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Cranberries On Ice

By Sam Bishop

Cranberries play an important role in late-year festivities like Thanksgiving and Christmas. In the Tri-town and surrounding Southeastern Massachusetts, cranberry bogs are a defining feature of the land, culture, and history of the region. We pass them on the road, we hike past them in the summer, we visit local farms in the fall, then we eat them, by can or fresh from the store. One time of year lacks public focus and knowledge; what happens to them in the winter? What happens to the cranberry bogs during the freezing cold? Is anything done with them? Are they just left until the next harvest? What preparations must be done?

There is work to be done after harvest and before the coming of freezing temperatures. Cranberry plants do need to be protected from winter winds, with the bogs themselves entering a period of “dormancy” during the winter months. Generally, all bogs are flooded in some regard. The water, often turning to ice, protects plants from harsh winds. A layer of ice also acts as additional insulation. Winter winds can lead to “desiccation,” or the drying out of the plant. Farmers monitor the ice through the winter and adjust the water levels to maintain the right balance and not bring harm or suffocation to the plants. Fungal diseases can also develop under prolonged wet conditions, making careful water management crucial. Another major concern is the timing of the thaw. If winter protection is removed too early, a late-season frost could damage the developing buds, reducing the yield for the next harvest. Local farmers must carefully and constantly monitor weather conditions to ensure they drain the bogs at the optimal time.



Should a sufficient layer of ice form above the plants, Sippican Land Trust’s Alan Harris says, “I do know they often flood the bogs during a cold snap for frost protection and in the hope that it will freeze solid enough for long enough that they can spread a layer of sand on the bogs.” He continued, “the sand improves the vine growth and used to be more regularly scheduled

but winters have been less reliable.” Sanding is a common practice across bogs, though Harris states it is less reliable now, predominantly due to higher temperatures and a lack of ice build-up. When temperatures rise and the ice in the bogs melts, the sand spread across the ice settles into the vines and acts as nutrients to promote growth. It also prevents pests by burying insect eggs and improves the

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On the Cover: Following the snow on February 2, the cranberry bog on Sippican Land Trust’s White Eagle Property in Marion. Seen on the bottom are the leftovers from last year’s harvest. Photo by Sam Bishop.

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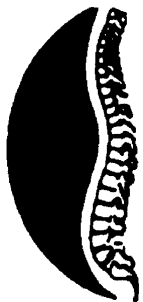
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plants' health and condition coming into the spring.

Harris also mentioned another plight to the local bogs - muskrats. "The dikes often host muskrat burrows (not wanted by the farmer) and freeze-thaw cycles in the winter can lead to these collapsing. So, they need to be filled and maintained" he said. The muskrats are complemented by mice and voles who are also known to frequent bogs. Through the drain and fill cycle of the winter, farmers must also be vigilant for these habitats.

Many bogs in the Tri-town are accessible through hiking trails. While they seem dormant and frozen in time, there is a lot of work that goes into achieving this delicate balance. As winter gives way to spring, the water is gradually drained, and the vines come back to life, ready to begin another growing season. The work of cranberry farmers doesn't stop with the harvest; it is a year-round effort to maintain the health of their bogs. Their careful winter preparations ensure we have juice for summer drinks and our end-of-year feasts.

Library Renovations Underway

Elizabeth Taber Library
By Marilou Newell

Sitting atop a small rise in the topography of Spring Street sits the Elizabeth Taber Library, an elegant fixture in the community since 1872. The library was gifted to the town by philanthropist Elizabeth Taber. The posted history of the library states that Taber was considered the "fairy godmother" of Marion. The childless widow was a sharp financial investor and generous in giving Marion and other organizations outside the town boundaries money used to benefit the cultural and social integrity of this seaside gem.

Taber gifted the town additional monies to ensure the library could operate with financial stability into the future.

Two wings were added to the original building in the 1980s that increased the much needed stack space, that's library-speak for book shelves. As time has marched forward into the twenty-first century, the growing



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needs of the community for a host of library services, meant considering renovations. Fortuitously in 2024, an anonymous doner stepped forward with a generous gift sufficient to fulfil many of the identified improvements.

The architect working with the town and the library staff to identify and refine space needs, and the aesthetic look of the interior spaces is David King, a Boston based architect. We talked to King to better understand the process and the plans. "It's important to keep the historic look and feel of the space," he began. And while the overall footprint of the two-story building (the Marion Natural History Museum is located on the second floor) will not change, "...meeting space will be opened up, a fresh and airy breakroom will be configured in the basement, and flexible partitions will be used." King also noted that the children's room will see improvements as well.

Coming into the library through the front doors, King said a new circulation desk will greet visitors. All architectural elements that speak to the age of the building will be honored. Decorative moldings and

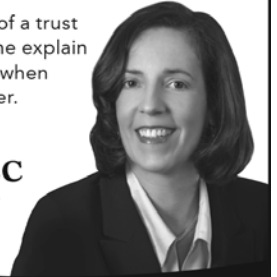
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Planning wrapped up a few weeks ago and now the library staff is ready to move to their temporary headquarters in the Marion Music Hall. Nothing short of monumental, Library Director Liz Sherry is excited with what the future holds in store. In the meantime, she wants the public to know that nearly all library services will be available at the Music Hall with the exception of copying and computers and other network-based services.

Sherry said "...it is gratifying to make these improvements." She believes it speaks to the community's support and appreciation for the library. Of the updated spaces she added, "It will be fresh and accessible."

Sherry also shared the exciting news that

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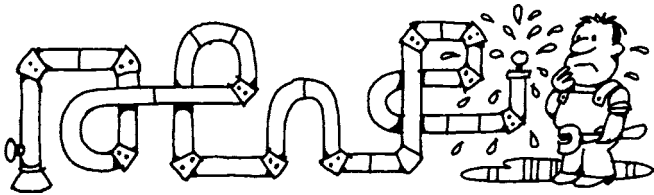
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the library had recently received a grant from The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The grant in the amount of \$30,000 (Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)) will fund a year-long art education project. Starting in March, this year-long project will bring free professionally led crafting workshops to the community of Marion and help the library build a collection of crafting tools and materials.

The first craft workshops in March will be led by fine jewelry maker Heather Beck, who will be teaching copper stamping in a variety of formats. Beck will lead the following workshops: Saturdays in March at the library from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm: March 8 copper bookmarks, March 15 copper key chains, March 22 copper pendants, and March 29 copper night lights.

Beck's classes are aimed at young adults and adults and participants can attend one or multiple workshops. Anyone interested in registering for these workshops can email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org or register in person at the library's temporary location at the Marion Music Hall. Spaces are limited and participants must be aged 12-or-older.

Future crafting education workshops include basket weaving in April, glass blowing in May, jewelry making in June, machine and hand sewing in July, and wood carving and scrimshaw in September.

For more information and updates, visit the library's website elizabethtaberlibrary.org.

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for February

By Sam Bishop

Though we may be forecast for some snow, February will hopefully see clear skies for all the constellation and planet viewing. As stated last month, compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the tri-town has pretty good dark skies. We are very fortunate in that regard. Though we can't normally make out the Milky Way's signature glow, we can still spot a lot. For the astrophysicist in us all, please use this month's guide to complement your stargazing and cosmic sightseeing.

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February 9 will see Mars come close to the nearly-full moon in the sky. Around 8:00 pm. The two will be nearest. Though it will make a close pass to the moon relative to our eyes, Mars' red glow will shine with a high magnitude.

The next full moon will be on February 12. Generally called the "Snow Moon" due primarily to the aforementioned common snowy weather. It is also referred to as the "Hunger Moon" or other names highlighting the time of year's lack of sustenance, "Goose Moon," "Bear Moon," "Trapper's Moon," "Storm Moon," and many others.

On February 16, Venus will be at its brightest for the year. It will be low on the horizon to the west after sunset.

The final day of the month, February 28, will also have a new moon.

There is plenty to see and plenty of apps, websites, and other resources to aid in identifying. NASA

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Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

As I was saying...

Since the new year began, I have made every effort to ignore the world around me, locally and nationally. I have attempted to just chill out and relax sitting by the fire catching up on reading my collection of last year's Christmas gift books. It hasn't been easy.

If I glance at my phone to check the weather, I find out that the polar vortex has caused dangerous cold (as if I hadn't noticed). There are endless alerts to an egg-shortage due to bird flu; that the world's largest iceberg is about to collide with an island in Britain and wipe out the penguins and seals; and that the doomsday clock is getting closer to twelve.

I'm reminded there are wars in the east or terrible wildfires in the west. It has been especially hard to avoid the shenanigans in Washington, D.C. It seems the usual circus has expanded down there. The clown car appears to have a new coat of bright red paint and brand-new tires ready to spin its wheels around the beltway and beyond.

Congress of course...well let us not talk about that anymore, although I have already heard one pundit suggest that a "monkey could do their job."

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James Edwin Wide...a man...and his friend Jack...a monkey lived in South Africa in the 1800's. Jack, to be precise, was a baboon (but let's not quibble).

Mr. Wide was a signalman for the local railroad. When the trains announced their arrival at the station with a series of whistles, Mr. Wide's job was to push and pull assorted levers changing the direction of the tracks, ensuring the train would arrive at the proper spot safely. It was a very important job.

One day at the market Mr. Wide spotted the baboon pulling an oxcart. Impressed, he purchased the monkey, named him Jack, and proceeded to train it to clean his house, wake him up in the morning, and wheel him to the train station in a small trolley. Did I mention

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Investigators from the railroad company arrived to witness Jack's amazing ability and decided to keep him on the job. Mr. Wide would continue to receive his pay as Jack's "supervisor." Jack would also get paid in beer plus 20 cents per week.

Yes, this is a true story! You can't make this stuff up.

Jack continued to do his job for nearly 10 years without any mistakes (thankfully!) while Mr. Wide would pursue his hobby of taxidermy. (Maybe Jack noticed early on what Mr. Wide's hobby was).

Jack passed away in 1890 of tuberculosis. His skull now resides in the Albany Museum in Grahamstown, South America.

Perhaps the clowns in Washington ought to take heed.

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What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

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A given influenza virus is identified by two proteins found on its surface, H and N. The common viruses causing winter influenzas are H1N1 and H3N2. The "bird flu" is H5N1.

