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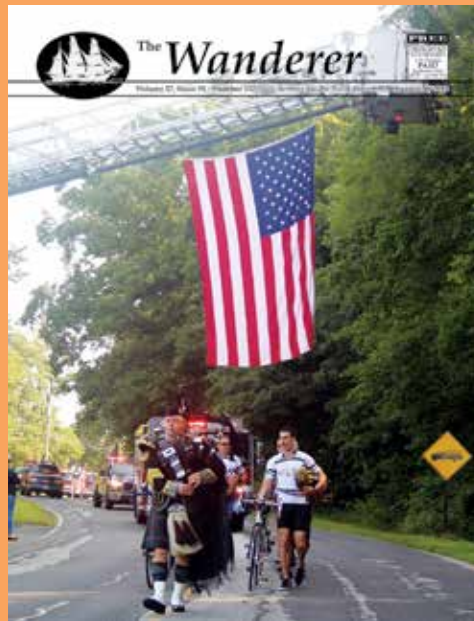


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Marion Maritime Center Open For Business

By Sam Bishop

On Saturday, February 22, the doors of the new Marion Maritime Center and Harbormaster facility were open to the public. Up until this point, the only look anyone had received was that of released pictures or MRC's posted meetings. The new building sits near the sea with a system of 360-degree cameras allowing full sight of the harbor – and grounds surrounding the facility, as explained by Harbormaster Adam Murphy upon giving some visitors a tour of his new office. The cameras have extremely high fidelity and resolution, allowing the capturing of license plates on land, or boat registration information at sea.

The layout of the facility is that of a circle. The middle is the central control area, where general harbor monitoring takes place and phone calls are taken. Flanking that on either side are hallways. The main meeting room to the left was full of snacks, like Dunkin Donuts, coffee, and other pastries and snacks. Around the back and right sides are various offices and a locker room. The whole site is built on "stilts" and rests above a garage for a Harbormaster boat and other machinery and equipment.

Construction began in January 2024 with primary work being of the new facility being completed about ten months later, last October.

Yes, We Can

By Marilou Newell

They came together to strengthen their resolve, to hear words that heal, not hurt, and to share in the joy of knowing "yes we can." On February 22, a hearty group braved cold winds at Munro Preserve, a Mattapoissett Land Trust property located on Water Street, to take in the MLT's latest story-walk installation on the life of Langston Hughes.

Afterward, the group assembled at the Mattapoissett Museum on Church Street to hear remarks centered around Black History Month and the relevance of celebrating Black History Month.

Speakers were introduced by longtime MLT member

On the Cover: The new Marion Maritime Center. The Maritime Center hosted an open house on Saturday, February 22 allowing the general populus an up-close look at the state-of-the-art facility. Staff members were present to answer questions along with members of MRC and the Harbormaster who gave a tour of his new office. Photo by Sam Bishop.

and education director Ellen Flynn. Flynn also shared a poem she has written to commemorate the occasion and to honor Frederick Douglas, who famously said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

For Frederick Douglas by Ellen Flynn:

Can we speak of a world of tears,
or do we just drink down brown beers?
Can we see spirits drifting through rainfall?
Can we sail against the wind,
to capture heartache and sin?

We skip through racially divided culture,
to watch and record years of torture.
Where are the leaders marching through the rain of tears?
When will they bring us answers to our fears?
We can only show our children her story,
and walk them through history.

TTAR member and director of business partners John Santos said it was important for the three represented organizations to come together in a common purpose, and Mike Huguenin, president of the MLT, said that in these

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times of stress and confusion getting out into nature was critically necessary. Thus with a smile he suggested, "Take a hike! You'll feel better."

This is the third year the MLT has partnered with the TTAR to present story walks that give children and their families an opportunity to get outside together in a meaningful way.

Dr. Moise St. Louis, assistant dean and director of the Frederick Douglass Unity House at UMass Dartmouth, spoke to the current social and political themes facing society today. "Such times require reflection." St. Louis said that staying silent allowed space for destruction to move in and that people, all people but especially those facing struggles, needed to speak up, "...failing one will cause all to fail."

St. Louis stated there is a cost to being silent with far reaching implications for future generations and that the spaces created by silence must be closed.

St. Louis quoted from President Obama's famous Chicago acceptance speech, saying, "...people will try to shut us down...we need to be firm in our conviction... we are dependent on one another..." and of a future that embraces equity and inclusion - "Yes We Can."

Healthcare Fraud

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Healthcare fraud tends to be "under the radar" for most of us, surfacing when authorities arrest those accused of such behavior or when guilty verdicts are announced, and usually in stories buried on the inside pages of the newspaper.

While it is widely acknowledged to be a serious problem, costing the government and private insurers tens of billions of dollars, it is very hard to get factual data. The numbers that reach the press are of perpetrators who are caught. The number of schemes that go undetected is impossible to quantify.

It is also a world-wide problem, not just a North American issue. The National Academies estimated in 2018 that of the \$7.35 trillion spent globally on health care, some \$455 billion was lost to fraud. Investigators in China estimated that 10% of healthcare spending there was wasted due to fraud.

Fraud can take many forms. The most obvious is to bill insurers for services not rendered. A New York-based cardiologist was arrested for billing Medicare and Medicaid \$1.3 million for Covid testing that was never done.

More commonly, billing can be done for expensive services and equipment that are unnecessary. Companies "cold-call" people and offer braces and electric-lift chairs that will be "free" if their doctor authorizes them. One

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brazen scheme involved gathering homeless people who were on Medicaid and paying them small sums to go to a testing center for a panel of totally pointless but expensive tests for fabricated diagnoses.

Twelve physicians in Ohio and Michigan were sentenced to prison last year for a scheme that required narcotic addicts seeking prescriptions to undergo spinal injections, which are richly reimbursed, before getting their prescriptions.

More subtle and more widespread is "up-coding," providing a service but billing for a more expensive one. Take the office visit. Billing for such visits can be done at one of five tiers based on the complexity of the problem and time needed to deal with it. The higher the level, the more the payment. A Massachusetts orthopedic surgeon was charged in March of 2022 for billing top-level visits for as many as 90 patients a day – meaning that in one work-day he was claiming to do over 60 hours of care! To a lesser degree, this practice is very widespread.

Technology has unfortunately made fraud easier. The typical electronic medical record allows the user to populate a note with detailed history and physical finding with a few

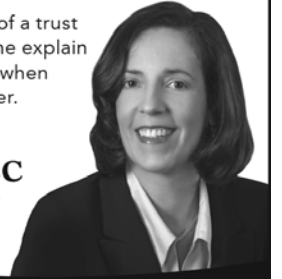
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clicks, whether or not these were done.

Telemedicine, a boon for many during Covid lockdowns, also provided a fertile field for the unscrupulous. One of "America's Frontline Doctors," the headline-grabbing vaccination deniers, lost her license for providing ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine after 1-2 minute on-line visits for which she billed \$90. Telemedicine visits for addiction counselling are supposed to last 45 minutes. The Recovery Connection Centers of America billed insurance programs millions of dollars for visits that lasted an average of 5 minutes federal authorities alleged last month.

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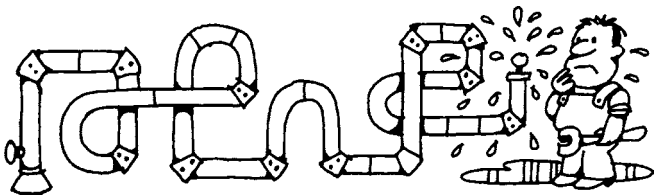
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ORRJH's Latin, Spanish Students Celebrate World Language Week

Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Silas Coellner are pleased to share that Old Rochester Regional Junior High School recently celebrated World Language Week with a variety of interactive and immersive cultural experiences.

In the week before February vacation, all junior high Latin and Spanish students participated in a series of games and activities designed to recognize, honor and embrace diverse cultures from around the world and the languages spoken within those cultures.

These hands-on activities helped bring language learning to life, taking students away from classwork and providing them with an immersive educational experience while forging lifelong memories.

Early on, during the school's celebration of World Language Week, the Latin and Spanish classes came together for a world tour of cultural experience, including tango lessons with Spanish teacher Beth Faria, introductory Russian lessons with Latin teacher Gina Tilley, and cultural trivia games hosted by Spanish teacher Carla Cafarella.

Food was also part of the festivities for World Language Week. Students got the opportunity to prepare and enjoy traditional cultural dishes, including Russian dumplings, guacamole and homemade tortillas during an after-school cooking session.

"World Language Week gives students an opportunity to learn about different cultures and to experience multiple engaging and exciting group activities," said Latin teacher Gina Tilley.

Spanish teacher Beth Faria agreed, applauding World Language Week as a chance for Old Rochester Regional Junior High School to flex its language-learning muscles away from a textbook, whiteboard or computer screen.

"World Language Week is a great way for students to put what they learn in the classroom into practice outside of the classroom," said Faria.

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volunteer students led classmates each day in the Pledge of Allegiance in different languages, including Latin, Polish, Spanish, Portuguese, and French. Morning announcements during World Language Week also included cultural trivia questions meant to spark engagement and curiosity throughout the student body.

The week's highlight was a two-day "Goosechase" scavenger hunt, during which Latin and Spanish students teamed up to complete culture and language challenges throughout the school. Scavengers sang, danced, acted out various scenarios, and solved puzzles — all while wearing traditional Roman attire.

"World Language Week is such a nice change of pace," said Cafarella. "Latin and Spanish classes combine for the

week, and we finish with a two-day scavenger hunt that's always great fun. There's a lot of energy and laughter. This is a favorite week for our world language students, and it was a great way to wrap up learning before the February break."

Coellner highlighted the positive impact of the week on the school community.

"This is one of the most anticipated weeks of the year for our world language students," he said. "It fosters collaboration, cultural awareness, and hands-on learning, all of which are essential to a well-rounded education. It's great to see our students so engaged and excited to participate."

Nelson commended the dedication of the school's foreign language teachers for embracing World Language Week and described it as a meaningful and memorable experience for students.

"World Language Week is a wonderful example of how our educators bring learning to life in creative and impactful ways," said Nelson. "This event not only strengthens students' language skills but also deepens their appreciation for global cultures. It's something many of them will fondly remember for the rest of their lives."

Gearing Up for Annual Town Meeting

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On February 25, the Mattapoisett Select Board met with Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer to discuss the current status of major renovations and improvement to the Highway Department headquarters located on Mendel Road. Bauer said it has been more than 50 years since any updates had been made and that Phase 1 work is complete. He said a new sprinkler system has passed inspection in the last few days.

There was also substantial discussion regarding how best to fund the remaining two phases of the \$2,000,000 renovation. At the conclusion of that discussion which included Town Administrator Mike Lorencio stating that the town had a healthy free cash number and that old debt will roll off the books soon, Select Board member Jordan Collyer said it is likely the funding will come from a combination of free cash and debt exclusion.

When asked how he would wish to proceed with construction, Bauer stated that moving ahead with both Phase 2 and 3 would be his preference. The remaining

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The need for the development of engineered drawings for cost estimates was placed at the top of Bauer's to-do list so the board could review that number as soon as possible.

