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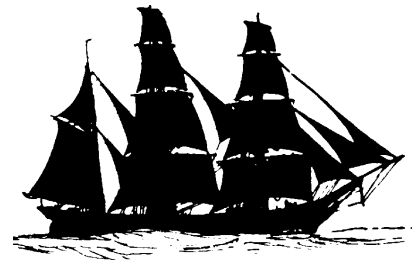
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Macallister Cast in New Discovery Program

By Marilou Newell

Tyler Macallister is a renaissance man. He appreciates the beauty of nature, believes in conservation efforts and enjoys hunting, especially harpoon hunting. He also has been a select board member in Mattapoissett for the last thirteen years. He holds degrees in education, business, and biology. But it is his lifelong love of fishing that has brought him into the national limelight.

Macallister was selected by the Discovery Channel to be one of the starring fishermen in the new show "Harpoon Hunters" which debuts on January 24 at 9:00 pm. He had previously reached out to the producers of Discovery's adrenaline pumping seafaring



programs of human versus nature and was selected for a popular reality show about fishing. That never came to pass, however, as aligning production schedules with his schedule didn't work. But his resume as a fisherman and deep knowledge of both sport and commercial fishing had left an impression. When Macallister was contacted for Harpoon Hunters, it was a go.

Crews were deployed to the area and taping took place over the summer months of 2024. Macallister said that the camera crew deserved a great deal of credit noting that there was a day during the taping when, "... they got every hit." He said there aren't any do-overs in real time, you either get the shot or you don't. We

On the Cover: Amy Laurenda shared this photo of psychedelic skies over Ned's Point taken last summer.

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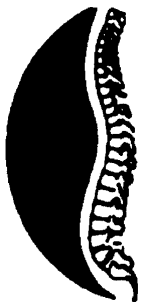
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wondered aloud if this type of fishing was a young person's game. His reply explained the harpoon is not so much thrown out but instead down as the boat crew maneuvers the craft into position for the kill. But he did say "it takes balance." On his website, which features a number of videos taken from his boat, we see the captain traversing the 29-foot-long beam to and from the "pulpit" like an Olympian balance beam athlete. We conclude it takes balance and physical strength.

"...[Macallister] is one of the sharpest fishermen in the harpoon community...he knows the fishery better than most captains," stated one of the show's producers. It is, in fact, considered a very dangerous job. Macallister said, "Everything is moving, the fish, the boat, the water..."

There has to be confidence. Since he was a small boy boating and fishing near his Cape Cod home Macallister has felt at home on the water. He shared a memory saying he credits his grandfather with instilling in him a love for fishing, "...they got me a small boat which ended up sinking in 4-feet of water." Chuckling, he said after that he was given a better boat.

Today Macallister keeps two boats either in Sandwich or in Mattapoissett Harbor depending on what activity he is pursuing. Charters are a mainstay of his fishing life. He takes groups wherever the fish may be including groups of young people who he enjoys introducing to the sport. While he enjoys the hunt, he also respects the conservation of the animal.

Over the years, he has worked directly with NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In the 1970s tuna stocks were declining rapidly and were nearing collapse. Overfishing and poaching were major contributing factors. In 1990, quotas were instituted. The recovery plan worked. "The conservation efforts saved the industry," Macallister stated. Fishermen are compelled by regulations to report their catch from the entire fleet is measured for compliance. "No one should feel guilty about eating blue fin tuna," Macallister said. The fish is now plentiful within the established limits.

To learn more about Harpoon Hunters, visit the Discovery Channel website. To learn more about fishing, visit Macallister's website at fvcynthiac.com.

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their departments cooperated to rescue a duck hunter after he fell out of his boat into the water Monday morning, January 20.

Marion's emergency dispatchers received a 911 call reporting that a man fell in the water from a boat about 200 yards offshore around 7:59 am near Silvershell Beach.

Upon arrival, Harbormaster Murphy and Police Sgt. Larry Savery located the 19-year-old who had pulled himself back into his boat but was suffering from severe hypothermia.

Harbormaster Murphy took off his coat and other clothes and put them on the man in order to help warm him back up.

Once ashore, firefighters provided the man with warming blankets and IV warming liquids. The man was then transported by ambulance to Tobey Hospital in Wareham to receive further medical care. His condition is unknown at this time.

The initial investigation indicates that the man was duck hunting with a friend. The man's friend was

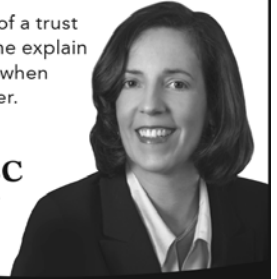
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hunting from the shore when he noticed that the man was no longer in his boat and called 911.

Fire Chief Jackvony and Police Chief Nighelli credit the 17-year-old who called 911 with saving his friend's life.

"Clearly, it was a good heads up that the younger individual was able to make a quick phone call to 911 to get resources out there," Fire Chief Jackvony said. "I'm happy he made that call immediately. It doesn't take long for hypothermia to kick in."

The air temperature was 21 degrees, and the water temperature was 34 degrees at the time of the rescue.

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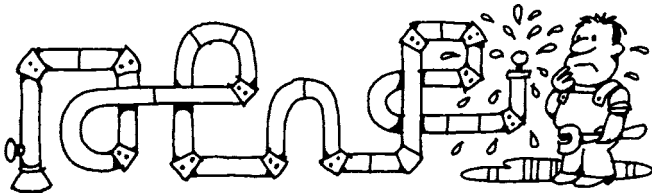
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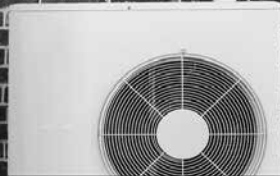
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Savery for going out there in less-than-ideal conditions and bringing this young hunter back to shore," said Police Chief Nighelli. "Their timely rescue allowed us to provide life-saving measures."

Harbormaster Murphy asked boaters to take extra precautions this time of year.

"Be sure to have all the proper safety equipment with you when you're out there hunting," Harbormaster Murphy said. "At these temperatures, seconds matter. Be prepared."

Artist-In-Residence Instructs Center School Students on Traditional Native Art

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Center School Principal Linda Ashley are pleased to announce the successful run of an artist-in-residence program that brought renowned Aquinnah Wampanoag artist Elizabeth James-Perry to the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55's Center School on Jan. 13 and 14.

Students in grades 1 through 3 at Center School participated in an immersive experience led by Elizabeth James-Perry, who taught them about the traditional artwork of the Eastern Woodlands and Algonquian peoples. The two-day residency offered students a unique hands-on experience, engaging them in a process combining personal creativity with cultural education and providing them with a deeper appreciation of Native American art, heritage, and history.

Under James-Perry's guidance, the students made weavings with small looms and corn husks, which were dyed in different colors using all-natural, local plant materials.

"I enjoy teaching corn husk weaving to cultivate proficiency in the arts and inspire appreciation for the environment and natural materials," James-Perry said. "This was an excellent opportunity to share with the students at Center School, and it was wonderful to see how they embraced the experience. Their enthusiasm and creativity remind us of the importance of preserving and teaching these traditions to future generations."

James-Perry's art is deeply rooted in her cultural

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Known for her mastery of woven wampum, twined basketry, quillwork, and sashes, James-Perry was a 2023 National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellow. She continues to be celebrated as one of New England's most accomplished living Native American artists. Her artwork has been commissioned at institutions including the Museum of Fine Arts, Rhode Island School of Design Museum, and the Allard Pierson Museum.

"We were delighted for this opportunity to host Elizabeth James-Perry and to share her exceptional artistry and cultural knowledge with our students," said Principal Linda Ashley. "Our students were immersed in their weaving art projects this week with our visiting artist. Their creativity and inspiration were amazing. We thank Ms. James-Perry for sharing her expertise and heritage with Center School. And thank you to Mrs. Greta Anderson and all the parent volunteers for their support."

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson praised the art program's impact on students by providing them with an engaging cultural experience. Superintendent Nelson said he looks forward to similar events being held at the Center School in the future.

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integrating art and cultural heritage into our curriculum," Superintendent Nelson said. "We are proud to provide opportunities that inspire and educate our students in meaningful ways."

It is OK to "Talk Dirty" to Your Doctor

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

As toddlers, nothing is off-limits. We are fascinated by the whole world, including our bodies and the things that come out from them.

As we get older, we are socialized to regard many topics as not to be discussed, and this often colors the way we present ourselves to doctors and nurses, sometimes to our detriment.

It is said that 70% of the information a doctor needs to make a diagnosis comes from the history. This assumes the history given is accurate.

One good example is our bowels. While I agree that discussing one's bowel habits at a dinner party would not be appropriate, the same does not hold true in the doctor's office. If there has been a change in your frequency or the appearance of your movements, this may indicate disease and so should not be kept secret.

Ditto urination. Increased frequency of urination, loss of bladder control or change in urine color may all need to be addressed, but this will only happen if you tell your doctor about these things.

Your sexual habits may put you at higher risk for certain illnesses and may suggest certain tests be done, but these will only be ordered if the doctor is aware of the need.

Do you drink more than you let on? Do you use injectable drugs? These habits clearly increase your risk of liver disease and other conditions, and it is important that your doctor know about these behaviors.

Just as a Catholic going to confession feels safe in admitting their behaviors to the priest, a patient seeing their doctor should feel safe in discussing topics they would never bring up in any other situation.

Unless your doctor has limited their practice to convents, you will not be telling them anything they have

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While there is doctor-patient confidentiality, in an era of electronic medical records you may justifiably worry about privacy. If this is a concern, you can ask the doctor specifically not to put what you are telling them in their note. Since, in the U.S., you are entitled to see your medical visit notes, you can verify they have followed your request.

A well-informed doctor will give you better care. Nothing you say will shock them, so be open.

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

Davin's 3rd Annual Food Drive Raffle Smashes Goal

By Sam Bishop

A shining example of generosity and determination has again emerged this past holiday season. Young Davin Alves of Marion has once again successfully organized and executed a fundraiser aimed at supporting local food banks. His initiative not only brought joy to many families during the festive period but also highlighted the power of youth-led community service and kindness.

Davin's journey began with a profound desire to help those in need. Inspired by the spirit of giving, he



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To ensure the success of his fundraiser, Davin set clear and achievable goals. He aimed to raise \$5,000. His determination, coupled with the experience of doing this twice before, quickly mobilized his community, with many people eager to support the cause. Local businesses also stepped in.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Davin's fundraiser was the way it brought the community together. Local residents and businesses all rallied around the young boy's cause. The spirit of unity and collaboration was palpable as people from all walks of life

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joined forces to support the fundraiser. Local businesses all played a crucial role in the accumulation of donations with their sponsorship.

In the end, Davin raised \$5,800, exceeding the goal. These donations were used to purchase 38 shopping carts full of food. The community had rallied together in an extraordinary way. The funds raised and food donated have provided much-needed relief to families facing food insecurity. Moreover, Davin's actions continue to show others the importance of being an involved and caring member of your community.

Davin's mother Kathy Lee is rightfully ecstatic about her son's massive success. "In 3 years, he raised almost \$ 10,000 which was used entirely to donate to local



food pantries." she said. "On behalf of Davin and our family we would like to sincerely thank all those who gave to Davin's Food Drive."

Hiring For Key Vacancies and Future Plans

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board Tuesday focused its attention on filling the three town hall positions recently vacated by retirements: Town Planner, Town Accountant, and Police Captain.