When bird flu first appeared, it was thought to be a risk primarily to birds and was felt unlikely to infect people. Infecting birds is bad enough: the current

outbreak among chickens has been a major cause of diminishing supply and increasing price of eggs. The infected flock must be slaughtered, so chicken also becomes scarcer and more expensive.

The story has gotten worse. H5N1 can clearly spread readily to dairy cattle; there have been major herd outbreaks around the U.S. It can also spread to cats, both wild and domestic and other animals.

From cattle, there has been spread to humans, so far rare and sporadic. Since 1997, there have been about 1000 proven human cases world-wide, reported from 23 countries. More than half of these have died, and this number is clearly an undercount, since testing for H5N1 is not routinely done.

In the U.S. since the start of 2024 there have been 66 proven cases of bird flu, most in dairy workers, and one death. One 13-year-old girl required life support but recovered.

So far, no human-to-human spread has been seen, but as we have learned, viruses mutate, and it would not be a shock for a mutation to appear that would allow this to happen.

Oseltamivir ("Tamiflu") has been approved to treat H5N1 based on very little data. This drug has been available since 1999 to treat seasonal flu but is not that effective for most patients. Studies have shown that it shortens symptoms of influenza by a day. It does have benefit in very sick influenza patients, reducing the death rate by almost half.

A vaccine is available, but there are only a few million doses stockpiled and if the H5N1 mutates to spread human-to-human, the vaccine may need to be modified.

What should you do?

Avoid raw milk, which transmits H5N1 (as well as many other nasty infections!) and raw meat, and do not feed raw meat to your pets. Pasteurized milk is safe, as is properly-cooked meat.

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Works by juniors Alexis Barber and Dayvie Zuckerman were among 103 entries chosen from 800 pieces submitted by high school students around New England for this annual juried art contest and



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exhibition held by the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The exhibition is set to begin on Friday, February 7.

“Our students continually amaze us with their creativity and dedication to their craft,” said Kate Butler, art teacher at Old Rochester Regional High School. “We’re so proud to see their talent recognized. Alexis and Dayvie’s success in this prestigious exhibition is a tribute to their hard work and passion for art. Congratulations to Alexis and Dayvie on this incredible achievement.”

Students were allowed to submit one piece of artwork each for the Emerging Young Artists and Designers 2025 Juried Exhibition:

Alexis Barber created an amphora depicting a roadway and distant mountain scenery, which she worked on in the ceramics class taught by visual arts teacher Jo Mogilnicki, demonstrating mastery in form and detail.

Dayvie Zuckerman designed a mixed media collage about automobiles, working on this during the Honors Art III class taught by art teacher Kate Butler, showcasing both creativity and technical skill.

The 103 works of art chosen for the exhibition — meant to showcase the best young artistic talent from across the region — were selected by a distinguished panel of jurors, including Ann Kim, associate dean of CVPA, and Lu Xu, artist in residence at CVPA.

“The achievements of Alexis and Dayvie are a testament to the vibrant and supportive arts community we have at Old Rochester Regional High School,” said Principal Devoll. “We are thrilled to see their creativity and hard work on display together at this distinguished exhibition.”

The Emerging Young Artists and Designers 2025 Juried Exhibition will include a virtual awards presentation, at a time to be determined, event organizers said. In addition to prizes for first through third place, awards presented during the event will include the Dean’s Award, the Foundations Award, the People’s Choice Award and honorable mentions.

The exhibition and the results from the judge’s panel will be posted online on Feb. 7 by CVPA. For more information on this event, email UMass Dartmouth assistant professor Stephanie McGoldrick at smcgoldrick1@umassd.edu.

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Dayvie, and he credited their teachers Jo Mogilnicki, Kate Butler and the rest of the arts teachers throughout the school district for their work to inspire and prepare their students.

“This is an incredible honor for Alexis and Dayvie, and we couldn’t be more proud,” said Superintendent Nelson. “Their recognition in such a competitive field highlights their talent, hard work, and the dedication of our outstanding art educators.”

Town Meeting and Town Election Dates Approved

Rochester Board of Selectman

By Michael J. DeCicco

Mark your calendars. Rochester’s Board of Selectman Monday approved May 19 as the date for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting and May 28 as the date for the Town Election.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant was happy to report that town council and Rochester Memorial School, where the town meeting will be held, have both agreed to that date, and town moderator David Arancio is “ready to go” as well.

The board also learned of plans to turn the Church Wildlife Conservation Area near the Pines into expanded walking trails and to make them handicapped accessible. It endorsed the Rochester Land Trust’s application for a \$50,000 FY25 MassTrail Grant to make the plan a reality.


Land Trust president Wendy Keeler said the application was due that same day, February 3, but the board’s signature was still needed. She explained the work will make the trail compliant with Americans With Disabilities Act regulations. It already has long trails, but right now they are very unusable by people with disabilities and senior citizens.

Because these trails about the Pines, she added, residents will be able to cut across their housing development to access the walking paths. This, she said, will be an advantage on the grant application. She noted this will be a reimbursement grant, meaning grantees must first pay for expenditures and then submit for



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reimbursement using the required documentation. It is also a matching grant that requires proponents to provide a minimum of 20 percent of the total project cost. Here, however, she had good news. The trust does have its account the \$5,000 that will be needed for the town's share. After the select board's approval vote, fellow Trust member Russ Keeler elaborated that the plan is to expand the trails, install park benches, post informational signs and level the trail grounds.

In other action, the board approved and signed a new Inter-municipal Agreement for the Marion waste disposal transfer station and appointed Board chair Brad Morse to work with the town administrator and Marion officials to complete this agreement.

The board appointed Sydney Lewis as a new member of the Historic District Commission.

Durant reported news on the personnel front. The town is currently in contract negotiations with its choice of Town Planner. However, he declined to reveal the winning candidate's name until negotiations are complete. Meanwhile, Corey Pereira has started working as a new part-time administrative for the Highway Department.

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

Talks Over Proposed Harbor Regulation Amendments

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

Marion's Select Board met Thursday, January 30 with a large number of the public to go over proposed amendments and revisions to the town's current waterways regulations. Following the pledge, and the board acknowledged the large turnout for the discussion. Many were standing in the back of the room or the entranceway. Chairman Hills said the room was "bursting at the seams." The Marine Resource Commission (MRC) was also present.

The primary focus of the meeting was a draft of the town's new waterways regulations. Harbormaster Adam Murphy presented the proposed changes with the board requesting questions be held until the end. Though there was this request there were many questions and calls for clarification throughout the meeting.

As the harbormaster went through the document, he outlined key revisions, explaining their implications for boaters and waterfront property owners. The changes cited as being aimed to improve safety, mooring regulations, and environmental protections. Some attendees were concerned about the impact of the new rules, particularly in terms of enforcement and fees. The board emphasized that the draft was still under review and that public feedback was essential.

Comments from the public bore mixed



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reactions. Though many spoke very positively about the Harbormaster and what the harbor crew does for the town, at one point, Murphy said he "felt attacked" and emphasized that he is "only here to enforce what you people want me to do." Following this, local Lori Knight said "I am very grateful for the services the harbormaster provides this community. You guys do a great job. You keep out harbor clean and safe."

Some residents were supportive of the new regulations for their potential to enhance waterway management. Others voiced concern and opposition, citing increased restrictions and costs. Business owners reliant on maritime activities were particularly vocal, requesting clarification on how the new rules would

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affect commercial operations. Another speaker raised concerns about potential legal challenges and difficulties with enforcement.

As the meeting came to an end, the board reiterated that the waterways regulations were in the drafting phase and encouraged more public engagement. Harbormaster Murphy said his door is always open and says he is always listening to emails and social media but would prefer personal meetings or phone calls to the office for a more direct line of communication.

Another meeting to go over these proposed amendments was scheduled for February 25 and 6:00 pm. The MRC will have a meeting on February 19 but said they could schedule another, sooner meeting should they

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Volunteers Sought for Town Celebrations

Marion Select Board

By Mary McCann Fiske

As discussed at its February 4 meeting, the Select Board and Town Administrator's office are reaching out to residents to help organize upcoming celebrations.

The first is the annual Fourth-of-July fireworks display. The committee responsible for organizing this highly popular event for several years needs new members in order to continue. Funding for the event (fireworks, barge, crowd control, and other costs) is expected to come from both the town and donations. But planning and organizing the myriad details, big and small, depends on community members volunteering their time and energy.

In addition, the year 2027 will mark the 175th anniversary of the Town of Marion. Envisioning a year-long celebration to include a time capsule, more fireworks(!), and a range of programs offered by local philanthropic, fraternal, educational, recreational, and historical organizations, the Town Administrator is eager to put together a team of community volunteers for subcommittees to plan and organize these events.

Those interested in learning more are encouraged to contact Donna Hemphill at Town Hall – dhemphill@marionma.gov.

In other business, the board approved a request for a Mobile Home & Trailer permit at 71 Lewis Street, for no longer than two weeks. According to a neighbor, a person has been inhabiting a bus parked on the property since early December. This will allow the property owner to make other arrangements and remove the vehicle.

The Town Administrator reported that the new Harbormaster's office is now open and noted plans for a celebratory Open House to welcome the public to view the new facility inside and out. The board suggested that this be planned for a weekend day to enable both interested residents and the many people who worked to achieve this to be able to participate. He also updated the committee on the Highway Department Building, which is proceeding on or ahead of schedule: concrete now finished; load-bearing

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work to begin February 10 and the mezzanine to begin February 17. A member who visited the site commented that the quality of the work done appears to be excellent.

The Administrator then updated the board on the timeline for the next Town Meeting, scheduled for May 12 at 6:45 pm at the Sippican Elementary School. Warrant articles – including Citizen Petitions – must be submitted by March 14 and the warrant will close on April 1. Details are available on the town’s website, marionma.gov.

He also noted that the Town Election will be held on May 16. Open positions are listed on the town website. Nomination papers are available now at the Town Clerk’s office and must be submitted no later than March 28. For more information, see the website or call the Town Clerk’s Office at 508-748-3502.

The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, at 6:00 pm, in the Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street.

Hazard Mitigation and Master Plan Accepted

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

Hazard mitigation plans were briefly discussed on February 3 as the Mattapoissett Planning Board went through their brief but important agenda. The board has been formulating mitigation plans for several months in concert with the town’s safety units (police), Highway Department (evacuation routes), and the Water and Sewer Department (Mattapoissett River Valley).

