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A Short History of the Town of Marion

By Sam Bishop

On Monday, May 12 at the Town Meeting, Marionites will vote on whether or not to approve of the proposed historic district in their town. A 2/3 majority vote is necessary for the bylaw to pass. With all the talk of the town's historic significance and maintained distinctive architecture, the preservation of Marion's past and present "look" has been a mainstay of numerous town meetings and discussions. With that, it is prudent to discuss history in order to better understand said importance as well as have an informed vote this May.

What we today call "Marion" and the "Tri-Town" was not long ago part of various Wompanoag summer hunting grounds. At the time, the area was referred to as "Sippican," the name of a local tribe possibly meaning "the land of many waters." When English colonists arrived in the area in 1678-1679 (about 60 years after the founding of Plymouth), they adopted this name for their settlement. The small village of Sippican was a part of Rochester, as was issued by the Massachusetts Bay Colony. This was the case until 1852, when Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Sippican became separate towns.

Following the separation, in 1852, Sippican was renamed "Marion" after Revolutionary War commander Francis Marion. Francis was from the South and was an officer in the Continental Army's 2nd South Carolina Regiment, though he would later be promoted to General. Marion specialized and favored asymmetrical warfare and guerilla tactics. This conserved material and personnel while throwing off conventional British strategy. Due to this and the successes garnered, he was promoted to Brigadier General of the South Carolina Militia. Towards the end of the war, Marion would work as a politician in South Carolina's state government. Following the Treaty of Paris, Marion returned to his plantation, "Pond Bluff," where he discovered it was destroyed by British troops and his slaves liberated or moved elsewhere. He would continue to run this plantation until his death in 1795 at the age of 63.

On the Cover: The Marion Music Hall following the melting of Saturday's snow. The Music Hall was posthumously funded by Elizabeth Tabor and was constructed in 1891. Photo by Sam Bishop.

Currently, there are 16 states with towns named after Francis Marion, with many more counties named for him spread across the country.

For much of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, the town relied on fishing, whaling, and trade. Not unlike other South Coast settlements. While Mattapoisett focused on shipbuilding and repair, Marion's focus was on producing captains. According to the Sippican Historical Society, 87 captains lived in Marion. The wealth of these captains would translate into larger, more extravagant homes. Prominent whaling/captain families include Luce, Gibbs, Delanos, and Briggs. Captain Benjamin Spooner Briggs of the Mary Celeste was captain when the ship was discovered adrift and abandoned in the Atlantic in 1872 on its voyage from New York to Genoa.

When Rockefeller and others worked to make it easier to pull oil out of the ground than to get it from whale carcasses, the whaling industry on the South Coast died in the mid/late-19th century. Due to this and many other towns failing to diversify their economy away from the industry, the South Coast experienced an

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economic decline. This decline would persist throughout the century until the normalization of late-Victorian era tourism. Following the Civil War, the town was fairly stagnant with forces of old, that being old ship captains, maintaining the status quo.

The town needed a force of change – that would be Elizabeth Sprague Pitcher. Pitcher was born in 1791 off of Main Street. Pitcher longed to learn and teach and later became a schoolteacher in a schoolhouse in town. In 1862, she married Stephen Tabor, a clockmaker from Acushnet, and moved to New Bedford. Elizabeth Pitcher Tabor would have three children, all of whom would die before the age of five. Her five brothers would also die either at sea or of illness. Finally, Stephen Tabor would die in 1862. This would leave Elizabeth without close family, though she still had amassed wealth. She and her husband had keenly invested in the railroads crossing the nation. In 1870, an 80-year-old Tabor would migrate back to Marion.

Funding and supervising various works, Tabor would see the construction of Tabor Library with a museum on the second floor. According to Sippican Historic Society, “Her funds paved roads, built stone walls, and planted trees. After sea captains built the Congregational Church, she donated an organ and constructed a stone chapel across the road for a children’s Sunday School.” She also largely paid for the construction of Town Hall and would pay for the Music Hall post-mortem. She had found purpose in helping uplift her birthplace. Her magnum opus would be the academy. In 1876, Tabor Academy was founded. The school would host its first class the following year. Elizabeth was passionate about education and believed the town’s residents were entitled to easily accessible and free schooling. In 1888, at the age of 97, Elizabeth Pitcher Tabor would die living at the academy. She is buried with her husband and children in Acushnet.

Tabor’s impact would indeed help facilitate the town’s tourism industry. Ironically, the industry that made her her wealth also would bring many to Marion - the railroad. Many would leave Boston or New York and voyage to a small village by the sea. The Century Magazine was first published in 1881 and its editor, artist Richard Watson Gilder, would host musicians, writers, and other prominent American figures at what is today Old Stone Studio. This would bring national fame to the town. Due to this fame, prominent vacationers and “snowbirds” include President Grover Cleavland, Author Henry James, President Franklin Roosevelt, Journalist Geraldo Rivera, and even actor James Spader.

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Roosevelt In Marion, 1933

By Sam Bishop

For Presidents Day, we look back on our favorites of the 47 and remember what they accomplished. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was known to frequent Marion during the summers. Even while in office, he would visit the town for pleasantries and (well-known and believed in the area) even some form of treatment for his battle with polio, kept hidden from the public. Franklin and his wife Eleanor seemed to love the town. His favorite past times were swimming, due to its alleviation of many of his disease's symptoms, and sailing. He could often be

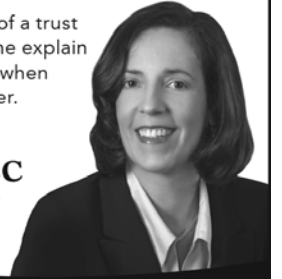
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seen from the shore partaking in both.

Being President of the United States is a difficult position and brings with it its own baggage of stress. For FDR, that is coupled with the chronic deterioration of his body to polio and WWII. Roosevelt was first diagnosed with polio in 1921 at the age of 39. He had just left his position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy and would become Governor of New York 8 years later, and President 12 years later.

FDR's schooner, the Amberjack II, would often accompany him to Marion. When sailing, Coast Guard and Secret Service boats would accompany him. He was known to "evade" these vessels for fun and sport. In one instance, according to the US Naval Institute, Roosevelt

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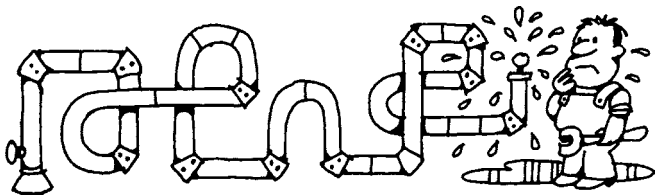
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Three months after being sworn in as President in the summer of 1933, Roosevelt captained the 45-foot twin-masted Amberjack II from Marion. On a 10-day, 400-mile voyage, he, and his presidential escort, set sail from the town and headed for one of his summer homes, this one on Campobello Island, New Brunswick, Canada. The US Navy Institute also says: "The trip marked the first time Secret Service agents and Navy commanders experienced sailing with—or tailing behind—the new President, a sport that became commonplace during Roosevelt's 12 years in the White House. Presidential guards traded in their suits and ties for oilskins and life jackets as they did their best to keep up with America's new sailor-President."

Not long into the vacation, the stormy seas may have led FDR to make a surprise stop in Nantucket. Here, nearly the whole town arrived to welcome the president. Many even rowed out to get a close-up look. Though he did choose to take a stop on the island, Roosevelt stated he "did not intend to set foot on dry land for two weeks."

This would not be the only of his presidential sea-excursions. Even with the slow deterioration of his health and the ramping stress of his job, Roosevelt longed for the sea and, though we can't know for sure, seemed to love Marion. We at least know he had a lot of fun in the town.

Local Scouts Featured on NBC10

By Sam Bishop

On Saturday, February 8 at Camp Yawgoog in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, the long tradition of local scouts participating in their Klondike derby continued. Since the Scouts of America are now integrated, hundreds of boys and girls participated in this year's event. Klondike derbies, named after that of the Canadian gold rush to the region, are held across the US and Canada and are made up of various stations and workplaces where scouts test their abilities outdoors and their leadership skills. The scouts at Yawgoog built their own sleds and flew between stations in them.

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many other local groups. This was the first year this derby was integrated with both genders present. The "Boy Scouts of America," now known as "Scouting America," also celebrated its 115th anniversary on February 8. The NBC 10 News story that featured the scouts is titled "They're not just the Boy Scouts anymore" and can be viewed online.

Influenza - NOT just a "bad cold"

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Unless you are Chinese, you have probably never heard of Barbie Hsu, but in the Chinese-speaking world this Taiwanese actress is famous. That world was shocked to learn of her death from influenza while on a family vacation in Japan.

Ms. Hsu was young (48), healthy, rich and treated in a country with an excellent health care system. Why did she die?

People tend to dismiss "the flu" as just another cold, and only a minority of people around the world get their annual flu shot. As of Feb 1, about 45% of Americans have received their vaccination. For younger adults, it is well under 40%.

Influenza is much worse than the run-of-the-mill winter respiratory virus. While it is not usually fatal except in infants and frail elders, Ms. Hsu's death reminds us that even healthy people do die from influenza.

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Even if you rarely die, influenza is a very nasty illness. You have a terrible cough, ache all over, and are usually sick for a week or more. In the U.S., for the 2023-24 flu season, there were 18 million flu-related medical visits, 470,000 flu-related hospitalizations, and 28,000 flu-related deaths.

This year, there have been a larger than average number of influenza cases, office visits and hospitalizations. It looks as if this will be the worst flu season since 2009-2010.

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Remember – the life you save could be that of your best friend or favorite aunt.