Discussion began with its review of a request from the Freetown Town Administrator to share a Town Planner, as that nearby town currently does not have its own. The board responded rather cautiously to the suggestion after Town Administrator Cameron Durant expressed his reservations about such a plan.

"I'm not advocating for this," Durant said, adding that it is too soon to know who Rochester's Town Planner will be and when he or she will be picked. "We are interviewing a candidate for the position this Friday," he noted.

He advised that any regional agreement of that nature would have to be approached carefully. "Regionalization is great when it is for cost savings," he said. "My concern will be that the smaller town doesn't get the smaller end of the draw in the deal."

The board, as a result, took the cautious approach of deciding to ask the Freetown selectmen to send a representative to meet with the Rochester board on the

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issue.

In the search for a town accountant, Durant expressed reservations about the pay rate that the job posting for the position features. The current proposed salary range is not attracting any candidates, he said, and the town may have to raise that salary offering.

"Fifty-five thousand dollars is not getting anybody," Durant said. "People answering the posting say it's not enough. We have to think about our salary range and put more money aside. Certification for this job is a multi-year process. It's not, you attend a seminar and you're certified. It's a more complicated job."

Selectman Adam Murphy said to run a \$28 million operation such as Rochester he would like to see



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what talent pool the position attracts before establishing a salary range for it.

Durant disagreed. "We have to come up with a rough, do-not-exceed amount to have a comfortable conversation with any candidate," he said. The board ultimately agreed to allow Durant to explore options such as hiring a consultant for the town accountant job on an interim basis.

On the subject of Police Department personnel, Durant noted the town is in a similar financial bind. Police overtime, and its price tag, are trending upward, he said. Here too other ways to address these costs need to be explored, he said. Murphy suggested a new officer position should be created to cover what overtime work by other officers usually cover.

In similar action, the board appointed its representatives to the search committees for the three vacated positions. Brad Morse will serve on the Town Planner and Town Accountant search panels. Adam Murphy will serve on the Police Captain Search Committee.

The board also announced it will be issuing a citation to Captain Don Kemmet in honor of his recent retirement from the Rochester Police Department after 26 years of service.

The board hosted newly-elected state representative Mark Sylvia's presentation of a Massachusetts state flag to the town and the introduction

of his legislative director, Betty Benedictus.

The board approved a request to extend its hearing for the Rounsville Road Eversource poles to its February 18 meeting.

The board tabled a request from town clerk Margorie Barrows for potential dates for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election. Murphy cautioned that acceptable dates for the town meeting need first to be cleared with the venue, Rochester Memorial School, and the date cannot conflict with the Marion Town Meeting as he will need to attend that meeting as town Harbormaster.

The board reviewed the town's agreement that lends Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School a School Resource Officer from the Rochester police force. Durant said the current concern with this agreement is who pays the officer's salary for sick days and training, Rochester or the school. He told the board to expect new language for this agreement and a new pact to establish an SRO at Rochester Memorial School at the next select board meeting.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd at 6:00 pm at 1 Constitution Way.

Early Financial Planning

Marion Finance Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Finance Committee met on Wednesday, January 15, to deliberate on the town's financial strategies and budgeting plans for the upcoming fiscal year. The committee emphasized the need for precise forecasting of revenue and expenditures to avoid conservative estimations that could hinder financial planning.

One committee member remarked, "I don't think there's any written guidance in the town," highlighting the challenges faced in budgeting without formal instructions. The committee discussed the importance of collaborating with the select board and other committees, including the school committee, to gather accurate estimates of expenditures and revenues early in the fiscal

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The primary focus of the meeting was to enhance the committee's efficiency in advance planning and organization. This initiative aims to provide timely and relevant financial recommendations to the select board for their consideration. The committee pledged to improve their processes to better serve the community's financial interests.

"Our job is to recommend to the townspeople what we think is best and in the best interest of all of us, at large," stated another member, underscoring the committee's commitment to making informed decisions that benefit the entire community.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee will be on February 19 in the Town Hall's conference room.

First Marion Village Historic District Meeting

Marion Village Historic District Study Committee

By Sam Bishop

The first public meeting of the Marion Village Historic District Study Committee was held on Wednesday, January 15. The meeting was primarily to present the Preliminary Study Report to the public as well as leave time or questions.

Chair of the committee, Will Tifft, began the presentation by saying, "The Marion Village is the most intact historic village in the South Coast. The Marion Village Local Historic District Bylaw aims to preserve and protect the distinctive architectural and historic significance of buildings in Marion Village." He continued, "In fact, over half of the cities and towns in Massachusetts have local historic districts." Tifft spoke of the bylaw's ability to protect the town's distinctiveness and history while also stressing it would not be restrictive and wouldn't prohibit alterations to homes and businesses.



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Stressed again by Tifft was the bylaw's general powers, that being "very limited" in scope. As stated in the bylaw: "This bylaw would limit review to additions, new constructions, and demolitions. All other alterations, including siding, roofing, windows, doors, trim, mechanical equipment, maintenance, and paint color are exempt from review. Also, review is limited to work



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visible from a public way – if it’s not visible, it’s exempt.”

The district would be maintained by the Marion Village Historic District Commission, which would be instated should the bylaw pass. Consisting of five appointed members and two alternatives chosen by the Select Board. The Commission would seek its membership from those with experience in “historic preservation, architecture, land use planning, architectural history, history, law, construction, or engineering.”

The bylaw will be voted on at this year’s town meeting, Monday, May 12, where a 2/3 majority vote is needed to pass. Information such as the proposed bylaw draft, the preliminary study report, as well as a map of the proposed district can all be found on the town website:

www.marionma.gov/631/Marion-Historic-District-Study-Committee.

Board Debated Key Changes to ADUs

Marion Planning Board

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Planning Board on Tuesday and residents at length discussed how to modify its accessory apartment bylaw in compliance with the state’s new accessory dwelling unit draft regulation. The board also discussed a potential bylaw to regulate short-term rentals for accessory dwellings.

Norm Hills, a select board member and a member of the Codification Bylaw Committee, met with the Planning Board with a draft. Hills said the draft had been modified by town counsel in the hopes of aligning with the state ADU draft, which aims to allow more rentals across the state to battle the housing shortage.

“The purpose is to get more reasonable (priced) housing,” Hills said.

However, many questioned how to modify the town’s accessory dwelling bylaw to align with the state but not hinder the rights of homeowners, including some who have rented their homes or additions to supplement their income and help pay for home repairs.

Right now, Marion has a bylaw that allows residents to rent 900 square feet of rental space – or “in-law” style apartments to family members only. Board members agreed that many residents in town build accessory apartments for family members but – once those family members move out or pass on – they continue to rent the space to other people.

Residents who rent or build rental apartment space that exceeds 900 square feet must secure a special permit.

Planning Board members appeared to agree that scrapping “the family restriction” would be a great first step. They also discussed allowing residents to build rental additions by right up to 1,200 square feet, just as long as that addition does not greatly exceed the footprint of the primary residence in the lot.

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would not be allowed to build a 1,200 square foot accessory apartment for rent – an example used on Tuesday.

The board also discussed how to address short-term rentals, which is prohibited within the state’s ADU draft and is not permitted in town within accessory apartments – but admittedly – is still done by some residents.

Residents in town by right can still rent their primary residences for short-term leases, just not accessory apartments.

Planning Board Chairman Andrew Daniel recommended a bylaw that condensed the accessory apartment issue with a short-term rental bylaw.

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Hills said that issue was raised to legal counsel but was not recommended, especially with the state's goal of creating more affordable long-term apartments and not short-term rentals.

Town Planner Doug Guey Lee said that the intention is to make Marion more affordable, allow residents to maintain rights within their properties and help the state meet its housing goals.

He warned board members not to get caught up in "tertiary issues."

The board reconciled debate by agreeing to discuss short term rentals at its February 3 meeting while also continuing its hearing on long-term accessory dwelling units.

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Board members expressed interest in agreeing to a bylaw for both before the spring Town Meeting.

The board also voted to continue hearings for two housing developments for February 3 - 78 Wareham Road and another on Wareham Street.

Developers on both projects asked for a continuation to the February 3 meeting.

Not An ADU

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals on January 16 was architect Charles Rose representing clients Paul and Bettina Henderson, 2 Shipyard Lane. Requesting a Variance to retrofit a garage into additional living space to accommodate a growing family, Rose said the changes would not include a kitchen.

Rose said that two bays of the three bay garage are not utilized presently and that the conversion would give the family two more bedrooms. The main home building, which is not part of the plan, would maintain its historic façade, the board was told. Rose said the Variance was required primarily because the garage sits on the lot line.

Member Aaron Goldberg objected to the plan as presented saying it could potentially set the town up for shed conversions. He said that given the number of sheds on lot lines, approving this plan could set the town up for many more structures on small lots, "We'd be setting a precedent." He warned that with ADUs coming more and more smaller lots could find stand-alone structures being requested on undersized lots. But Chairman Susan Akin said to date no applications for ADUs had been filed. Goldberg held fast to his stated concerns.

Akin, along with members Colby Rottler and Tony Tranfaglia disagreed with Goldberg stating that cases are taken on their individual merits not precedents.

Further discussion found the board approving the Variance with the stipulation that no kitchen facilities would be included. The vote was three for granting the variance and one opposed.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning

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Board of Appeals was not scheduled at adjournment.

Capital Planning Looks at Highway Needs

Mattapoisett Capital Planning

By Marilou Newell

The discussion was wide-ranging from drainage systems to the highway department headquarters, from culverts to snowplowing and grass cutting when the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee met with Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer on January 21.

Bauer brought the committee up to speed on repairs and renovations that have been taking place at the department's headquarters on 5 Mendell Road. He said that exhaust fans, a new sprinkler system, and floor drains, had been completed on a project that is estimated to cost \$3,200,000 when complete.

Next up the committee heard of vehicle needs over the next few years with it clearly noted that new vehicles are taking more than a year to be delivered with long supply chain wait times. It was also clear that Bauer looks to get as much use as possible out of the existing fleet including adding an aluminum liner to one truck to make it more serviceable.

The importance of repairing and updating north to south running village street drainage systems was touched on. Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo said it was imperative to complete some culvert repairs and replacements prior to the beginning of the village street reconstruction project. He said that the Pearl Street drainage project which is currently out for bids will eventually connect to underground storm water systems and that the federally mandated treatment systems of storm water before being discharged into the harbor had to be completed.

There are four culverts on the plan as well. They are Molly's Cove, Water Street, Acushnet Road (the Manny Nunes culvert), and Pine Island. Some grant monies are being sought specifically for Molly's Cove through the Coastal Zone Management process offered by the state Lorenzo noted.

Currently, town departments are fine tuning their FY26 Capital Plans for the spring Town Meeting. The



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Highway Departments spreadsheet lists the following for FY26; \$300,000 annual roadway improvements, \$1,300,000 Oakland Street drainage project, \$3,200,000 building renovations, \$75,000 John Deere Gator (roadside mowing), and an aluminum flatbed for 2015 F-250 sander for a total of \$4,895,000.

Chairman Mike Dahill said that although the committee was not responsible for school capital plans, it was incumbent that the committee include those capital plans so that the public can have the full picture. He asked the committee to avail themselves of a report by the school district that outlined the needs at Old Rochester Junior and Senior High School, an estimated \$53,000,000.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Capital Planning Committee to be announced.

Firearm Safety Messages and Resolutions

Rochester School Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester School Committee on January 16 adopted a resolution directing Superintendent Michael Nelson and Police Chief Michael Assad to craft a communication to parents and guardians on the safe storage of firearms in their home.