The board approved changes and updates based on community and departmental comments and moving to endorse the plan as proposed. Next step for the plan is a review by MEMA which is the state agency charged with the responsibility for ensuring cities and towns are ready in the event of environmental calamities. As noted on the state’s website, “We provide Massachusetts residents and visitors emergency preparedness resources, emergency alerts, and information during and after emergencies and disasters. MEMA coordinates with federal, state, and local government agencies, non-profits and businesses to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies and disasters.”

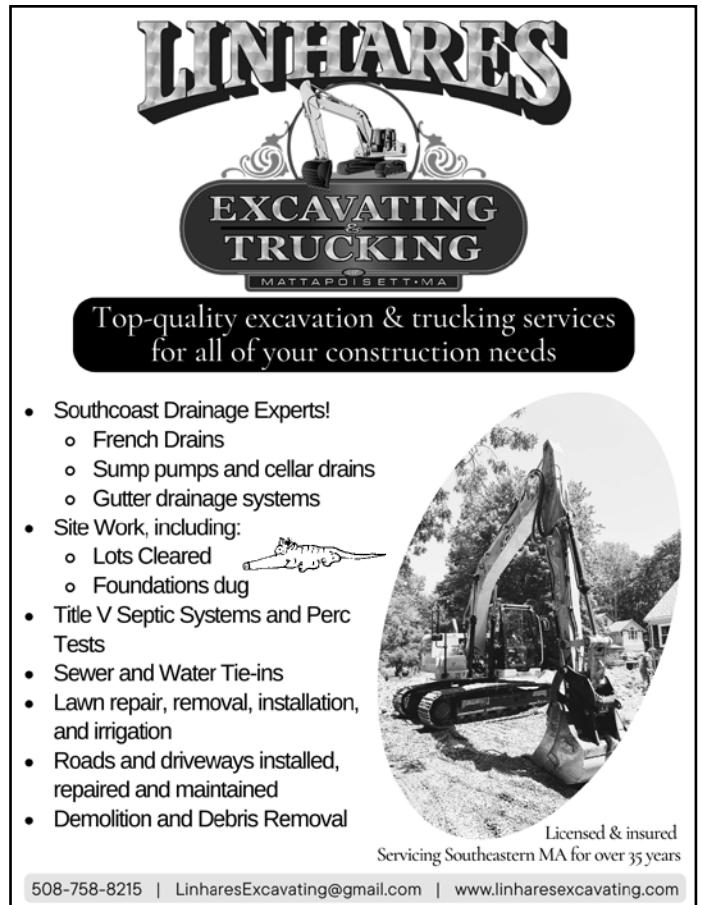


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The plan will also go through a FEMA review to ensure it aligns with federal requirements.

The board also approved the adoption of the 2022 Master Plan. Next stop the Select Board.

Also on the agenda were two applications for Approval Not Required. The first was filed by the Mattapoisett Land trust for property owned by Faith Ball and Lauren Carlson, 0 Cove Street. The land separation was described as unbuildable parcels with the intent for future conveyance to the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

Also approved was an Approval Not Required for 76 County Road owned by Dagnello LLC. The intent is the creation of a buildable lot for future development.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning



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Aquifer Protection and Short-Term Rentals

Marion Planning Board

By Mary McCann Fiske

At its February 3 meeting, the Planning Board, as usual, considered a mix of complex, long-term issues along with a few routine matters.

In the fifteen minutes between coming to order and opening the Continued Public Hearing on the housing development underway at 78 Wareham Road, the Board voted unanimously to (1) approve a payment of \$2,400 to Field Engineering, Inc.; and (2) approve the minutes of its January 21 meeting; then (3) shared a determination from the Office of the Attorney General that found no wrongdoing or violations of the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law, resolving a question that had been brought by a board member.

The Board then turned to the 78 Wareham Road project's Special Permit and Major Site Plan Review, beginning with an update from developer Matt Zuker and continued to a discussion of the draft special permit and accompanying covenant, a document required by the town. After some discussion, including comments from the Town Planner, the Board voted to approve the Covenant as presented. It then closed the formal hearing and voted to approve the Special Permit, contingent on the permit reflecting the amount of the municipal lien to



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Per the agenda, attention turned to discussion on the Aquifer Protection District. John Rockland of the Open Space Commission noted that he had been asked by the town manager to rewrite and update the existing plan to ensure it meets current requirements of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He reviewed these, as well as issues related to Federal rules and collateral questions and issues concerning the Water Supply Protection District. Challenges going forward will include modifying or maintaining zoning restrictions. The plans are available to the public from the Planning Board.

Finally, the Board addressed the question of

Short-Term Rentals. The state has new requirements and, as with the coming changes in Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), the town needs to modify its zoning by-laws to conform, while adapting to local needs where possible. Issues to be dealt with include identification/registration of homeowners offering rentals, safety inspections, minimum stays, etc.

Members of the Board agreed to review and prepare suggestions for a discussion at its next meeting on February 18. This will allow it to firm up proposed language in time to notify the public and present at a Public Hearing on March 3, with the aim of presenting at the Spring Open Town Meeting.

It was also noted that earlier in the day the

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new Harbormaster's office had opened, much to the satisfaction of the Board and many others in town.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55.

The Marion Planning Board's next meeting will be February 18 in the Police Department Conference Room at 7:00 pm.

Going Over The Waterfront

Mattapoissett Marine Advisory Board

By Sam Bishop

A virtual meeting of the Mattapoissett Marine Advisory Board (MAB) was held Thursday, January 30 through Zoom. The board began by approving minutes

from the last meeting and then discussed the archival of data and previous plans read by and presented to the board. It was argued, rather than storing this information in a home, they should be stored in a central location. Board Chair Carlos DeSousa said this would be decided and approved by the clerk's office. The discussion of how old the held information should be was also held, with discussion of whether the plans should be kept from projects from 2009 and before – those now being over 15 years old.


The next discussion was on the Long Wharf project update. It was discussed that designs have the wharf being able to hold a 20-ton crane, with the board feeling the crane should be a 50-ton, being able to support larger workloads and hold heavier boats without collapsing.

The next item was the Waterfront Management Plan. The conversation revolved around public water access and parking, particularly along Ship Street, Cove Street, and other waterfront locations. Concerns were raised about public access to the water and whether there are clear records or regulations regarding these spaces. Some paths have become overgrown, and others are restricted by private properties. The board stressed the need to formalize plans to ensure proper access and property access.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Marine Advisory Board will be Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall.

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Farm Conservation Plan Review Required for Wetland Project

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday said "not so fast" to the withdrawal of a Notice of Intent application to convert a wetlands swamp at 224 North Avenue into a wildlife and aquatic habitat, agricultural drainage area, and fire emergency pond.

The petition was axed just prior to the board's February 4 meeting after Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly consulted with the DEP and concluded the work was exempted from wetlands bylaw restrictions because it is 61A agricultural land. During the meeting, the board declared that applicant and farmer Cody Wood still has to seek its permission to do this work.

Commission member Ben Bailey said his research reveals that Wood must submit a Farm Conservation Plan that the board must review and approve. He said exemptions from wetlands bylaw restrictions do not include the creation of a pond, only the expansion or reconstruction of an existing one. "It's not something he can just do on his own," Bailey said.

The other board members agreed. Commission Chair Christopher Gerrior said review of such a conservation plan would then need to be followed by a Notice of Intent application. He added that the pond



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creation needs to be an integral part of the kind of farming the applicant is planning. "He needs to describe what he wants to do there," Gerrior said.

"He has to go through those hoops," Bailey added.

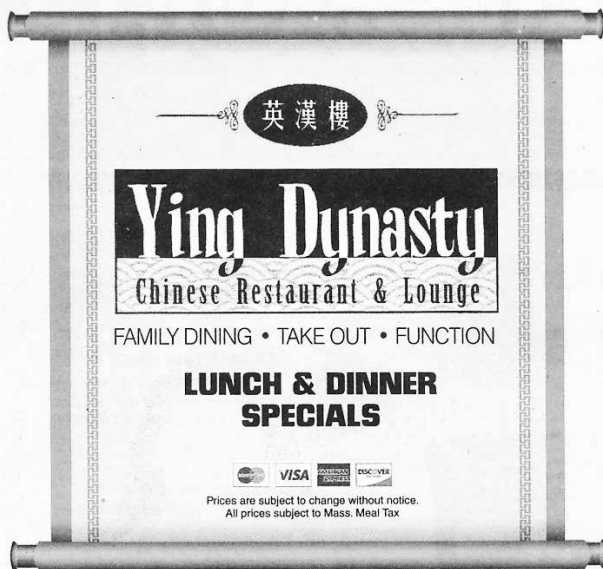
Gerrior instructed Kelly and administrative assistant Danielle Craig to immediately inform Wood in writing of what he must do and find out if he already has a written farm plan.

In other action, the board issued a Certificate of Compliance marking the successful completion of the Order of Conditions for the construction of a new storage shed and yard improvements at 129 Dexter Lane.

The board issued a Certificate of Compliance

endorsing the successful completion of the Order of Conditions for the construction of a new residence and associated work for property owned by Joel C. Sullivan on High Street.