The board also met with Andrew Nilson of Childs Engineering regarding the Long Wharf construction project. It was determined that a working session between the Marine Advisory Board, Childs, and the Select Board might prove beneficial.

Public comments have been opened almost since the beginning of the project more than a year ago, but in addressing how best to tie down action items when more comments seem to folly back and forth without conclusion, MAB Chairman Carlos DaSouza suggested a working meeting. That option was taken under consideration by the Select Board. In the meantime, testing of existing granite stones proposed for resurfacing of the wharf was confirmed.

Loレンco noted that Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 12 and that the Finance Committee is nearing the end of its review processes associated with all town budgets including capital plans.

The board now plans to work throughout the month of March, meeting with all town departments to flesh out any fiscal adjustments needed for a balanced budgets before presenting the budgets at Town Meeting. The Town Meeting warrant will close on April 22.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not scheduled upon adjournment.

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Refining Plans for New Police and Fire Stations

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board on Monday began its meeting by approving a three-year contract for new Town Planner Michaela Shoemaker, a mere week after the board hired her. Shoemaker is the former Community Development planner in Falmouth and has also served as the town planner in Hanover.

The board also approved new three-year contracts for Assistant Town Accountant Kathy McHenry, Fire Chief Scott Weigel, and the Police Union. The latter contract led to the most noteworthy follow-up discussion.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant noted that, under the new Police Union pact, all patrol officers have agreed to wear body cameras. This change, he said, "will have a positive effect on the town's exposure." Durant explained the use of body cameras will cut down on the department's exposure to liability claims and lawsuits. Proof against such claims will be on video. This will even mean a slight credit/reduction on the department's liability insurance, he said. In exchange for this part of the agreement, he said the Police Union has been granted a raise in the private detail rate to \$65 per hour.

The board then approved declaring a Council on Aging van as surplus property but stopped short of voting to immediately sell it at auction. COA board member Michael Cambra tapped the brakes on this part of the plan by asking if the Friends of the Council on Aging could sell

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the van and use the proceeds for the proposed renovations of the town's Senior Center.

"Do we have no ability to do that?" he asked. Durant said he wasn't sure.

Select Board member Adam Murphy said the van has to be declared surplus first, then the friends group would have the option to bid on it. Durant said the proceeds from any sale of the van by the town would have to go into the general fund, not a COA-specific account. He then concluded he will speak to Town Counsel "to see if we have any wiggle-room."

Next, a last-minute addition to the agenda, discussion of the Public Safety Feasibility Study Final Report, prompted Murphy to vehemently defend the way the board

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has handled the plan to build new public safety buildings or renovate the current facilities.

Murphy said a letter from residents criticizes the board for its spending and its lack of “transparency” related to the plan. He and the other Select board member in attendance, Paul Ciaburri, explained that some of the facts in this criticism are not accurate. Ciaburri said the study’s scope was intended only for the need for a new fire station. The study itself ballooned out of proportion to include a \$9,000,000 police station.

A Special Town Meeting article in January addressed the police station need another way, Murphy argued, with a \$300,000 renovation instead of a \$9,000,000 new station. Ciaburri noted the need for a new fire station was identified in 1998 when it would have cost perhaps \$3,000,000. And that expense, he said, “would have been paid off by now. ... But we kicked the can down the road.”

Murphy said the Feasibility Report has finally been posted on the town website, at his urging. He said he will be available at Town Hall on Thursday, March 6, starting at 5:00 pm to answer any questions on the study. “We will shed light on what we are spending on and where. It’s on us to be as transparent as possible,” said Murphy.

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

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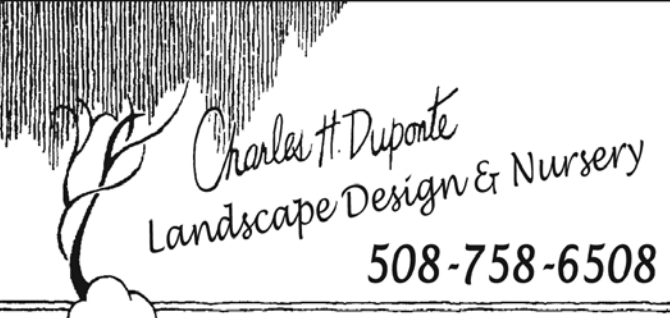
Marion Select Board

By Mary McCann Fiske

A highlight of the Marion Select Board’s February 19 meeting was a two-fold recognition of the successful rescue of a young man who came perilously close to death in Marion Harbor on January 20.

At about 8:00 am that day, 19-year-old Jordan Haims and a friend were duck hunting. Haims was on a boat approximately 200 yards out from Silvershell Beach while his pal was on shore nearby. When his friend saw that he was no longer on the boat, he called 911. Haims had fallen into the water.

Harbormaster Adam Murphy and Police Sergeant Larry Savery arrived on the scene. Haims had managed to pull himself onto the vessel, weakened as he was by severe hypothermia - from the 34-degree water and 21-degree air



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temperature. Murphy took off his coat and other clothing and put them on the young man. Once he was ashore, firefighters provided warming blankets and IV warming liquids and took him by ambulance to Tobey Hospital.

Just after the event, Fire Chief Brian Jackvony and Chief of Police Richard Nighelli credited the 17-year-old friend who called 911 with saving Haims' life.

On Tuesday night, Murphy and Savery were themselves credited with saving a young life. They were honored with a Board Citation of special recognition for "performing above and beyond duties in conducting the life-saving rescue." Chairman Norm Hills called their actions a credit to themselves and to Marion residents, and a "display of the highest standards of public safety professionalism and service."

After thanking the Select Board and acknowledging outstanding support from colleagues who assisted, the honorees welcomed a guest from the audience to the microphone.

Rachel Haims, mother of the rescued young hunter, came forward. "The thought of losing our son was unimaginable," she said. "This gift cannot fully captivate the gratitude we feel, but we wanted very much to express it," she said, gesturing to include husband Russ Haims and Jordan.

Their gratitude took the form of a gift to the town of \$10,000.

Haims went on to say that the money is intended to enable responders and other personnel to find a moment to "share in some joy" with people who matter in their lives. She urged them to use it to take a colleague to tea, or dinner, or whatever they enjoyed, implying activities that build bonding and mutual support needed in their critical work.

Russ Haims also expressed gratitude, urging them to "please share this donation with everyone that matters to you because that's what's really important." Jordan smiled shyly as he greeted his rescuers.

The gift was gratefully accepted as the recipients, family, board members and others in the room shared a very uplifting moment.


Then it was back to business as the board moved to the remaining agenda.

Before devoting time to a detailed presentation on the proposed town budget for Fiscal Year 2026, the board



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moved through a number of items with minimal discussion, including: accepting a donation from the Friends of Marion Recreation toward flooring for the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center; appointing Ms. Taryn Munroe to a three-year term on the Energy Management Committee; approving a request from the town clerk to add to the ballot for May 16 a vacant position on the Open Space Acquisition Commission; and delegating Nighelli the responsibility for assigning police details for all elections in 2025. Discussion of approving early voting by mail and in-person was tabled.

Additional approved items included extending use of the Music Hall by Taber Library until March 25 due to minor delays in its renovations; two one-day alcoholic beverage licenses to the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra at Tabor

Academy on the evenings of March 14 and 15; and two water/sewer commitments for \$735.70 and \$2,771.34 for recent final readings.

Updating the board on construction at the Department of Public Works building, Gorman reported the framing of the mezzanine has been completed, that the project is "on track," and the site looks good. As to the now-completed harbormaster building, a celebratory Open House was scheduled for February 22.

The timeline for the Annual Town Meeting was reviewed and is also available on the town website. The meeting will take place on Monday, May 12, at 6:45 pm at the Sippican Elementary School. The deadline to submit warrant articles, including citizens' petitions, is Friday, March 14. The warrant closes Tuesday, April 1, and will be posted the next day, April 2. Gorman noted that the upcoming municipal election will be on Tuesday, May 16.

The minutes from January 14 and January 22 were approved as written.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Marion Select Board will be held on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 pm in the Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street.

Harbor Rate Increases Tabled

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

On Tuesday night, roughly 50 members of the public and administrators packed into the main hall of the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center for a continued meeting regarding new harbor regulations for the Town of Marion.

Considering the over two-and-a-half-hour-long Marion Marine Resource Commission (MRC) meeting the previous night, most in attendance assumed this meeting would also be extensive. It ended after approximately 15 minutes.

The meeting was held for the consideration of five amendments to the proposed revision to the town's Waterways Regulation. Select Board Chairman Norm Hills began by stating the fifth of five amendments was "crossed off" and would not be considered.

The fifth proposed amendment stated: "5. Amend Subsection D of Section IV to establish a minimum Per Foot Fee for vessels under 25 feet. All vessels less than or equal to



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25 feet will be charged \$115 + \$200 (Harbor Permit + \$8 Per Foot Fee for a 25 feet vessel) and boats over 25 feet will be charged \$115 + \$8 Per Foot Fee."

With its removal, MRC Chairman Vin Malkoski stated there would be no rate increases for harbor vessels. All other proposed amendments deal with dates and not rate adjustments.

Malkoski added, "we received a lot of input, and it became clear that at this time we need to table any discussion about fees." The MRC chairman stressed increased income must be generated, and talks of fees would be moved to the new Harbor Management Plan.

Town Administrator Geoff Gorman added the plan would take roughly 18 months to formulate and would be

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an “open process” relying on the public.

Harbormaster Adam Murphy clarified the payment end-date of May 15 being the deadline for the upcoming invoices said to be ready to send out over the upcoming weeks. Due to date changes, there was worry among the public that penalties would be levied. “We won’t penalize anyone on the back side of this,” he finished.

The meeting concluded with the Select Board unanimously approving the remaining four amendments. One was to modify the date on which Harbor Permit invoices are paid from May 15 to March 15. A second stipulates that all payments shall be postmarked or received by March 15. The third adds a \$100 late fee. The fourth stipulates that those who fail to pay within a month of

the due date (April 15) will have their permits revoked. Malkoski had emphasized that the need for these changes was to collect money during the current fiscal year instead of payments being dragged into the following year.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Draft Discussion

Marion Finance Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Finance Committee met on February 20 to go over a draft of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Chairman Shay Assad began the meeting by welcoming Town Administrator Geoff Gorman and Finance Director Heather O’Brien. Following the approval of the previous meeting’s minutes, discussions were underway on next year’s budget.

Gorman presented the budget draft via PowerPoint, with all members having a physical copy that had been sent to them electronically approximately three weeks prior. In order to formulate the draft and a plan going forward, Gorman explained each city department had received a request for a “level service budget.” This shows the department’s current ability to support services. Any additional requests that would inflate a department’s budget are saved until after the budget is balanced.

For his executive summary, Gorman also explained for FY25 that three new employee contracts have been completed, the Harbormaster Department reorganization has been implemented following the opening of the new Maritime Center, and providing retention support to various areas.