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

New Town Planner In Rochester

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board Tuesday announced the appointment of Falmouth municipal employee Michaela Shoemaker as the new Town Planner. Her background includes recent work as the Community Development Planner in Falmouth and the Town Planner in Hanover.

She is replacing the previous Town Planner, Nancy Durfee, who retired in December of 2024 after multiple years in the position. Rochester Town Administrator Cameron Durant noted she is not the first in her family to be in municipal planning. Her mother also worked for the New Bedford Housing Authority. "She has a lot of experience and will be a good

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fit,” Durant said.

The board’s other actions on Tuesday started with the appointment of Durant as the town’s new representative to the Assawompset Pond Complex Management Team. Water Commission Chair Fred Underhill advised Durant that he needs to know more about the fact the town does not have full voting rights on that panel. Durant said the town is in the process of assigning an attorney from town counsel to research this problem.

Durant later announced a change in how residents will be able to view Select Board meetings. Starting that night, February 18, each Select Board meeting is being broadcast live via the town’s Facebook page. He said there will be no interactive feature to these broadcasts. But he noted Rochester is the last of the three tri-town communities to do so.

Durant also announced that articles for the May 19 Annual Town Meeting will be due on April 2.

The board tabled until its next meeting entering into a new contract with the Solect solar energy systems company over its plan to install solar panels at Rochester Memorial School. Selectman Adam Murphy raised questions about the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes agreement within the pact. Durant said he is seeking input on this with town counsel.

The board approved eight new utility poles on Featherbed Lane as requested by Eversource/ Verizon

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The board approved a revision to the Chapter 61A land conversion for properties on High Street, County Road, Cross Street, and Forbes Road, re-asserting that the town is not exercising its right of first refusal to purchase same. Durant said there had been a filing error within the previous paperwork.

The selectmen approved waving the Inspection Fees for the Dexter Lane and Gifford Park playground projects. The board, however, voted that henceforth all non-profit organizations should pay all required annual inspection fees. Durant said that in the past some have paid these fees and some have not, and the policy need to be more consistent.

The board approved entering into a contract with Tax Title Attorney firm, Louison, Costello, Condom and Phaff, LLP. Durant explained the town has 14 properties under tax title dispute, totaling approximately \$41,000 in value to the town. He said this is a firm recommended by town council. "This is just about cleaning up the books," he said.

Durant announced that SEMASS'S PILOT payment for January is \$404,130.

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Upcoming Work On Route 6 Discussed

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, February 12 to go over various different property alterations, comments from the Planning Board, and discussions on the proposed Marion Historical District and Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) work on Route 6.

A request for a Certificate of Compliance was brought forward for 11 Parkway Lane. The project involves the construction of a single-family dwelling, driveway installation, the addition of sewer and water services, and fill and grade. Several commission members



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visited the site over the weekend to assess whether the work adhered to the approved plans. No issues were discovered nor discussed, and the certificate was granted unanimously.

A request for a Determination of Applicability was brought forward for 11 Hiller Street. Owners seek the addition of a sunroom and expansion of an existing deck. Members of the board stated the work was “simple” and it was approved unanimously.

Next was a hearing for a Notice of Intent for 38 Rocky Knook lane for repairs and alterations to the existing septic system to Title 5 standards. The property sits near wetlands. No other/better places on the property were found for the septic system and the hearing was closed and approved unanimously.

The commission then moved to discuss the Marion Historic District Study Committee. Will Tift began by saying the central part of Marion contains “arguably the most intact historical village in at least the eastern half of Massachusetts.” Tift then explained he was meeting with the committee to answer any potential questions over future interactions and overlaps between the Conservation Commission and the potential “historic preservation” commission created to maintain the proposed historic district. Tift stated both groups seek to protect the town and that they both have the same goals.

The Commission next spoke on maintenance, road work, and the repaving of Route 6. The work would start “from the intersection of Front Street and Route 6 and extend 1200 feet both east and west along Route 6.” Land lines, crosswalks, and signs would also all be replaced - including utilities such as drainage structures. The commission said the timing of when the work will begin, or end, is not definitive at this time.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be Wednesday, February 26.

Point Road Bike Path Work Nearing Approval

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission had a brief meeting Thursday, February 6. The first item

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discussed was the Point Road path. There is a current low bidder of \$48,689 for work on the bike path. For work to begin, the bidder must sign the contract, get a certificate of insurance, and receive a signature from Town Hall. The contract also states work would start around April and will finish by the end of June. Community Preservation Act (CPA) grants were also discussed, with no one applying for CPA grants for the path.

The next discussion was on a vacancy in the Commission which they would like to fill, going until the end of May and would then be up for reelection. Adele Sands spoke to the commission in an effort to fill this vacancy. As former Superintendent of Bristol County Agricultural High School, Sands moved to Marion seven years ago and stated she would like to continue work of natural resource management and conservation for the town. Sands' qualifications and dedication were admired. Though to get the position, the Select Board has to meet with the Open Space Acquisition Commission in a joint meeting to vote for the appointment. Sands also said she seeks to join the ORR School Committee.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission will be Thursday, March 6.

Bulldogs Hockey Ends Season With Record High

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Boys' Basketball

The Old Rochester regional high school boys' basketball team hosted West Bridgewater on February 14, in their last game of the regular season. The Bulldogs started the game out hot, going into a full court press and not allowing West Bridgewater any breathing room.

"Our pressure defense hurt W-B leading to some easy hoops early," said ORR Head Coach Steve Carvalho.

The score at the end of the first half was 51-33, as Old Rochester was showing a combination of gritty defense and pure offense. The final score was 77-55 with the Bulldogs showing no signs of slowing down in the second half. Gavin Martin was named the player of the game, scoring 23 points, dishing 7 assists, and having 5



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steals. Noah Thorell came up big in the first half, scoring 15 points.

"I'm proud of the team winning their last three games, dealing with basketball adversity and going into the tournament with hopefully some momentum," said Carvalho.

Hockey

The Bulldogs faced Apponequet in their final game of the regular season on February 15 and won 3-1. After a 1-3 start and being 3-7 in the middle of the season, they won six-straight games and ultimately ended the season with a record of 10-8.

Correction

In the February 13 edition of *The Wanderer*, in the story covering the Mattapoisett Council On Aging's most recent meeting, in both title and text, Jacqueline (Jackie) Seney's last name was wrongly reported as "Smith" instead of Seney. In the time since the article's publishing, Jackie's last day has also been moved from March 7 to June 30.

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To the Editor;

Mattapoisett should expand its Select Board from

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3 to 5 members.
 As a Mattapoisett resident, I write to request Town support for a Citizen’s Petition proposing a Warrant Article at Town Meeting on May 12, 2025, voting to expand our Select Board from 3 to 5 members.

Our Town has grown in size and demographics and expanding our Select Board will lead to more balanced decision-making, greater representation and a more effective local government.

A three-member Board with a simple two-person majority can make significant decisions which affect the entire community. Increasing our Board to 5 members would encourage more diverse perspectives, reduce the risk of deadlocked votes, reduce the impact of conflict

recusals and ensure that decisions are made with a broader range of input.
 Although expanding our Board may at times result in difficulty reaching “consensus” with 5 members, consensus does not necessarily result in the best solutions for our Town. The Select Board typically has a long list of projects and priorities, many of which remain unaddressed or incomplete for years due to the limited capacity of a 3-member Board. This is especially true for a 3-member Board like ours where each of the members also holds a full-time job. Expanding our Board to 5 members would allow for better distribution of responsibilities of each Board member, preventing burnout and improving responsiveness to concerns of our residents.

Increasing our Select Board to 5 members would also avoid Open Meeting Law violations and allow 2 members to communicate with each other or with our Town Administrator to discuss and/or collaborate on Town issues between scheduled Select Board meetings. This could exponentially increase the efficiency of our Town government by allowing members on an expanded Board to do this.

Many Towns of the Commonwealth have moved from a 3 to 5-member Board in recent years with Fairhaven voting in 2021 to expand, Eastham (where our TA came from), Provincetown, Lakeville, Concord, Auburn and Brookline to name a few.

I would ask for your support of this Citizen’s Petition Warrant Article at Town Meeting on May 12, 2025, and I will be seeking signatures in support of it. There are more benefits than drawbacks to this proposal which will be explained in greater detail at Town Meeting. If you support this Warrant Article, I ask for your signature on the Citizen’s Petition.
 Nicole Demakis, Mattapoisett

To the Editor;
 Marion Has Saved over \$1 Million from Renewable Energy Agreement. Renewable energy pays. A lot.
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Management Committee helped negotiate an agreement to buy electricity from four new wind turbines to be built on cranberry bogs in Plymouth along Route 25. Through this so-called Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), the town agreed to acquire enough power to supply about 90% of our municipal needs (town buildings, sewage treatment plant, streetlights, etc.) for 20 years, and in exchange we would receive a discount hovering around 20% off the regular rate. The agreement was simple: The town pays its monthly electric bill to Eversource as usual, then every month the town receives a check for the agreed-upon discount.

At the time, the town explored questions about the benefits and possible downsides of the agreement:

What if the turbines failed? Answer: The town would pay its electric bill as it always had.

What if it's a scam? Answer: PPAs have been around for years, supporting renewable energy projects and helping organizations save money.

Are my tax dollars being used to fund the state incentive program? Answer: No, the funds come from a small fee on each of our electric bills every month called the "Renewable Energy Charge." They're typically about \$1/month per household.