The board learned state engineering consultants will be studying the railroad track embankment near SEMASS as part of a project to detect why a recent track embankment failure and collapse occurred. Engineering consultant Ellen Douglas explained via Zoom that a serious embankment failure occurred in Sandwich on October 27, 2020. The study will assess whether climate change is affecting Massachusetts rail infrastructure this way. Drought conditions may have caused the 2020 collapse. This Cape Cod Rail Resilience Research project



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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 - Nancy Putnam
3:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: The Cathedral of Notre Dame
11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Cape Verde Through My Lens by Rick DaSilva

Friday February 7, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Mattapoissett Land Trust
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM A Conversation With...
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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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 Monomoy
9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Fairhaven
11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - The Revolutionary Temper with Robert Darnton

Saturday February 8, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Science 360
11:30 AM Health Source
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
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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
5:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Past Pastimes
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
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7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoissett Museum: Butterflies
10:00 PM Thomas Bassett - Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday February 10, 2025

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

Sunday February 9, 2025

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

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

4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Fairhaven
8:00 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Monomoy
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 February 11, 2025

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

Wednesday February 12, 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 Mattapoissett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series
8:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
9:30 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Monomoy
11:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs West Bridgewater

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 AM Marion School Committee
12:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
1:30 PM Marion Board of Health
2:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
2:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
4:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
4:30 PM Marion Planning Board
5:30 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 Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
12:30 PM ORR School Committee
3:30 PM Rochester Special Town Meeting
6:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 PM Rochester School Committee

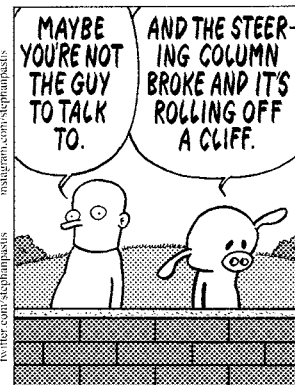
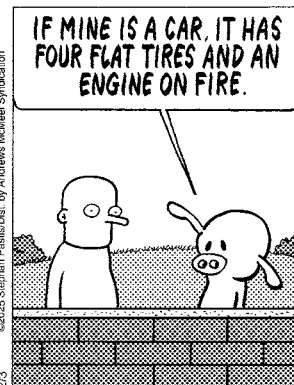
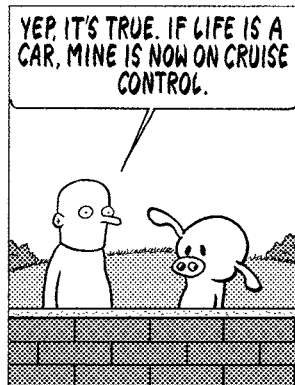
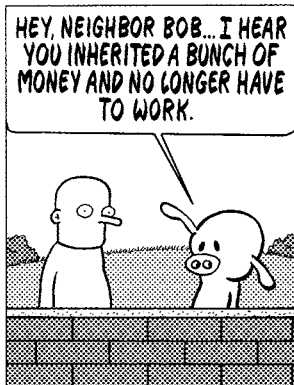
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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM Sippican Spring Concert
9:30 AM Sippican School Block
10:00 AM Center School Family Q&As
10:30 AM MEFA College Financing Seminar
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM The Harvard Krokodloes at ORR
2:30 PM ORR Theater Class
4:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs DR
5:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs GNBVT
8:30 PM Chuck McIntyre Autistic Presentation at ORR
9:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Fairhaven
10:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs DR
11:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs DR

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 38

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 AM Marion School Committee
12:00 PM Marion Finance Committee

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



will be funded totally by state funds, she said. Two other Cape Cod locations are also being studied.

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

New School Health Committee Created

Marion School Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion School Committee met Thursday, January 30 with a list of action items and pending approvals. The first item was the approval of a fundraiser for Sippican Elementary for a fieldtrip in May. The sixth-grade trip is to Camp Burgess in Sandwich. The trip fundraiser was unanimously approved. Three donations were also approved and accepted: \$4,000 from the Feinstein Foundation for school pantries, Shutterfly/Life Touch annual donation \$1614.86 as a part of revenues generated, and \$27.79 from a sixth-grade fundraising effort with Red Robin. A mini-grant was also accepted for \$320 for a Lego Spike Kit.

The district's financial report was given, noting the remaining funds and expenses in line for the remainder of FY25. The Chairperson's Report was also presented, being about halfway through the current school year. School libraries have reported a record number of books being checked and read the past year with other literacy programs, according to Superintendent Nelson, going strong.

Project Grow has seen many programs through the winter such as learning about beehives, tracing shadows, and writing to pen pals. Third graders also created portraits for the upcoming Tri-Town Against Racism art contest for Black History Month.

The committee also went over what was approved at the most recent Joint School Committee meeting from January 23.

Considering the recent pandemic, the superintendent said towards the end of the meeting, "we have learned we need to have a School Health and Wellness Committee – connected to our food service department and physical education department. I am

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recommending the four school committees appoint a member from each of the boards." From Marion, committee member Nicole McGaffey volunteered and was approved by the committee for membership in the new School Health and Wellness Committee.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee will be held March 6.

Slam Dunks and Hockey Pucks

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

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OBITUARIES



Marino P. "Mario" Luzza, age 92, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 31, 2025. Born on March 21, 1932, in Acquaro, Italy, he was the beloved husband of Nelida "Lucy" (Finocchiari) Luzza for 65 wonderful years.

The son of the late Ambrosio and Pasqualina (Nicolaci) Luzzi, Mario was raised in Calabria, Italy. He went on to pursue his passion for tailoring at the age of 16 in Rome. At 19, he further honed his craft by studying design at the Instituto Modelo Design in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was there that he met the love of his life, Lucy. Together, they embarked on a journey in pursuit of the American dream, eventually settling in Mattapoisett in 1978, where they built a beautiful life and raised their three children.

Mario worked for many years as a Quality Control Supervisor at Cliftex Corporation in New Bedford. After retirement, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of opening his own tailor and alterations shop, It's Sew Easy, which became a beloved fixture in the tri-town area. His shop was not just a place of business but a space where he shared his craftsmanship and joy with the community. Visitors were often greeted with warm conversation, and if they were lucky, a tune on his harmonica. He also proudly displayed countless photos of his cherished grandson, Marco, his pride and joy.

A man of many passions, Mario found happiness in cycling, gardening, playing the harmonica, drawing, and cooking—especially his homemade lasagna, which was a family favorite. His love for cycling extended beyond leisure, as he competed in numerous races during his time in Argentina. A devoted sports fan, he followed cycling, soccer, football, basketball, tennis, and hockey with great enthusiasm. He was also a proud member of the Sons of Italy.

Mario is survived by his loving wife, Lucy; his children, Vivian Glazier of Fairhaven, Anthony Luzza of Raynham, and Michelle Luzza of Fairhaven; and his beloved grandson, Marco Luzza.

He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Les Glazier, and his daughter-in-law, Veronique Luzza.

Mario's warmth, kindness, and unwavering love for his family and community will be deeply missed. His legacy of craftsmanship, passion, and devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Mario's wake will be held on his birthday, Friday, March 21, 2025 from 3-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Mary Kate Judith Oien, 34, of Fairhaven, formerly of Marion died Thursday, January 30, 2025 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston unexpectedly.

Mary Kate was born in Fagares, Romania, and was the daughter of Marianne (Staniunas) & James B. Oien. Mary Kate graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School, Class of 2009 and was currently attending Bristol Community College. She had also attended the Salter School to work as a medical assistant.

She was an amateur photographer and enjoyed taking pictures of local sunsets. Mary Kate also played tennis and enjoyed fishing, walking on the beach and sports. She was a fan of the Boston Celtics and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Survivors include her parents, Marianne and James Oien of Fairhaven; her brothers, Luke Oien and his wife Christina of LaMoure, ND, and Mark Oien and his wife Binu of Marion; and her niece and nephews, Matthew, Katherine and Patrick. She is also survived by her paternal grandmother Margeane Oien of Binford, ND. She was predeceased by her sister, the late Katy Ann Oien, her paternal grandfather, the late Ernest Oien, and her maternal grandparents, the late Joseph and Barbara Staniunas. Mary Kate is also survived by her best friend and soul mate, her dog Tink.

Her funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at St. Anthony's Church, 22 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. Relatives and friends were invited. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Marion will be at a later date.



Wilson "Bud" David Harding, a proud Elder and Eagle Clan citizen of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, passed away peacefully at his home in Mashpee after an extended illness.

Bud was born April 23, 1934, in Bournedale, MA son of Charles D. Harding, Chief White Feather of the Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe, and Eleanor Pocknett Harding, Princess Blue Feather of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. He was the youngest and last surviving of five siblings.

Bud was raised in the Bournedale Valley along the Herring Pond River and attended the Sagamore Grammar School and the New Bedford Vocational High School. After High School, Bud worked as an auto body technician and became a police officer for the Bourne Police Department.

As an officer Bud frequented a local coffee shop,

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basketball team hosted Bishop Stang (7-7), on January 29, and won 78-61. Gavin Martin was named the player of the game, as he got a double-double, scoring 13 points and having 12 assists. Finn Kavanagh scored 22 points, Grady Oliveira scored 16, and Henry Berry and Hunter Horsey both had 8 points. The Bulldogs doubled Bishop Stang's score at half, going up 36-18 and never going back. Old Rochester made 9 three-pointers in the win, and their record currently stands at 8-8. Their next game will be played at home against Joseph Case (1-13), on February 7.

Girls Basketball

Old Rochester played Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech (7-10) on January 31 and won 65-53. The Bulldogs continue their dominance, winning nine games in a row. They will host Bourne (13-1) on February 6.

Hockey

The Bulldogs played Bishop Stang (12-3) on February 1 and won 4-0. The Bulldogs are now 7-7 after the win and will face Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech on February 5.

OHS Fifth Grader Wins Feinsein Foundation Golden Ticket

On Monday, January 27, Thomas' winning ticket and five others were announced on WPRI's Channel 12 during the 4:30 pm news.

Thomas chose to donate the \$500 gift to the Breast

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Cancer Research Foundation to honor his "Yaya."

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Beginning in October, random drawings are held on WPRI Channel 12, and five student tickets from elementary and middle schools across Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts are randomly selected each week.

"We are thankful to the Feinstein Foundation for recognizing Thomas and providing him with the opportunity to donate to a cause of his choice," Principal Stephanie Wells said. "Not only does this program allow students to make choices of where they would like to see a direct impact, but our school greatly benefits as well."

"On behalf of the district, I would like to thank the Feinstein Foundation for their donation, and I'm grateful that they can provide this opportunity to our students," Superintendent Nelson said. "Thomas has exemplified the value of giving back, and I know that the funds will go to great use."

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

Having previously written about the benefits to the overall community and the importance of legacy, let's get practical and focus on the direct personal economic benefits of historic districts, especially in this part of the world:

Property Value: Research has shown that property values in historic districts often rise faster than in other areas. In other words, if the time comes when you want to sell your house, you will receive a premium on your investment.

Investment Attraction: Historic districts can

OBITUARIES

Ma's Donuts, in Buzzards Bay where he met Joan Gendron and fell in love. Bud and Joan married in 1957 and celebrated 63 years together before she passed away in 2020.

