wild, although the narrative is coherent till the end. Russell grounds the insanity in glum, chilly realism.

Why now? Why, after Warner Bros. apparently sat on the film for decades and wouldn't let outfits like Criterion add it to their collection, is *The Devils* suddenly ready for its close-up? Well, stories about corrupt politics hiding behind false piety will always be relevant. Maybe it took a while to gather all the film elements and restore them (the almost 114-minute bootleg version shows a noticeable dip in quality where the controversial trimmed footage was edited back in). Maybe whoever was in charge at Warner who hated the film finally died off. Whatever the reason, it's here now, the inaugural release of the Warner imprint Clockwork, named after another notorious 1971 Warner film. It's a good, sometimes great movie that film fans will now be able to see for themselves and make up their minds about and argue about (or with).

Harley Street doctor, starts reassessing her life and her choices both past and present. Her decisions are bold and surprising to herself and everyone who knows her. Through it all, Constance emerges as a heroine who discovers her power in a world buzzing with change.

Auditions will be held in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant St on Saturday, **May 16**, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Sunday, **May 17**, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and Saturday, **May 30**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Auditions will be held in the MAC Studio on Sunday, **May 31**, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

Performance dates are August 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23, 2026 Evening shows at 7:30 pm, Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. For more information see marionartcenter.org/events.

LWV to Host Rochester Candidates' Forum

The League of Women Voters of SouthCoast will host a Rochester Candidates' Forum on **May 19**, at 6:30 pm at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street. The event is free and open to the public.

The forum will feature candidates running for Select Board, Planning Board, and School Committee in the Wednesday, May 27 Town Election. All candidates on the ballot for these offices have been invited to participate.

The purpose of the forum is to give Rochester voters an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates about the issues facing the community. A neutral moderator will facilitate the event. Candidates will answer questions prepared by the League, as well as written questions submitted by audience members. All candidates will be given equal time to speak.

Unopposed candidates will have an opportunity to provide a five-minute overview of their qualifications and offer solutions for Town issues.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that does not support or oppose any candidate or political party. The League's goal is to encourage informed and active participation in government and to provide voters with unbiased information.

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For more information, please contact: Eileen J. Marum at Email: u_emarum@umassd.edu.

Marion Memorial Day Events

The Town of Marion invites the community to join volunteers at Evergreen Cemetery, Marion, on Saturday, **May 23** at 9:00 am to plant geraniums at veterans' graves.

The 2026 Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, May 25 starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front Street, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

This is the same route as in past years, stepping off from the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial the town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of devotion".

The Sippican School Marching Band led by director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band will perform selections of music. The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Technical



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights May 3 – May 9

- Cove St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Mental health assist
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Barnabas Rd – Animal complaint
- County Rd – MV fire
- Aucoot Ave – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Holly Rd – Burglar alarm
- Village Dr – Paper service
- Barros Dr – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Rogers Dr – Officer wanted
- Joanne Dr – Health/welfare
- Olde Meadow Rd – Structure fire
- Mill St – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Front St - Death
- Barros Dr – Follow up
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Disturbance/family
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Holmes St – General service
- Oak St – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Noise complaint
- Converse Rd – Noise complaint

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 3 – May 9

- North St – MV crash
- Church St – General service
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Animal control
- North St – MV crash
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Property found
- Pearl St – Animal control
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Marion Rd – General service
- Church St – Animal control
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Brookside Dr – MV violations
- Mahoney's Ln – Suspicious MV
- Chapel Rd – MV violations
- Lebaron Way – Burglar alarm
- Randall Rd – Health/welfare
- North St – MV crash
- North St – Assist other agency
- North St – 911 call
- Wildwood Ter – Animal control
- Bay Rd - Transport
- Noyes Ave- 911 call
- Angelica Ave – General service
- Brandt Island Rd - Threats
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Wildwood Ter – Officer wanted
- Dupont Dr – Complaint