The new wind turbines began pumping out electricity in 2017, and now – eight years later -- we are reporting the results. As of August 2024, the town had received a total of \$913,662. Monthly checks since then pushed our savings over the \$1,000,000 mark. These funds go directly into Marion's general fund to help pay for all the facilities, services, and expenses needed to run our beautiful town. Residents should also feel good about their town's municipal electricity coming from a renewable source and not from fossil-fuel-burning power plants. Compare this with the electricity for the state as a whole: in 2023, two-thirds came from burning methane and propane (a.k.a. "natural gas"). Additional savings are reaped from a similar PPA with the ORR school district, the total for which was not available at the time of this writing.

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greenhouse gases that are warming the planet, which leads to more intense and volatile weather systems, higher sea levels, and more acidic ocean waters. They also save the town a boat-load of cash. Marion's Energy Management Committee has been working on many other projects to save money and energy, and we are just getting started. Do you want to be part of the solution? Join us.

Jennifer Francis, Marion

To the Editor;

Upon hearing of the soon to be retirement of the council on aging's director Jacqueline Seney, I would like to publicly thank her for how she has personally supported me through the past several years. (I realize she's will still be around for a while, but here goes).

Not only has she been a gem in the Mattapoisett community, there have been instances when I have called upon for help. The most important time was when I was recovering from gastric surgery, I was also having to try to meet the needs of my adopted cat who was also having medical issues at the same time. When it came to a point where I could not lovingly take care of my cat's needs, I called Jackie to see if she could help me find her a good home. She not only came to my home to pick up my cat, she personally took her to her home. She then proceeded to find a suitable home for her where she would get the best care. Coincidentally, the adopters were two veterinarians. I could not have felt more relieved about the situation.

Jackie would always be wonderful support when I called her for advice on several different matters over the years, I know she is wonderful support for the whole senior community, but I want to thank her publicly. I know she'll still be around for a while, but when she has left the COA, she will be truly missed by all of the community member so, thanks for everything Jackie.

Stephanie Mitchell, Mattapoisett

Academic Achievements

Cameron Gonzalez, of Mattapoisett, earned dean's list honors at University of Tampa for the Fall

2024 semester. Gonzalez is a Freshman majoring in Biochemistry BS ASBMB-Accredited.

Lauren Rapoza of Marion was named to the Dean's List during the Fall 2024 academic semester at Salve Regina University.

Rochester Resident **Paige Sommers**, Member of Project Team Awarded Honorable Mention in the 2024 Worcester Polytechnic Institute President's Interactive Qualifying Project Awards

Benjamin D. A. Giumetti, son of Shannon and Don Giumetti of Mattapoisett has again earned Dean's List honors at Providence College for the Fall 2024 semester. Ben is a Honors Finance major in the Ryan School of Business.

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester which includes **Emma Vivino**, Class of 2025, of Marion, **Tasha Sudofsky**, Class of 2027, of Marion, **Lauren Cohen**, Class of 2028, of Marion, **Brooklyn Bindas**, Class of 2028, of Rochester, and **Theo Jacobsen**, Class of 2028, of Mattapoisett

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Presentation on Tuesday, **March 11** at 6:30 pm at 17 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. Enter at walkway with white bench to the doors with blue awning. Free. Register at tinyurl.com/5xz2dcee or email to coadirector@mattapoisett.net

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

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

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Upcoming events in February include:

For Adults: Writer's Group 6:30 pm Thursday February 20; Books and Babble Bookclub 6:30 pm Thursday February 27.

For Kids: Pokemon Card Swap 11 am-1 pm Saturday February 22; Storytime with Guest Reader Jane Taylor, Library Trustee 10:30 am Wednesday February 26 (ages 3-5 years, siblings welcome).

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Marion Harbormaster Open House

The Town of Marion's Harbormaster Department will host an Open House at the new Maritime Center at Island Wharf on Saturday, **February 22** from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Mattapoissett Scholarship Committee

As the **March 6** deadline to pay our Excise Tax approaches, we want to take this opportunity to remind residents of an easy and impactful way to support education in our community. Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 3, taxpayers are given the choice to voluntarily contribute more funds to town scholarships. This can be accomplished when paying their excise taxes. These funds are directed at our local scholarship programs. While these donations can be made at any time, contributing when paying Excise or property



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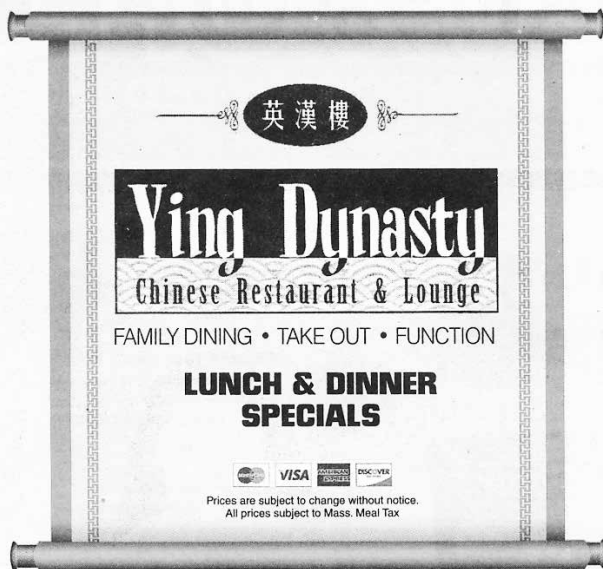
We have two award programs for Mattapoisett residents: First is the Scholarship Fund Award, which is for those students graduating this year with an accredited high school diploma, and the next, the Education Fund Award, is for those who are not graduating from a high school this year but plan to continue their education at a recognized educational facility or training program. Individual awards cannot exceed \$1,500 per winner but there are no limits placed on the number of qualified winners per year.

Unfortunately, despite your past generosity, we do not have the funds to reward all our most deserving applicants. In fact, awarding one full scholarship in each

category challenges our funding. Many of our residents are surprised to learn about this shortfall, despite the area's high-income level.

The official notice about the Mattapoisett Scholarship Fund can be found at the bottom of your excise tax bill. You can include an added amount with your payment as directed at the bottom of your bill, and added funds can be donated at any time via the Mattapoisett Tax Collector's office.

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

Friday February 21, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Mattapoisset Land Trust
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM A Conversation With...
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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 22, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Science 360
11:30 AM Health Source
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Wick Simmons
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
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoisset Land Trust
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday February 23, 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 Mattapoisset Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park
11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
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 Mattapoisset 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 24, 2025

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

3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM ORR 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 25, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
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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 26, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

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

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
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11:00 AM Marion School Committee
12:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
1:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
2:30 PM Marion Board of Health
3:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
5:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
5:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
6:30 PM Marion Planning Board
8:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
9:00 PM Marion School Committee

10:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
11:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
11:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 AM Rochester School Committee
12:00 PM ORR School Committee
4:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
5:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
7:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:00 PM Rochester School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 AM ORR/JHS Drama Club
11:30 AM Gifts to Give
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne
2:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Plymouth South
3:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Apponequet
4:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth
5:30 PM Old Colony TV
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony National Honor Society Ceremony
7:00 PM ORR Boys Div 3 MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown
8:00 PM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR
9:00 PM The Harvard Krokodiloes at ORR

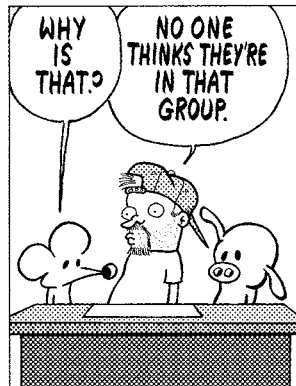
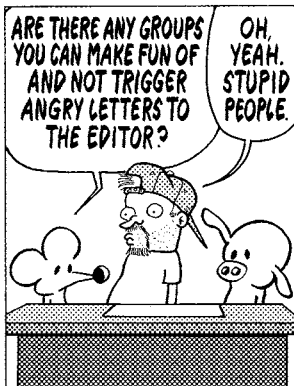
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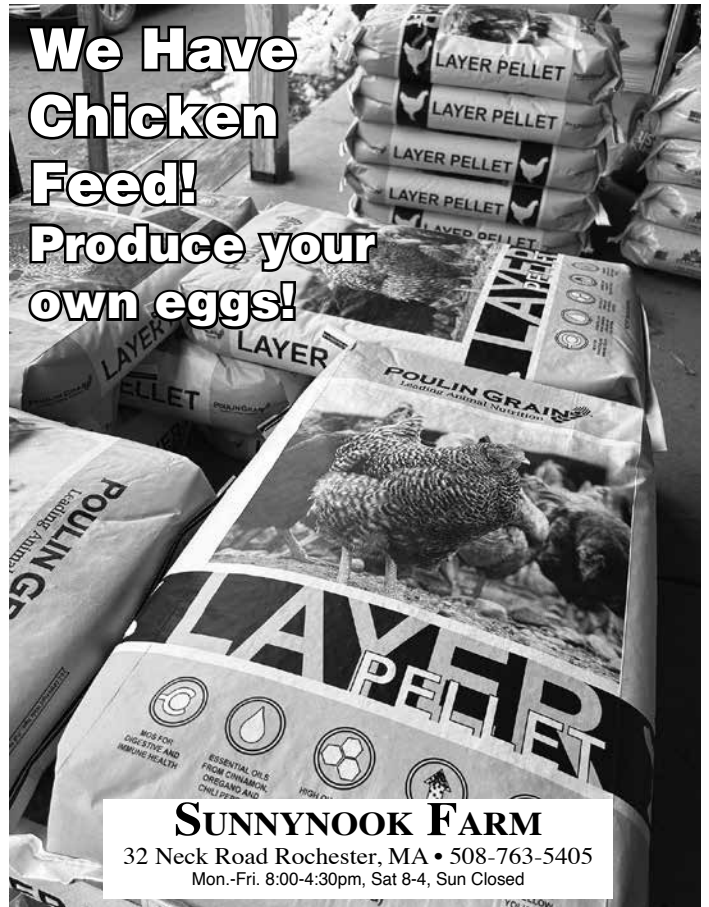
make a big difference in helping students to achieve their academic dreams. Local scholarship funds, supported by our community, are often the key to unlocking educational opportunities for students who may otherwise struggle to afford them.