They started their family in Buzzards Bay, and soon after, Bud made a career change to work in full-time auto body repair, working for local shops before going out on his own opening Bud's Auto Body in Fairhaven in 1968.

He moved with his family to Acushnet in 1964 before establishing the family home in Mattapoisett in 1970. In 2004 Bud sold the body shop and retired. Bud and Joan moved to Mashpee in 2014.

Bud enjoyed riding BMW and Harley Davidson motorcycles and was a member of the New England Vikings Motorcycle Club. He was also an avid gun collector and champion marksman. He spent time weekly in competitive shooting meets and was a member of the Acushnet Rifle and Pistol Club. He enjoyed horseback riding with his children while they were growing up and owned several horses, boarding them in Fairhaven.

Later in life, Bud enjoyed flying his Cessna airplane to various regional airports for Sunday breakfasts and was a member of the New Bedford Regional Pilots Association. He especially enjoyed spending time with his mother Eleanor, assisting her in the maintenance of her Aquinnah properties on Martha's Vineyard.

Bud was an active citizen of his tribe and enjoyed attending powwows, social events, and regularly attended the Elder's Lunch program. He was also a founding member of the Elders Judiciary Committee, where he was recently hon-

ored as a lifetime member.

Bud was a joyful man and a devoted friend to many. He adored his wife, Joan, to her dying day and took great pleasure in spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, February 15, with a calling hour at 10 am and a service at 11 am at the Old Indian Meetinghouse in Mashpee, followed by repast and fellowship at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Government Center.

A private burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Fairhaven where his remains will be interred with his wife Joan and daughter Melanie.

Bud is survived by a daughter, Melissa A. Harding, of Wellborn, Florida; two sons, Mark D. Harding and his wife Paula Peters of Mashpee and Matthew S. Harding and his wife Gretchen Harding, of Bexley, Ohio; five granddaughters, Chrystal Pelletier of Lake City, Florida, Bryn Aquinnah Harding of Morgantown, West Virginia, Lili Harding of Bexley, Ohio, Margaux Harding of Madison, Wisconsin, and Audrey-Ana Sterling Harding of Mashpee; one grandson, Atticus Wilson Harding of Mashpee; three great-grandchildren, Novah Jade Coppinger of Lake City, Florida, and Charlotte Drew Shaw and Brooks Dee Shaw of Morgantown, West Virginia; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Melanie Marie.

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also attract investment by signaling a community's commitment to preserving its cultural heritage and character. This can make the area more appealing to attractive businesses or residential developers, which can spur further economic activity. Consider how attractive Padanaram has become in recent years.

Sustainability: Historic preservation is often a more sustainable choice than new construction. It saves materials and reduces the energy use associated with demolition and new building. It can also make use of existing infrastructure, reducing costs and impacts associated with new construction.

Job Creation: Restoration and renovation projects within historic districts typically require more labor than new construction, creating jobs for local tradespeople. These jobs often pay well and contribute to local economic stability.

Small Business Development: The unique atmosphere and charm of historic districts can provide an ideal environment for small businesses, particularly in sectors like hospitality, retail, and arts and crafts. These districts can become a draw for local residents and visitors alike, fostering a thriving local economy and stronger tax base to be invested back into the community.

Preservation Grants and Tax Incentives: Many state and federal programs offer financial incentives for preserving historic properties. These can include tax credits, grants, or low-interest loans. Such funding can



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MOVIE REVIEW

She, Robot

By Rob Gonsalves
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Companion. Starring Sophie Thatcher and Jack Quaid. Directed by Drew Hancock. Running time: 97 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

The sci-fi thriller *Companion* is clever enough as it goes, including hiding its status as a sci-fi thriller for the first half hour or so. Some of it won't hold up to parking-lot interrogation, though — when you've left the theater and questions start presenting themselves and you say "Wait a minute." For instance, when a "companion robot" is programmed not to hurt a human, that makes sense. But then we learn that the programming can be overridden — *wait* a minute. And then we find out the robot's "aggression level" can be ramped up to 100% — wait a *minute*.

Now, why would all those anti-failsafes be built into a companion model that's supposedly designed solely for pliable, unquestioning love? And the company that manufactures these robots, "Empathix" — why hasn't it been sued into oblivion? An awful lot of literal elements of *Companion*, a feature debut by writer-director Drew Hancock, won't pass the sniff test. But while you're watching it — before you hit the cold rationality of the parking lot — it's an agreeably nasty *noir* comedy in which our heroine Iris (Sophie Thatcher), who is revealed to be a companion, must extricate herself from a horrible situation.

That much, anyway, is alluded to in the marketing. Iris looks and acts human, but is not, although she turns out to have sturdier moral bearings than any human onscreen. This gives a fresh meaning to "more human than human" (Iris' programming keeps her from lying, for instance) and is one of the movie's more valuable qualities. *Companion* is nasty in that it shows the full nastiness humans are capable of, but since it's told largely through Iris' shock and horror, we don't feel that the movie is *enjoying* the nastiness. Iris is front and center from frame one, and our sympathies are with her, not with her human employer Josh (Jack Quaid).

The world-building here is held at arm's length — conveniently, the story is set out in the middle of nowhere — so we're asked to take a lot on faith. Hancock,

I think, focused more on the rules of the programming than on the larger society that enables the concept of companion robots. (For the record, male companions exist in the world of the film, too.) We can almost see Hancock handwaving some of the logical qualms and drawing our gaze to Iris and her quest for freedom. Sophie Thatcher gets us in her corner very early on and never wastes our interest. Once Iris' identity is revealed, Thatcher just gets more interesting to watch, especially when Iris or someone else plays with Iris's levels. It's a fist-pumping moment when Iris notices her intelligence has been dialed down to 40%, and jacks it up to 100%.

Hancock is also not without humor, and strange conceptual humor, too. At one point, Iris runs across a cop, and tells him exactly what she's done, only her language has been set to German, so he doesn't understand. Thatcher and Mark Menchaca (as the cop) turn the scene into a weird duet of incomprehension. Interactions like that make me want to give a pass to the script's less-illuminated pockets and look at what Hancock is offering, which is a woman in trouble. The director also plays with some tropes, such as our assumption that a robot, like a zombie, can be taken out of commission with a bullet to the head. Well, not really. And violence comes in for some ribbing, too: one guy (national treasure Harvey Guillén) tries firing a gun and isn't prepared for how loud it is.

Companion isn't anything major, but its very smallness makes it work as a thriller about a heroine with everything stacked against her. (We're told companions don't have superhuman strength, though they may be hard to kill.) The same instinct that discourages me from spoiling too much (there are other twists in store) also makes me not want to sell it too hard. It's the sort of fine, low-budget B-movie that's been making a bit of a comeback lately. The less you expect from it, the more you might get.

stimulate local economic activity and job creation during the restoration process and beyond.

Sense of Community: The unique character of a historic district can increase the desirability of a town, leading to increased residential demand and higher property values. A vibrant, thriving historic district can contribute to a positive feedback loop of investment and growth.

In short and as recognized in Marion's 2017 Strategic Plan, preserving and maintaining historic districts can be a crucial part of small-town economic strategies, particularly in a region like ours with a rich historical heritage.

William N. Tift

Chair, Marion Historic District Study Committee

Academic Achievements

Springfield College has named **Rylee Kouta** from Mattapoissett to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 fall semester. Kouta has a primary major of Pre-Prof Athletic Training.

The following Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) students were named to the Dean's List for Fall 2024:

Chaz Aguiar of Mattapoissett, class of 2027, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Rudy Arsenault of Mattapoissett, class of 2027, majoring in Robotics Engineering.

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- Mill St – Emergency services
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- Bullivant Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Main St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Found property
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Edgewater Ln – Suspicious MV
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Cross Neck Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Route 195 East – MV complaint
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Thomas Ln – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Village Dr – Follow up investigation
- Joanne Dr – MV complaint
- Ryders Ln – Health/welfare
- Holly Ln – Gas leak
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Converse Rd – Fraud
- Sassamon Trl – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 26-Feb 1

- Cannon St – Animal control
- Hunters Ln – Burglar alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Water St – MV violations
- Martin Ave – 911 call
- Martin Ave – General services
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Pleasant View Ave – Burglar alarm
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up investigation
- Church St – Suspicious persons
- Marion Rd - Complaint
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Property found
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Chapel Rd – Unattended death
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Chapel Rd - Disturbance
- Lebaron Way – Medical assist
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Goodspeed Island – Complaint
- Reservation Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd - Complaint
- County Rd - Arrest
- Upland Way – Health/welfare
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Ryder Ln – Health/welfare
- I195 East – Ambulance request
- Cannon St – 911 abandoned
- Aucoot Rd - Disturbance

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 26-Feb 1

- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dr Braley Rd – Fire alarm
- Haskell Ridge Rd - Threats
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- High St – General services
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- North Ave – MV collision
- Paradise Ln – Suspicious Activity
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Medical alarm
- Dexter Ln – Firearms violation
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Pierce St – Road hazard
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Pierce St – Animal control
- Thomas Ln – Assist other agency
- Union Church Ter – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Follow up
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Horse Neck Dr – Animal control
- Constitution Way – Investigation
- Cranberry Hwy - Disturbance
- New Bedford Rd – General services
- Hartley Rd – Inside Investigation
- Braley Hill Rd – Animal control
- Jasons Ln – Animal control
- North Ave – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy - Threats
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Assist other

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, Feb 10:** Pulled pork tacos w/lime, brown rice, black beans, corn & peppers, mini tortillas (2), peaches
- Tuesday, Feb 11:** Tuscan white fish, rice pilaf, zucchini squash, wheat bread, pudding, diet: fruit cup
- Wednesday, Feb 12:** Chicken piccata, roasted potatoes, brussels sprouts, wheat bread, pear
- Thursday, Feb 13:** Turkey chili w/sweet potato, shredded cheese, California blend vegetables, whole grain cornbread, mixed fruit
- Friday, Feb 14:** Chicken parmesan, whole grain pasta, broccoli, dinner roll, pound cake, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

- Monday, Feb 10:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup
- Tuesday, Feb 11:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad

- Wednesday, Feb 12:** Wacky waffles, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup, maple syrup
- Thursday, Feb 13:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Feb 14:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

- Monday, Feb 10:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup
- Tuesday, Feb 11:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Feb 12:** Wacky waffles, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup, maple syrup
- Thursday, Feb 13:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Feb 14:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

- Monday, Feb 10:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken

soup

- Tuesday, Feb 11:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Feb 12:** Pancakes, warm blueberry sauce, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup, maple syrup
- Thursday, Feb 13:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Feb 14:** Hot buffalo chicken dip served w/whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

- Monday, Feb 10:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup
- Tuesday, Feb 11:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Feb 12:** Wacky waffles, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup, maple syrup
- Thursday, Feb 13:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Feb 14:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

- Monday, Feb 10:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup
- Tuesday, Feb 11:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, Feb 12:** Wacky waffles, potato smiles, cheese stick, yogurt cup, maple syrup
- Thursday, Feb 13:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
- Friday, Feb 14:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

- Monday, Feb 10:** Build a burrito bowl
- Tuesday, Feb 11:** Calzone & fries
- Wednesday, Feb 12:** Chicken parmesan & spaghetti
- Thursday, Feb 13:** Scrambled eggs, tater tots & pancakes
- Friday, Feb 14:** Assorted pizza

Andrew Porter of Mattapoisett, class of 2028, majoring in Architectural Engineering.