ROCHESTER

Log highlights May 3 – May 9

- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Constitution Way – Panic alarm
- Looks Mill Ln - Larceny
- Marys Pond Rd – Parking complaint
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Stuart Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – General services
- Dexter Ln – Erratic MV
- Hartley Rd – Burglar alarm
- Pine St – Follow up
- North Ave – General services
- High St – MV collision
- High St – Follow up
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Ryder Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Robinson Rd – MV collision
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV stop/citation
- Franklin Way – Assist other agency
- Paradise Ln – 911 call
- Stuart Rd – Road hazard
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- High St – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Medical alarm
- Hartley Rd – Medical

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 18: Egg & cheese broccoli bake, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, apple
Tuesday, May 19: Beef stew, whole grain buttermilk biscuit, green peas & red peppers, pear
Wednesday, May 20: Creamy turkey & spinach casserole, orzo, broccoli, cornbread loaf, oatmeal cookie, diet: fruit
Thursday, May 21: BBQ chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, zucchini & red peppers, wheat bun, pound cake, diet: fruit
Friday, May 22: Whole grain cheese lasagna, marinara sauce & mozzarella, mixed vegetable, dinner roll, orange

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 18: Grilled cheese sandwich, sweet potato fries, crunchy cucumber coins
Tuesday, May 19: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 20: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tater tots

Thursday, May 21: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, May 22: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 18: Grilled cheese sandwich, sweet potato fries, crunchy cucumber coins
Tuesday, May 19: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 20: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tater tots
Thursday, May 21: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, May 22: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 18: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, May 19: Tyson popcorn

chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, shole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, May 20: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tater tots
Thursday, May 21: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, May 22: Hot buffalo chicken dip served w/whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 18: Grilled cheese sandwich, sweet potato fries, crunchy cucumber coins
Tuesday, May 19: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 20: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tater tots
Thursday, May 21: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, May 22: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, May 18: Grilled cheese sandwich, sweet potato fries, crunchy cucumber coins
Tuesday, May 19: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, shole grain dinner roll
Wednesday, May 20: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tater tots
Thursday, May 21: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, May 22: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, May 18: Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll
Tuesday, May 19: Hot dog, baked beans & fries
Wednesday, May 20: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread
Thursday, May 21: Appetizer sampler & carrot sticks
Friday, May 22: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

Sergeant Mandy Givens of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

Residents are encouraged to attend the remembrances as well as stand along the parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

Charles Stockbridge, A Lesson in Monet

Join artist and Mattapoisett resident Charles Stockbridge for an engaging, hands-on painting workshop inspired by the works of Claude Monet. In this interactive session, Charles will create an original piece while offering insight into both his own artistic process and the techniques and legacy of the renowned Impressionist master. The event is on Wednesday, **May 20** at 11:00 am, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett and is free To register, call the COA at 508-758-4110.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Readers' Advisory Group meets every 4th Wednesday at 11:00 am. If you enjoy discussing reading or books, join our Adult Readers' Advisory group for popular book ideas, to see what others are reading, and to explore new genres!

Do you like knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, or crocheting? Join our newest club; Fiber Arts Club, Fridays at 11:00 am! Meet new people, share fiber art project ideas, work with others, and share some laughs!



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Join the Elizabeth Taber Library on Wednesday, **May 27** at 1:00 pm for a lively and immersive program with Linda Booth Sweeney, author of *The Noisy Puddle*, winner of the Massachusetts Book Awards picture book/early reader category. Designed for young children and their caregivers, this special event blends storytime with hands-on discovery, celebrating the wonder of vernal pools and the living systems they support. The program will begin in the library with a read-aloud of *The Noisy Puddle*, followed by a conversation with the author. Families will then be invited upstairs to the Marion Natural History Museum for guided, hands-on exploration.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber

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

On April 23, 2021, Gerald D. Garcia passed away after a full and active life at the age of 95. Gerald was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on May 13, 1925. He earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Hartford Seminary and over the years served in Congregational churches in New Hampshire, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

You may be scratching your head and wondering what this has to do with the files at the Rochester Historical Museum. I will say that while we have an extensive obituary file, this is one we missed, but it was found by Kristen Cardozo, head librarian at Plumb Library.