We encourage everyone in our community to consider donating to the Mattapoissett Scholarship Fund when paying this year's taxes to support our local students. Let's make a lasting difference in the lives of our young people and Mattapoissett itself.

Marion Art Center

Get your body moving with our Adult Tap Class and our Intro to Improv Comedy Workshop:

Adult Tap-Dancing Class with Teah Keogh- March 25, April 1 and April 8. Join a tap-dancing class at the MAC to work on your skills. Instructor Teah Keogh leads this three-week course for adults who need to tap out of "adulting". Want more happiness and a bit less seriousness added to your week? This one hour tap class provides percussive playtime for adults (teens ages 15 and up are also welcome) that "taps" into our inner courage, creativity, and strengthens our physical and mental health. This basic level beginner tap class is geared toward those who have had little or no tap training but will also be fun for anyone who has worn tap shoes before. Some tap shoes are available to borrow. MAC members: \$25 per session or \$65 for all 3 weeks Nonmembers: \$30



per session or \$80 for all 3 weeks. Classes run Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm. Register at marionartcenter.org/events.

Don't miss a new workshop, Intro to Improv Comedy with instructor Kate Teichman on Thursday, April 17 from 6:30-7:30pm in the MAC Theater.

In this intro to improv class, students will learn the basics of improv comedy in a supportive and fun environment. No experience is necessary - this class is for everyone. Whether you're looking to unleash your creativity, build confidence, or simply have a blast, this class is your perfect ticket to laughter and fun. The class will include warm-up, various games and exercises, and the sharing of ideas for creating characters and scenes.



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OBITUARIES



Doris Eleanor (Taber) Grant, 93, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025 at her home in Marion, MA, surrounded by all three of her children. Doris was born in New Bedford to Lloyd and Helen (Hathaway) Taber on April 8, 1931. She and her husband Robert "Bob" Grant raised their family in Peabody, MA, before returning to the South Coast for their retirement in

Marion.

Doris received her undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and a master's degree in Library Science from Simmons College. While living in Boston during her college years, she met her lifelong friend Pauline Schiel and the two traveled across the U.S. and Canada — shaping her independent spirit and desire for adventure and travel.

Doris began her career as a high school librarian at Silver Lake Regional High School in Pembroke, MA, where she met her husband. She then spent a few years at Melrose High School before settling into her role as lead librarian at Marblehead High School, where she spent the duration of her career. In 1968, Doris, with her husband and young family, chaperoned a group of students living a year abroad in Barcelona, Spain. She was a no-nonsense, but compassionate, guide to many students over the course of her 40-year career.

Doris lived a life full of love and dedication to her family. She and Bob cherished their children and grandchildren and never missed a family milestone, often traveling between Massachusetts and Montana to celebrate events. Family values and traditions were important to Doris and now become her legacy as her family continues those traditions.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Robert T. Grant, and her brother, Donald E. Taber.

She is survived by her children, Steven (Karen) Grant of Marion, MA, David (Kiyomi) Grant of Livingston, MT, and Laurie (Tom) Hurley of Mattapoisett, MA. She is also survived by her sister, Ruth (Jim) Taber Bohannon of Needham, MA; nieces, Beth (James) Lee of Dublin, Ireland, and Julie Bohannon of Port Charlotte, FL; and nephew Jay (Kim) Bohannon of Norwich NY. She is further survived by her grandchildren, Katharine T. Grant of Dedham, MA, Ian H. and Kai T. Grant of Bozeman, MT, and Mia H. and Chloe M. Hurley of Mattapoisett, MA, and her great nieces and nephew, Tricia, Ronan, and Saoirse.

Doris will forever be in our hearts and her memory will continue to be a guiding light for her family and friends.

A private family memorial service was held at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals on Wednesday February 12th. Doris was laid to rest next to her late husband in the Evergreen Cemetery in Marion. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Lorraine F. (Souza) Grant, 85, of Fairhaven, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, February 7, 2025. She was the wife of the late Kenneth Grant.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Antone and Rose (Francis) Souza, she lived in Fairhaven most of her life before retiring to Dartmouth.

Lorraine was a loving mother to her children. She enjoyed shopping with her daughters and socializing with others. She loved spending time with her companion Andy.

Survivors include her companion Andrew Hubbard of Dartmouth; her children, Edward Fleurent and his partner Catherine Burton of Fairhaven, Carolyn A. Fleurent and her partner Gregory Wood of Fairhaven, and David Fleurent and his wife Kim of Rochester; her son in law Dennis Denison; 6 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and her former husband Leonard G. Fleurent.

She is predeceased by her daughter, Jane Denison; her son, Leonard "Butch" Fleurent; and her brothers, Edward and Kenneth.

According to her wishes a private family service and burial will be held. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Matthew J. Higgins, 56, died unexpectedly on January 24, 2025 at his home in Pacifica California.

He was predeceased by his parents, Helen R. Higgins and Leonard C. Higgins.

Survivors include his brother James Higgins, his wife Kristen and their children Emma, Jillian, Lauren and John.

His brother Daniel, his wife Rachael and their children Anna, Joseph and Helen. He was also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins on both sides of the family.

Matt was raised in Mattapoisett and graduated from Bishop Stang High School in 1986. After graduating he spent some time in the Army National Guard and as a student at Southeastern Massachusetts University. He eventually relocated to California in the early 90s where he worked for The North Face and The San Francisco Bay Authority.

Matt loved music and played the saxophone and the drums. He loved the Grateful Dead and saw them in concert many times. He was an avid camper and he loved the outdoors. Though he lived most of his life in California, he still rooted for the Boston teams, especially the Red Sox and the Patriots.

His funeral services will be private. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

The cost for the class is \$40 for MAC Members and \$50 for nonmembers. See more information and register at: marionartcenter.org/adult-music-movement.

Get hands-on with Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom, Acrylic Painting, Watercolor classes, Music lessons and Beginner Wheel Throwing at Mudstone Studios:

Lisa Elliott returns to guide our Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom class. Learn a new fiber skill on a rigid heddle loom. Have you ever wanted to try weaving but not sure where to begin? In this course over five weeks, you can create and take home your very first woven project. Students will weave one of the following: a scarf, table runner, set of placemats, or set of tea towels. The cost for the class is \$150 for MAC members and \$160 for nonmembers. Looms and weaving equipment are provided for a \$10 fee. Students will provide their own yarns. The class meets in the MAC Studio on Thursday evenings, April 3 - May 1 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Acrylic Painting workshop with Elyse Laurelle: Boats & Stormy Seas.

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stormy sea-inspired painting. The instructor will provide demos and examples while working through the painting process with participants. Elyse will share her techniques and offer advice and feedback to students during this informal session.

The goal of this class is for participants to feel more comfortable working with acrylics and to take home a completed painting of their very own. While the instructor's demos and examples are the basis for the class, participants will be encouraged to explore their own artistic style with their boat-and-sea-inspired artwork. The one-day workshop runs Saturday, April 5, 10am-1pm in the MAC Studio. All materials will be provided. Cost: MAC Members: \$50, Nonmembers: \$60.

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OBITUARIES



Barbara A. Thommen, 88, of Mattapoisett died February 11, 2025 unexpectedly at Tobey Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Hans J.U. Thommen.

Born in Portsmouth, Ohio, daughter of the late Harry and Mary (Newman) Sanderson, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life.

She was formerly employed as a teacher at Gidley Elementary School in Dartmouth for many years until her retirement.

Mrs. Thommen enjoyed quilting, gardening, reading, playing bridge and the company of her cat Katy.

She was a member of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club and Shining Tides Quilting Guild.

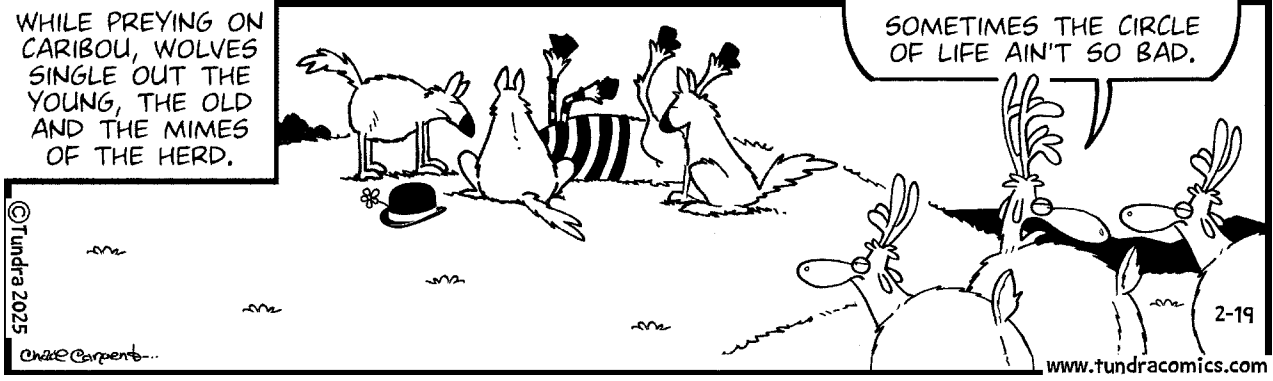
Survivors include her step-daughter, Julie Awwad and her husband Mohammad of North Scituate, RI, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

She was the step-mother of the late Jeanne Thommen.