Paige Sommers of Rochester, class of 2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

William Thomas, of Mattapoisett, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, located in Madison, NJ, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester.

College of Charleston congratulates **John Butler** of Mattapoisett, majoring in Economics and of Mattapoisett, **Sally Butler** majoring in Marketing, who were named to the Dean's List for Winter 2024.

Mattapoisett Annual Census

Annual Census Forms have been mailed out to all households in Mattapoisett. If you did not receive one, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 X 2. Please return them as promptly as possible, as failure to respond to the census may result in removal from the voting list. Dog license applications are on the bottom of the census form. If you send in a check for the appropriate fee, we would be happy to mail the license out to you. Licenses are \$12, or \$9 if your pet is spayed or neutered. Remember, we must have a copy of a current rabies certificate on file to issue a 2025 license. Payments may be made online through our town website at www.mattapoisett.net. Census responses may be placed in the blue drop box in front of town hall or mailed using the return envelope which was included.

Hello from Plumb Library

February is Library Lovers Month, and we are offering two different ways for you to tell your library love story.

The first is to participate in our "Ten Word Tales" bulletin board. Using just 10 words, tell a story about your love of books, reading, or libraries. You can write them at home and drop them off to us, email them to info@plumblibrary.com (put Ten Word Tale in the subject line), or write them in the Library during your next visit. This project is open to library users of all ages and your tales can be signed or anonymous. Help us fill our bulletin board with library love.

The second way is to go on-line to www.LoveMassLibraries.com to share with Massachusetts State Representatives and Legislatures the importance and impact that libraries have on residents. It's more crucial than ever to let the State know that libraries have supporters at the local level. There is a post on our



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Facebook page if you'd like more information, or feel free to ask us any questions you may have about this project.

For those of you who like to choose your next read in a slightly less conventional way, this month's book display features a version of "Blind Date with a Book." Display cards will provide the genre and first line of the book, along with some words of recommendation. Bring the card to the desk to pick up your "date." Who knows, maybe you'll find your next great love in our stacks.

Please remember that library cards are required for checkout. If you have lost your card, it can be replaced for a \$2.00 charge. A great way to make sure you always have your card with you is to upload it to the SAILS Mobile app. It's quick and easy and we're happy to show



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- 6 Theater actor's place
- 11 Ray of light
- 15 Agts. like Eliot Ness
- 19 Babies, in Barcelona
- 20 Like meat that's OK to eat per Muslim law
- 21 Hamburg's river
- 22 Humorist Bombeck
- 23 — citato (in the work already mentioned)
- 24 Colonel North, in brief
- 25 "So right!"
- 26 Notice
- 27 Start of a riddle
- 31 Suffix with cash
- 32 Dollar divs.
- 33 Mil. roadside hazards
- 34 Busy Chicago airport
- 36 Small seed
- 39 Web, for a fly
- 41 ROY G. —
- 43 Moral wrong

- 44 Riddle, part 2
- 49 Source of a scratch from a tabby
- 50 Russian empress
- 51 Ark builder in Genesis
- 54 Oklahoma city
- 56 Saturated
- 57 Splits
- 61 Appraise
- 64 Cash, slangily
- 67 Motorists' org.
- 69 Meadowland
- 70 Riddle, part 3
- 74 Just get (by)
- 75 Be a suitor of
- 76 Nissan model
- 77 Seville's land, to its natives
- 78 Hip-hop bro
- 80 Himalayas, e.g.: Abbr.
- 82 Garbo of the silver screen
- 84 Garden in Genesis
- 85 Raised, flat land
- 89 Ohio college that was the first in the U.S. to admit women

- 92 End of the riddle
- 98 Luau paste
- 99 That lady
- 100 Full of curves
- 101 Calf catcher
- 103 "It's just one of — things"
- 105 Saturate
- 106 — Aviv
- 108 First year of the 10th century
- 109 Riddle's answer
- 116 Hair removal brand
- 117 Falafel bread
- 118 Defrosts
- 119 Dazzling success
- 120 Pakistani's language
- 121 Ever and —
- 122 Loosen, as laces
- 123 Dishonor
- 124 Apple discard
- 125 Camera eye
- 126 Verse writers
- 127 "— With Love" (1967 #1 hit song)

DOWN

- 1 Trap by a winter storm

- 2 Constellation between Cassiopeia and Draco
- 3 Dredge up
- 4 Ernie's buddy
- 5 "Wait just —"
- 6 "Dang it!"
- 7 Converses
- 8 "For — know ..."
- 9 Increase
- 10 Like a song of lament
- 11 Lairs for grizzlies, e.g.
- 12 "St. — Fire"
- 13 Lying on a king or queen
- 14 Eatery list
- 15 Comb parts
- 16 Brand of food seasoning
- 17 Large markets
- 18 Vetoer's vote
- 28 Piece for eight
- 29 Reform Party founder Ross
- 30 Assembly of witches
- 35 Rhinoplasty doc
- 37 Red-shelled Chinese fruit
- 38 Green gap
- 39 Skiing races

- 40 Football Hall of Famer Ozzie
- 41 Part of FBI
- 42 Mimic
- 45 Mo. in fall
- 46 Big feather
- 47 Logging tool
- 48 Pothole filler
- 51 Christened
- 52 Japanese metropolis
- 53 Crooked
- 55 Together (with)
- 58 Homeric epic
- 59 Pasta tubes
- 60 "Cosmos" host Carl
- 62 Akron-to-Atlanta dir.
- 63 Belly
- 65 Genre for Yes and Genesis
- 66 "Come, Fido"
- 68 DOJ heads
- 71 Babe or fox
- 72 Like Cheerios
- 73 Key or corkscrew
- 79 Family MDs
- 81 Deep blue
- 83 Fido's sound
- 86 One of the 87-Down

- 87 Competitors who didn't win
- 88 Pinkie-side arm bones
- 90 "But Not for Me" actress Palmer
- 91 Home to Boise: Abbr.
- 92 Fitting
- 93 A total lack of compassion
- 94 Carbon — (exhaled gas)
- 95 Have a gabfest
- 96 Actor Cage
- 97 — Trail (Everglades highway)
- 102 Jousting knight
- 104 Play a guitar
- 105 Determined to achieve
- 106 Specifically
- 107 "That's someone — problem"
- 110 White gem
- 111 Climbing plant
- 112 "Don't say it!"
- 113 Statistician Silver
- 114 Waistcoat
- 115 Reverberate
- 116 Letters before xis

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about a "favor" that you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation, which you would check out first, of course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat-unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters that you might have had to let slide.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by the person who wants to be your traveling companion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references you can check out before you make any decisions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well-done. There are other pluses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult, but the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

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you how it works.

Library hours are: Mondays/Thursdays 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesdays/Wednesdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Fridays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm ; Saturdays 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.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

Visit the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street this month—after all, February is for library lovers.

Join us on Saturday, **February 8**, at 11:00 am for an author talk with Alfred H. Saulniers of Spinner Publications. Alfred's book, *The French of New Bedford*, tells the story of the city's French speakers, from their arrival and growth through their eventual decline caused by new immigration restrictions, the Great Textile Strike of 1928, and the Great Depression. All ages welcome.

Throughout February, Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) will exhibit student artwork from its Black History Month Creative Expression Art contest in the library's large meeting room. An award reception will be held on **February 8** at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Join us on **February 11** at 6:00 pm for "Larchmont Remembered" to learn more about the harrowing tale of the 1907 maritime disaster. This event is presented by Daniel Harrington, a former East Providence City Councilor and longtime monthly columnist for the Providence Journal.

On **February 16** at 2:00 pm, the Fiction Book Group meets in the Marine Room. This month, we are discussing *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. Copies of the book are available for pickup at the library. Come on down.

Our next Cookbook Club meeting is on **February 18** at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome. This month, we're reading and cooking from *Where Cooking Begins* by Carla Lalli Music. Copies of the book are



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Join Alanna Nelson on **February 25** at 6:00 pm for the next Sippizine writing group in the Marine Room. Bring your favorite writing accessories (e.g., paper, pen, computer) and get ready for the spark as ideas pop up in this creative writing session.

As always, these events and activities are free and accessible to all. Visit our website for more information and updates. If you have any questions, please email mfpl@sailsinc.org or call us at (508) 758-4171.

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Scenes from the final performance of Old Colony Theater Company's showing of Andrew Ross' North Woods Nonsense. The play ran this past weekend at Old Colony Vocational High School and filled the room with many laughs throughout. Photo by Sam Bishop.



Bowen, Tommy, and Jean Louise are warming up on a cold winter night in Mattapoisett. Photo by Dan Lucas.



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

newest program. For ages 8-11, the program is on Thursdays from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm. Spring Session 1 starts on February 13 through March 27



with no class on February 20. The cost is \$175 for MAC members and \$205 for non-members. All materials and firing are included. Students will learn the basics of clay hand-building techniques with slabs, coils, pinching and texture to create 3D animals, pots, ornaments and sculptures. Clay work will be kiln fired, decorated and made to last. More information can be found at: marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

Marion Town Meeting and Election Information

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, **May 12**, followed by the Town Election on Friday, **May 16**.