The resolution stems from an incident a week before at Rochester Memorial School, said committee member Kate Duggan. A Rochester Memorial School student brought an unloaded BB gun to school. The

Rochester Police Department responded promptly to the situation and the matter was quickly resolved, she said. The result was a resolution proposed by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, of which Duggan is a member, to put adults on notice about safer, secure storage of firearms away from the reach of children. "This will be our way to assure families that our school is safe," she said.

The only push back before the vote came from committee member Josh Trombly, who objected to some of the language in the resolution. He said he loves the resolution and its point at the end. But he noted statistics within the preamble that might not be accurate and wanted them stricken from the RMS resolution.

"I have some concerns about some of the statements here," he said. He noted one of the 12 preambles where-as statements declare 5.6 million children live in homes with loaded, unlocked firearms. "I looked into that statistic, and it's based on a small sample size," he said. In reaction to another section, he noted Massachusetts actually has a lower incidence level of gun violence compared to other parts of the country. "Can we get rid of the preamble?" he asked and added, "It would get us the same plan without a whole lot of the extra stuff. Some of it gets political. We are here to represent 100-percent of our community."

Other board members agreed to revise the final language before issuing the resolution to Superintendent

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Nelson to implement in cooperation with Assad. The resulting vote to approve supporting the resolution was unanimous.

In other action, the committee honored RMS fourth grade student Maggie Sommers, age nine, as winner of a Feinstein Foundation Golden Ticket, which earned her a \$500 check that she will donate to the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. The honor also earned Rochester Memorial School a \$5,000 grant from the Feinstein foundation, an organization based in Cranston, RI whose Leadership School program has attracted over 60,000 young participants for promising "to do good deeds and the make the world a better place." Five student Golden Tickets are randomly selected by drawings held on WPRI Channel 12 each week. Sommers was also awarded certificates of congratulation from the Feinstein organization and RMS.

The committee recognized the recent retirement of Lisa Mazzuca after 17 years of service at Rochester Memorial School and awarded her the book "The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read" by Curtis Manley and Kate Berube. Also, the committee was introduced to Rochester Memorial School's new secretary, Alison Rotella.

The committee accepted the following grants: a \$7,800 openSciEd grant that supports a pilot science program at RMS and \$2,244.33 from Shutterfly for fall school pictures.

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The committee approved accepting book donations from the RMS PTO: "Because of Mr. Terupt" by Rob Buyeas, "Zinnia and the Bees" by Danielle Davis and "The Last Mapmaker" by Christina Soontornvat.

The committee approved Robin Rounsville as its representative on the new Health and Wellness Committee.

The committee announced its next meeting will be March 20. The next district Joint School Committee will be January 23 at ORR Jr. High School, Mattapoissett.

The Rochester School Committee will meet next on March 20 at 6:00 pm in the Rochester Memorial School band room, 16 Pine St., Rochester.

Bulldogs Triumph and Swimmers Excel

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Girls Basketball Team

The Old Rochester Regional high school girls' basketball team hosted Somerset Berkley on January 14 and won 58-27. Emma Johnson was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs moved to 5-3 and have won four consecutive games. Their next game will be at home against Falmouth (4-6), on January 22.

Swimming

The boys' and girls' swimming team faced Durfee in their third meet of the season on January 14. The final scores were Durfee girls 109, Old Rochester 69, and Old

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Rochester boys 104, Durfee 63. For the girls, Bree LeFavor swam a strong 100 fly with a time of 1:13 seconds. On the boys' side, Riley Karo qualified for sectionals in the 100 freestyle with a time of 53 seconds. The boys are now 3-0, and the girls are 0-3. Their next meet will be at New Bedford high school on January 23.

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To the Editor:

Thank you to all who attended the presentation of the Preliminary Historic District Study Report on Wednesday, January 15. The turnout was impressive, as were the thoughtful questions, concerns, and suggestions. More opportunities for comment will be forthcoming.


Many comments focused on how the historic district bylaw would affect individuals personally. While these are valid concerns, they should not overshadow equally important considerations: community and legacy.

Community and legacy shape society, offering a sense of belonging and purpose while leaving a lasting impact for future generations.

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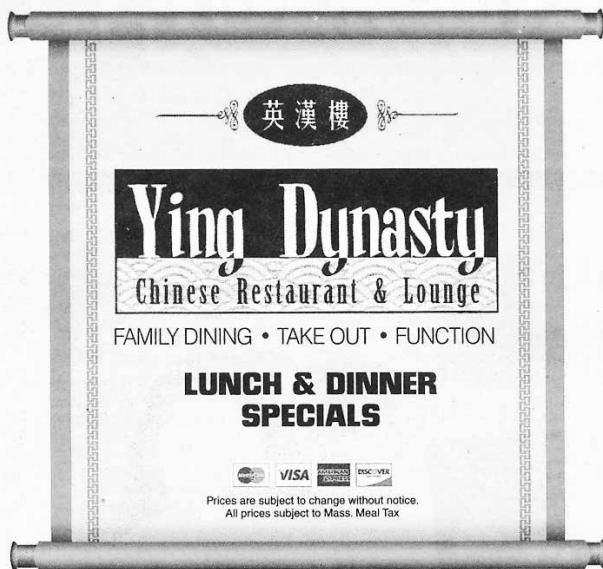
Legacy is the imprint we leave for future generations - the sum of our actions, values, and contributions. It ensures that what we cherish today continues to enrich the lives of those who come after us.

A historic district fosters both community and legacy by preserving buildings, landmarks, and

traditions, creating a sense of continuity that connects past, present and a mutual concern for the future. This shared history fosters pride and belonging, reinforcing cultural and architectural heritage.

Engaging the community in decisions about a historic district ensures it remains authentic, vibrant, and true to its history. As architectural critic Paul Goldberger reminds us, "Old buildings are not ours. They belong, partly, to those who built them, and partly to the generations who are yet to come."

I hope the people of Marion will recognize the value of a Marion Village Historic District in strengthening their community, respecting the past, and ensuring their own legacy endures for generations to



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OBITUARIES



Noah Curtis Greany 26, of Mattapoisett, MA and Boston, MA died January 12, 2025 in Boston from injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

Born in New Bedford, son of Scott M Greany and Marie E. (Lambalot) Greany, he was raised in Mattapoisett before attending college and moving to Boston.

Noah was a beloved son, brother, cousin, and friend whose life was defined by his passion for learning, sports, and making a positive impact on those around him.

A graduate of Tabor Academy, Noah was known for his academic excellence and athletic prowess. Whether in the classroom or on the fields, Noah's dedication and leadership shone brightly. His time at Tabor was marked not only by his achievements but by his kindness, humility, and ability to inspire those around him.

After graduating from Tabor, Noah pursued a Bachelor's degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology and then a Master's degree in Bioinformatics Enterprise at Northeastern University. He continued to demonstrate his intellectual curiosity and commitment to advancing in the sciences. His academic journey reflected his deep interest in understanding his current project and he was excited about the potential to contribute to the future of his field.

He was employed at Hayden Consulting Group in Boston where he was recently promoted to Consultant.

Noah was cherished by his family and especially his tribe of close friends. His warmth, sense of humor and generosity made him the guy you wanted to be around. His presence could lighten up a room and his caring nature left a lasting impression on all who were lucky enough to call him a friend. To know Noah was to love Noah.

Noah is survived by his parents, his sister Grace of Mattapoisett, his maternal grandparents Paul and Nancy (Corcoran) Lambalot, his paternal grandparents Gardner and Carol (Holden) Greany all from Mattapoisett. Also his aunts and uncles, Stephen and Michelle Hughes, Jason and Nicole Cameron from Mattapoisett and Paul and Tracey Lambalot of Boynton Beach, Florida and Stephen and Christine Greany of New Bedford. He is also survived by his many cherished cousins.

Noah is also survived by his girlfriend Emma Zupo of Boston and Long Island, NY who he developed and shared a love for food and travel. They experienced many adventures together bringing them to the Grand Canyon, Italy, and Iceland.

Noah's bright future was tragically cut short, but his legacy of kindness, intelligence, and dedication to his passions will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Due to Noah's very early love for the Boston Red Sox and his passion to conquer cancer, please make a donation to the Jimmy Fund in Noah's name in lieu of flowers.

His visiting hours were held on Friday, January 17th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. Rt. 6 Mattapoisett. His Funeral Service was held on Saturday, January 18th in Wickenden Chapel at Tabor Academy. Burial followed at Cushing Cemetery. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



George Edward Mandeville Jr. "Mandy" 94 of Marion, MA passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2024, at Tobey Hospital in Wareham, surrounded by his wife and stepdaughter after a period of ill health.

George was born in Putnam Connecticut to George Edward and Mabel (Cameron) Mandeville on March 19, 1930. He graduated from Bridgewater

High School in Bridgewater, MA in 1948. There he would letter in football as a tight end and was All County Center in basketball. Upon graduation, Mandy joined the Navy where he served during the Korean Conflict, completing 25 years of service and earning the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Upon discharge he was employed by Boeing (Litton Industries) working with Inertial Navigation Systems. This position would take him to Japan and Australia. He liked to teach people how to say thank you in Japanese.

George enjoyed golf, fishing, RVing, sudoku puzzles, and traveling which took him cruising through the Panama Canal, Alaska, Hawaii more than once, cross country twice, Florida, and five times over the Golden Gate Bridge, with his "Catherine Alda" by his side, especially for their daily lunches and rides.

George is survived by his beloved wife Catherine Mandeville of Marion. Two daughters Patricia Campbell of Colorado and her husband James. Gayle Yunker of Washington State and her husband Ralph. Two grandsons Mathew Yunker and his wife Ashley Moore and their daughter Isabel and Mitchell Yunker. A stepdaughter Cynthia Callow of Marion.

Mandy will be missed for his happy outlook on life and his loving care of Catherine and others.

At the family's request, arrangements will be private through Chapman Funerals and Cremations, Wareham, MA.



MacDonal, Ronald F., 94, Marion, MA, died peacefully on January 17, 2025 surrounded by loved ones. Born in Newton, MA, the son of Ronald A. and Helen F. MacDonald. Long-time resident of Marion. He was a graduate of Newton North High School, Bryant and Stratton Accounting School, and attended Boston University and the University of Michigan Public Utility Executive Program.

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 Chair, Marion Historic District Study Committee
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To the Editor:

The Rochester Firefighters Association wants to keep town residents safe, but we need your help.

As a Rochester resident for over 50 years and as a member of the Rochester Firefighters Association, I want to share an urgent matter that affects the safety and well-being of our entire community. Rochester residents, we need your support.

On Monday, January 27, at 7:00 pm, the Town of Rochester will hold a Special Town Meeting at the Rochester Memorial School to discuss Article #7, which seeks funding for engineering costs for a proposed new fire station. This is a critical step toward modernizing and expanding our fire and EMS facilities to meet the growing needs of our town.

Our current fire station, built in 1883, has served us for generations. However, despite multiple additions and modifications, it no longer meets the demands of modern emergency services. The existing station and its

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location are insufficient for the expansion needed to meet current and future demands.

Why Do We Need a New Fire Station?

1. Outdated and Insufficient Space:

-The current station cannot accommodate modern fire apparatus due to limited garage space and the door size limits the apparatus we can purchase. Due to lack of storage, we are forced to store some equipment outdoors, leading to increased wear and tear and slower response times.