Increases in non-discretionary expenses are driving an increase to the budget. Inflation has played a significant role, with wages as well as the “general cost of doing business.” General Insurance is up 5% to 8% with increases in flood insurance cited. Health insurance is up significantly, with estimates of 8% to 20% rises depending on area. Schools have also requested more, outside of revenue growth, Sippican Elementary School (8%), Old Rochester Regional (7%), and Upper Cape Tech (11%).

Revenue growth is currently estimated at \$698,976, which is 10% lower than FY25. This is not to say revenue isn’t growing, but at a slower rate than previously observed.

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Free cash currently sits around \$3,000,000 with Town House renovations, Route 6's watermain, and other local infrastructure projects contributing to the largest unknown that will affect said free cash.

After questioning, Gorman stated that the Massachusetts' Department of Revenue wants towns and cities "to have free cash as part of fiscal responsibility. They arrange between 5% and 7% [on average]. We are above that 7%." He also added the town wants to find a way to lower the amount under 7%, though too much cannot be used to offset actual budget, as in used for one-time purchases. For grants, funds exceed \$5,000,000.

For increases in expenses, police reform was stated first with increases in responsibilities and benefits, the aforementioned Harbormaster reorganization, and the success of recruitment, retention, and promotion. Education currently takes up 46% of the budget. Curbside garbage collection was brought up, with the SEMASS and Curbside collection contracts coming up for bid next year. There has been an estimated 5% increase for contract renewal.

For budget growth, overall, there was a \$1,668,446 (5.8%) increase, with 3.6% growth on average over the last five years.

Following the Town Administrator's Executive Summary, Finance Director Heather O'Brien began her discussion on projected revenue. O'Brien told the committee that 79% of the town's budget comes from property taxes, while local receipts (vehicle, license, and permits) account for 7%; 5% comes from state aid and other transfers, and approximately 4% in free cash.

It was discussed and argued by committee members that the current tax rate...determined by the Select Board is



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too high, given the town's 11% to 15% free cash. That or capital expenses are being underbudgeted, they argued. While the town is using this excess capital for popular capital expenditures, Assad suggested it may be prudent to reexamine the revenue streams. He also said the cushion of the funds protects against natural disasters or unforeseen alterations to the budget. A lengthy discussion on this followed, with disagreements on how much free cash would be needed to ward off budget concerns should another "snowmageddon" occur.

O'Brien continued with a breakdown on the FY26 preliminary budget summary. The total town budget is \$30,506,157. Below is the breakdown.

- Schools/Education - \$14,345,553 (47.03%)
- Public Safety - \$4,738,802 (15.53%)
- Pension & Insurance - \$4,591,917 (15.05%)
- General Government - \$2,761,040 (9.05%)
- Public Works - \$2,493,943 (8.18%)
- General Fund Debt Service - \$695,665 (2.28%)
- Human Services - \$479,798 (1.57%)
- Culture & Recreation - \$399,433 (1.31%)

Current variance between revenue and expenses sits at around \$757,000, though the Finance director again stated they are looking for ways to close the gap.

The Finance director, town administrator and Finance Committee all agreed there is much work and discussion left to be done.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Town House's conference room.

Floating Solar Array On A Cranberry Bog?

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Planning Board began its meeting Tuesday by reviewing a unique proposal to permit a floating solar array at 53 Dexter Lane.

In an informal discussion of the project with the board, Matt Swanberg of New Leaf Energy explained such a design is only allowed on man-made ponds. That means cranberry ponds used for agricultural purposes such as the Dexter Lane site qualifies. New Leaf Energy's proposal is for a two-megawatt solar array with panels on a connected series of floating docks.

The board prepared Swanberg and his associate Annie Cornell for the formal application process that will follow with some tough questions. Board member Paul Carr asked, "what happens to this floating dock in August when the bog has lost its water?" "What materials will the docks be made of and how will they be anchored?" asked Michael Murphy. "How will the integrity of the electrical equipment be preserved?" asked vice chair Ben Bailey. Chairman Arnold Johnson noted children, and deer will encroach upon their equipment if it is not properly fenced in and asked that site plans include the site lines between the panels and nearby homes.

Swanberg said the docks will be installed with a special system that will account for how low the water levels can go, and the docks will be anchored to the bottom of the pond. He noted, however, that the company is reaching out to vendors as it irons out these details of its plan. He said in his next meeting with the board he will be willing to talk about a specific application and application fees.

In other action, the board voted to craft a draft decision for the Site Plan Review Permit application for the Eversource substation at 214 Rounsville Road. Upgrades are necessary to interconnect distributed generation facilities in town. Two factors, however, almost derailed this decision. Johnson, at first, wanted the hearing to be continued to its next meeting because the check for the project's additional \$4,1600 filing fee has not been received. Johnson and the other board members also objected to Eversource's request that the company be allowed to not use bio-hydrological fluids in its construction equipment. This exemption would cause a hazard for residential wells if these fluids seep into the ground. "That is something we are not going to waive," Johnson said.

Eversource representative Dan Higgins said he will seek a vendor that will be able to comply with this condition, though it won't be easy. Fellow Eversource representative Heather Sykes successfully argued that the

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check was requested as soon as she was made aware of the fee, but a check from the Eversource corporate office takes time. The approval vote that resulted was unanimous.

The board also approved the Definitive Subdivision Plan application for 386 Snipatuit Road, a plan to divide 24 acres into one lot containing an existing home and outhouse on two acres and two other lots with frontage on a new roadway to be named Peter Crapo Cartway.

In response to a Notice of Intent to convert Chapter 41B forest land at 0 Walnut Plain Road, the board voted to recommend to the selectmen that the town not exercise its right of first refusal to purchase the property.

The Rochester Planning Board did not set its next meeting prior to adjournment.

Marion 175th Anniversary Committee Seeks Members

Marion Planning Board

By Mary McCann Fiske

The Marion Planning Board met Tuesday, February 18 and welcomed Olivia Pryor, a new Administrative Assistant.

The Chair asked that members email him directly should they have concerns arising from the meeting. Issues such as improper procedures, technical problems, distractions, or other issues. When said issues arise and when the chair is notified, he will direct concerns to the appropriate party. He also advised members that when writing emails, letters, items for newspapers, or social media, to make it clear that communication reflects their own views and not those of the board collectively.

Special Hearing on FSJ property at 207-215 Wareham Street was continued to March 17 at party's request.

Minutes from meeting on February 3 approved with corrections, one of which clarifying a member's comment on Short-Term Rentals. The statement will be corrected to read that Short Term-Rentals should be allowed only in general business and limited industrial areas and not in residential areas.

The Continued Public Hearing regarding amendments and additions to the building code regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's), consistent with MGL40A, s.5 and General Town Bylaws, was opened. After a lengthy discussion on refining and clarifying proposed language, a vote to move those changes forward was passed.



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The agenda item on Aquifer Protection was discussed briefly and deferred to the next meeting, as was the discussion on Short-Term Rentals. Both will be tackled at the March 3 meeting and members should prepare for a lengthy meeting.

Comments to ZBA on proposed home expansion at 6 Whitaker Street. Permit is requesting an increase of approximately 125% on a small house occupying two lots. Most members had no comment; one expressed that the property should be in keeping with the scale of the other properties in the area.

Before adjourning, the chair asked that members and others present put the word out that both the Fireworks Committee and the 175th Marion Anniversary Committee are looking for members. Those interested in learning more are encouraged to contact Donna Hemphill at Town Hall - dhemphill@marionma.gov.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, Police Department Conference Room, 7:00 pm.

New Variance Petition Approved

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

On February 20, the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals heard a new variance petition filed by William Wennerberg for property located on Fairhaven Road. The posted petition notes that the applicant is seeking to build a three-bedroom, two-story home on a lot that had previously been petitioned and approved by the board.



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Representing the applicant was David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone. Davignon stated that the earlier petition had “timed out” but was reinstated by new state guidelines for another two years. However, because the property owners now wished to build a smaller home than previously planned, the Mattapoissett Building Department declared it a new filing.

Davignon said that the petitioner’s new plan shows a marginally smaller footprint for the new structure, that the Board of Health had permitted the sewer connection, and that the original filing had been approved by the ZBA. Lot coverage was reduced from 22.7% to 17.4%. A one-stall garage is also planned.

The project was approved for a Variance.

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Also approved was a filing for Special Permit by Paul V. Walsh Trust, 113 Angelica Avenue, for the demolition of an existing 1944 structure and the construction of a new two-story home in an AE flood zone. Also representing Walsh, Davignon told the board that the lot was surrounded on all four sides by streets and said that the new structure will be in better conformance with FEMA regulations. A detached garage is also planned.

The petition was approved.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals was not scheduled upon adjournment.

Search Continues for New Director

Mattapoissett Free Public Library Board of Trustees

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library Board of Trustees met on February 20 for their monthly meeting to go over operations. The meeting began with an approval of minutes from their January meeting and transitioned to a discussion on the Treasurer’s report. As Treasurer Michael Rosa was absent, Chair Ruth Jolliffe stated that it was reported to her that “all is looking fine.” Jolliffe added that library operations were not on but under budget and it was “going well.” The chair did stress next month’s meeting with be more thorough in its monetary overview.

The new Children’s Librarian Kevin Thompson was present. Thompson discussed the hiring of a new library technician, Felicia Aguiar, who will fill the vacant 10-hours-per-week position. Aguiar has been a long-time volunteer for the library through junior high and high school. She recently earned her master’s degree from Simmons University in Boston. Aguiar’s first day was February 25.

Next, grant reports were discussed. The report for the Library Literacy Grant from the Richard and Ann J. Prouty Foundation was presented, with the request for a three-month extension to complete all activities. It was stated this extension was asked for due to the library’s high staffing turnover. A proposal was also discussed from the same foundation that would focus on honing the library into a “third space” for families and others in the community to gather and share. Whether that sharing would be of stories, genealogy, writing, photos or more. Thompson explained, “Your first place is home, second place is work, and your third place is something else – so we have the library to step into that role.”

For the “facility and equipment” portion, Thompson explained the town’s Highway Department has been very helpful with clearing walkways and steps during the recent snowy and icy weather. In honor of Mattapoissett’s Rayna Lee Caplan, who passed away in January 2024, new furnishings will be purchased for the Children’s Department.