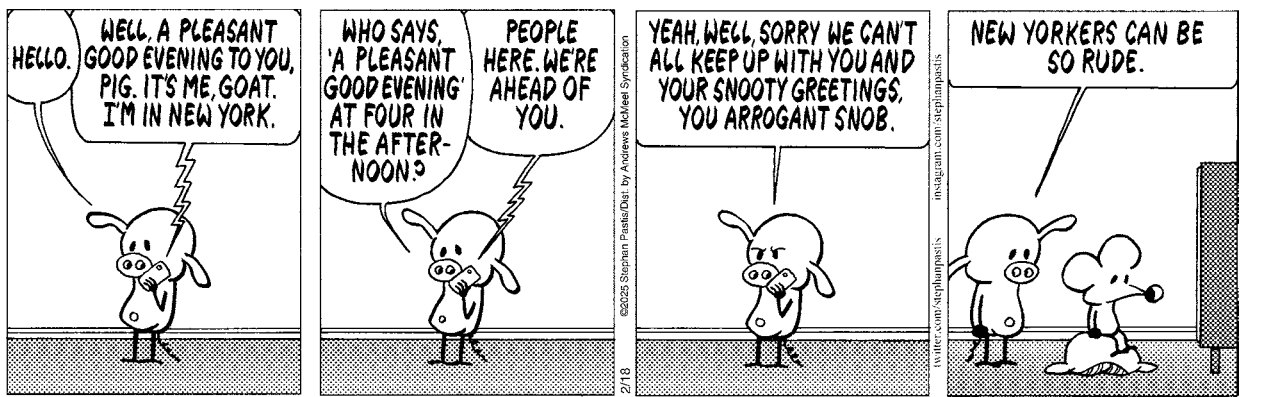
Her private Funeral Service was held on Saturday, February 15th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett followed by burial in Cushing Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Mattapoisett Free Public Library or to the Mattapoisett Womens Club. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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

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in Wareham - A collaboration between the MAC and Mudstone Studios.

Learn the basics of wheel throwing in this six-week class taught by instructor Theresa Hadley. This class will cover techniques for forming small pots like mugs, tumblers, and bowls as well as surface design and glaze application. Students can expect to have at least four to six finished pieces by the end of the class. This new collaboration allows the MAC to expand its offerings to include working with clay. All classes will take place at the accessible Wareham location.

Mudstone Studios is located at 3065 Cranberry Highway #B20, Wareham, MA 02538. Classes are on Thursdays, from April 10-May 15, 1-4pm. All materials and tools will be provided. The cost for the six-week session is \$315 for MAC members and \$350 for nonmembers.

Jay Ryan's Watercolor classes - All Levels Watercolor Painting for Adults - Spring Sessions.

This course is great for those with a little painting experience and is also a perfect "next step" for those who would like to explore watercolor painting beyond a basic understanding of color and brush strokes. If you cannot commit to a full session, it's possible to 'drop-in' for a single class based on availability.

Thursday Classes are from 10-12 noon from March 6-April 24 (8 weeks) The cost is \$195 for members and \$225 for nonmembers.

Fridays Classes are from 9:30-12:30pm March



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MOVIE REVIEW

Song & Dance Man

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Thank You Very Much. A documentary directed by Alex Braverman. Running time: 99 minutes. No MPAA rating. Coming to theaters and streaming March 28.

It's almost impossible to figure out Andy Kaufman, possibly because he never wanted us to. As I've written elsewhere, I believe that Kaufman actually did die in 1984, and that his whole hoax-ridden career pointed to the inevitability that a lot of fans would assume he faked his death. The anti-comedian, who liked to consider himself "a song-and-dance man," seemed to snuggle up inside his own contradictions. Kaufman gained national fame appearing on *Saturday Night Live's* epochal first episode, then maintained it as Latka Gravas on *Taxi* for five years, a gig he came to resent. Kaufman's whole deal blossomed out of a restless spirit of play. He did whatever was fun or funny to him. If he lost the mass audience, so be it.

The documentary *Thank You Very Much*, which has logged some time on the festival circuit heading towards a limited March release, proposes a Kaufman stunted forever by an incident in his childhood, when his grandfather, whom he adored, died and his parents told him his "papu" had merely gone traveling. According to Kaufman's friend and erstwhile partner Bob Zmuda, this explains a lot about Kaufman's relationship to reality — and about his brand of entertainment. Despite everything, Kaufman *did* want to entertain. Sometimes he would bomb, then pull out of the spiral at the last minute, demonstrating he was "doing" a comic bombing. Sometimes he would just bomb. Either way he was in control.

He was, and still is, way ahead of his time. Watching some of the clips of Kaufman on *Letterman* and other shows, I reflected that Kaufman's rise was really only possible in the '70s and early '80s. There's certainly nobody like him out there now, nor would there be a stage for anyone like him. In his singular obsessions, such as his much-discussed period where he wrestled women, he was a complete one-off. What the documentary shows is that even the interviewees here who dug what he was doing (Danny DeVito, Steve Martin, Robin Williams — who appeared as Kaufman's grandma in a bit) eventually hit a closed door they couldn't follow him through. Only Zmuda and Kaufman's great last love Lynne Margulies



came the closest to "solving" him. (In a 2015 *New Yorker* piece, Kaufman was revealed to have been gay; Margulies has said he was bisexual. It has also been hypothesized that some of his preoccupation with wrestling women was libido-driven, along with yet another childhood fascination with heel wrestler Buddy Rogers.)

A late Boomer, Kaufman was of a generation of performers who grew up watching the tube and sought to recreate its suggestive cathode magic. The bit he did on *SNL* didn't find him singing or even lip-syncing the entire *Mighty Mouse* theme song; he only lip-synced *one seven-word line* from the song, then spent the rest of the bit waiting for the song to get back around to his cue. It was entertainment and a comment on what we want from entertainment, utterly fresh and simpatico with the early *SNL's* aesthetic, to critique the programming its audience had grown up with. Yet Kaufman wasn't making fun; even his misogynist and elitist rhetoric in his wrestling days was part of his act as a heel. Being hated electrified him. He preferred it to being loved as Latka; this explains his corrosive alter ego Tony Clifton.

Kaufman has inspired several books, a major motion picture starring Jim Carrey, a documentary about how deeply Carrey got lost in the Andy weeds, and now this film. I think Kaufman would be happy to know that all these attempts to define him have been like trying to nail down a drop of mercury. He remains triumphantly, defiantly not nailed-down. That's not to say the attempts haven't been engaging. *Thank You Very Much* is a fond piece of Kaufman 101, though the best intro to him is probably the brilliant double shot *I'm from Hollywood* and *My Breakfast with Blassie*. One thing the documentary never asks is, if Kaufman were still alive, what would he be doing now? And it occurs to me that there's no way to know. Whatever he'd be up to, it wouldn't be remotely what anyone expected.

7 - April 25, 2025 (8 weeks) The cost is \$295 for MAC members and \$325 for nonmembers.

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- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St – Gas leak
- Spring St – General offense
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Cranberry Way – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General service
- Mill St – General service
- Mill St – General offense
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – MV complaint
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Cove Cir – Animal complaint
- Alden Rd – EMS/medical
- Olde Knoll Rd – Structure fire
- 195 East – MV complaint/citation
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mill St - Fraud
- Aucoot Cove – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- 195 East – MV collision

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 9-Feb 15

- Brandt Island Rd – MV crash
- Shore Dr – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd - Disturbance
- Main St – MV lockout
- Acushnet Rd – Restraining order
- County Rd – Follow up
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Medical assist
- Aucoot Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Martin Ave – MV violations
- Driscoll Ln – MV lockout
- Barstow St – 911 call
- 195 West – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious MV
- Harbor Nk Rd – Medical assist
- Grand View Ave – Health/welfare
- Jowick St - Notification
- Wolf Island Rd – MV crash
- Holly Ln - Vandalism
- Beech Wood Rd – Restraining order
- 195 East – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Hi-Ona-Hill Rd – Suspicious MV
- Water St – General service
- Water St – Parking violation
- Brandt Island Rd – Assist other agency
- Hammond St – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Feb 9-Feb 15

- North Ave – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Stevens Rd - Disturbance
- Cranberry Hwy – Burglar alarm
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Bowens Ln – Animal control
- Katlyn Cir – Public assist
- Clapp Rd - Harassment
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Burglar alarm
- Wordell St – Follow up
- Quaker Ln – Civil complaint
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV collision
- Pine St – Animal control
- Mattapoisett Rd – Follow up
- Benjamin Dr – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- Marion Rd – Medical alarm
- Mendell Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- High St – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Clapp Rd - Harassment
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – MV stop/citation

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 24: Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed sweet potato, green peas, wheat roll, oatmeal raisin cookie
Tuesday, Feb 25: BBQ chicken, baked beans, vegetable medley, wheat bread, peaches
Wednesday, Feb 26: Beef & bean chili w/shredded cheese, broccoli, cornbread loaf, mixed fruit
Thursday, Feb 27: Pork w/ mushroom, cream sauce, rice pilaf, carrots, wheat bread, shortbread cookie, diet: fruit cup
Friday, Feb 28: Creamy garlic salmon, mashed potatoes, mixed root vegetable, wheat roll, banana

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 24: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 25: Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Feb 26: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich,

hashbrown patty, range smiles
Thursday, Feb 27: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Feb 28: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Feb 24: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 25: Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Feb 26: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, range smiles
Thursday, Feb 27: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Feb 28: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Feb 24: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, Feb 25: Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Feb 26: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, range smiles
Thursday, Feb 27: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Feb 28: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Feb 24: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 25: Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Feb 26: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, range smiles
Thursday, Feb 27: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Feb 28: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden

salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 24: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 25: Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Feb 26: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, range smiles
Thursday, Feb 27: Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Feb 28: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 24: Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll
Tuesday, Feb 25: Hot dog & fries
Wednesday, Feb 26: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans & garlic bread
Thursday, Feb 27: Appetizer sampler & carrot sticks
Friday, Feb 28: Assorted pizza

Light refreshments will be served. This is your chance to visit the recently completed Harbormaster facilities and centralized state-of-the-art harbor monitoring facility.