-There are no dedicated decontamination bays for cleaning gear, increasing the risk of hazardous exposure to carcinogens embedded in fire gear. As well as a lack of space for EMS supplies and essential training spaces.

2. Ventilation Issues:

-The ventilation system is not up to code, allowing exhaust fumes from vehicles to permeate the bays, living quarters, and sleeping areas. This creates unsafe working conditions for our staff.

3. Inadequate Facilities for Staff:

-The station lacks proper living and sleeping quarters to accommodate our personnel.

-It is not ADA compliant, making it inaccessible for community training and other vital uses.

OBITUARIES

Ron had a distinguished 38 year career as an Executive with New Bedford Gas and Edison Electric and Commonwealth Electric (now Eversource). He served his community as Past President of United Way of New Bedford, Director of the former First National Bank of New Bedford, Director of the Rotary Club, Junior Achievement, Boy Scouts, YMCA, and the Chamber of Commerce. He was also a long time member of the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. He served 3 years on the Marion Finance Committee and was a member of the First Congregational Church of Marion. Ron loved sports, especially baseball and tennis. He was an avid tennis player and belonged to the Sippican Tennis Club and Marion Indoor Tennis Club.

Ron is survived by his loving wife Audrey H. Mac-

Donald of 61 years, son Ronald F. MacDonald, Jr of Arlington, daughter Janice M. Koss and L. Brian Koss of Woburn (formerly Winchester) and Chatham and granddaughters MacKenzie and Abigail.

His private Funeral Service will be held in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett followed by burial in Evergreen Cemetery. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.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.

LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING

Check www.orctv.org for the latest updates to the schedule.



PUBLIC ACCESS

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Thursday January 23, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Cape Conversations
 8:30 AM For Your Health
 9:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Past Pastimes
 9:30 AM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
 11:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
 3:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
 7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
 10:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: The Cathedral of Notre Dame
 11:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Songs of Peace and Hope
Friday January 24, 2025
 7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
 8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
 9:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
 11:00 AM A Conversation With...
 11:30 AM Cape Conversations
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
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Coastline

1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
 3:30 PM This is America and the World
 4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
 4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
 5:00 PM MEFA College Financing Seminar
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: The Cathedral of Notre Dame
 7:30 PM Thomas Bassett - Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony
 8:00 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Monomy
 9:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth
 11:00 PM Sippican Choral Society - Songs of Peace and Hope
Saturday January 25, 2025
 6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM A Conversation With...
 10:30 AM Cape Conversations
 11:00 AM Science 360
 11:30 AM Health Source
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
 1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 3:30 PM South Coast Matters
 4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 8:30 PM Mattapoisset Museum: The Hurricane of 1938
 10:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 11:30 PM Classic Movies
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 8:30 PM Mattapoisset Land Trust
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
 11:00 PM Classic Movies
Sunday January 26, 2025
 6:00 AM Health Source

Sunday January 26, 2025

6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
 8:00 AM Mattapoisset Congregational Church
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
 10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park
 11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
 11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
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 2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
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 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 4:30 PM Boston Celtics Owner Wyc Grousbeck Interview
 5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Bishop Stang
 8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dartmouth
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:30 PM Building the Future
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

Tuesday January 28, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 9:30 AM The Collective Chat
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
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 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 5:00 PM Tri-Town Holiday Events
 5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Wednesday January 29, 2025

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

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GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
 8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
 10:30 AM Marion Planning Board
 11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
 12:30 PM Marion School Committee
 2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
 3:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
 5:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
 6:00 PM Marion Board of Health
 6:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
 8:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
 9:30 PM Marion School Committee
 11:00 PM Marion Finance Committee

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
 8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
 9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
 12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
 12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
 3:00 PM ORR School Committee
 4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
 5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
 6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
 9:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
 11:00 PM Rochester School Committee

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
 7:30 AM Sippican Jr. Reporters
 8:30 AM Old Colony Skills USA
 9:00 AM Old Colony Drama
 11:00 AM RMS Chorus Concert
 11:30 AM Old Colony Robotics Competition
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 12:30 PM Old Colony Football vs Narragansett
 2:30 PM ORR Boys DIII MAA State Finals vs Charlestown
 3:30 PM ORR Boys Baseball vs GNBV
 5:00 PM ORR Pep Rally
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 6:30 PM FORM Instrumental Concert
 8:00 PM ORR Music Education
 9:00 PM ORR Music - Night of Jazz
 10:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Somerset Berkley
 11:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Apponequet

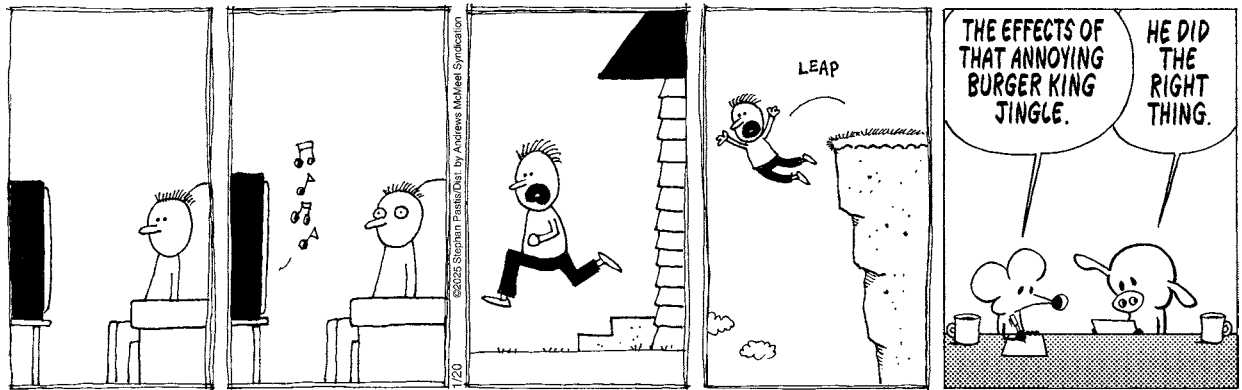
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



A Growing Need for Advanced Services. In 2014, we transitioned from a Basic Life Support (BLS) to an Advanced Life Support (ALS) system, providing 24/7 ambulance services. Over the years our emergency call volume has increased significantly, putting additional pressure on an already outdated facility.

What's at Stake? Neighboring towns like Mattapoisett, Carver, and Onset have recently constructed modern fire stations with features such as larger garage bays, advanced ventilation systems, and ample storage. Rochester cannot afford to fall further behind. Funding the engineering costs for a new fire station is a vital first step toward creating a facility that meets our community's current and future needs. Without this investment, it affects the safety of our firefighters, EMS personnel and the well-being of our entire community

Your Voice Matters. We urge all residents to attend the Special Town Meeting on January 27th to learn more about the challenges we face and the solutions we propose. For more details, visit the Rochester Fire Department Facebook page at facebook.com/RochesterFireDepartment to watch a video explaining the project.

Together, we can build a safer and stronger future for Rochester.

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Academic Achievements

Bree Killion of Rochester, **Brady Lee** of Mattapoisett, **Drew Mastovsky** of Marion, **Gracie McCarthy** of Marion, **George Psychopaidas** of Mattapoisett, and **Zachary Zutaut** of Rochester have been named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Dean College is pleased to announce that **Emily Kilpatrick** of Marion has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester. Students named to the

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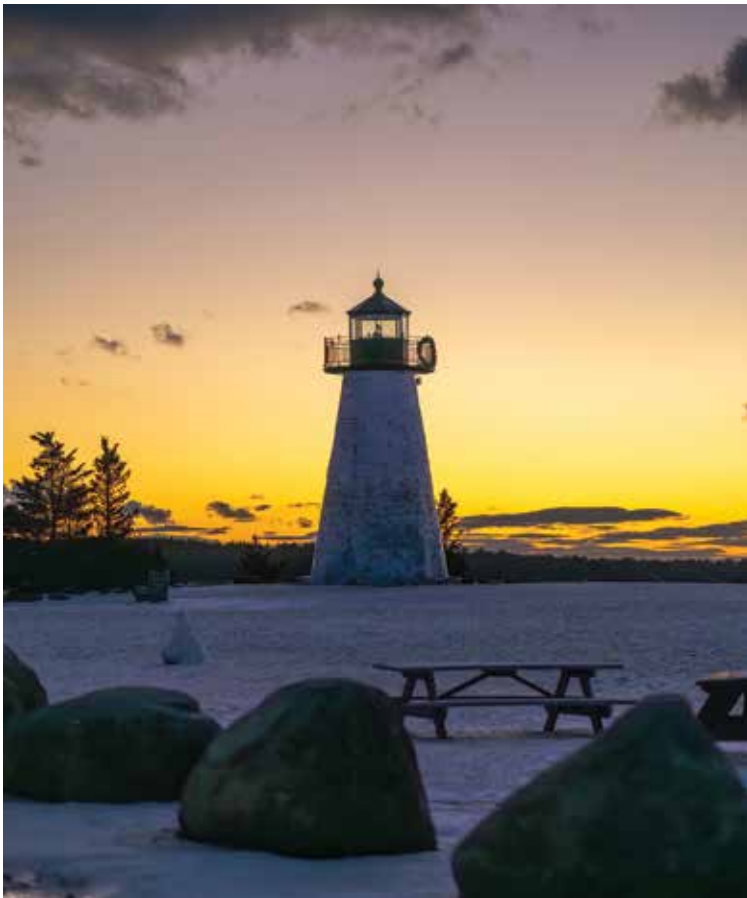


Three generations of the Brownell family at the Windmill Bar in St. John USVI. Courtesy Holly Anne Turner

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Students in grades 1 through 3 at the Center School in Mattapoisett make weavings using small looms and corn husks that they dyed various colors using natural plant materials, under the direction of Artist-In-Residence Elizabeth James-Perry on Jan. 13 and 14.



Aquinnah Wampanoag artist Elizabeth James-Perry teaches a group of students at the Center School on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 13 and 14, as an artist-in-residence. The students learned how to make them using small looms, with corn husks that they dyed with local plant materials. (Photos courtesy Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55)
(left) Ned's Point photo by Erick Dawson

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

Dean's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Annabell Nestler of Kottmar (Walddorf) excelled during the fall 2024 semester at Hofstra, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List. Annabell's major is Pre-Health.

Stonehill College proudly recognizes **Maxwell Brulport** of Rochester, **Samuel Parks** of Marion, **Matthew Curry** of Mattapoisett, **Amelia Joseph** of Mattapoisett, **Hannah Squires** of Mattapoisett, **Andrew Poulin** of Rochester, **Martha Savage** of Mattapoisett, **Ella Caesar** of Marion, and **Allison Winters** of Rochester, who were named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List. To qualify for this recognition, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better. They must also have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered during the term.

Plymouth State University recognizes **Summer Williams**, a Psychology major of Rochester and **Olivia Lapierre**, a Criminology major of Rochester who made the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Marion Social Club

The Marion Social Club is sponsoring an "old fashioned" ham and bean supper on Saturday **February 8**. The menu will consist of ham, beans, coleslaw, brown bread, and a dessert. Doors open at 5 pm for socializing, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and



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MOVIE REVIEW

David Lynch 1946-2025

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com



It feels wrong to be *writing* about David Lynch. I should be making a sculpture, or a painting, or a piece of music or film, or a dance, or something out of wood. Out of a log, perhaps. Lynch, the idiosyncratic artist turned movie director, died last week at age 78, and boy, does he leave an enviable legacy. A legacy not only of indelible films but of warm relationships; when one woman after another posted beautiful, loving words about him following his death, we were reassured that Lynch had truly been one of the good ones, at a time when creators assumed to have been good ones (Rowling, Gaiman) turned out to be garbage.