Winter programs have been a success, with 74 concurrent readers in the Quahog Winter Reading Program for Grades 3-6. The Winter Storytime Program is currently in the pause between its winter and spring sessions, with the latter beginning in March. The current artist featured in the library’s reading rooms is Dartmouth’s Betsy Powell, known for her pottery. The library’s open house on February



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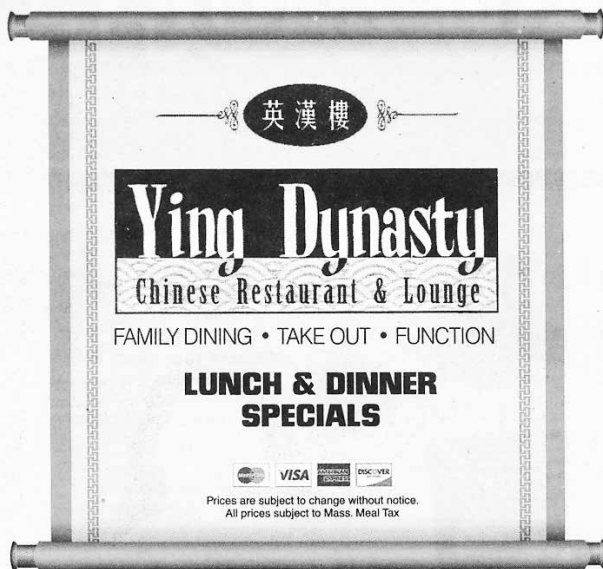
1, which included a scavenger hunt, saw over 50 people in attendance. The "Seed Library" is fully stocked, allowing patrons to come in and receive free seeds to begin their spring/summer gardens. Librarian Amanda Lawrence's Valentine's Day book "blind date" was also a success, seeing patrons choose pre-wrapped books by short descriptions written on the wrapping instead of being able to see the cover. Current ongoing clubs include non-fiction, cookbook, and graphic novel, as well as a writing group.

Following the report, a discussion on staffing at the library began. The search for a new director continues, with the new Library Technician designed to alleviate some of the responsibilities of the job. The discussion was brief, and it was stated currently both the town and former Director

Susan Pizzolato, currently assisting the library through its search for a director, believe current staffing is "all right as it is" according to the chair.

In order to encourage more children to visit the library, especially after school and to support the "third place" program, the concept of offering food and snacks by a vending machine was also discussed. Worries over the added difficulties this would bring like allergies, ants and mice were raised.

The position description for a new director has been finished and has been posted in various locations. The Search Committee has already received a few résumés, with submissions ending March 5. A list of interview questions was also completed for the Search Committee, with March



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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?
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1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Betsy Dunn
3:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
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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
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9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
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4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
5:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: Marion's Portuguese, Azorean, and Cape Veridian Residents
8:00 PM ORR Girls Varsity Basketball vs Bourne
9:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Plymouth South
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Celebrating the Archive

Saturday March 1, 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 - Betsy Dunn
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Mattapoisett Land Trust
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday March 2, 2025

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

Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park
11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM 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 Mattapoisett Museum: Butterflies
10:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday March 3, 2025

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

3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne
7:45 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Plymouth South
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

Tuesday March 4, 2025

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

Wednesday March 5, 2025

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

MARION GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Marion Planning Board
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion School Committee
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
4:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
5:00 PM Marion Board of Health
6:00 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
7:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 PM ORR School Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
12:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
3:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
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8:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:00 PM Rochester School Committee
10:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee

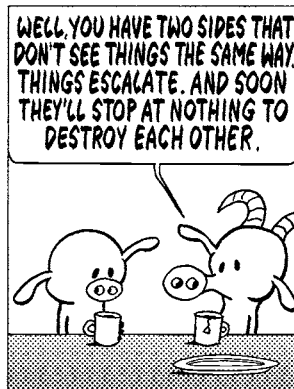
EDUCATION CHANNEL

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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 AM ORR School Committee
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne
2:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Somerset Berkley
3:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Bourne
4:00 PM ORR Pep Rally
5:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet
8:00 PM ORR Promenade
8:30 PM ORR Theater Class
10:00 PM STEAM The Streets at ORR
11:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police

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12 being assigned as the date to decide on which candidates to interview.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Board of Trustees was moved to Thursday, March 27, at 4:00 pm in the library's Maring Room.

On The Road Again for Cougars
Sports Roundup

By Mick Colageo and Aiden Comorosky

Last year, the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School boys basketball team won two state tournament games on the road, both far away from Rochester. If the team wants to go far in the tournament again this year, it will once again mean many miles on the

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Sylvia Ann (Jarratt) Knight, 86, beloved wife, mother and friend to many, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends on February 17, 2025 after a long illness.

Sylvia was born on October 13, 1938 in Manchester, UK to George and Eveline Jarratt. She emigrated to the United States on April 11, 1959 along with her lifelong friend, Alwyn Dexter (nee Allinson). She met her husband, the late Wayne C. Knight in Marion, Massachusetts and they were married at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion on December 10, 1960. Their marriage lasted 54 years until Wayne's passing in 2015.

Sylvia worked in administrative and clerical positions for several local companies over the years, culminating with more than 30 years with Cranberry Growers Service of Wareham.

Sylvia was a devoted wife and mother, raising four children together with Wayne. She was a voracious reader, dedicated gardener and she enjoyed various creative hobbies including knitting, crocheting and needlepoint.

She is survived by her four children and their respective spouses: Andrew Knight and his wife Louise of Pepperell, MA, Sarah Kopka and her husband Michael of Manchester, NH, Kathryn Daener her husband Rob of Mattapoisett and Matthew Knight and his wife Paige of Houston, TX. Her grandchildren include Thomas Daener and wife Jennifer, Shannon Knight and husband Tim Barnett, Dylan Knight, Ian Knight and Katherine Knight. She also has two "honorary" children through Alwyn; Karen Dexter and husband Jeff White and Colin Dexter and wife Jo. Sylvia's extended family also includes that of her other dear, longtime friend, Dorothy Antonioli and husband Frank and her third son David Cattle, his wife Susan and family.

She is also survived by her siblings in the UK, Norman Jarratt and wife Kath, Rodney Jarratt and wife Margaret and Hilary Bromley and husband Per.

Sylvia will always be remembered for her "proper" British accent, impish sense of humor and infectious laugh. Also, for her profound loathing of peanut butter (and contrasting, inexplicable fondness for Marmite) and her refusal to handle cats, which she found to be "squishy."

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled and announced at a later date. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Christopher M. Collins 42, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday January 29, 2025 in Washington DC. Chris grew up in North Dighton, Massachusetts graduating from Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School where he excelled in academics and athletics.

Chris continued his education receiving his Bachelor of Science in Education from UMass

Dartmouth. He started his career as a middle school teacher in North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Driven by his passion to influence education policy at a broader scale, Chris pursued his Master of Science in Public Policy at Brown University. After graduation, he moved to New York City where he met the love of his life, Jennifer Thomas. For the past 13 years, he dedicated his career to Moody's Investors, focusing on the higher education sector.

Our family is heartbroken by the passing of Chris, our cherished husband, son, brother, and uncle. Chris was a genuine adventurer with a deep passion for the outdoors and a lifelong affection for animals. While Chris and Jen crafted a vibrant city life together, Chris's love for the outdoors remained steadfast, with a special fondness for the coastal landscapes of Brewster and the entirety of Cape Cod.

Chris, adored by his parents, Bob and Nancy, was known for his enthusiasm for friendly competition with his brother, Matt, and for cherishing moments spent with his niece and nephew. His early discovery of the love for dogs blossomed into a deep passion that only intensified with time. Walking the dogs at Lucky Dog Refuge in Stamford, CT brought him immense joy and fulfillment.

Chris's kindness and compassion knew no bounds, whether you were family, friends, and even strangers he encountered during his outdoor adventures. His memory will live on eternally in our hearts and minds.

Chris is survived by his wife, Jennifer Thomas of Stamford, CT, parents, Bob and Nancy Collins of Marion, MA, brother, Matthew (wife Jennifer, children Dominic and Sienna) of North Dighton, MA, in-laws Jim and Tina Thomas of Savannah, GA and cherished aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Herbert and Lily Holt and Bob and Myra Collins.

The Collins Family will be holding a memorial for family and friends on Saturday March 1, 2025 at 11:00 am at Wickenden Chapel in Marion, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lucky Dog Refuge CT, 36 Pulaski Street, Stamford CT 06902 or by visiting <https://www.luckydogrefuge.com/> and clicking on the Chris Collins Legacy Fund.

A public Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held in Stamford, CT in early April. Further information regarding the event will be disclosed shortly.

A scholarship in memory of Chris will be established at a later date.

On behalf of The Collins and Thomas Family, we express our sincere appreciation to the community for the abundant love and support shown during this challenging time. For those who would like to offer online condolences, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Blanca Graciela "Chela" Short of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of Arthur William "Bill" Short, and mother to Natalie M. Short, Carol A. (Short) Lee and husband Robert, Jeffrey W. Short and his

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The 17th-seeded Cougars are 20-2 overall going into Friday night's Division 5 state tournament game against 16th seed Notre Dame Cristo Rey (19-1) in Methuen.

It's a long way to victory in more ways than one, but the Cougars have been there before. They've got a starting five consisting of all seniors, four of those five being Rochester residents.



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"For us, we have to be ourselves," said Old Colony Coach Matt Trahan. "We need to rebound well as a team, get out on the break, and play good, solid team defense."

The results of those twin focal points has been an average of 66 points per game on offense while allowing 47.4 points per game.

Senior twins 15 Max and Wyatt Smiley improvise to

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wife Kim, and Colleen N. Short and "Abuelita" to Tayler and Brady Lee and Ava and William Short.

Born on April 3, 1942, in Popayan, Colombia, Chela was the daughter of the late Nestor and Delia Cordoba. Chela grew up in Buenaventura, Colombia. She was employed at Banco Cafetero where she then met Bill in 1964 while he was serving in the Peace Corps. She often said that it was "love at first sight". Chela and Bill were married at the Catedral de San Buenaventura in Buenaventura on March 6, 1966. They left Colombia for the United States soon thereafter. She studied and became fluent in English while Bill finished his last year at college in 1967. They lived in Stoneham, MA, and started their family in 1968. She was a wonderful mother and adored her children. Later, they moved to Puerto Rico for a few years and subsequently returned to Stoneham, MA, in 1971. She returned to work in banking as a teller for several years. In 1981, the family moved to Mattapoisett, a small town on the waters of Buzzards Bay. Chela was thrilled to finally live near the ocean, as she had in her childhood days. Family always came first and helping the children with everything made her happy. She also convinced two of her sisters and her brother to live closer. They were busy times as all the connected families celebrated many occasions with dancing and music, especially Colombian music. Chela loved it except when Bill put the music too high!

Chela and Bill shared a love for travel and stayed active with swimming, running, tennis, and gardening. Chela was a beautiful swimmer and truly enjoyed being in the water. She cherished her time with her children and grandchildren. She loved taking Tayler and Brady Lee, who live nearby, to Mattapoisett beaches and the YMCA. Chela and Bill would frequently visit Ava and William Short in Grand Cayman and swim at a seven-mile beach. Nothing brought her more joy than seeing her family together- laughing, enjoying cookouts,

eating dinners in the cabana, playing cards, and dancing. She was also a talented cook. Chela's unwavering spirit and deep love for her family were at the heart of who she was.

She was a loving sister to Almir Cordoba (deceased), Carmen Albarracin, Marina Taylor, Arturo Cordoba (deceased), Antonio Cordoba, Teresa Cordoba, Cristina Cordoba, and a dear aunt to Jennifer Leahy and Sandra Gold, Richie Cordoba, and many other nephews and nieces.