Mr. Garcia had a long resume of work both in and out of the church and he also served on the staff of



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the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. During retirement he was active in various COAs, taking and teaching classes such as world history and opera. Living in assisted living accommodations in Marion and West Wareham, he continued to be active by playing nightly piano sessions and running classes.

However, the reason I am writing about Mr. Garcia is because he was also a talented artist working in pen and ink. You may have bought notecards (maybe on Cape Cod) adorned with his art. Gerald enjoyed driving around New England and finding small town buildings and scenes to paint. Often, he would meet and chat with friendly residents, but at other times he would draw a picture of a building or scene and then go quietly on his

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The School of the New Bedford Ballet is thrilled to perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, its 36th annual full-length ballet. Artistic Director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault's streamlined adaptation of Shakespeare's romantic comedy will be performed at the Zeiterion Theatre on Saturday, June 6, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The cast includes: Standing: Emilia Szabo (Mattapoisett), Jillian Bonnell (Mattapoisett), Kneeling: Genevieve Arone (Marion), Gabriel Coughlin (Rochester), Esther Smith (Rochester), Sitting: Grace Rousseau (Mattapoisett).



Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Crescent Beach, Mattapoisett. Photo by Ruth A Griffin



The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had fun learning about insects on Wednesday. These little critters are ectothermic, and their body temperature is determined by their surrounding environment. Some are quite speedy and the Tiger beetle can run so fast they can't see anything. We had a chance to go out and do some netting for bugs as well as looking under rocks, checking in bark and the bushes, and found an interesting variety. The museum wishes to thank entomologist Blake Dinius for providing this fun program. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

way.


Fortunately for us, one of those buildings was our own Joseph H. Plumb Library.

Anyone who has a Plumb Library card can exchange it for the new 50th anniversary edition seen in the picture with this article. If you don't currently have a card, this is a good time to get one. Then you can not only check out books, but also, carry a small piece of artwork in your pocket.




The Plumb Library is a wonderful supporter of the Rochester Historical Society, collaborating on programs, passing on messages and designating a section of the library to Rochester history. This year the Joseph H. Plumb Library building is celebrating its 50th anniversary and as an aside, it's the 100th year that Rochester has had a library in the center of town.

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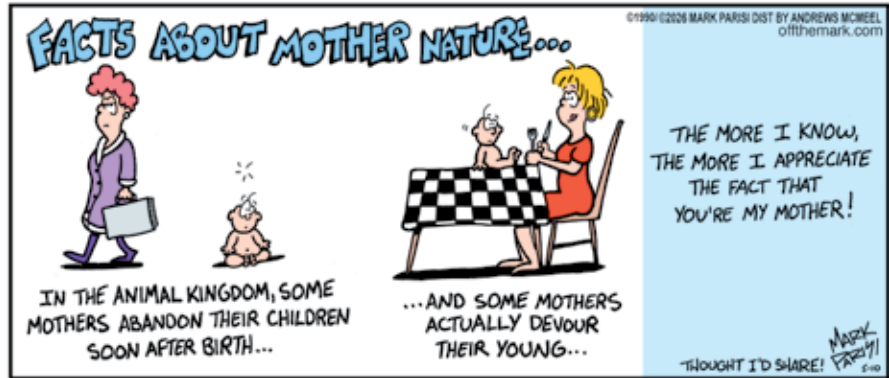


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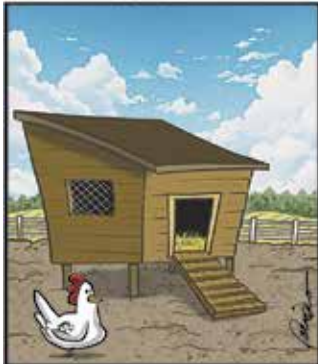


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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Rochester Historical Society is at it Again

On **May 30** the Historical Society is having a Red, White and Blue Bake Sale from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Rochester Land Trust Pony Pasture on Mattapoissett Road. After another expensive winter, we see a need to rebuild our cash resources the best way we know how - hold a bake sale.