Lynch understood garbage. There was stark raving evil in most of his work, and abuse of all kinds, mostly towards women. Lynch seemed appalled by this evil and abuse, and sought to dig around inside it. He also believed in goodness. For every Frank Booth or Baron Harkonnen, there was a Kyle MacLachlan. For every Marietta Fortune or Dorothy Vallens, there was a Laura Dern. Yet in his last major works (*Twin Peaks: The Return* and *Inland Empire*) Lynch also put MacLachlan and Dern to the test, gave them a chance to play multiple variations on the same character.

Lynch isn't for everyone. Not even all his work is for all his fans. For me and a lot of others, the least favorite of the bunch is *Wild at Heart*, but even that has amazing moments and a killer cast, neither of which you'd find anywhere else. I should confess I still haven't seen *Twin Peaks: The Return*, Lynch's 2017 return to the town that made him, in 1990, inescapable. I'll get on it, but I feel I need to rewatch the first two *Peaks* seasons and the movie, and all of that is a good chunk of time. *The Return* alone, which many have cited as Lynch's *magnum opus*, runs 18 hours.

Where should the newcomer start? The consensus is that if, say, the first two installments of the original *Peaks* don't do it for you, maybe just move on. Some point to Lynch's 1999 *The Straight Story* as the rare Lynch project without a whisper of evil or darkness in it — it's literally a G-rated Disney movie, and offers nothing to offend or disturb, yet its artistic focus on goodness and the gorgeous unscrolling landscape mark it as one of his purer works. In terms of content, though, it's not going to prepare anyone for the sex and desolation of *Lost Highway* or *Mulholland Drive*. Possibly the worst doorway

into Lynchland is the very R-rated *Twin Peaks* movie, inaccessible to anyone who hasn't watched *Peaks* seasons 1 and 2, and I mean *recently*. Don't start there.

Some of his lesser-known works show a goofier side of Lynch. *Dumbland* and *The Angriest Dog in the World* should probably have "For Fans Only" stencilled across them. *Rabbits* is weird and foreboding and surreal on its face, and his segments of *Hotel Room* need wider scrutiny. *On the Air* was the type of nutty humor Lynch didn't get to indulge in very often, like his unmade projects *Ronnie Rocket*, *One Saliva Bubble* and *Dream of the Bovine*. That last was going to be about three guys who used to be cows. Lynch tried to get Marlon Brando on board for that one. My favorite dead Lynch thing was *I'll Test My Log with Every Branch of Knowledge*, featuring Catherine Coulter taking her log to visit different professionals every week. The log would sit in a dentist's chair with a little bib on. That detail still cracks me up. Coulter, of course, later appeared as the Log Lady on *Twin Peaks*.

In later years Lynch kept doing his version of doodles — a short film for Netflix here, a piece of music with longtime collaborator Angelo Badalamenti there. *Inland Empire* shook out as his final theatrical feature, *The Return* his farewell to series television. He never sold out; even *Dune*, his one concession to big-budget would-be franchise filmmaking, is thoroughly and unshakably Lynchian. It's possible that the biggest legacy he left us is that word. Say something is Lynchian and a lot of people know what you mean without further explanation. It most often describes something bizarre yet human in all its flawed aspects; having a Lynchian experience means you feel like an alien observing human behavior that seems alien. To Lynch, the world was weird, in bad ways and good, and deserved to be understood or at least engaged with as compassionately as we knew how. Maybe the best way to honor Lynch's memory is to perform acts of kindness that don't always make sense. The sense is not important; the kindness is.

can be reserved by calling Betsey Youngson at 508-295-8253. The cutoff date is February 3. Thank you to everyone that supports the Organization.

Matt Dems - How To Run For Public Office

The Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee will hold its first meeting of 2025 on Wednesday **January 29** at 6:00 pm in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoissett Library. We will offer our forum, "So you want to run for Public Office," providing useful tips and information for anyone interested in running for public office or being appointed to any one of our town boards.

This forum will be moderated by Nicki Demakis, Chair of the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee, with contributions from Nicky Osborne, Treasurer of the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee and Frances-Feliz Kearns, Mattapoissett Representative to the ORR School Committee. They will be joined by other local elected and appointed representatives who will share their tips and insight into what it takes to run and win a successful campaign for any local public office.

The forum will provide a road map from pulling papers with your local Clerk, to how to run and manage a campaign through election day. We will provide the tools to encourage those who may have thought about running for public office but weren't sure how to do it. We have the answers.

We will highlight the list of all elected positions



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- Main St – Gunshots reported
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV collision
- Jenna Dr - Fraud
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – Abandoned MV
- County Rd – UAS deployment
- Lewis St – Larceny/past
- Allen St – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Parking enforcement
- Joanne Dr – Officer wanted
- Converse Rd – MV collision
- Santos Dr – EMS/medical
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Gas leak
- Marion Rd – General service
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV complaint
- Route 195 East – MV fire
- Point Rd – General service
- Olde Knoll Rd – General service
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Joanne Dr – General service
- Moorings Rd – General service
- Route 195 West – MV stop/arrest
- Front St – Smoke investigation

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 12-Jan 18

- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Upland Way – Medical assist
- Baptist St – Gunshots reported
- Brant Beach Ave - Complaint
- Hammond St – Ambulance request
- North St – Property found
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – General service
- North St – MV/B&E
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Church St – Medical assist
- Upland Way – Domestic disturbance
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Upland Way – Peace officer
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Brookside Dr – Generals service
- Baker Ln – Medical assist
- North St – Animal control
- Old Mattapoisett Neck - Vandalism
- Marina Dr - Complaint
- Shore Dr – Restraining order
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Barstow St – General service
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Upland Way – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – Follow up
- Upland Way – Peace officer
- Barstow St – 911 call

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 12-Jan 18

- Walnut Plain Rd - Disturbance
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – MV accident/arrest
- Neck Rd - Fraud
- Sparrow Ln - Harassment
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Randall Rd - Medical
- Bennett Rd – 911 call
- North Ave – Burglar alarm
- County Rd – Follow up
- North Ave – General services
- Rounseville Rd – Road hazard
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- North Ave – Transport/escort
- Clapp Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – General services
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- North Ave – MV collision
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Pine St – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – Well-being check
- Pierce St – Suspicious activity
- Jasons Ln – Outside fire
- Pine St – Well-being check
- Pine St - Medical
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity

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, Jan 27:** Honey jerk chicken, vegetable couscous, zucchini & peppers, wheat roll, applesauce
- Tuesday, Jan 28:** Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, pear
- Wednesday, Jan 29:** Chicken alfredo, whole grain pasta, broccoli, Hawaiian roll, banana
- Thursday, Jan 30:** Beef Stroganoff, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, cinnamon crumb cake, diet: fruit cup
- Friday, Jan 31:** Cheese lasagna w/marinara, green beans w/peppers, dinner roll, Mandarin orange
- CENTER SCHOOL**
- Monday, Jan 27:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, Jan 28:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Jan 29:** Pancakes,

- Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty, maple syrup (early release)
- Thursday, Jan 30:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain roll
- Friday, Jan 31:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

- Monday, Jan 27:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, Jan 28:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Jan 29:** Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty, maple syrup (early release)
- Thursday, Jan 30:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain roll
- Friday, Jan 31:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

- Monday, Jan 27:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French

- fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, Jan 28:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Jan 29:** No lunch served (early release)
- Thursday, Jan 30:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain roll
- Friday, Jan 31:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

- Monday, Jan 27:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, Jan 28:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Jan 29:** Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty, maple syrup (early release)
- Thursday, Jan 30:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain roll
- Friday, Jan 31:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

- Monday, Jan 27:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, Jan 28:** Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Jan 29:** Pancakes, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty, maple syrup (early release)
- Thursday, Jan 30:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain roll
- Friday, Jan 31:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

- Monday, Jan 27:** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll OR Shepherd's pie & dinner roll
- Tuesday, Jan 28:** Chicken nuggets & fries
- Wednesday, Jan 29:** Cheese lasagna & garlic bread
- Thursday, Jan 30:** Loaded buffalo chicken tater tots
- Friday, Jan 31:** Assorted pizza

up in 2025 as well as open slots on appointive boards and committees which offer great opportunities for volunteer service to our town.

Please come with a neighbor, family member or friend and bring any questions you might have or just listen in. For more information, please reach out to Nicki Demakis, Chair, at ndemakis@tidlaw.com.

No Leaves? No Problem. Winter Tree ID

Looking for something to do with the kids on the school early release day? The Mattapoissett Land Trust is hosting a Winter Tree ID walk on Wednesday, **January 29** at 2:00 pm at our Brandt Island Cove trail system Walega-Livingstone Preserve at the Anchorage Way entrance (24 Tara Road). Our walk leader will be Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust's land manager Linda Vanderveer. Linda has been the Land Manager for the DNRT since 2013. In her capacity as Land Manager, she oversees the management of nearly 2,000 acres of forests, fields, and wetlands in the Town of Dartmouth. She is an avid hugger of trees, especially in winter. Won't you join us for this lovely winter hike and learn how to identify our native trees in their winter outfits?

Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Only the worst weather will cancel an MLT hike. No RSVP is required for this free hike. Email manager@mattlandtrust.org or call 774-377-9191 with any questions. Check our Facebook page for any event updates.

MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage. Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MTPI is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights. These plays are small cast shows with one to six characters. Selected playwrights will work with two mentors who are experienced theater artists to fine-tune their plays over the course of several months and prepare the script for production. After regular writing evaluations, when the script is ready, the mentors will work with the MAC to find a director and assist her or him in casting the show with appropriate actors. One or more readings with a select focus group audience will include a feedback/response process, and the end result is a completed script, ready for debut performance for a live audience on stage at the Marion Art Center.

The mentors for the 2025-2026 MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator are Susan Lumenello and Tony Ferreira. Lumenello is a Cape-Cod based playwright whose latest work, *Dreamsville*, just had its world premiere at Cotuit Center for the Arts. She is a professional author and editor, an enthusiastic dramaturg, and a member of the Dramatists Guild. Ferreira is an



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actor, director, stage manager, and dramaturg. Most recently, he stage-managed for WatermelonAlligator Theatre Company's 2023 and 2024 Black Box productions of *The Way It Is* and *Dreamsville*, respectively. He appeared as Scrooge in the mini-tour of *A Christmas Carol* and directed the highly successful run of *Miracle on South Division Street* for WatermelonAlligator in December 2022.