She was very close to her sister, Teresa, and enjoyed many happy times at her home in South Deerfield and with her brother, Antonio, in Boston. Chela and her youngest sister, Cristina, started a small business in Marion called, "Little Princess Boutique." They were very talented seamstresses as they sold their handmade children's clothes, First Communion dresses, and other special occasions.

Chela found joy in giving rather than receiving and could intuitively sense when others needed help. Her warmth, kindness, and unconditional love for her family will always be treasured, and her beautiful spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 8th at 10 am at St. Anthony Church in Mattapoisett. Her family will receive visitors at the Church beginning at 9:30 am. Burial will follow in Cushing Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the YMCA of New Bedford (<https://ymcasouthcoast.org/ways-to-give/>) or to St. Anthony's Parish (www.anthonysandrita.com). For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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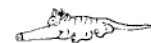


The Marion Art Center's new exhibit brings together five friends whose artistic endeavors meld into one glorious fusion of color, texture, and themes. Fiber Fusion is the name of the show as well as the name of the five artists whose imaginations are on full display. Christine Anderson, Carol Flax, Lorraine Gentil Hayes, Lisa Horton, and Toni Newhall are Fiber Fusion. Their works bridge the worlds of nature and art in new ways. Each artist takes for nature what her imagination needs such as color and movement so that the viewer is immediately drawn into their world where felt, lace, beads, wood, and paper become natural elements blending in harmony. Take a moment to see for yourself just what it means to be an artist. Take in Fiber Fusion now through March 28. Photo by Marilou Newell.



Old Rochester Regional Junior High School students enjoyed making guacamole, homemade corn tortillas, and Russian dumplings during World Language Week, celebrated from February 10 to 14.

Students dressed like the Romans during the two-day scavenger hunt as part of World Language Week held at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. Photo courtesy Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55.



Pictured after winning a second straight state Small Division Vocational championship, the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School boys basketball team takes a 20-2 record into the MIAA Division 5 state tournament, opening Friday, February 28, at 6:30 pm against Notre Dame Cristo Rey in Methuen. Photo courtesy Old Colony RVTHS



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complement whatever is successful or needed on any given night.

“Those two kids are quick, quick, quick off the dribble,” said Trahan. “It’s a lost art; the mid-range jump-shot is now a stretch three. Wyatt won a playoff game last year with a mid-range jumper at the buzzer.”

Senior point guard Landon Hunter scored a career-high 26 points when Old Colony recently won the state vocational Small Division championship with a 71-64 victory over Blue Hills. It was the second straight state Vocational championship for the Cougars, who have gone undefeated in Mayflower Small play three years running.

At the muscle end of the floor, senior power forward Max Finney of Lakeville reached the 1,000-point milestone on opening night of the season, and Trahan estimates Finney enters his final MIAA basketball tournament hovering around 1,400 career points.

“He’s at the point of our press so he’s picking up a lot of balls,” said Trahan, noting Finney’s football background makes him tough in the paint and especially effective in tandem with 6-foot-5 center Nick Fringuelli, who also played football. “They’re a tough matchup for anybody.”

Aiden Deree, 5-8 sophomore from Acushnet, and 6-foot freshman Tyler Johnson of Carver are first to come off the bench. Both punch above their weight. Johnson plays a high-level AAU basketball in the offseason.

Trahan builds the program’s culture around the work ethic of seniors James Simoes and Noah Gomes. Their battle level and dedication have made the Cougars better all



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MOVIE REVIEW

Fun House

By Rob Gonsalves
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The Ninth Configuration (1980). Starring Stacy Keach and Scott Wilson. Directed by William Peter Blatty. Running time: 118 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on home physical and streaming media.

Perhaps the very definition of a cult-favorite movie, *The Ninth Configuration* is also the very rare film to open on a leap day. It opened 45 years ago on February 29, but since this isn't a leap year, it misses its birthday. That figures.

The Ninth Configuration starts on a deadpan-antic note, in the tradition of mental-asylum comedies where the inmates do and say strange but witty things. The movie unfolds almost entirely in and around a castle in the Pacific Northwest (actually Hungary), where soldiers who went insane in the Vietnam War are sent. A Marine psychiatrist, Colonel Hudson Kane (Stacy Keach), arrives at the castle to treat the men. Are the soldiers faking or legitimately disturbed? The question seems less important once Kane meets Billy Cutshaw (Scott Wilson), an astronaut who'd been set to go to the moon when he had a nervous breakdown and aborted the launch.

The movie would probably be a cold, rhetorically "clever" attempt without the odd friendship between Kane and Cutshaw at its center. Wilson in particular conveys a frayed mind connected to a fearful and beating heart; Keach, mostly playing a sensitive but stoic therapist, sits and listens and tolerates Wilson's outbursts. Kane may have other issues, but he is the calm authority these men, especially Cutshaw, need. *The Ninth Configuration* is built for repeat viewing, and some of the elements we may pick up on the second or third time around (aside from catching the many fleeting overheard interjections from the men) are basic human details.

Writer-director William Peter Blatty is best known for writing the book and script for *The Exorcist*, so it has probably been forgotten by now that he started off writing comedic material, including the book that this movie started as, 1966's *Twinkle, Twinkle, "Killer" Kane*. In 1978 Blatty published a revision of that book under the same title as the film, and that edition is closer to the movie, though I feel the movie is the best version of the story. (I found the 1966 version shambolic and unreadable.) For one thing, it has an amazing cast of character actors, including the late great Ed Flanders, who gives one of the all-timer performances as Colonel Fell, who oversees medical functions at the castle. Flanders is so wry and



human in the role that when Fell falters and shows vulnerability we feel it intensely. Capering in the margins of the action are guys like Jason Miller, Joe

Spinell, Moses Gunn, Neville Brand, Tom Atkins, Robert Loggia — a murderer's row of terrific actors, all finding a delicate balance between farce and tragedy.

The tragedy is surprising when it comes, how deeply it strikes us. The inmates yammer about nonsensical things (Miller's character wants to stage Shakespeare for a cast of dogs), but not far beneath the surface we see how sad and broken they are. That includes Cutshaw and also Kane, who seems driven to help the men by motives deeper than professional pride. This is the middle panel of Blatty's "Faith Trilogy," between *The Exorcist* and his 1983 novel *Legion* (which Blatty adapted in 1990 as *The Exorcist III*), and it's connected to *The Exorcist* in that Cutshaw is the same astronaut whom Linda Blair informs "You're gonna die up there." The inmates' shenanigans eventually take a back seat to a darkening mood that dovetails with the author's musing about God. Once Cutshaw winds up in a hostile biker bar, we're in for an anecdote of cruelty that's prolonged to the point of feeling endless, leading to a catharsis that ultimately signals not triumph but failure. As moviegoers we cheer, but as people hearing this story we know the human consequences, which are not to be cheered.

Blatty was a fine director, and it's a shame he only got to do it twice (and *Exorcist III* was compromised, miscast, and probably never comfortable being a movie, but there are still compelling sequences in it). Here, the sound is sharp enough to cut glass, especially in the bar scene, and some of the dreams and visions are pretty eerie. Blatty had a knack for dramatizing suffering people facing an absurd world — either comically or frighteningly absurd, or both. (As the two chief biker aggressors, Richard Lynch and Steve Sandor are wittier than the average brutes.) *The Ninth Configuration* sometimes feels a little draggy, and Blatty can only get so much out of that Hungarian castle (the shots of it in the rain and fog pack more punch than the interiors). But it's sincere in its grappling with pain and pain's place in a reality supposedly created by a loving god. It seems the most searching of the three "Faith" stories, and the most engaging and moving. It leaves us (after a slightly cheesy, on-the-nose ending we can ignore or not asking ourselves, are we Cutshaw or Kane? These men are united by a fear of dying alone in a cold, godless universe. I'd say we all contain a little of both.

season.

"Those two kids, they are the heart and soul of the team, they work extremely hard in practice," said Trahan.

Even though Old Colony is a regional school without a community feeder system and students tend toward career-driven pursuits, he's been awestruck by the ownership the alumni are taking in the current squad's fortunes.

"The network stays the network," said Trahan, estimating that from 10 to 15 alumni will show up after practice "and simulate the offense or defense that we will be facing. One text, and we had 15 kids two nights in a row."

A victory on Friday will likely land the Cougars in a tough matchup at top-seeded Pioneer Valley Tuesday at 6:00 pm. That trip is 136 miles by car and lands the visitor within 2 miles of the point at which Massachusetts borders New Hampshire to the northeast and Vermont to the northwest.

ORR girls start at home

The Old Rochester girls basketball team faced New Bedford high school (10-10) on February 19 and won 67-44. Tessa Winslow was named the player of the game in the final regular season game for the Bulldogs, who ended the season with a 15-6 record and, as the 13th seed, will host 20th seeded Arlington Catholic (10-12) in the first round of the MIAA Division 3 state tournament on Thursday, February 27, at 6:30 pm. The winner visits 4th seeded Medway (date TBD).

ORR's boys basketball team (11-9) is seeded 20th in Division 3 and will travel to 13th seeded Tantasqua Regional



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Feb 16-Feb 22

- Cranberry Hwy – Follow up
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Front St – General service
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- West Ave – B&E/past
- Bayberry Ln – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Spring St – Burglar alarm
- Wells Rd – Suspicious MV
- East Ave – Animal control
- County Rd – Assist other dept
- Bayberry Ln – Animal control
- Mill St – Suspicious MV
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Mill St – General service
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV complaint
- West Ave – Follow up investigation
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Parking enforcement
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Main St – Burglar alarm
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Front St – MV collision/arrest
- Route 195 West – Road hazard

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 16-Feb 22

- Church St – General service
- Beacon St – MV violations
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Reservation Rd – Animal control
- Maple Rd – Assist citizen
- Edgewood Ln – Medical alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Winnatuxett Beach Rd - Notification
- I195 East – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Wildwood Ter – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Church St – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Chapel Rd – General service
- Church St – 911 call
- Pearl St - Disturbance
- Wildwood Ter – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Hammond St – Health/welfare
- Lebaron Way – Assist other agency
- Park St - Disturbance
- Water St – Parking complaint
- Hunters Ln – Suspicious MV

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Feb 16-Feb 22

- High St – Animal control
- Looks Mill Ln – Animal control
- Kings Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/towed
- County Rd – 911 call
- High St – Road hazard
- Marys Pond Rd - Investigation
- Hiller Rd – Animal control
- Pine St – Burglar alarm
- New Bedford Rd – Medical alarm
- Neck Rd – MV stop/citation
- Constitution Way – MV stop/arrest
- Dexter Ln – Burglar alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – Community policing
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Rounseville Rd – MV stop/verbal
- Neck Rd - Larceny
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Community policing
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- North Ave – Road hazard
- Snows Pond Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Bisbee Dr – Well-being check
- Benjamin Dr – Suspicious activity
- High St - Larceny
- North Ave – Outside fire
- Cranberry Hwy – 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, March 3:** Stuffed shells w/turkey Bolognese, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, pear cup
- Tuesday, March 4:** Mediterranean chicken, white rice, stewed tomatoes, mini pita bread, peach cup
- Wednesday, March 5:** Cheese ravioli w/lemon ricotta, parmesan sauce, spinach & peppers, wheat roll, lemon white chocolate cookie, diet: fruit
- Thursday, March 6:** Beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, canilla pudding, diet: fruit
- Friday, March 7:** White fish Florentine, roasted potatoes, broccoli, oatmeal roll, banana