We need people to visit and buy bake goods, but before then, we need bakers. To make things easier not everything needs to be red or white or blue, but we are hoping to get cakes, pies, breads, cookies, and muffins to sell. Please, let me know by phone 617 750 2818 or email me at eshbach2@aol.com, that you will bake something for our sale. We are discouraging cupcakes because we have found they don't sell. If you can help, it will be greatly appreciated. If you don't bake and don't eat sweets or know anyone for whom you can buy them, we'd still like to see you and we're always happy to receive donations.

Birds of a Feather and Other Friends

Come to the Mattapoissett Free Public Library to view a lovely ceramic exhibit created by local artist Wendy Goldsmith from **June 2 to June 30**. Goldsmith went to art school and majored in printmaking and also studied ceramics. A few years later she went back to clay but still uses printmaking techniques in her process. She continued her studies at Castle Hill Center for the Arts and Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Working in clay involves many art forms such as designing, drawing, painting and sculpting. Goldsmith feels there is always more to learn, different materials to explore, and unexpected things to happen. Her pottery is hand-built, allowing



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her to experiment with color and form as she strives to integrate both function and beauty into her work. Inspiration comes from nature and her interpretation comes from her imagination. Her hope is that her pieces will enrich people's celebrations and bring a smile with every day use which it definitely does. The exhibit is free and open to all.

ORRHS Honor Roll


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

Highest Honors: Bobby Calder, Alexander Dai, Quin DeMello, Sara Duane, Giada Gandolfi, Chase Karo, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Annalise Milhench, Isabella Perez-Dormitzer, and Nathaniel Tse

Honors: Elizabeth Achilles, Penelope Angeley, Gianna Annunziato, Seraphina Arruda, Mia Balestracci, Alexis Barber, Benjamin Bartholomew, Claire Bates, Malcolm Bean, Kensi Bearce, Henry Berry, Ella Bishop, Nolan Blanchette, Sydney Bosma, Jonathan Botelho, Rose Bouley, Sophie Bozzo, Samuel Brown, Nathanael Bushnell, Aiden Cabral, Lucas Cabral, Sophia Campione, Keira Canto, Avery Carlson, Cassidy Carroll, Sibley Casi, Russell Chace, Wyatt Churchill, Gavin Coffey, Sophia Cole, Aiden Comorosky, Belle Comorosky, Abigail Conley, Ashton Cook, Charlotte Cook, Taylor Cook, Owen Cooney, Bridget Coryer, Emma Costa, Madeline Costa, Nina Costa, Phoebe Cowles, Makenzie Crowley, Olivia Crowley, Rylee Cusick, Sophia D'Italia, Charlotte Dargelis, Matthew DaRosa, Emma Debonise, Reis DeMello, Chase DeMelo, Avere Depina, Chloe Desrosiers, Balin Donnelly, Rafael Duarte, Gisele Duchaine, Ava