Any new writer who has not yet been published or had a play produced is invited to submit her or his script or outline for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program. Selected applicants are required to sign an agreement with the MAC Theater, outlining expectations and a commitment to the program. Playwrights must be available to meet on site with mentors, for readings and all aspects of the production process including auditions, rehearsals, tech work and performances. Apply online at marionartcenter.org/mtpi. Applications are due by **March 31**. The selected playwright for the 2025-2026 program will be announced in early May. Please send any questions to mtpi@



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- 12 Records file
- 20 Punch combo
- 21 Splochy GI garb
- 22 He played Al Bundy on TV
- 23 Planners of campus events
- 25 Often-pickled red vegetable
- 26 Atop, in poems
- 27 Lena of "The Reader"
- 28 Latin "I love"
- 30 Patron saint of sailors
- 31 Brotherhood
- 39 Capital of a Mexico state
- 40 Hard to find
- 41 Burdened
- 42 Travail
- 44 Political campaigners for a particular issue
- 50 Wonderment
- 53 Dragon in "The Hobbit"
- 57 Suffix with racket
- 58 Not at all tight
- 59 Medieval protectors of trade
- 63 Icebox
- 65 Boise's state
- 66 Gel in a lab
- 67 By means of
- 68 Claimed psychic gift
- 69 Regulators of a moral code
- 76 Bath fixture
- 79 Printer fluid
- 80 Years on end
- 81 More devious
- 85 Surfs the internet, e.g.
- 88 Fighters of animal cruelty
- 92 Madison Ave. contact
- 93 Sea, in Paris
- 94 Corrective eye surgery
- 95 Pitching star
- 96 It consists of 13-player football teams
- 100 Aspirin target
- 103 Japanese alternative to massage
- 104 "Carpe —!"
- 108 Newspaper of the USSR
- 112 Managers of houses in a subdivision
- 118 SpaceX founder Musk
- 119 Formed a lap
- 120 "Leave — the pros"
- 121 Anna of fashion
- 122 It has Cut and Copy commands
- 126 Apt playing card for this puzzle's theme?
- 131 Company VIP
- 132 Barrymore or Waters of "Pinky"
- 133 Consignment shop deal
- 134 "I have no idea!"
- 135 — Dame
- 136 A whole lot
- 9 One-sharp musical key
- 10 Sticky gunk
- 11 Hit — (run into some trouble)
- 12 Urbane
- 13 Fruity drink
- 14 Foot part
- 15 Busy crawler
- 16 Artsy cap
- 17 Garlicky mayonnaise
- 18 Replay speed, briefly
- 19 "Your Song" singer John
- 24 Whole lot
- 29 Ice cream drink
- 32 "Tsk!"
- 33 — -friendly
- 34 She was Mrs. Gorbachev
- 35 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
- 36 Nuptial oath
- 37 Buddhism branch
- 38 Point of view
- 43 K-O linkup
- 45 Toon frame
- 46 Fish eggs
- 47 Seep out
- 48 Wields
- 49 Crime doer
- 50 French bud
- 51 Join nuptially
- 52 Pitching stat
- 54 Sharp as —
- 55 Popular Aussie boots
- 56 Avocado dip, for short
- 60 Fidel's cohort
- 61 Sweltering
- 62 "... sad and dreary everywhere —": Stephen Foster
- 63 Suitable
- 64 Disloyal sort
- 67 Ivy and kudzu
- 70 Go in haste
- 71 Electees, e.g.
- 72 Diner offering
- 73 "— Lisa"
- 74 PC key
- 75 Gin inventor
- Whitney
- 76 Ski lift type
- 77 Pakistani language
- 78 Tennis: Björn
- 82 Positive vote
- 83 And so on: Abbr.
- 84 Dark loaf
- 86 Fly trapper
- 87 Jazz's — Gyra
- 88 Mecca-to-Medina flight
- 89 Country east of Arg.
- 90 Little drink
- 91 Giraffe's kin
- 93 Be certain
- 97 Actor Ayres
- 98 A, in Berlin
- 99 Self-help author
- LeShan
- 101 Lyric-penning
- Gershwin
- 102 Ballplayer of D.C., in brief
- 105 Apple computer camera
- 106 Bible book before Job
- 107 Mark with multicolored spots
- 109 Optical
- 110 Exact look-alike
- 111 Licoricelike seeds
- 112 Listens to
- 113 Classic song
- 114 Actress
- Shearer
- 115 PC key
- 116 Dutch painter
- Jan
- 117 Dove's call
- 123 Roman 1,200
- 124 Biblical verb suffix
- 125 — de plume
- 127 Figure skater
- Midori
- 128 To's partner
- 129 Company
- VIP
- 130 Timothy
- Leary's drug

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- 1 Become lenient
- 2 Intestine: Prefix
- 3 Of axons and dendrites
- 4 "— be my honor"
- 5 Ram's mate
- 6 Prince, e.g.
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and messages, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes can usually discern what's fact from what's faux, an upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions; some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up an old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing a vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave a project, ask for a meeting where you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Instead, take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices during the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All your hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you'd hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems, but avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle some pesky personal problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times. You're a very reliable person.

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The 2024-2025 playwright, Kate Herlihy, will be premiering her original work, *Jab*, during the ArtWeek SouthCoast on May 16, May 17, and May 18 at the MAC. Ms. Herlihy is an actor, playwright, director, and dancer completing her BFA in Theatre Performance and Production at Texas State University. She is an alum of Walnut Hill School for the Arts where she studied all aspects of theatre performance and technical theatre. Her time as a writer began at Walnut Hill under Ronan Noone and has since studied dramatic writing with people like Jonathan Bernstein, Caitlin Turnage, and Syd Rushing, all of whom have been influential and integral parts of shaping who she is as a writer. While this is her first play to be produced, she's had various staged readings; *A Mind in Riot* (The Performing Arts Project, 2022), *Révérence* (Critic's Choice for Best Play at James W. Price 10-Minute Play Festival, 2023), and *You're Not... Are You?* (Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region 6 Finalist, 2024).

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COVID-19, Flu, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) are respiratory viruses that can cause severe disease resulting in hospitalization and sometimes death. Everyone 6 months and older should get a seasonal flu vaccine and an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against infection, serious illness, and hospitalization. To reduce the risk of becoming sick with a respiratory virus and keep our community healthy, it is important to take precautions, especially if you or someone in your household is at higher risk for severe disease.

Protect yourself and others by taking these steps to help stop the spread of illnesses like COVID-19, Flu, and RSV:

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Do you have a kiddo who loves to read and wants to share their favorite books with other bookworms? We invite you to join BookBuds, our book clubs for kids. The BookBuds meet monthly to discuss their favorite reads, tell jokes, and share the "good news of the day". There are three age levels (ages 6-8, 9-12, and 12+) that meet at the Library. The upcoming dates are Saturday **February 1** at 10:30 am for ages 6-8 years, Thursday **February 6** at 4:30 pm for ages 9-12 years, and Thursday **February 6** at 6:00 pm for ages 12 years and up. Come with a book you're currently reading and would like to share with the group. Registration is required via the Library's website, under the BookBuds tab. Refreshments are served. Feel free to call the Library at 508-763-8600 or email Ms. Lisa (lfuller@sailsinc.org) with any questions.

Plumb Library also has two book clubs for adults that run monthly and are open to anyone aged 18+. The COA Book Group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1 pm at the Rochester Council on Aging. The February book is "Weyward" by Emilia Hart on **February 18**.



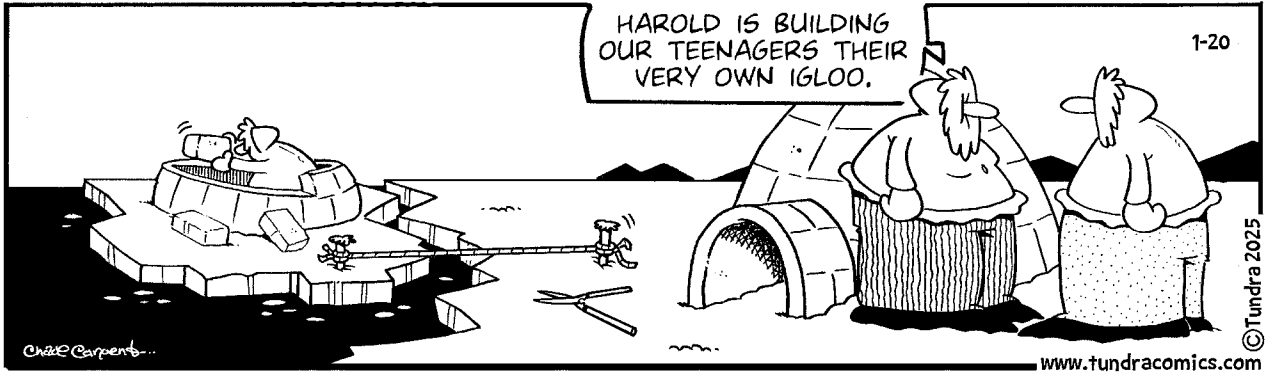
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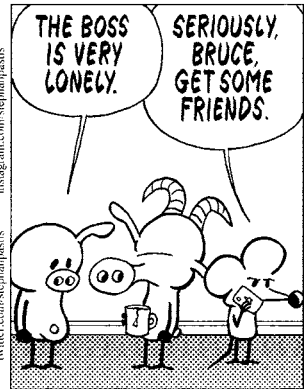
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For those who can't make it to a book club meeting, but are still looking for a reading activity, check out the Massachusetts Center for the Book Reading Challenge. Each month brings a new theme to keep you reading outside the box. The January theme is "a book published in or about the year you were born." Stop by for more info or check out their website www.massbook.org/readingchallenge. If you'd like to log your reading with the MA Center for the Book, you will need to create an account. All readers are eligible to win raffle prizes during the Challenge.

Library hours are: Monday/Thursday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday/Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are closed on Sundays and holidays. The library can be contacted by phone at 508-763-8600 or email at info@plumblibrary.com. We are unable to respond to email, voicemail, or Messenger outside of normal operating hours.