CENTER SCHOOL

- Monday, March 3:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, March 4:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, March 5:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown

- patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, March 6:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain dinner roll
- Friday, March 7:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

- Monday, March 3:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, March 4:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, March 5:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, March 6:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain dinner roll
- Friday, March 7:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

- Monday, March 3:** Hamburger OR cheeseburger, lettuce &

- tomato, pickle, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges
- Tuesday, March 4:** Chicken fajita bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad, warm tortilla
- Wednesday, March 5:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, March 6:** American chop suey, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, March 7:** Munchie mania basket:

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

- Monday, March 3:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, March 4:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, March 5:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, March 6:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain dinner roll
- Friday, March 7:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad,

- assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

- Monday, March 3:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
- Tuesday, March 4:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, March 5:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, March 6:** Beef & potato bowl, whole grain dinner roll
- Friday, March 7:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

- Monday, March 3:** Ramen bowl
- Tuesday, March 4:** Chicken nuggets, fries & bread
- Wednesday, March 5:** No school
- Thursday, March 6:** Linguica sandwich & fries
- Friday, March 7:** Assorted pizza

(14-6) for its opening-round game on Friday at 6:30 pm. Tantasqua is located in Fiskdale, just north of the Mass Pike approximately halfway between Worcester and Springfield.

The ORR/Fairhaven hockey team opened the tournament at home with a 4:30 pm Wednesday matchup against St. Bernard at Tabor Academy. Those who get The Wanderer online when it is posted on Wednesdays may see this article in time to go and support the Bulldogs at the Travis Roy Rink.

Mattapoissett Yacht Club

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

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

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

June 3 - First Tuesday Night Ensign Race.

June 4 - First Wednesday Night PHRF Race.

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

June 7 - MYC Spring Round The Bay Race.

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

Details for all events are upcoming.

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

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

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

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

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Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 5**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm followed



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- 1 Brief ad
- 5 Resistance units
- 9 Circular paths
- 15 Imprison
- 19 Starch-yielding plant
- 21 They may disturb sleep
- 22 — -Seltzer
- 23 Nut acquired with great effort?
- 25 Nail salon job, in brief
- 26 — box (TV)
- 27 Cathedral in London
- 28 R&B's Brown
- 29 Prohibits
- 30 Erfurt article
- 31 Sprinkle sofa shams with water drops?
- 35 Calf-roping event
- 37 Link with
- 38 Casino cube
- 39 "Boo!" shouter
- 43 French city on the Rhone
- 47 Tax org.
- 48 Stan of jazz saxophone
- 49 Catholic dignitary's vigorous strength?
- 52 West African country
- 54 Juneau native

- 55 Directives
- 57 Like Stoker's "Dracula"
- 61 Steal from
- 62 Liking a lot
- 64 Overly crooked?
- 66 Quite dry
- 68 Stock debut, for short
- 70 "Nope"
- 71 Often-twisted cookie
- 72 Long-billed wading bird that loves perching on flexed arm muscles?
- 78 Testing stage
- 81 Early 1960s atty. gen.
- 82 Navy engineer
- 83 Made airtight, say
- 85 Liken (to)
- 87 Joan of folk
- 89 Climate that promotes the growth of powdery fungus?
- 91 Pale-looking
- 94 "Get 'em, Fido!"
- 96 Model X carmaker
- 97 Runs after
- 98 Aussie leaper
- 99 Grand house
- 101 "You're — pall!"

- 103 Class teaching the techniques of Civil War photographer Brady?
- 108 Marcel Marceau's clown
- 109 — -Cherry (Ocean Spray flavor)
- 113 Pretty good grade
- 114 Antennae and tentacles
- 116 Chicago airport
- 117 Unlatch, e.g.
- 118 Baseballer Rod when not using a chauffeur?
- 122 Indian bread
- 123 Literary afterthought
- 124 Great skill
- 125 Small vortex
- 126 Literary journalist Gay
- 127 Syringe fluids
- 128 "Iliad" city

DOWN

- 1 Polite title for an Indian man
- 2 Luxury handbag label
- 3 Longtime senator Hatch
- 4 Big fusses
- 5 "... Mac — PC?"
- 6 Goofed (around)
- 7 Quebec city
- 8 Stair unit
- 9 At just the right time
- 10 Author Dahl
- 11 Actress Jacqueline
- 12 "Kinda sorta"
- 13 Golf peg
- 14 Detroit-to-Memphis dir.
- 15 Crawford of the NBA
- 16 In style
- 17 "Told ya so!"
- 18 — faire
- 20 Soggy
- 24 Pat gently
- 28 "Let's Get Loud" singer, familiarly
- 30 1996 presidential candidate Bob
- 32 2006 Nintendo debut
- 33 Salon service
- 34 "We have the OK"
- 35 Japanese "energy healing"
- 36 Thereabouts
- 39 Egyptian beetles
- 40 Dietary unit
- 41 Coffee type
- 42 Ave. crossers
- 44 Old Italian money
- 45 Stops
- 46 Look for
- 48 U.S. naval base in Cuba, for short
- 50 Crazy caper
- 51 Small bird
- 53 Lav, to Brits
- 56 Sailor's mop
- 58 Victory cries
- 59 Lacking frost
- 60 Snug-fitting necklaces
- 63 Artistic work
- 65 "Riverdale" network
- 67 "You Light Up My Life" singer Boone
- 69 City in Utah
- 73 Stir-fry tidbit
- 74 Teeter-totter
- 75 Café au —
- 76 Macpherson or Fanning
- 77 Gets hitched
- 79 Protective shoe tip
- 80 "— and the Night Visitors"
- 84 Oscar — Hoya
- 86 School org.
- 88 Galvanizing element
- 90 Cary Grant played a male one in 1949
- 91 Radius or ulna
- 92 S.O.S. or Brillo product
- 93 Very helpful tip, informally
- 95 Pigeon sound
- 99 "Bonjour, — amis!"
- 100 Fashion frill
- 102 Michael formerly of Disney
- 104 Word on Winnie-the-Pooh's pot
- 105 Total overhauls
- 106 Suit fabric
- 107 Wallach of film
- 109 Intone
- 110 Less typical
- 111 "Am not!" retort
- 112 Full of the latest info
- 115 Spacewalks, in NASA lingo
- 116 Mo. #10
- 118 Tennis unit
- 119 Air quality gp.
- 120 — Mama (rapper)
- 121 School stat

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try to say as little as possible about the work you're doing through the end of the month. Then you can make your announcement and accept your well-deserved plaudits.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A more difficult challenge than you expected emerges early in the week. But with your strong Taurean determination, you should be able to deal with it successfully by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Before you act on your "feelings" about an upcoming decision, it might be wise to do a little fact-checking first. You could be very much surprised by what you don't find.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A recent workplace success can open some doors that were previously closed to you. On a personal level, expect to receive some important news from a longtime friend and colleague.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put your wounded pride aside and do what you must to heal a misunderstanding, before it can take a potentially irreversible turn and leave you regretting the loss of a good friend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to kick a less-than-active social life into high gear or rebuild an outdated Rolodex file is to throw one of your well-organized get-togethers for friends and associates.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting out of an obligation you didn't really want to take on can be tricky. An honest explanation of the circumstances can help. Next time, pay more attention to your usually keen instincts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Use your Scorpion logic to push for a no-nonsense approach to a perplexing situation. This could help keep present and potential problems from creating more confusion.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend's problem might take more time than you wish to give. But staying with it once again proves the depth of your Sagittarian friendship and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat can benefit from an extra dose of self-confidence to unsettle your detractors, giving you the advantage of putting on a strong presentation of your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to ask a friend or relative for advice on an ongoing personal matter. But be careful not to give away information that you might later wish you had kept secret.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Use the weekend for a creativity break to help restore your spiritual energy. Once this is done, you'll be back and more than ready to tackle whatever challenge you need to face.

BORN THIS WEEK: You get great joy out of creating beautiful things and sharing them with others who appreciate them.

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by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, March 3. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

Assistive Hearing Technology Comes to Cushing

The Friends of Marion Council on Aging is pleased to announce new technology is now available at the Cushing Community Center on Route 6 for anyone experiencing hearing loss. This new ADA-compliant technology has been installed after identifying the need to support those with hearing disabilities at the COA. The new dual-zone, state-of-the-art technology includes a new public-address system along with FM hearing-aid technology allowing personalized support to listeners. Individuals with advanced T-coil hearing aids will discover their devices are compatible with this system. Those without T-coils will have the alternative of easy-to-use earphone aids. You won't need a hearing aid to use it. Help is available for everyone on use of this equipment. The Cushing Community Center houses the Marion Council on Aging and the town's Recreation Department.

By partnering with the town to provide this ADA-compliant technology for public use, benefits are realized not only by seniors but by all residents of the town. In recent years, the Friends worked closely with the town and led other organizations and individuals to finance and install many capital improvements at the center including the outdoor pavilion, the walking path and much of the landscaping. These improvements benefit seniors and the broader community alike.

The Friends of Marion COA, Inc. is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operated entirely by volunteers. For more information, or to learn more about this organization, please visit their website at www.fmcoa.org.

Hello from Plumb Library

Our traditional Storytime schedule has been temporarily suspended, but we're working hard with some amazing volunteer readers to still provide a library Storytime experience throughout the month of March.

We would be pleased if you and your 2- to 5-year-old kiddos would join us at the library on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 11, Touch a Truck Storytime with



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Wednesday, March 12, with guest reader Michelle Cusolito, author and educator.

Friday, March 14, with guest reader Kelley Medeiros, library trustee.

Wednesday, March 19, with guest reader "Mister Vinny" (from Toe Jam Puppet Band).

Wednesday, March 26, with guest reader Cam Durant, town administrator.

Friday, March 28, with guest reader Kelley Medeiros, library trustee.