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LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES	LEGAL NOTICES
<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoissett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm. * The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 21, 2026*</p> <p>CASE #1591 Petition of: Mr. Henry Renauld, Town of Mattapoissett, Mattapoissett Water & Sewer Department. 19 County Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. RE:15 Industrial Drive, Mattapoissett. The property is further described as Plot 27, Lot 403, on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the Limited Industrial (LI) Zoning District. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 37363, Pages 178-182. The property contains 3.435 acres with 683.47 feet of frontage. The Water and Sewer Department is seeking a variance from the two-hundred-foot (200) minimum setback required from the existing residential uses to be modified to 122 feet for this project. There is planned landscape privacy screening between the residential buildings and the proposed Water and Sewer Department garage and offices. 5/7, 5/14</p>	<p>contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.</p> <p>All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c. 30, § 39M.</p> <p>Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.</p> <p>Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.</p> <p>The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.</p> <p>The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.</p> <p>The Town of Mattapoissett By: Katie Stephanian, Assistant Town Administrator 5/14, 5/21</p>	<p>WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91 Elizabeth H. O'Leary NOTIFICATION DATE: May 15, 2026</p> <p>Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Elizabeth H. O'Leary to replace and maintain a float and piles at 81 Cove Circle in the municipality of Marion within the waters of Wings Cove. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).</p> <p>Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/ (enter "26-WW01-0060-APP" in the Search Page as the Record ID). If you need assistance, please contact christine.koczera@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 268-6653 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.</p> <p>Written comments must be addressed to: Christine Koczera, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 5/14</p>
<p>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, to consider the petition of NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, to locate underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way: Water Street. (Installation of 227' +/- of 1-2" conduit from proposed manhole 10034/040 to proposed manhole 10034/050.) Randy L. Parker, Chair 5/14</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Elizabeth H. O'Leary, for removing and replacing a timber float at 81 Cove Circle.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots 87, 88, & 88A on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at dgueylee@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 5/14</p>	<p>CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS</p>
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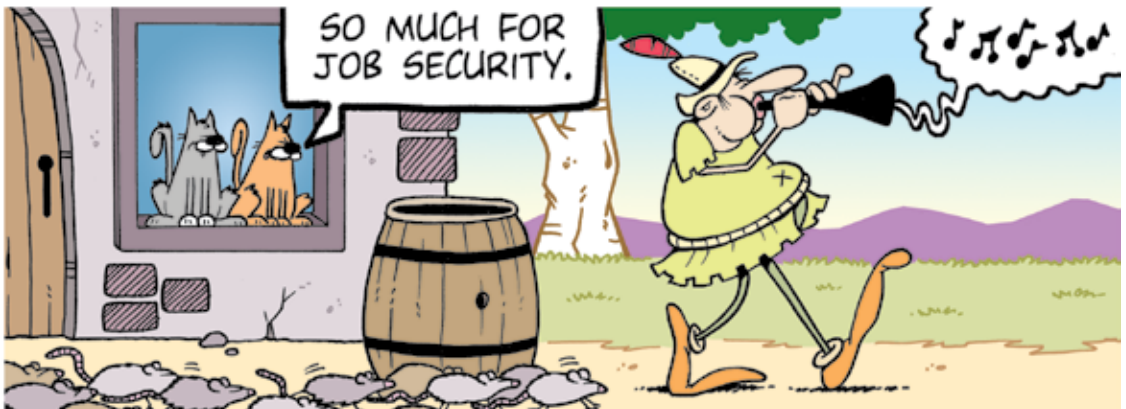


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At the Interface of Land and Sea: Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology

After the museum's quick annual meeting, we will be welcoming Callista Macpherson, Research Assistant with the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Callista will be speaking about her work monitoring some of our salt marshes. The event is on Friday, **May 15** from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please RSVP at www.marionmuseum.org.

Existing at the interface of land and sea, salt marshes are as vital as they are complex and dynamic. Driven by a number of biological, physical, and chemical processes, understanding what makes up a salt marsh, is not always as clear as understanding the services they provide. Salt marshes support communities from the local to global level by providing critical wildlife habitat, continuous carbon storage, and coastal infrastructure protection. However, salt marshes, and the services they provide, are threatened by legacy impacts and complex modern stressors.

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Trim
- NUPER _____
- Place
- DATES _____
- Burn
- GENIS _____
- Saying
- EAGAD _____

TODAY'S WORD



"Of course David knows you're staying for a while, Mother — we _____ about it all week!"