Here is the list of the available elected positions:

- Board of Assessors (1)
- Board of Health (1)
- Select Board (1)
- Marion School Committee (1)
- ORR School Committee (1)
- Open Space Acquisition Commission (2)
- Planning Board (2)

In order to run for an elected position, you must be a registered voter in the Town of Marion.

The Nomination Papers are available and must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by the end of business on March 28. The potential candidate must secure twenty eight (28) signatures in order to be placed on the ballot. The Town Clerk recommends that the potential candidate obtain at least thirty five (35) signatures.

Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-748-3502.

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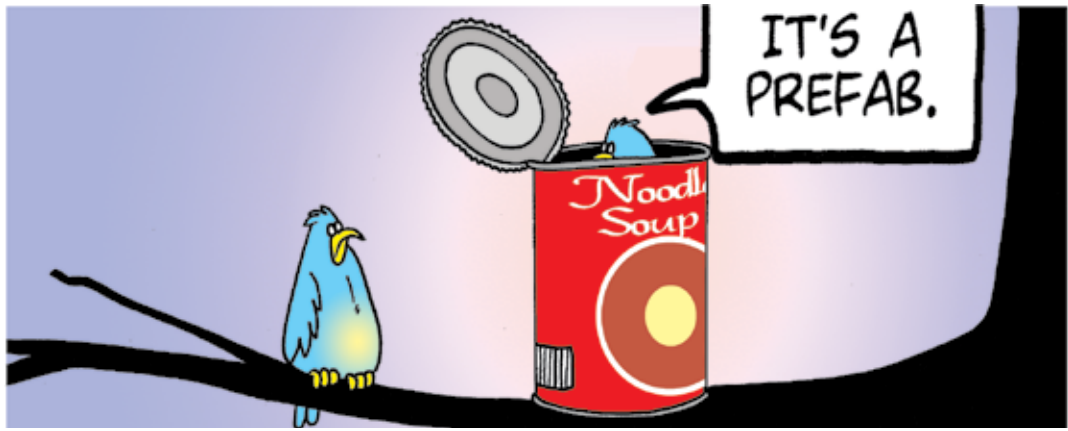
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Town Of Marion Volunteer Opportunities

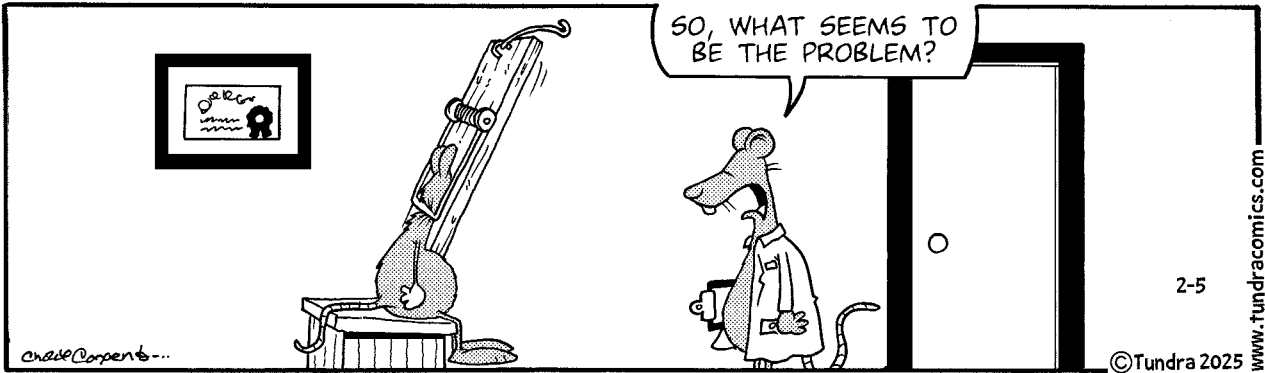
The Town of Marion has a vacancy on the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission (MOSAC). This position will be appointed by the Select Board and MOSAC and the appointment will end May 2025. In addition to this appointed position, the Marion Select Board is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Town Boards and Committees:

- Conservation Commission (1 Associate).
- Cultural Council (1).
- Energy Management Committee (1).
- Finance Committee (1 Alternate).
- Fireworks Committee (6).
- Marine Resources Commission (1 Alternate).

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- Music Hall Advisory Committee (1).
- Scholarship Education Fund Committee (1).
- Trees & Parks Committee (1).

As of January 28.

Deadline for applications is February 12.

Applications to serve are available at the Select Board office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application either online or return hard copy of application to the Marion Select Board, Two Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 by end of business on **February 12**.

Mattapoissett Food Outreach

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoissett will be holding our monthly no-cost Food Assistance Outreach at the Mattapoissett American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street, Mattapoissett, on Sunday, **February 9** from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

This Monthly Food outreach will have frozen meats, non-refrigerated 1-2% milk, assorted juice, frozen vegetables, fresh eggs (limited quantities), and non-perishables. Supplies are limited and all food is fresh and directly received from the Boston Food Bank.

All Mattapoissett residents needing additional help with the rising costs of food are welcome. As supplies increase this outreach will be opened up to all of the area towns.

For more information call (508) 998-6990, or E-Mail: pastor@lambogodma.org or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **February 10** at 7:00 pm at the Benjamin Cushing Community Center, 460 Mill Street, Marion. The public and new members welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Elizabeth Taber Library is now operating out of the Marion Music Hall for the month of February to facilitate a library improvement construction project.

During this time our temporary phone number for library services will be 508-538-1214

The Elizabeth Taber Library will continue to provide access to collections of new fiction, new non-fiction, new children's and new young adult materials, along with our Luck Day collection of the most requested books, a portion of our Library of Things collection, and our Black History Month collection for all ages.

Patrons can continue to place and pick up holds at the Marion Music Hall with their library cards and access museum passes, however no computer or printing services will be available during this time.

Story Times will continue on Mondays and

Tuesdays at 10:30 am.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is excited to host the Excellent family with Tri-Town Against Racism for a Black History Month StoryTime. Join us at the Marion Music Hall on Saturday, **February 8** at 11 am for stories read by John, Kate, and Owen and an activity following story time.

Our temporary hours during our stay at the Music Hall will be Monday 10-5, Tuesday 10-6, Wednesday 10-5, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-3. We will be closed on Sundays for the duration of the month of February.

Please check our website for further updates.

Kids can learn embroidery Program and Full Moon Party, Wednesday, **February 12** at 3pm, for ages 5+.

Join the ETL at the Marion Music Hall for Swipe Right: A Night of Romance Novels and Reviews, Thursday, **February 13** from 6-8pm for ages 18+. Celebrate romance and laughter as we review some of our favorite romance novels and make self-care goodies.

Join Jewelry Artist Heather Beck's weekly copper stamping workshops, Saturdays in March at the library from 1:00 pm to 2:30pm:

March 8: Copper Bookmarks.

March 15: Copper Keychains.

March 22: Copper Pendants.

March 29: Copper night lights.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Reworld SEMASS Limited Partnership for property located at 141 Cranberry Highway in Rochester and is designated as Lot 1-0 on Assessor's Map 17. The applicant is proposing the replacement of the water main with a new line along the original route.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.
Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 2/6

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm ***** Meeting will be held on February 20, 2025*****

Case #1555: Petition of: The Paul V. Walsh, Jr. Trust, 113 Angelica Ave, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: 113 Angelica Ave. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 6.3.2 and Section 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to demolish existing ground level cottage for the purpose of constructing a two-story single-family dwelling in compliance with FEMA and Mass Building Code for construction within an AE Flood Zone.

The property is further described as Plot 2A, Lot 26 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Case #1556: Petition of: William Wennerberg, 2 Crestfield Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: Fairhaven Road, Map 11, Lot 85. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Section 6.3.1 and Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a two-story, three-bedroom, single family dwelling with a one stall attached garage with a front and rear deck.

LEGAL NOTICES

The property is further described as Plot 11, Lot 85 on the Assessors map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

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

Sincerely,
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By Fifi Rodriguez

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8. SCIENCE: What is the name for the pivot on which a lever turns?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to the ancient city of Petra?
10. MUSIC: Which of Taylor Swift's songs was first to appear on the Billboard Hot 100?

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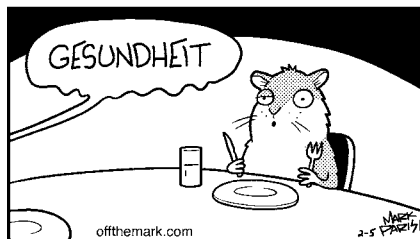
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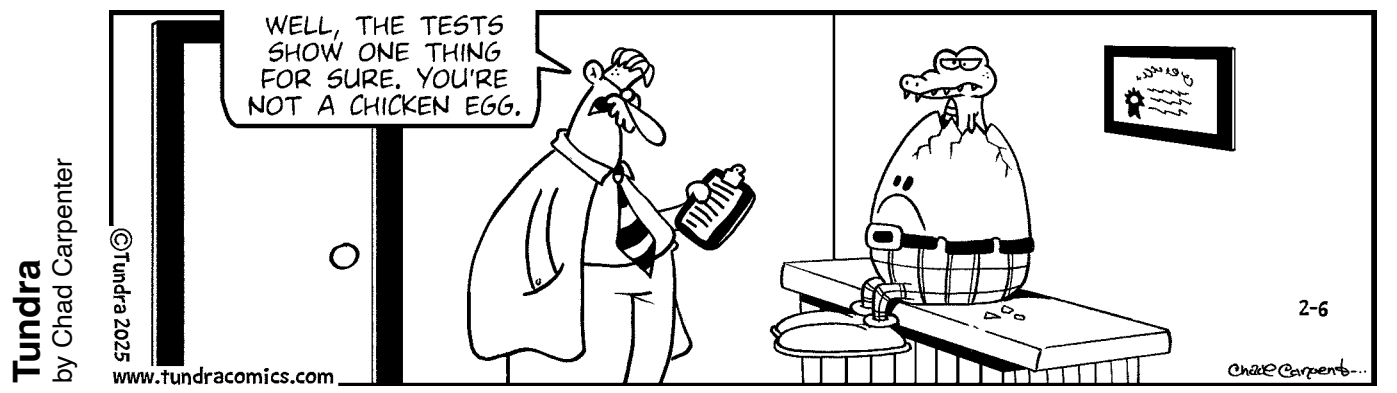
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Half hour lessons are scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-7:00pm in the MAC's upstairs gallery space. Students attend one day per week. Find more information at: marionartcenter.org/kids-music-lessons, or for adults: marionartcenter.org/adult-music-dance.