All guest Storytime sessions are scheduled for 10:30 am and will run for approximately 45 minutes. These are drop-in sessions, no registration required. These programs are designed for children ages 2-to-5 years old, but siblings are welcome to attend. If the Storytime needs to be cancelled



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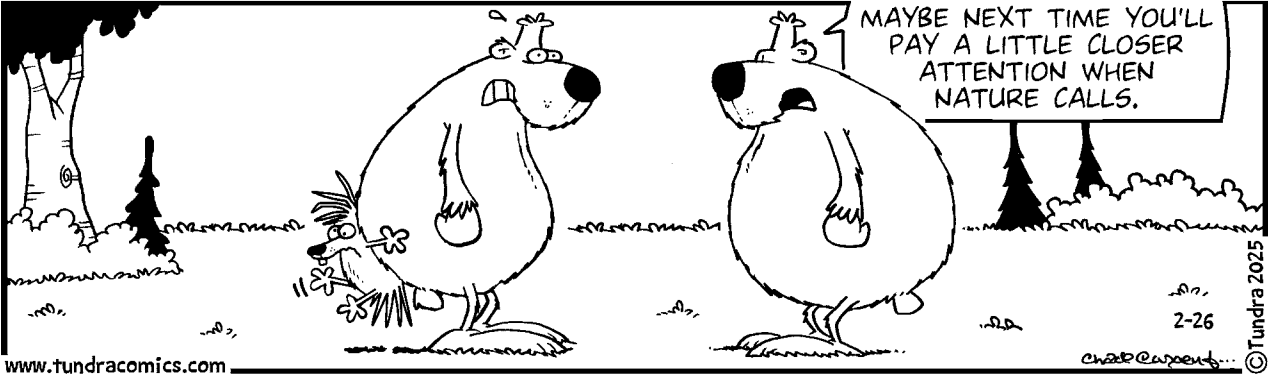


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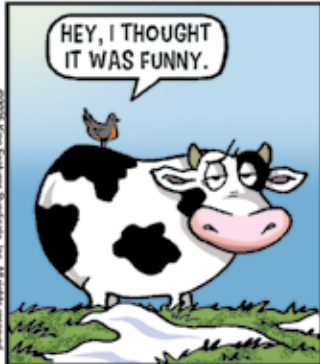
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for any reason, we will post that information to our Facebook page as soon as possible.

Former Library Director Gail Roberts will also be offering a short spring Storytime session for five weeks, starting Tuesday, March 18, and ending on Tuesday, April 15. These Storytimes are scheduled for 10:30 am and will require registration. We have spots available for 10 kids, ages 2-4. Registration will open on Monday, March 3.

Please remember that library cards are required for checkout. If you have lost your card, it can be replaced for a \$2 charge. A great way to make sure you always have your card with you is to upload it to the SAILS Mobile app. It's quick and easy, and we're happy to show you how it works.

Library hours are: Mondays and Thursdays 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Fridays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are closed on Sundays and holidays. The Library can be contacted by phone at 508-763-8600 or email at info@plumblibrary.com. We are unable to respond to email, voicemail, or Messenger outside of normal operating hours.

Mattapoisett Library

March into the Mattapoisett Library at 7 Barstow Street like a lion and leave like a lamb this month.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, **March 4**, at 6:00 pm has been postponed. However, interested teens can contact Amanda Lawrence at alawrence@sailsinc.org for information on future meetings. TAB is intended for students between ages 12 and 18 who seek a leadership role in the library. New members are welcome.

Join Pop Up Art School on Tuesday, **March 11**, at 3:30 pm to create charming toadstools using wool and a barbed needle on felt stretched over an embroidery hoop. Pop Up Art School will guide patrons through the basics of needle felting wool. This event is recommended for ages 11 and up. Space is limited, and registration is required. See our website for more information.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is Wednesday, **March 12**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

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The Sunday Book Club meets on **March 16** at 2:00 pm to discuss Emily Franklin's "The Lioness of Boston." Copies of the book are available at the library. This club is intended for adults. If you have questions, contact Librarian Robbin Smith at rsmith@sailsinc.org.

Our next Cookbook Club meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, **March 18**, at 6:30 pm, has been postponed. While away, copies of Caroline Chambers' "What to Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking" are available for checkout. Interested patrons can contact Amanda Lawrence at alawrence@sailsinc.org with any questions. New members are always welcome.

Stop by the library on Saturday, **March 22**, at 2:00 pm to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Celtic culture, and the

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<p>MATTAPOISETT SELF STORAGE, Inc. SELF STORAGE FACILITY AUCTION SALE PUBLIC NOTICES</p> <p>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 Buckley, Unit C084.</p> <p>Sale per order of Mattapoisett Self Storage. Tel: 508-758-4311. Terms: Cash. Units sold by the entirety. Sale is subject to postponement and/or cancellation. www.StorageAuctionSolutions.com Lic # 350. 2/20, 2/27</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>310 CMR 15.227, Placement and Construction of Tees: Inlet and Outlet Tees<12" above Seasonal High Groundwater Monolithic tanks and cast in place rubber boots provided</p> <p>John B. Howard, MD, Chair 2/20, 2/27</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION INVITATION FOR BIDS MARION TOWN HOUSE FIRE SUPPRESSION AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS</p> <p>The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids from qualified, licensed and registered contractors to provide renovation of the Marion Town House to include fire suppression, HVAC and accessibility improvements. Bid documents will be available on Project Dog (projectdog.com – Document #867031) on February 27, 2025, at 1:00pm. Bid documents will also be available for viewing at Projectdog Offices, Unit 8, Newburyport, MA 01950, Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm. A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit is scheduled for March 5, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Sub Bid Deadline (acoustic tile, electrical, elevator, fire protection, HVAC, lath and plaster, painting, plumbing, masonry and miscellaneous, ornamental iron and tile) is March 14, 2025, at 2:00pm. General Bid deadline is March 25, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Minority and Women's Business enterprise are encouraged to submit bids for this project.</p> <p>Geoffrey Gorman, CPO Town Administrator 2/27</p> <hr/>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Sarajon Realty, LLC, for property located at 0 High Street, designated as Lot 13 on Assessor's Map 16 (Lot 13). The applicant is proposing the construction of a single-family dwelling, attached garage driveway and associated clearing, grading, and installation of utilities.</p> <p>The property owner of record is ADGA Realty Loan Management, LLC, 313 Plymouth Street, Halifax, MA 02338. 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The meeting will also be available by Microsoft Teams. Please contact the committee chair, Jeff Doubrava, at CommunityPreservation@marionma.gov for log-in details.</p> <p>The agenda for this meeting is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, amend and approve minutes of the February 21, 2025 meeting. • Review and discuss applications for CPA funding. <p>Vote to present applications for consideration at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles. The following applications will be considered</p> <p>Marion Congregational Church – Restoration of Town Clock Town of Marion - Restoration of Holmes Woods Trails Town of Marion – Development of Signage for Town Recreation Facilities Restoration of Veterans' Graves at Evergreen Cemetery Town of Marion - Town House Restoration and</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 38</i></p>

impending arrival of spring with a lively participatory program by Parents' Choice Award-winning singer and storyteller Davis Bates. No registration needed; recommended for ages six and up.

Alanna Nelson will be in the Marine Room on Tuesday, **March 25**, at 6:00 pm for the next Sippizine writing group. Bring your favorite writing accessories (e.g., paper, pen, computer) and get ready for the spark as ideas pop up in this creative writing session. No registration required.

Join us on Wednesday, **March 26**, at 6:00 pm for a local author talk with Chris Mader, who will discuss his new book, "Make the Adjustment." More than just a catchphrase, "make the adjustment" is Chris's compass for life. No registration necessary.

Well-Read Wednesday meets on the Fourth Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is on Wednesday, **March 26**, at 6:30 pm in the Marine room. The club will discuss "Small Acts of Courage by Ali Velshi. Copies of the book are available for pickup at the library. New members welcome.

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library are excited to announce that they're now accepting jewelry donations until further notice. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, The Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

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 Marion Natural History Museum – Development of Native American Artifact Collection
 • Consider requests to extend the spending period for two previous CPA awards. Vote to present at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles.
 Shared Use Path Appraisals – extend until June 30, 2026
 Share Use Path Easements – extend until June 30, 2027
 Jeff Doubrava, CPC Chair 2/27, 3/6

**TOWN OF MARION
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Mathew Scaria, for the construction of an addition at 882 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 60 on Marion Assessors’ Map 7A. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
 Matthew Shultz, Chair
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The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Great Hill – Marion LLC, for the upgrade of a septic system to Title V standards at 80 Delano Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors’ Map 4. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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The site is further identified as Lot 65 on Marion Assessors’ Map 9. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



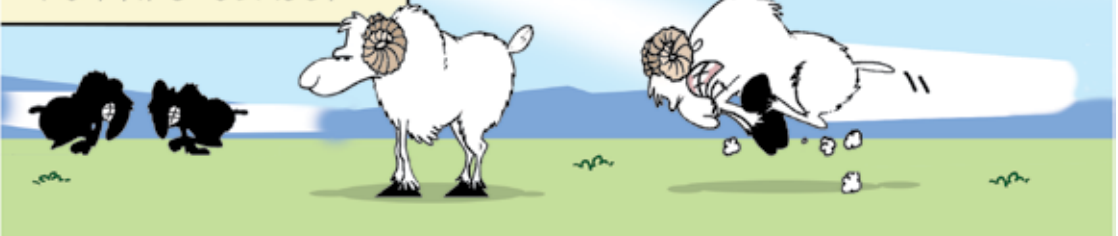
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- Hammond Maloney February 27
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- Courtney Cardoza February 28
- Gina Sprague February 28
- Milo Lawrence February 28
- Ayana Hartley March 1
- Angela Pedulli March 1
- Davis Fox March 1
- Liam Waldron March 1
- McKenna Gilbert March 1
- McNeill Somers March 1
- Mia Hemphill March 1
- Steven Price March 1
- Thomas Waldron March 1
- Timmy Dunn March 1
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- Dawn Underhill March 2
- Kerrin Souza March 2
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- Courtney Tranfaglia March 3
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- Tommy Jackivicz March 3
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- Ella Silva March 4
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Tour de Crème Bike Ride

The Iconic Tour de Crème Bike Ride Returns for 2025. Clear your schedule and mark your calendars: on Sunday **June 1**, the Tour de Crème bike ride returns for its 7th year. Cycle from Mattapoissett and to surrounding towns, stopping for a free scoop of ice cream at creameries along the routes. Register and choose between 9, 25, and 45-mile rides. Afterwards, riders join the post-ride party at Munro Park in Mattapoissett for even more ice cream, food, live music, and cold beverages. This is not a race, and riders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. Registration will open April 1 for both riders and volunteers. To stay up to date, follow The Tour de Crème Facebook page and visit tourdecreme.org to learn more.

Not interested in riding? There are many different volunteer opportunities available. Fundraising is also encouraged for riders and non-riders alike. This fantastically fun event is a fundraiser for the Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail, who work to improve and expand hiking and biking trails throughout Mattapoissett.

Marion Social Club Chicken Bake

The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road, Marion, is having a Chicken Bake on Sunday, **March 9**, at 1:00 pm. Dinner will include Barbeque Chicken, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce, Roll & Dessert for \$17 per adult. For ticket information, please call Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Cut-off date for tickets is March 2. Doors will open at 12:00 pm for socializing. We would love to see you there.

Almost Spring 'Bikes for All' Bike Drive

Bikes for All has continued with its mission to make sure that everyone who wants a bike can get one.