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

Rochester has had many noteworthy residents, some born here and others arriving from other places. One such person, Dr. Gabriel Farrel, with his wife, like many before them, started as weekend residents until 1953 when they began to spend more of their time living in town. The change of address from Cambridge to Rochester came about with his retirement from 20 yrs. as director of the world-famed Perkins School for the Blind.

While Dr. Farrell is famous for his work with the blind, his career had followed many paths following graduation from Dartmouth College in 1911 and then from the Episcopal Theological School of Cambridge in 1915. He first worked as a curate and then a rector before becoming a US Army chaplain during the First World War. Also, during World War II, he served on the Advisory Committee for the War Blinded, first, for the Army and then for the VA.

After serving again as a church rector, this time in Rhinebeck N. Y., he was chosen in 1931 to be the director and administrative head of the Perkins School. Along with his work there, he both chaired and served on many committees that were devoted to helping those with blindness to participate more fully in day-to-day life.

Dr. and Mrs. Farrell's home was on Rounseville Rd. and was once owned by L.C. Humphrey who sold them both the old farmhouse and 10 acres of land. The farmhouse was built in 1714. Dr. Farrell was apparently a man of many talents and in the first 15 yrs. of ownership restored the house, exposing cabinets and beams that had been plastered over in the living room. He did much of this work himself, but that was not all that kept him busy.

Upstairs in his attic workroom, he wrote "The Story of Blindness". This book told the history of the way blindness had been treated and the social and medical progress in the treatment of the blind through

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the centuries. He included the history of the creation and development of Perkins School of the Blind since the Massachusetts Legislature established it in 1829.

Rochester's history never fails to amaze me with its many stories that can be found in the museum's collections. Going back to an earlier story, I heard from Susan Doane Wainio regarding the article about her uncle, Robert "Bob" Doane and the date of his accident on the bridge over the Acushnet River. The car he was driving belonged to his grandfather who died in 1942. By 1945 Uncle Bob was married with a family. Putting these facts together, a more likely date for the accident would have been in the 1930's. It's always great to get feedback, especially when it comes to the timelines of undated newspaper clippings and pictures.

**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



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- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Santa's little helpers
- 26 "Delicious!"
- 27 Insect snares
- 28 Told fibs
- 29 Attempts to hit, as a fly
- 31 Hair fixative
- 32 Ryder Cup org.
- 33 Manipulator
- 34 Prefix with angle
- 35 Felt concern
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Supreme Norse deity
- 44 California vineyard valley
- 45 Joust verbally
- 46 Words before "dream" or "be different"
- 47 Jazz pianist Allison
- 48 Loft
- 50 In a very uncordial way
- 52 City in Iowa
- 53 Riddle, part 3
- 57 Not docile
- 58 Serpentine fish
- 59 Above, in poetry
- 60 Gabrielle of volleyball
- 64 Vietnamese New Year
- 65 Grad's gala
- 68 Flop
- 70 Indian royal
- 72 Camera — (Cannes award)
- 73 Wear down
- 75 Actor DeLuise
- 77 Space
- 79 Big city in Ontario
- 81 Riddle, part 4
- 86 Utah winter vacation spot
- 89 From Tehran or Tabriz
- 90 Ladle, e.g.
- 91 Concerning
- 92 Iris coverer

- 94 With 108-Down, "Piece of cake!"
- 96 Memorable periods
- 97 Squint
- 98 End of the riddle
- 101 Cottage cheese bits
- 102 Hit the slopes
- 103 Alternatives to coffees
- 104 Part of LAPD
- 105 Perp catcher
- 106 Like fishes without appendages
- 108 Casino fixture
- 110 Holier-than- —
- 112 Rock's Reed (cosmetics ingredient)
- 115 Make irate
- 116 Riddle's answer
- 120 Crouch down
- 121 Fill with panic
- 122 Vacant elected positions
- 123 1,000-kilo metric unit
- 124 Conical tent
- 125 Analyzed to detect the presence of
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- 1 Like a wet lawn at dawn
- 2 Waikiki locale
- 3 Protein unit
- 4 Blasting stuff
- 5 Kept in check
- 6 1950s Ford
- 7 "I smell —!"
- 8 Yanks
- 9 — -cone
- 10 Astrological diagrams
- 11 Writer Sarah — Jewett
- 12 Scan or skim
- 13 Aries animal
- 14 Ukraine port
- 15 "Tell me about it!"
- 16 Ale grain
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- 30 Competitor of McDonald's and Burger King
- 31 Big Swiss city
- 32 Extol
- 33 Toward a stream's source
- 35 Calculate
- 36 Ornament hanger, e.g.
- 37 Italian rice dish
- 38 Lot in life
- 39 Makes the decision
- 40 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy
- 41 PC shortcut code
- 42 Barter
- 44 Consumer advocate Ralph
- 49 Signaled, as an actor
- 51 Pre-euro Italian money
- 54 Bank of China Tower architect
- 55 Power connectors
- 56 One of the Muses
- 61 He played Santa in "Elf"
- 62 Recoiled in fear
- 63 Blackboard clearers
- 66 Baltic Sea feeder
- 67 Tile designs
- 69 Blocks up
- 71 — Hopkins University
- 74 Clog-clearing brand
- 76 Year division
- 78 Writing assignments
- 80 Cause to stumble
- 82 Keaton and Sawyer
- 83 Not yet final, in law
- 84 Folk stories
- 85 Bank offering
- 86 Gets on it right away
- 87 Investigate
- 88 Checking the fit of
- 93 One of the Muses
- 95 1984 comedy starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin
- 99 React to with a quick breath
- 100 Inflict upon
- 101 Meal division
- 105 Tally up
- 107 Boxer Spinks
- 108 See 94-Across
- 109 Apollo's instrument
- 110 Variety
- 111 Gardening tools
- 112 Bread unit
- 113 Film director Preminger
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once this happens, the rest should be easier to unsnarl.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters once again take center stage and should be dealt with competently and quickly. Again, insist that others take on their fair share of the responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keep your keen Cat's Eye focused on relevant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem that affects your project. Meanwhile, some cheerful news is about to come your way!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel like your approach is unreasonable or even impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than relying on unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with a special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what they would like to see done.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A matter you thought had been settled still might produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While your instincts are usually right when discerning 'twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your wisdom is only matched by your generosity, making you the sort of friend everyone hopes to have.

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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.

Our temporary hours during our stay at the Music Hall will be Monday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be closed on Sundays for the duration of the month of February.

Please check our website for further updates.

Library events at the Music Hall

The whole family can learn a new skill with fiber artist Lisa Elliot with a Drop in Weaving Workshop. Stop by any time on Friday **February 21** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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

March 8: Copper Bookmarks

March 15: Copper Keychains

March 22: Copper Pendants

March 29: Copper night lights

Heather 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 ages 12 or older.

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Marion Democratic Town Committee

The next meeting of the Marion Democratic Town Committee will be held at 5:30 pm, **February 20**, in the Community Room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, Marion. Topics will include information about Marion elections on May 16, discussions about important local issues, as well as our plans for public visibility events. The public is welcome to attend.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Snowy Ned's Point photo by Brian Levine



Ruth Griffin shared this photo taken at Point Connett in Mattapoisett.



Jennifer Shepley shared this photo of kite flying at Ned's Point on a snowy day.



The New Bedford Ballet is hosting its annual March Youth Ballet Performance of the Snow Queen on Sunday, March 9 at the NBB Community Theatre. Included in the cast are, Standing: Grace Rousseau (Mattapoisett), Kneeling: Esther Smith (Rochester), Jillian Bonnell (Mattapoisett), Emilia Szabo (Mattapoisett), Sitting: Genevieve Arone (Marion).

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

recently, you might have noticed a profusion of lights on its entrance.

What is going on?

Pastor

Michael Frady, when questioned, explained, "As a Church community, we are intentional about the change of seasons both on our liturgical calendar and for the secular world. The use of different lighting reflects these seasons and celebrations."



In the past, lights were orange for Halloween, purple during Advent, red and green for Christmas and white on Christmas Eve. Currently, the lights are red to celebrate St. Valentine's Day, and the community can look forward to a festive green for St. Patrick's Day in March. Pastor Michael said that during the summer, residents will find red, white and green lights to honor Mattapoissett's nautical heritage.