Rabies Task Force is actively involved in rabies prevention and control efforts in the region. They coordinate with local health directors, animal control officers and natural resource officers to contain terrestrial raccoon rabies on Cape Cod. Twice-annual distribution of oral vaccination baits has been key to the program's successes. Come learn more about their work and ways to reduce risk of exposure to rabies.

Light refreshments will be served. To register, please call 508-748-3570. Space is limited.

Marion Fireworks and Independence Day Parade

Come together with the Town of Marion as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Kick off the weekend with fireworks at Silvershell Beach at dusk on Friday, **July 3**.

Our Independence Day Parade rolls out on Saturday, July 4, at 9:00 am, and we want to see your most creative, patriotic parade entries. Applications are now available. Paper copies are also available at the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road.

The nationwide organization, Freedom Bells, invites all residents to toll bells together on July 4 at noon. Please join neighboring towns and community organizations as they toll the bells. You can find more information on their website: freedombells.org.

We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Mattapoissett Road Race

With less than 2 months until the **4th of July**, it's time to lace up your sneakers and get ready to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by running the Mattapoissett Road Race, "4 on the 4th." When this tradition was started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village, around Ned's Point lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on the runners. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School, as well as support Old Rochester athletics. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoissett, Marion and Rochester. Registration for the race is online only, up until 8:30 am on July 4. Until July 1, the registration fee is \$25, on July 2, July 3, and July 4, it is \$35. T-shirt and number pickup is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 3, and 7:30-8:30 am on July 4.

Runners are strongly urged to pick up their shirts and numbers on July 3 to avoid long lines on the morning of the race. For more information and registration, please visit mattapoissettroadrace.com.

NOTICE, MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing will be conducted from 5/26/2026 until 6/5/2026.

Flushing will begin 5/26/2026 at 7:30 pm until 3:00 am in the Acushnet Rd. and North Street areas.

The center of Town will be flushed on 5/27/26 between the hours of 7:30 pm until 3:00 am.

Flushing will continue through 6/5/26 during the daytime hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas.

Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street. Other areas may be affected due to system hydraulics please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

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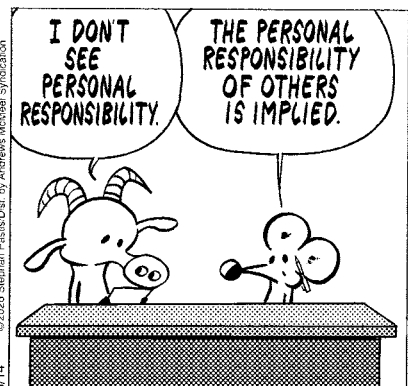
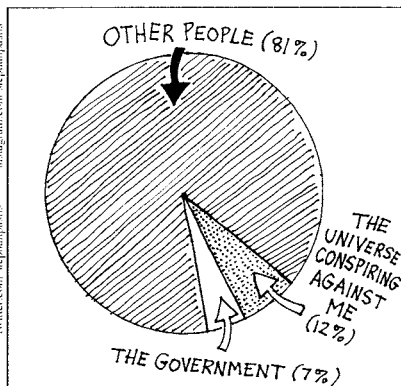
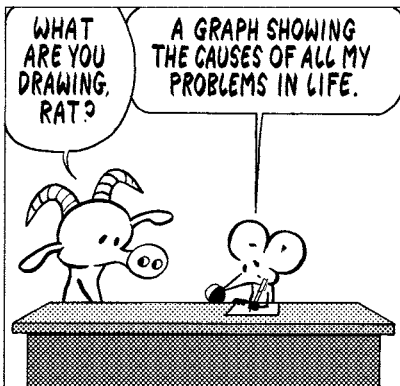
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race

The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race. The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoissett River will take place on Monday, **May 25**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoissett Herring Weir at River RD and Route 6.