Summer Programs at the MAC

The MAC has opened registration to members for the ArtStart 2025. ArtStart is the MAC's summer art program for children ages 4 1/2 to 9 years, offered in June and July each year. ArtStart teachers are specialists in music, dance, theater, and art, most of whom teach throughout the year and are professionals in their fields. Activities include arts and crafts, theater, music, games, and storytelling.

The schedule for 2025 is Session 1: Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27;
 Session 2: Monday, June 30 - Thursday, July 3 (4 days, no camp July 4);
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The All Things Art Schedule for 2025: Session 1 - Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1; Session 2 - Monday, August 4 - Friday, August 8; Session 3 - Monday, August 11 - Friday, August 15. Cost: MAC Members: \$250, Non-members: \$290, plus a \$55 materials fee per student each week. For more information and to register: marionartcenter.org/all-things-art

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

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about Rochester's Wild Animal Farm and asked if anyone had any additional information. As luck would have it, two people responded. The first was an email from Bill Chamberlain.

He remembered as a child walking through a stretch of woods along Mary's Pond Rd. It would have extended from the area of Donald Church's home at 531 Mary's Pond Rd. to Lawrence Roy's house at 555. This would have been in the 50's and by his recollection there were a few small, round cages. At this time the "Farm" area was owned by Pearly Merry and/or his father. Merry had a cranberry bog at the rear of the property and Bill remembered that Merry sold cranberries to his grandfather's business.

The background story grew more interesting and reached farther back in time when I received a phone call from Donald George. As I'm sure you remember that Donald's family moved to what had been the animal farm when he was a child in the 1940's. He said the Wild Animal Farm which was open and active in the 1930's consisted of 52 acres that bordered a swamp at the rear of the property. George's mother purchased 5 acres for their house.

When they first moved in there were multiple cages being dismantled and removed. Four mostly intact ones that had been stripped of their contents were left behind. Donald remembered playing with them and said one was a bear cage (so I got my bear, if not the lions and tigers).

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



them and later they were used as a chicken coop.

When the animal farm was active, local school classes went there on field trips. Both George Church and Maurice Fuller remembered going on such a trip, but they no longer remembered what they saw there. A cement slab and the remains of picnic tables led Donald to assume there had been some kind of candy or ice cream stand.

Donald George said that the sign Barbara Besse remembered would not have been on Mary's Pond Rd. The only sign was a painted board 100 ft down the dirt road that led to the entrance and Bill Chamberlain's "cranberry bog" didn't exist until after the property was sold and the swamp was converted into a bog. He also said that there are records in Town Hall that show the property was the site of a short-lived silver fox farm.

At the end of our phone call, Mr. George expressed regrets that when he was younger and there were people around with solid memories of the animal farm, he wasn't interested in the history. Later, as he got older, he became interested, but the people he could have asked were gone.

That's a wakeup call for all of us to make sure that family photos have names and dates. Also, anyone still lucky enough to have living grandparents or great grand parents should take the time to listen to their stories or ask them about the past. After all, as we tell the 3rd graders when the Historical Commission visits them each year, "history" is a story. It's his story, her story and the story of all of us.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, **February 10**, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will take place at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, located at 242 Robinson Rd, Acushnet. Russ and Wendy Keeler are the guest speakers and will talk about the Rochester Land Trust. The community is welcome to attend and bring a friend.

Mariner Youth Soccer

The Mariner Youth Soccer Club's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, **February 11** at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven. All members are welcome to attend.



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The meeting will include voting on changes to the organization's by-laws, elections for board positions, and committee appointments. Please address questions or interest to: info@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com.

Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to offer two \$2,500.00 scholarship awards to Mattapoissett residents who are high school seniors planning to graduate during the current academic year.

Scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Offices at Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Tabor Academy, Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and online at www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org (see Scholarships).

Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

In addition, there will be one \$1,500.00 Continuing Education Scholarship granted to a Mattapoissett resident who is re-entering the academic world after graduation and is pursuing a post-secondary degree (bachelors, masters, CAGS, doctorate, or other academic degree or advanced career or trade certification).

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

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS		<i>See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com</i>			
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Rawlings, Hannah Mcgrath, Daniel J Jr	Snow, Dale R Snow, Susan	15 Rezendes Ter	Marion	01/15/2025	615,000.00
Old Brads Realty LLC	Ropewalk 35 LLC	35 County Rd	Mattapoissett	01/15/2025	530,000.00
Whalen, Andrew Lapointe	Rull, Charles Rull, Odalis Rull, Idalis	141 Fairhaven Rd	Mattapoissett	01/16/2025	380,000.00
Gately, Matthew James	Gately, Kathleen Marie Hunt, Kathleen Marie Gately, Matthew James	111 Wolf Island Rd	Rochester	01/17/2025	155,985.29

Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	February 10	6:19	6:36		1:02
Tuesday	February 11	7:06	7:22	12:17	1:37
Wednesday	February 12	7:48	8:05	1:01	2:03
Thursday	February 13	8:27	8:46	1:43	2:26
Friday	February 14	9:05	9:25	2:23	2:51
Saturday	February 15	9:41	10:03	3:01	3:18
Sunday	February 16	10:17	10:41	3:38	3:47
Monday	February 17	10:54	11:19	4:16	4:19
Tuesday	February 18	11:33	11:58	4:56	4:54
Wednesday	February 19		12:15	5:41	5:35
Thursday	February 20	12:41	1:02	6:39	6:27
Friday	February 21	1:29	1:54	8:02	7:34
Saturday	February 22	2:26	2:57	9:31	8:51
Sunday	February 23	3:36	4:06	10:31	10:00

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	February 12th
	Last Quarter	February 20th
	New Moon	February 27th
	First Quarter	March 6th

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 30, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 21

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

SCUBA	STAGE	BEAM	TMEN
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SHY	PEOPLE	CONSUME	THAT
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NOAH	TULSA	WET	RIPS
ASSESS	MOOLAH	AAA	LEA
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DAWG	MTS	GRETA	EDEN
PLATEAU	OBERLIN		
ANDS	SOCIALLY	CONFIDENT	
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THOSE	SOAK	TEL	GMI
EXTRO	VERSIO	NOLIVE	OIL
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URDU	ANON	UNTIE	SHAME
STEM	LENS	POETS	TOSIR

SCRAMBLERS

solution

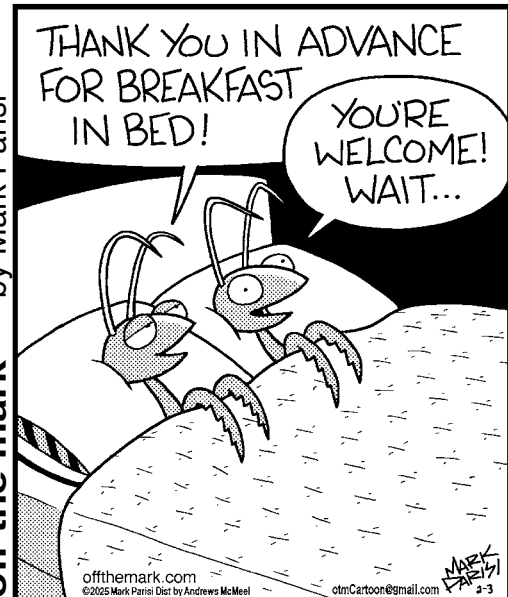
- 1. Dream
- 2. Rustle;
- 3. Bizarre;
- 4. Nestle

Today's Word
BASEMENT

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi





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14.1-14.5 oz. Selected Variety
Soup
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32 oz. Selected Variety
Organic Yogurt
\$4.69



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Sorbet, Novelties or
Ice Cream
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- Swiss Miss 11.04 oz. Hot Cocoa Mix... Selected Variety **2/\$6**
- Red Rose 48 ct. Decaf Tea Bags **\$4.49**
- Post Honey Bunches of Oats 12 oz. Honey Roasted or w/Almonds Cereal..... **\$3.99**
- Sweet Baby Ray's 16-18.5 oz. No Sugar Added BBQ Sauce or Marinades..... Selected Variety **\$3.19**
- Bonne Maman 13 oz. PreservesSelected Variety **\$5.49**
- Lotus 8.8 oz. Biscoff Cookies **\$3.99**
- Chocolove 3.1-3.2 oz. Candy BarsSelected Variety **2/\$7**
- Blue Diamond 16 oz. Almonds..... Selected Variety **\$7.49**
- Bay's 6 Pack. Original English Muffins..... **\$3.99**
- Buitoni 15 oz. Alfredo Sauce **\$5.99**
- Talenti 16 oz. Sorbetto or Gelato.....Selected Variety **\$4.49**

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



12 oz. Pkg.
Selected Variety
Small Batch
Kayem Bacon
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- Block Nine 750 ml - California Req \$13.99
Pinot Noir **\$11.99**

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Linzer Heart Cookies **\$7.99**
- Perfect for Valentine's Day!
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Valentines Mini Cupcakes.. **\$6.99**

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- Spicy Peanut Noodles **\$10.99 lb**
- Mexican Lasagna..... **\$12.99 ea**
- Game Day Wings **\$10.99 lb**
- Deviled Eggs 4 ct. **\$5.99**
- Potato Skins 4 ct..... **\$7.99**
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Take & Bake Pizzas **\$8.99-\$10.99**
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- Shepherd's Pie... **\$12.99 ea ... \$18.99 ea**

- Store Packaged Fresh
Egg Salad **\$10.19 lb**
- Store Packaged Fresh
BBQ Baked Beans **\$6.09 lb**
- Store Made Fresh
Chicken Salad..... **\$11.99 lb**
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- Cedar's
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Tenders

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Sausage

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Selected Variety
Coffee

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Mac & Cheese

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Pasta Sauce

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- Pint Blueberries **\$2.99**
- Fresh Asparagus..... **\$2.99** lb
- Fresh Seedless Cucumbers **\$1.69** ea
- Fresh Welch's Red Grapes **\$2.99** lb
- Fresh Sunset Cluster Tomatoes **\$1.99** lb

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