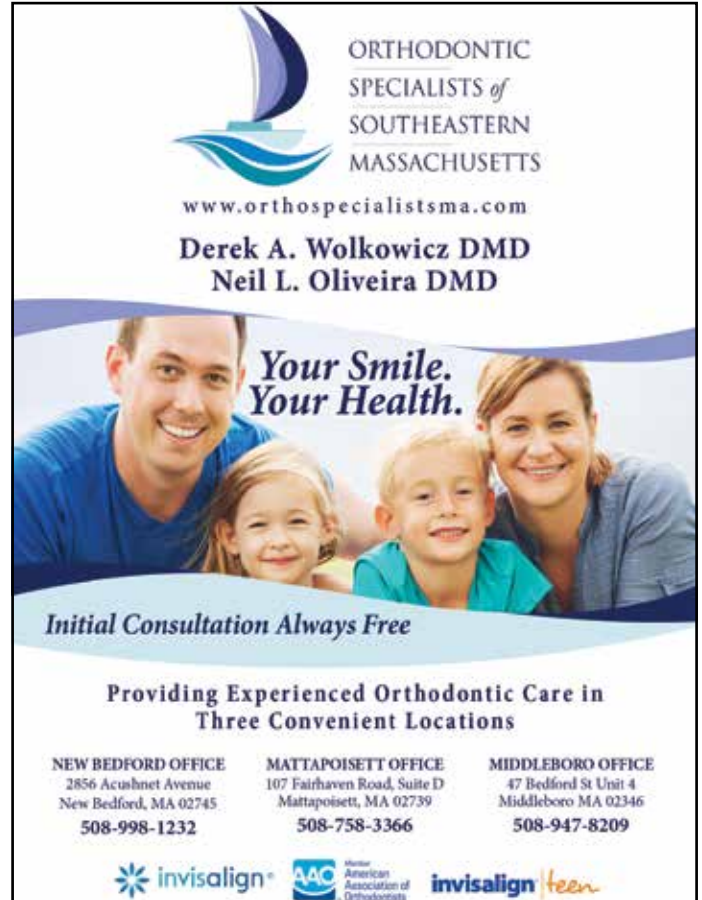


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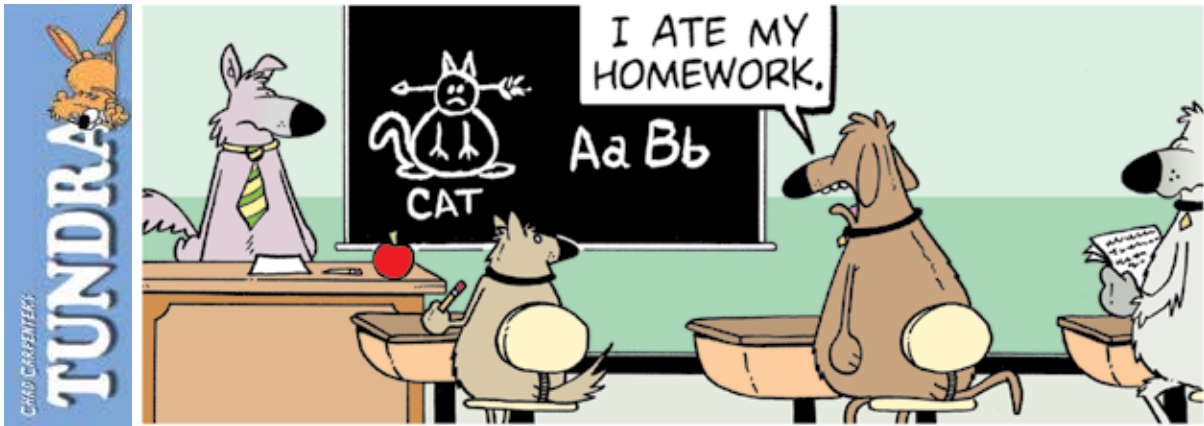
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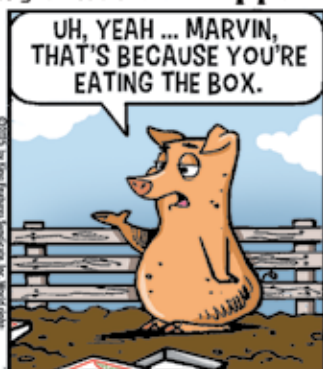


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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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

As you may know I always like a good history mystery. A while ago I found a poster that presented me with one. Given that I found a poster at the museum asking the question at the heart of this mystery, I know it has been looked into before, but there was nothing to show if any answers had been forthcoming.

The question in question is "Did you know that there was once a Wild Animal Farm in Rochester?" Now, here is what I do know about the "farm". Its location was on Donald George's property near Mary's Pond Rd. When asked about it, Donald said that his family moved onto the property when he was a child and that he remembered finding a variety of small structures and wire cages there.

The wild animal farm would have been open in the early half of the 1900's (think 1930's) as both George Church and Maurice Fuller remembered that they went there as children, but that's where their memories ended. Barbara King Besse remembered seeing a sign for the farm hanging on a fence in the area where the entrance had probably been located.

Eydie Johnson did some research that showed that prior to the George family, there were many owners of the property, but no mention of a wild animal farm was found. I wonder if anyone has ever seen any pictures of such a place when going through family photos or come across an advertisement or remember an older family member or acquaintance reminiscing about a visit there.

Of course, at first, mention of wild animals conjures images of lions, tigers and bears (oh, my). I'm thinking more realistically that the animals would have been smaller (to fit into the cages that Donald George remembered) and probably native to the area. They could have been weasels or fishers or raccoons and hopefully, something a bit more exotic. I'll look forward to seeing if anyone can shed some light on this local mystery.

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TOWN OF MARION
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 30, 2025, in the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, to consider the following proposed revisions to the Town's current Waterways Regulations:

1. Amend Paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section III by: (a) modifying the date on which invoices for Harbor Permit Pre-registrations are to be mailed to permit holders from April 1 to January 15; and (b) modifying the date on which invoices are to be paid from May 15 to March 15.
2. Amend Paragraph 1 of subsection E of Section IV to state that all payments shall be postmarked or received in hand by March 15.
3. Amend Paragraph 2 of subsection E of Section IV to state failure to pay permit fee by March 15 shall result in a late fee of \$100.
4. Amend Paragraph 3 of Subsection E of Section IV to state that permit holders who fail to make payment by March 15 shall be charged a late fee of \$100 and those who fail to make payment (and late fee) by April 15 shall have their permit revoked.
5. Amend Subsection D of Section IV to establish a minimum Per Foot Fee for vessels under 25 feet. All vessels less than or equal to 25 feet will be charged \$115 + \$200 (Harbor Permit + \$8 Per Foot Fee for a 25 feet vessel) and boats over 25 feet will be charged \$115 + \$8 Per Foot Fee.

Norman A. Hills – Chair 1/23

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No: PL24C0004CA
In the matter of Michael McGregor Kwoka
Plymouth Probate and Family Court: 52 Obery Street, Suite 1130, Plymouth, MA 02360 (508-747-6204)

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Michael McGregor Kwoka of Mattapoissett, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Michael McGregor Sheehan.

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Plymouth Probate and Family Court before 10:00 am on the return date of 02/07/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceed-

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ing.
WITNESS, Hon. Patrick W. Stanton, First Justice of this Court
Date: January 8, 2025
Signed by: Matthew J. McDonough, Register of Probate 1/23

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Paul Soroka, 11 Parker Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to upgrade a failed sewage disposal system located within FEMA Flood Zone AE16. There is no buffer zone work. The project is located at 11 Parker Street, and is further identified as Lot 129 on Assessor Map 17. **Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 1/23

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoissett Town Hall on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File No. SE 44-1559 submitted by The Masson Family Living Trust.

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

The Applicant requests that the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission approve a Revise Site Plan that omits the use of Coir Logs for Coastal Dune restoration.

The proposed work will be performed on a Coastal Beach, Coastal Dune and Barrier Beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 17 & 20).

The property address is 36 Cove Street which is further identified as Lot #79 on Assessors Map #1. 1/23

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2025-26 Project GROW Preschool Program Registration Open

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that registration for the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Project GROW preschool program will open on January 13 for the 2025-26 school year.

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

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

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

The program will be offered at three district schools:
Sippican Elementary School, Marion (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)
Center School, Mattapoisett (8:50 am to 12:50 pm)
Rochester Memorial School, Rochester (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

The program consists of two classes:
Tuesday and Thursday (\$2,520/year)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday (\$3,780/year)

All classes follow the ORR public school calendar.

This four-hour program is open to all children residing in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester who will be 3 years of age before September 1, 2025.

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

Each preschool class is staffed by a certified teacher and assistant. The program aligns with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and follows the High/Scope curriculum.

Marion Natural History Museum

Winter tree walk with DCR forester James Rassman will be held on **February 5** from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. James will be leading our adult group on a walk to identify some of our trees in winter. We’ll be using bark, branching patterns and other methods to learn about how our trees look and survive through the winter months. We’ll be meeting at the museum but please dress for a walk in Holmes Woods. We will meet at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA. Please RSVP on the museum’s website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Birds of Panama: The Amazing Birds that Bridge the Americas held on **February 28** from 10:30 am to 11:30

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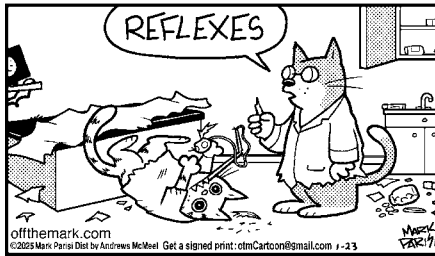
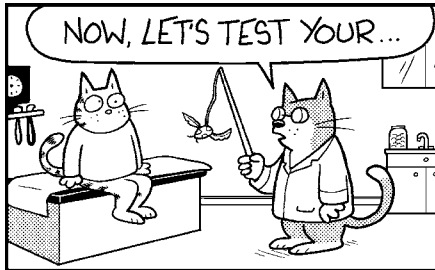
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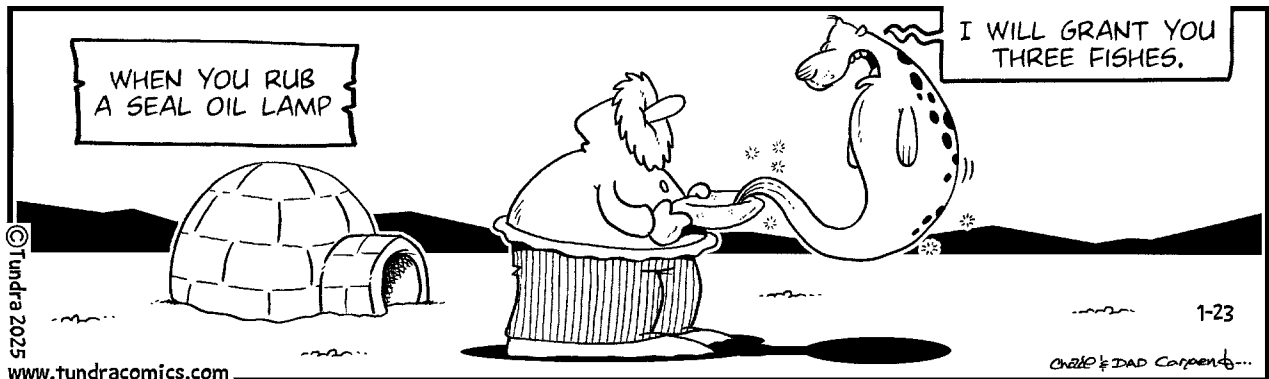
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MNHM Afterschool Programs

Trees From the Ground Up – what do trees do for us? Held on **February 5** from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Join us as we welcome State Forester James Rassman, who will be speaking about all the benefits a tree provides, from roots and fungi to providing habitat and shelter for animals, to releasing oxygen to our atmosphere. Let's learn about the many benefits our trees provide us and the world around us. This will be an indoor and possibly outdoor program weather providing. Please dress to go outside.

Wiggly Wonders will be held on **March 19** from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Did you know that a red wiggler worm will consume half of its body weight in food scraps every day? Getting worms to work for you is a great way to keep food waste out of the landfills and create nutritious compost for your plants. Come and dig into the science of worms and worm composting with Maggie Payne, soil scientist and proud worm farm owner. We will learn basic worm biology and how to set up a worm bin for composting at home. Wriggle on over and get your hands dirty.

To register for these and other after-school programs please go to the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Sailing Towards My Father

The Marion Art Center presents *Sailing Towards My Father* - Herman Melville performed by Stephen Collins. The only performance will be Friday, **January 24** at 6:30 pm at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant St, Marion.

Sailing Towards My Father, written and directed by Carl A. Rossi, is a one-man play about Herman Melville (1819-1891), the American author best known for his whaling epic *Moby-Dick*. The play chronicles Melville's life from youth to old age, concentrating on his evolution as a writer and his complex relations with God, his parents and siblings, his wife and children, and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Stephen Collins first joined the MAC Stage as Walt Whitman, battling Emily Dickinson (Annemarie Fredericks) in the Poetry Knockout. during ArtWeek 2019

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at the MAC. Collins grew up in Cambridge and received a BA in Literature from UMass Boston. After twenty plus years in a sales career, he is back doing what he truly loves – performing and teaching. Recently he has been teaching seminars on Whitman, Hardy, Shakespeare, Frost, and Contemporary Poetry at various locations. Stephen first performed *Sailing Towards my Father* at Arrowhead, Pittsfield MA, where Herman Melville wrote *Moby Dick*. Prior to Melville's performance, Stephen performed as James McNeil Whistler in another play by Carl A. Rossi entitled *Butterfly*. He also works as a professionally licensed tour guide doing narrated historical tours of Boston. His Whitman performances have taken him all over the country. He now has eight one-man shows and seven courses where his teaching style has been described as a hybrid between lecture and performance.