ORRHS Second Term Honor Roll

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

Highest Honors: Penelope Angeley, Clara Bonney, Nathanael Bushnell, Phoebe Cowles, Alexander Dai, Sara Duane, John Ferreira, Brendan Fuller, Caden Gonsalves, Katherine Guevara, Lucas Hadley, Sadie Hartley-Matteson, Isabella Hollis, Tiera McCarthy, Ella Milhench, Elise Modracek, Xavier Monteiro, Caitlin O'Donnell, Owen Osterday, Jiya Patel, Varunyu Phimolmas, Jasmyn Pumphery, Tessa Ripley, Claudia Surace, Scarlett Sylvia, Emily Wyman

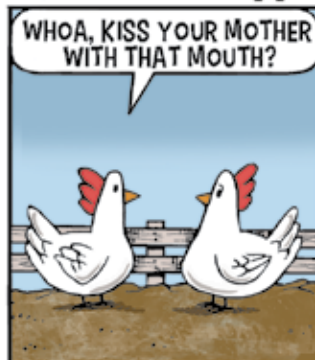
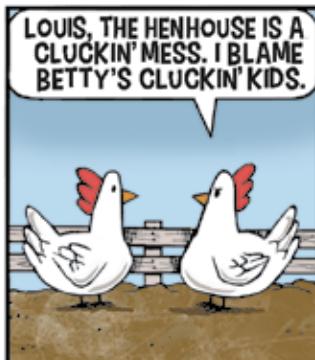
Honors: Caroline Achilles, Elizabeth Achilles, Lily Ambrosi, Gianna Annunziato, Wesner Archelus, Seraphina Arruda, Georgia Bailey, Chloe Bairos, Abigail Balsis, Cody

Barrows, Ella Bartholomew, Claire Bates, Malcolm Bean, Hayden Belanger, Henry Berry, Alessandro Bike-Diaz, Ella Bishop, Nolan Blanchette, Sydney Bosma, Rose Bouley, Caleb Bousquet, Christopher Braga, Laila Brown, Patrick Burke, Nolan Bushnell, Drew Butler, Aiden Cabral, Brianna Cabral, Ethan Cabral, Lucas Cabral, Sarah Cabral, Bobby Calder, Keira Canto, Erin Cardinal, Cassidy Carroll, Keith Cavanaugh, Bronwyn Chace, Russell Chace, Delaney Chase, Kelsi Chick, Quinn Chisholm, Grace Clark, Rosemary Clark, Gavin Coffey, Alden Cole-Vieira, Aiden Comorosky, Belle Comorosky, Gabriel Connors, Ashton Cook, Taylor Cook, Tucker Cook, Owen Cooney, Raegan Correia, Bridget Coryer, Emma Costa, Cadogan Crete, Makenzie Crowley, Olivia Crowley, Sarah Curry, Rylee Cusick, Jack Czerkowicz, Jackson Daniel, Matthew DaRosa, Emma Debonise, Gianna DeLeo, Jake Dellas, Breann DeMarco, Reis



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Celebration Gospel Choir

The Mattapoissett Museum and the Trustees of the Mattapoissett Christian Church at 5 Church Street are proud to bring back, by popular demand, Tabor Academy's Celebration Gospel Choir on Thursday, **February 27** at 6:30 pm. This is a free event and open to the public; no registration is needed. The Tabor Celebration Gospel Choir is a 20-voice choir, composed of faculty, staff, and students. It was founded in January 2023 and had its debut at Tabor Academy's MLK Jr. 2023

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The Choir is led by Tyrone Black, Associate Head of School at Tabor Academy. Its members sing mostly traditional gospel music with a few contemporary pieces. When asked why he founded the Choir, Black said, "Most places where I have worked, I started a gospel choir / ensemble as a way of bringing people together from all walks of life and singing about the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to spread the love of God through the ministry of song. I felt that Tabor had the right atmosphere / environment to start something new and inviting. It's a part of my identity, my spirit, my essence. It helps me and probably others find their place of belonging in a spiritually challenging world."



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**TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #827**
The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 27, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Shame C. and Denise Whittaker, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1A and 230-6.1C to allow the removal and reconstruction of a legally non-conforming single-family dwelling which will not increase the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3 of the zoning by-law.
The property, located at 6 Cole Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 5A as Lot 28 and 29.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 2/13, 2/20

**TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
550 Mill Street
Also Available via Remote Participation Option
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:10 pm to consider the request of Molly Lombard for a Special Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Section 230-4.2(C) Personal Service Establishment to provide Massage Therapy.
The property is located at 163 Front Street, Suite #205, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 77, zoned limited business.
The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Olivia Prior for the remote participation information: oprior@marionma.gov during normal business hours.
Andrew Daniel, Chair
Alanna Nelson, Vice-Chair 2/13, 2/20

**TOWN OF MARION
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To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
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The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:05 pm to consider the request of Aimee Bean for a Special Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Section 230-4.2(C) Personal Service Establishment to provide Massage Therapy.
The property is located at 163 Front Street, Suite #205, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 77, zoned limited business.
The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Olivia Prior for the remote participation information: oprior@marionma.gov during normal business hours.
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**TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
550 Mill Street
Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)
On March 3, 2025, at 7:15pm, the Marion Planning Board, pursuant to M.G.L. 40A, §5 and the Town's General Bylaws, will hold a public

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

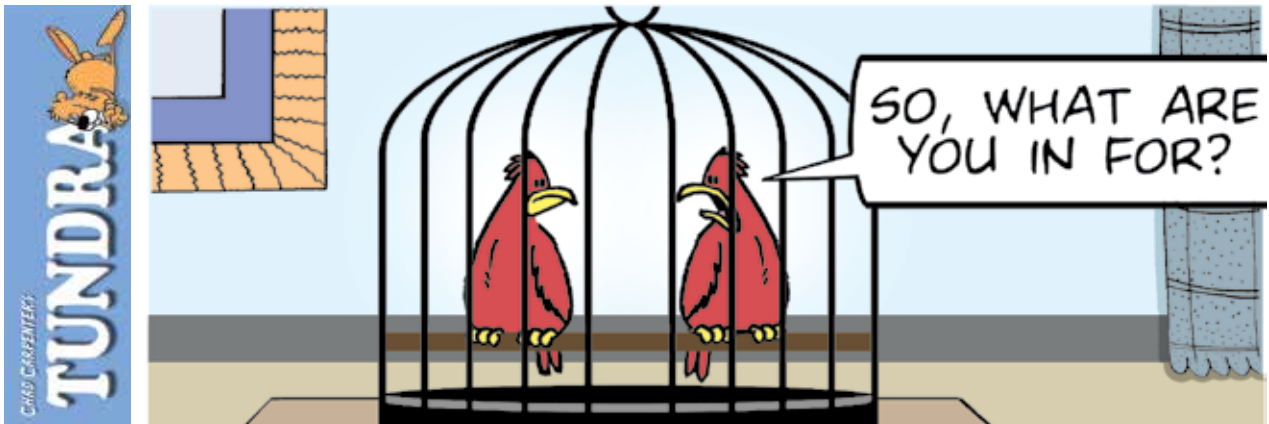


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Most of the songs that will be sung are from the late 20th and early 21st century. They will range from old traditional pieces such as God Is by the Late Reverend James Cleveland, to more contemporary pieces called Glory Glory by New Direction. The Choir will also sing a piece with a Caribbean flare, entitled He Reigns Forever.

Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee (MRTC) welcomes members, guests and community members to join us on Thursday, **February 20** for Pizza & Movie Night. Socializing from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm with Pizza, cash bar, and light snacks available. At 6:30 pm the MRTC will commence the meeting to discuss upcoming town elections and the importance of supporting our candidates. At 7:00 pm we are excited to present a screening of "Am I a Racist." The movie is a 2024 American satirical documentary comedy film starring conservative political commentator Matt Walsh. Walsh goes deep undercover in the world of diversity, equity, and inclusion exposing the grift and uncovering the absurdities through hidden social experiments. Please join us to challenge the mainstream narrative and engage in meaningful conversation. The location is at the Niemad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoissett.


If you have any questions, contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson PCMattGOP@proton.me.

MAC Fiber Fusion

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its newest exhibition, Fiber Fusion, featuring five artists working in mixed media textile and fiber materials. Techniques include quilting, tapestry and loom weaving, collage and assemblage, surface application, design and embellishment, and more. Artists include Christine Anderson, Carol Flax, Lorraine Gentile Haynes, and Toni Newhall. The exhibit runs February 22 through March 28, with an artists' reception on Saturday, **February 22** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

Christine Anderson, a weaver and fiber artist, finds the intersection of threads, both basic and centering to her life and creative work. Her work includes intricate tapestries of local landscapes and mixed media pieces. To develop an idea, she uses a fusion of materials including delicate threads, fabric, scanned images, handmade paper, and beads. The scanned images, from nature, leaves, petals from flowers, insect wings are incorporated and can be duplicated and manipulated. Her pieces make a connection to the natural world and our place in it. Combining the life cycles of insects, birds, and plants with ideas of femininity, the work explores innocence, passages of life, aging and death.

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Lorraine Gentile Haynes has always used her hands to create craft and art, including precious metal work, collage and printmaking. In 2015 she moved to Cape Cod, and it was here that her love of combining line, shape form texture, space, value and color came together in the creation of her fiber art quilts. Because her mother was a tailor and clothing designer, she spent her early years in fabric houses where she learned to love textiles, She found that her background in layering and joining done in metal work, and the layering used in printmaking techniques, influenced and translated well into her fiber arts quilt projects.

Lisa Horton's motto is the phrase: "One person's trash is another person's treasure". To create her mixed media/collages, she most often combines castoff items and organic materials. She fabricates her pieces using various buttons and beads, threads, wire and scraps of paper, as well as other found objects. A bit of silk from an



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hearing to consider the following additions Town of Marion Zoning Bylaws as it relates to short-term rentals:

- Add a new section to the Zoning Bylaw to address short-term rentals

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board or at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Please email Olivia Prior for the remote meeting information: oprior@marionma.gov. If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you identify your name and address for the record.