A Kayak Division will again be included in the race this year. Basic guidelines for the division are: minimum age 18, single person kayak that the contestant can sit inside of the cockpit, contestant must wear an approved USCG personal flotation device for the entire race, and there will be a \$10 entry fee. See the rules document for all information pertaining to the kayak division.

For the Mattapoissett River Racer (MRR) boats, the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include the kayak division and the MRR open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old). Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

A boat building seminar will not be held this year, but free plans are available for the asking. Contact Art, (artbenner@comcast.net) or Bill (watlingw@gmail.com). We can put you in touch with experienced MRR boat builders that can answer your questions and offer tips, tricks and considerations for building the boat.

Pre-Registration Is Required. Only one registration session will be held at the Rochester Council on Aging (RCOA) Senior Center, 67 Dexter's LN Friday, **May 15**, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman RD or at the



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You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Road, or, you may return the forms by email but you must bring the original, signed forms, to the registration session, or, you may return them by regular mail (USPS). If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgment that they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art, assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, **May 15**, 8:00 pm in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position for this year. Kayak division contestants will draw starting positions after the MRRs.

The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA, Senior Center at, 67 Dexter's LN, Saturday, **May 23**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Supper tickets may be purchased at the door.

There will be raffles for each of two carbon fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III. There will be a silent auction for two additional carbon fiber paddles. Also, a red, white and blue afghan made by Cecelia Hall will be raffled. Tickets for the raffles will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

For further information contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email; artbenner@comcast.net. Visit Facebook, "Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race" for any changes or updates.

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Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 14	6:21	6:47	12:14	11:59
Friday	May 15	7:15	7:37	1:03	12:45
Saturday	May 16	8:06	8:28	1:54	1:33
Sunday	May 17	8:58	9:20	2:48	2:23
Monday	May 18	9:51	10:13	3:43	3:16
Tuesday	May 19	10:45	11:09	4:36	4:10
Wednesday	May 20	11:42		5:30	5:04
Thursday	May 21	12:08	12:41	6:33	6:04
Friday	May 22	1:07	1:40	7:55	7:24
Saturday	May 23	2:05	2:38	9:05	9:23
Sunday	May 24	3:02	3:37	9:59	10:36
Monday	May 25	4:01	4:36	10:39	11:28
Tuesday	May 26	5:00	5:33	11:08	
Wednesday	May 27	5:56	6:24	12:08	11:33
Thursday	May 28	6:45	7:08	12:41	12:04
Friday	May 29	7:29	7:49	1:13	12:39
Saturday	May 30	8:10	8:28	1:47	1:18
Sunday	May 31	8:49	9:05	2:26	2:00

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	May 16th
	First Quarter	May 23rd
	Full Moon	May 31st
	Last Quarter	June 8th

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 and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the May 7, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 3

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

PAW	YAMAHA	BILL	STUMP						
ICE	ARAGON	EDIE	TANYA						
CHECK	FRAUD	GETS	CAUGHT						
SEDAN	FERR	BOSC	ANNLEE						
	FOG	LEFT	HAND	TURN					
THREW	PUNCH	IDA	EOS						
OUI	GONED	DARK	SLID						
OSSIE	HUB	REIN	SIMBA						
THERMAL	MUG	CRETAN	BULL						
	STU	LAI	LASTS	TOP					
EPA	REWARD	SCLUB	TWO						
DOGLEASH	OOO	ALA							
GREAT	STUFF	SPEND	ABUCK						
YESNO	PALP	IVE	SUSHI						
	KNOB	SURFEITS	CUT						
TGT	HAS	EARLS	SCRUGGS						
WENT	BANKRUPT	HER							
INPOUR	YAPS	MIA	ADENT						
SELF	TAUGHT	EATS	BRUNCH						
TRAIN	NOAH	AYEAYE	CAR						
SAYTO	IDLE	ROMPED	EAU						

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Prune; 2. Stead
3. Singe; 4. Adage

Today's Word
ARGUED

Sudoku Answer

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

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