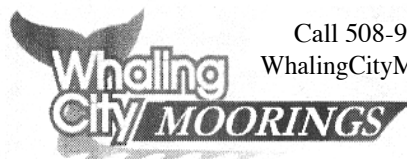
Tickets are \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members, and \$10 for students under 18. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit marionartcenter.org/events.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 6**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another

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Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee welcomes members, guests, and community members to join us on Thursday, **January 23** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to attend our monthly meeting. At 7:00 pm we are excited to welcome a local resident, Steve Miller, to present his personal slide show on three historical events from his travels to Washington D.C. The slideshow will feature November 2020 "Stop the Steal," January 6 Election Certification Debacle, and January 20, 2025, Trump Inauguration. The location is at the Niemad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett. You will not want to miss this unique opportunity to view snapshots unfolding the story of such momentous events. Come join us to celebrate.

There will be light snacks, a cash bar, and good conversation.

If you have any questions, contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson PCMattyGOP@proton.me MattapoissettGOP.com.

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Matt Congo Community Dinner

Candlemas is **February 2**, and it is the traditional midpoint of winter. The secular saying is that half your grain and half your hay should remain on Candlemas Day.

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church will be hosting an Open Table community meal on Friday, **January 31** to brighten up the winter days and mark the midpoint of the season. A delicious meal of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and desserts will be served in Reynard Hall. There is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. Doors open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. Invite a friend or neighbor. All are welcome.

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A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

O most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will be granted to you. WE

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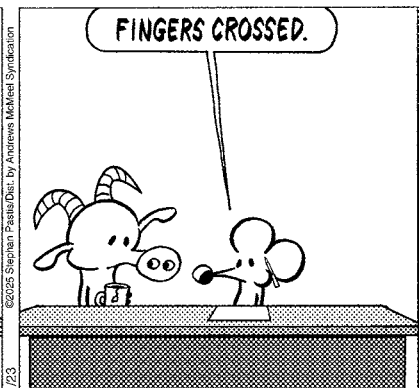
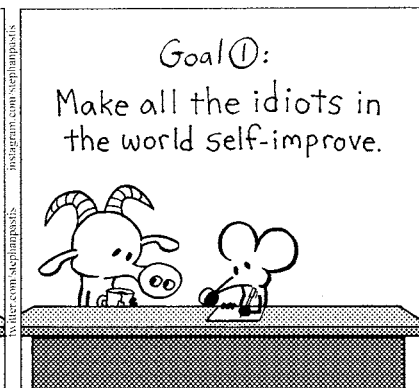
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



decide to own your money -- not the other way around.

Classes meet every Saturday at 9:00 am for nine (9) weeks and last approximately 1.5 hours. They begin with fellowship as we grab some breakfast grub, continue as we check-in on the week's progress and watch a session of the video-led curriculum, and end with open discussion as we journey alongside one another to stay on track. Classes are coordinated by Jeff and Amanda Costa who took this course for the first time in 2018 and never looked back. Contact the church office at 508-763-4314 or rochestercongregational@comcast.net with any questions or for more information.

Marion Beach/Parking Stickers

The 2025 Beach/Parking Stickers, Transfer Station Stickers and Shellfish Licenses will be available at the Harbormaster Building at 1 Island Wharf Road beginning on Monday, **February 3**.

The Benson Brook Transfer Station will accept 2024 stickers until February 22. After that date, vehicles must have the 2025 sticker.

Rochester Historical Society Memberships

It's time to renew or maybe sign up for a new membership in the Rochester Historical Society. The Historical Society which owns and maintains its 1857 church/museum is predominantly member supported, with some help from MA Cultural Council Grants.

Membership forms may be found at the Plumb Library or can be mailed out to new members. Requests can be sent to Sue -sash48@comcast.com or 508 295 8908 or Connie- eshbach2@aol.com or 617-750-2818. If renewing, you may mail your checks to Rochester Historical Society PO Box 322, Rochester, MA 02770. Levels of membership: individual \$12, Family \$20, Curator \$50, Patron \$75, or Preservationist \$100. Donations in any amount are always gratefully appreciated.

Mattapoissett Bible Study Group

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoissett will be holding a no-cost Bible Study group at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library (Lower Meeting



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For more information call 508-998-6990, or email: pastor@lambofgodma.org or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.

Marion Community Preservation Funding

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding are available in the Town Clerk's office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented by state matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed towards: open space/recreation, historic preservation, or community housing. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **February 17** to be considered for presentation at the May 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to: construct a pavilion at Osprey Marsh and install fencing, ADA-compliant benches, and litter receptacles at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Park, catalog the collections and restore exhibits at the Marion Natural History Museum, construct Pickleball Courts at the Point Road playground, and install smoke and fire alarms at the Marion Art Center

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS			<i>See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com</i>		
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Sheth, Himesh Y Sheth, Jessica L Breen	Dubeau, John Dubeau, Carly Suzan	12 River Bend Ln	Mattapoissett	01/03/2025	760,000.00
Florindo, Jeffrey	Dispigna, Gina M	131 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoissett	01/03/2025	449,000.00
Hussey, Aimee-beth	Desroches, Jody Auger, Dawn	4 Bambury Way	Mattapoissett	01/06/2025	310,000.00
Trahan, Wayne Trahan, Susan	Plumb Corner LLC	12 Hayley Cir	Rochester	01/07/2025	719,050.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	January 23	2:21	2:39	9:04	8:28
Friday	January 24	3:19	3:43	10:08	9:31
Saturday	January 25	4:22	4:46	10:59	10:27
Sunday	January 26	5:18	5:39	11:44	11:17
Monday	January 27	6:05	6:25		12:27
Tuesday	January 28	6:49	7:10	12:04	1:08
Wednesday	January 29	7:32	7:54	12:51	1:48
Thursday	January 30	8:16	8:40	1:39	2:25
Friday	January 31	9:01	9:27	2:26	3:01
Saturday	February 1	9:48	10:16	3:13	3:37
Sunday	February 2	10:38	11:08	3:59	4:14
Monday	February 3	11:32		4:49	4:56
Tuesday	February 4	12:03	12:28	5:49	5:45
Wednesday	February 5	1:00	1:27	7:24	6:44
Thursday	February 6	2:01	2:30	9:23	7:57
Friday	February 7	3:09	3:39	10:35	9:21
Saturday	February 8	4:21	4:47	11:31	10:34
Sunday	February 9	5:26	5:45	11:57	11:30

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	January 29th
	First Quarter	February 5th
	Full Moon	February 12th
	Last Quarter	February 20th

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 January 16, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 3

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

GENIES	OMEGA	DATABASE	
ONETWO	CAMOS	EDONEILL	
STUDENT	UNION	BEETROOT	
OER	OLINAMO	ELMO	
FRA	TERNALORGANIZATION		
TOLUCA	RARE	LADEN	
TOIL	ACTING	GROUP	
AWE	SMAUG	EERLOOSE	
MERCHANT	GUILD	FREEZER	
IDAHO	AGAR	VIAESP	
	ETHICSCOMMITTEE		
TUB	INK	AEON	SLYER
BROWSES	HUMANESOCIETY		
ADREP	MERLASIK	ACE	
RUGBY	LEAGUE	PAIN	
	REIKI	DIEM	PRAVIDA
HOMEOWNERS	SASSOCIATION		
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EDIT	MENU	EIGHT	OFCLUBS
DIRECTOR	ETHEL	RESALE	
SEARCHME	NOTRE	OODLES	

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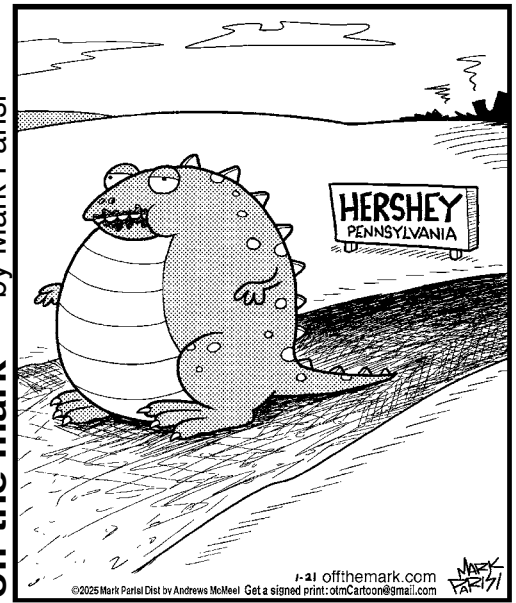
solution

1. Sublime 2. Regard;
3. Pirate; 4. Thin

Today's Word BEDTIME

Sudoku Answer

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





GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

Starbucks
12 oz. or 10 ct.
Selected Variety
Coffee
\$10⁹⁹



Almond Breeze
64 oz. Selected Variety
Almond Milk
\$3⁴⁹



Cabot
8 oz. Quarters
Premium
Butter
\$3⁹⁹



- Spindrift 8 Pack, 12 oz. Cans Sparkling Water Selected Variety **\$5⁹⁹** Plus Dep
- Kellogg's Special K 9.6-11.4 oz. Cereal.....Selected Variety **\$4²⁹**
- Food Club 8 oz. Grated Parmesan Cheese... **\$3²⁹**
- Chi-Chi's 16-17 oz. Flour Tortillas.....Selected Variety **\$2⁹⁹**
- Kikkoman 10 oz. Teriyaki or Soy Sauce..... **\$2⁴⁹**
- Kikkoman 10 oz. Lite Soy Sauce **\$2⁹⁹**
- Food Club 14.75-15.25 oz. Canned Corn..... Selected Variety **\$1⁰⁹**
- Skippy 16.3 oz. Peanut Butter.....Selected Variety **\$2⁶⁹**
- Cheez-It 12.4 oz. Original Crackers **\$4⁹⁹**
- Nabisco 9-16 oz. PREMIUM Saltine or Oyster Crackers.. **\$4³⁹**
- Klondike 27 oz. Ice Cream Bars..Selected Variety **\$4⁹⁹**
- Outshine 16.5-18 oz. Frozen Fruit Bars.....Selected Variety **\$4⁹⁹**
- DiGiorno 22.2 oz. 5 Cheese Frozen Pizza..... **\$6⁹⁹**

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Boar's Head Deli Sliced Deluxe Ham..... **\$9⁹⁹** lb

Boar's Head Deli Sliced American Cheese..... **\$6⁹⁹** lb

Boar's Head 12 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety Greek Yogurt Dips **2/\$8**

Store Packaged Fresh Seafood Salad **\$10⁹⁹** lb

Store Packaged Fresh Red Bliss Potato Salad **\$6⁴⁹** lb

Store Packaged Fresh Yogurt Parfaits..... **\$5⁹⁹** ea

Eifel Tower 7 oz. Pkg. Brie..... **\$4⁹⁹**

WINE

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- Pinot Grigio
- Cantina Zaccagnini 750 ml - Italy Reg \$18.99 **\$15⁹⁹**
- Montepulciano D'abruzzo

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6 Pack Donuts..... **\$4⁹⁸**



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- Game Day Wings **\$10⁹⁹** lb
- Deviled Eggs 4 ct. **\$5⁹⁹**
- Various Styles! Cheese, Pepperoni, etc.
Take & Bake Pizzas **\$8⁹⁹-10⁹⁹**
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Chicken Pot Pie. **\$12⁹⁹** ea ... **\$19⁹⁹** ea
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