Join the Teams Meeting:
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Mattapoisett Self Storage Operator's Sale for non-payment of Storage Charges pursuant to the power of sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4. The following property will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 am on March 10, 2025, on the premises of Mattapoisett Self Storage, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques, miscellany held for: John Buckely, Unit C084.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by The Marc E. Kaner Revocable Trust - 2011.

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

The Applicant proposes to upgrade a circa 1978 septic system to Title 5 compliance with the installation of a new septic tank, pump chamber and leaching area. The work will occur within

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the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The subject address is 5 Pine Wood Way which is further identified as a Lot #58 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #22. 2/20

TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 4:40 pm on the variance request submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 80 Delano Road, further identified as Map 4, Lot 1.

310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater:
Leaching Area separation from Seasonal High Groundwater:
Requesting a 2 ft. separation vs. 4 ft. Requirement as allowed by DEP with the use of an Eljen GFS Leaching System for Remedial Use.

310 CMR 15.227, Placement and Construction of Tees:
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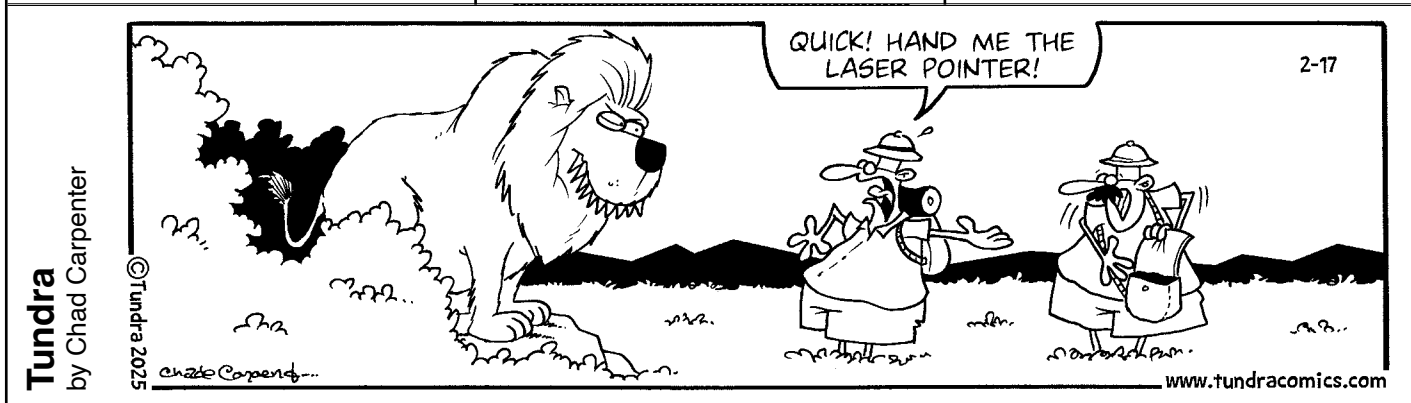
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old scarf, a piece of lace from a friend's blouse, bits and pieces of old jewelry - all find their way onto her canvas. The pieces she creates are of an abstract nature, yet each one is meant to evoke a meaning, a message or a memory.

Toni Newhall is a fiber/mixed media artist who likes to celebrate what has traditionally been considered "women's work" by expanding these techniques into textured pieces of art. She uses fibers in combination with a variety of materials to create two- and three-dimensional pieces. She is drawn to the idea of multiples, expressed either as a series of works or as repeat motifs in a single piece. Her inspiration often comes from nature, by observing the smaller parts of a whole and expanding on or abstracting the details of an object.

More information on the exhibit can be found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit

Marion Social Club Scholarships

The Marion Social Club, a charitable service club made up of your neighbors, is pleased to announce the award of two \$1,500.00 scholarships and one \$2,500.00 to graduating high school or homeschooled students residing in the town of Marion, Mattapoissett or Rochester. To qualify, an awardee must be enrolled in a recognized school of post-secondary education. The scholarship is issued when the student completes their first semester with satisfactory grades.

The scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's financial need, grades and a scholarship application. To obtain an application send a letter to Marion Social Club, PO Box 763, Marion, MA 02738. Applications are also available through the guidance department at Old Rochester Regional High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational High School, Upper Cape Regional Technical Vocation High School and Bishop Stand High School.

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Application forms are available in the high school guidance offices and at the Mattapoissett Land Trust website: mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 21**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 14.

The actual award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of the first semester in college to the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

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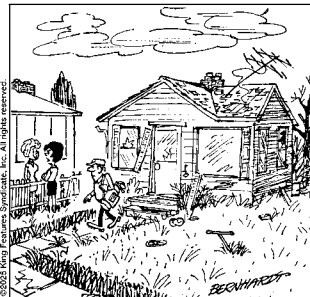
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Application forms are available in the guidance offices of participating schools listed above and at the Mattapoissett Land Trust website: mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 21**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 14.

The actual award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of the first semester in college to the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

What is A.I.?

An introduction of Artificial Intelligence will be presented. A.I. is already in many industries and is becoming a major factor in many areas of our lives. Learn more and ask questions of your facilitator, Dale Senechal. Mr. Senechal is highly knowledgeable in this topic and will deliver a lecture-style presentation on Friday, **February 28**, from 10:00 am to 12 noon. 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett. Enter at walkway with white bench to the doors with blue awning. The event is free. Register by calling 508-758-4110 or email to coordinator@mattapoissett.net.

Town of Mattapoissett Scholarships

The Mattapoissett Scholarship Committee is offering two distinct scholarship awards each of up to \$1,500 to deserving and qualified applicants who complete our application process. The Details are:

1) Mattapoissett Graduating Senior Award - Eligibility: Any Mattapoissett resident who is graduating from High School prior to July 1, 2025. Award(s): The total Scholarship Award amount is \$1,500. The Committee reserves the right to decide how many applicants will receive a stipend that will, in total, not exceed the \$1,500 total.

Requirements: Students should submit in addition to the application form their letters of recommendation, transcript and a cover letter addressing their aspirations and financial need. Submission Deadline: **April 15**.

2) Mattapoissett Continuing Education Scholarship - Eligibility: Any Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world. They should be pursuing a post graduate degree, career advancing courses or trade certification.

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Requirements: Applicants should submit their letter of recommendations, applicable transcript(s), any applicable course or training information and a cover letter addressing their aspirations and financial need.

The committee shall take into consideration each recipient's financial need, character, scholastic record, and involvement in community work as well as extracurricular activities. Successful applicants will be informed by May 6.

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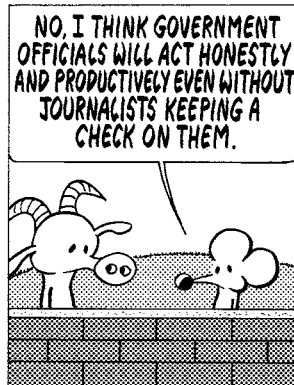
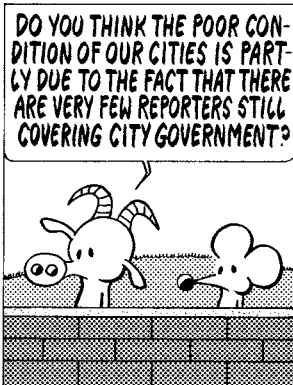
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Mattapoisett Annual Census

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.

After School Activities for Kids

The Marion Art Center (80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA) is pleased to present Kids' Clay Studio, our 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)



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Open Space Acquisition Commission (2)
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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 obtains at least thirty-five (35) signatures.

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

Seeking Nominations for ORR Music Hall of Fame

Friends of Old Rochester Music will be launching a Music Hall of Fame in 2025 to recognize the choral and instrumental students that graduated from ORR ten or more years ago who continue to enrich their community with music or have gone on to successful music careers. We have formed a committee to review nominations, and we need you to help us with submissions by **February 28**. Please submit names using our form on our website: FriendsOfOldRochesterMusic.org.

You may also email form@oldrochester.org with the name of the person you are nominating, their graduating year, why they would make a great inductee, and your contact info. Inaugural inductees will be announced at the April 15 "A Night of Jazz" at the high school and celebrated with a ticketed event at the Marion Music Hall later in the spring.

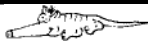
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Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 20	12:41	1:02	6:39	6:27
Friday	February 21	1:29	1:54	8:02	7:34
Saturday	February 22	2:26	2:57	9:31	8:51
Sunday	February 23	3:36	4:06	10:31	10:00
Monday	February 24	4:43	5:07	11:17	10:57
Tuesday	February 25	5:37	5:58	11:57	11:48
Wednesday	February 26	6:24	6:46		12:36
Thursday	February 27	7:09	7:31	12:37	1:14
Friday	February 28	7:55	8:18	1:26	1:52
Saturday	March 1	8:41	9:05	2:16	2:30
Sunday	March 2	9:29	9:54	3:04	3:09
Monday	March 3	10:19	10:46	3:51	3:49
Tuesday	March 4	11:14	11:42	4:39	4:31
Wednesday	March 5		12:11	5:37	5:20
Thursday	March 6	12:42	1:11	7:31	6:21
Friday	March 7	1:45	2:15	9:18	7:45
Saturday	March 8	2:54	3:23	10:26	9:47
Sunday	March 9	5:08	5:31	11:57	11:54

Phases of the Moon	Phase	Date
	Last Quarter	February 20th
	New Moon	February 27th
	First Quarter	March 6th
	Full Moon	March 14th



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 February 13, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 36

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Canopy 2. Ascend;
- 3. Arouse; 4. Treat

Today's Word
TODAY

Sudoku Answer

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

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