After a general meeting and lunch, speaker Connor Gaudet, Mattapoissett Museum curator, told stories of local criminals of old at the Mattapoissett Woman's Club Meeting. Photo by Jennifer Shepley

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This collaborative effort of the Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path (the Friends) and the South Coast Bikeway Alliance has shared resources for all to enjoy the natural beauty and extra health benefits from cycling on our beautiful 10-mile bike path that connects Mattapoissett to New Bedford. "It's been exciting to see the smiles as kids pedal off to try their new bikes. Our current need is bikes with wheels 20 inches or greater. We are not in need of children's bikes at this time," said Friends board member Jane Finnerty.

Our almost spring Bikes for All bike drive is Saturday, **March 8**, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please bring your donation to the back of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, in the parking lot on Barstow Street, across from the Center School in Mattapoissett. We are in need of gently used bikes that you would like to donate. Once again, bikes with wheels 20 inches or greater are solely needed.

The next step is refurbishing the donated bikes. A welcome addition to the refurbishing efforts was made by students from Tabor Academy. As part of their community service, students worked with our primary refurbishing team members Bill Emmons and Jim Finnerty. Bill Trimble, owner of "On the Spot" mobile bike-repair service, joined

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Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Kevin Medeiros for the construction of a new single-family dwelling at 0 Cross Neck Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 21 on Marion Assessors' Map 7. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair
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**TOWN OF MARION
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Albert Fox for the repairs of stone foundations of an existing pier at 173 Front Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 75 on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair
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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 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by John Saraiva, 30 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to clear lot and add fence, shed and garden area. Discuss possibility to build a home at location. The project is located at 0 County Road, and is further identified as Lot 82 on Assessor Map 9.

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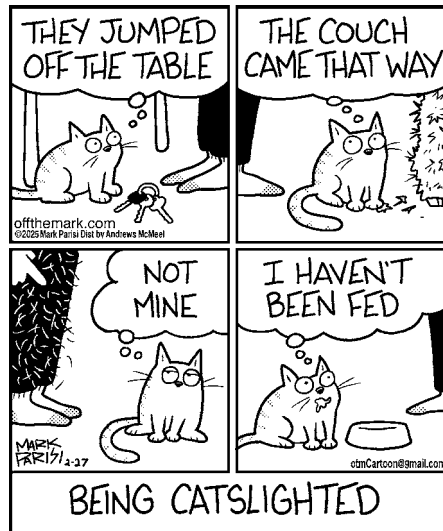
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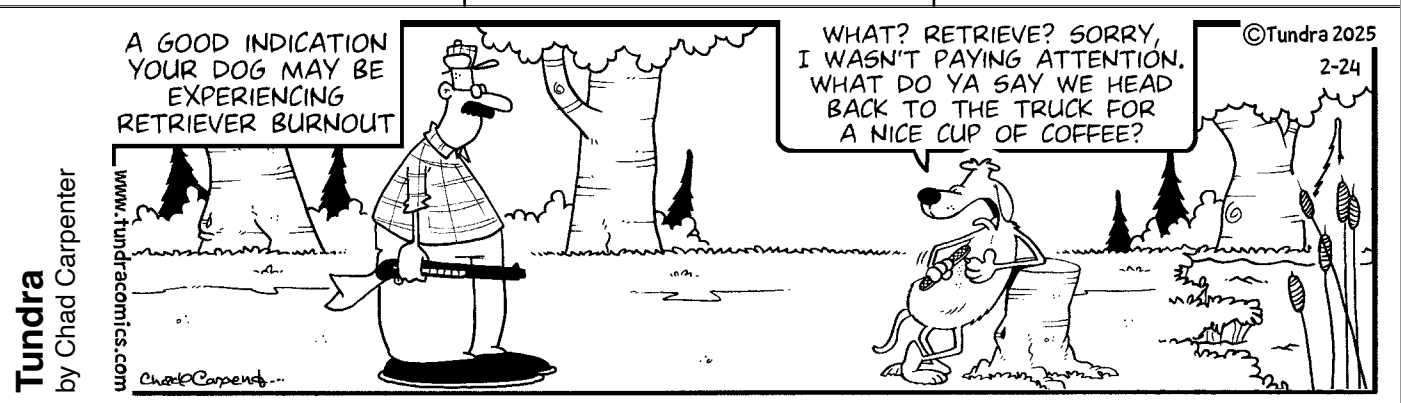
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the Friends' team and has brought new life to many bicycles over the past two years. The "Bills" assess the bikes to be repaired. And thanks to the ongoing commitment of the Friends to ensure everyone has a bike who wants one, the Southcoast Bikeway Alliance has received a grant from the United Way of Greater New Bedford Changemaker Fund to expand the program. Once the assessment is complete, the financial support from these local non-profits ensure that we have all the needed parts and tools to work with on each bike. The bike refurbishing team is always expanding and looking for more community members to join our efforts.

Once again, the Bikes for All team is seeking gently used bikes. Please, none with excessive rust or damage. Interested in helping our repair efforts? Contact Jane Finnerty at 631-312-2560 or email jane.mattrail@gmail.com. Cash donations for parts and safety accessories are always welcome. Donations can be made to the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path, PO Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Please note that your donation is for Bikes for All.

MAC Theater Presents: 'Ripcord'

The Marion Art Center (the MAC) would like to announce the opening of the MAC Theater's "Ripcord." The playwright is David Lindsay-Abaire, who has won multiple Tony awards for his work as well as a Pulitzer Prize for Drama. His work includes "Kimberly Akimbo," "Shrek the Musical" and "Rabbit Hole."

Synopsis: A sunny room on an upper floor is prime real estate in the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility, so when the cantankerous Abby is forced to share her quarters with new-arrival Marilyn, she has no choice but to get rid of the infuriatingly chipper woman by any means necessary. A seemingly harmless bet between the old women quickly escalates into a dangerous game of one-upmanship that reveals not just the tenacity of these worthy opponents, but also deeper truths that each would rather remain hidden.

The play is directed by John Heavey. The cast includes Ken Ackerman, Kate Fishman, Ben Freeman, Suzie Kokkins, Tim Moynihan and Sue Salvesen. The MAC Production team is: Hannah Bessey, Michele Letourneau, Steven McManus, Gary Sousa and Maura Van Voris.

Kate Fishman, more commonly seen behind the scenes as a director, has taken on the role of Abby, and well-known thespian Suzie Kokkins has taken on the role of Marilyn.

The show dates are **March 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23.** Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 pm, and the Sunday matinee is at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$23 for nonmembers and are on sale now. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Cultural Grants Awarded for Town of Mattapoisett

Mattapoisett Cultural Council has announced the award of 31 grants totaling \$20,950 for arts, humanities, and science programs in and around Mattapoisett in 2025.

Grant recipients include Friends of Old Rochester Drama, Mattapoisett Free Public Library, Mattapoisett Historical Society, Mattapoisett Land Trust, Mattapoisett

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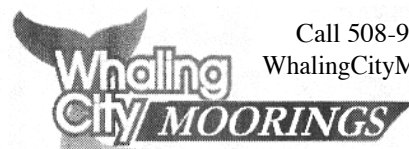
In 2024, Mattapoisett Cultural Council's town financial support was increased to \$15,000, a very generous supplement to the state allocation of \$5,700. The town's backing at this exceptional level makes a huge difference in the Council's resources available to satisfy grant applicants. Creative arts, humanities and science program offerings in our local region are thriving. Funding needs and requests typically increase every year – the council considered 43 grant applications totaling over \$33,000 this year and was disappointed to have to decline or reduce support for several worthwhile projects. Mattapoisett residents are deserving of the rich cultural experiences that the applicants provide.

Decisions about which cultural projects and activities to support were made at the community level by council members Patricia Apperson, Christopher Brennan, Gary Brown, Elizabeth Carreiro, Carole Clifford, Janet Coquille, Kathleen Damaskos, Joanna MacDonald Ingham, Barbara Poznysz, Kimberly Ray, and James Rottler.

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall for 2026 grants. Information will be available online at massculturalcouncil.org/

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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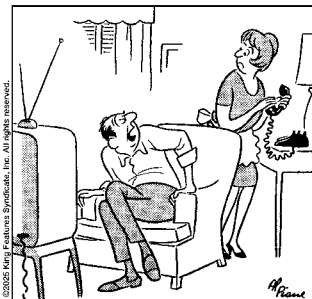
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TODAY'S WORD



"No, I DON'T want to go play cards tonight, and stop referring to me as your _____."

communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process.

Sippican Woman's Club Scholarships

The Sippican Woman's Club is pleased to announce it will award five \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who reside in Marion.

These scholarships are based on academic accomplishments, co-curricular activities, community service and financial need. One scholarship recipient will also be awarded an additional award of \$500 for being chosen to receive the Lu Chevrier Award. The award goes to a graduating senior whose goal is to teach or has taught in some manner (such as tutoring or helping another student.) This award honors Lu Chevrier who served as Sippican Woman's Club president for two terms 1996-99 and was also a member of the board for many years. The board manages Handy's Tavern, which is owned by our club and serves as our meeting place. In addition to the graduating senior scholarships, we will be awarding three \$300 continuing-education scholarships to students already enrolled in a post-secondary college.

Application forms are available on our website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org or the guidance department at the following high schools: Old Rochester Regional High School, Tabor Academy, Falmouth Academy, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, and Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. Applications must be received by April 15.

We will also award the Alice Ryder Book Award to the highest-ranking 8th grade English student. Alice Ryder was the president of the Sippican Woman's Club three times from 1922-1925, 1940-1944 and 1946-1948. Alice also authored the book "Lands of Sippican," which relates the history of when Marion, Rochester and Mattapoissett were one community.

The Sippican Woman's Club is an active non-profit woman's organization whose mission is threefold: social, educational and humanitarian. Each December on either the first or second Saturday of the month, we hold our Annual Holiday House Tour. Five or six Marion homeowners open their holiday-themed decorated homes to the South Coast community to tour. Our members serve as hostesses at these beautiful homes. The money raised from tickets sales and the money donated by our local business owners allows the Woman's Club to award these scholarships each year.

The Sippican Woman's Club welcomes women of Marion or women with an interest in Marion to join our club. Please find the application to join us on our website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

Before the advent of shopping malls, the internet and other modern inventions on which we spend our time, the people of Rochester have belonged to a variety of organizations some of which are still with us today. Growing up in Rochester, my mother belonged to Girl Scouts (briefly), 4H and also spent a lot of time at the Grange.

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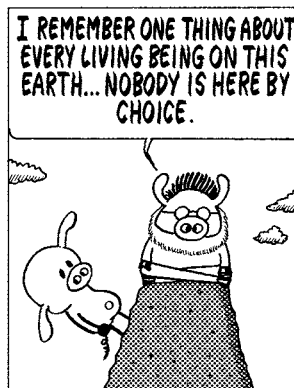
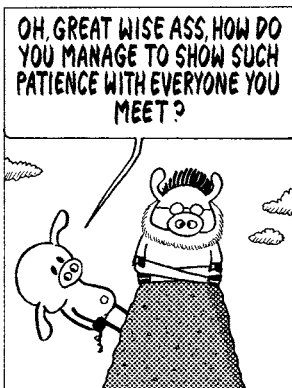
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



When it became time for my sister and me to sign onto an organization, my mother chose Camp Fire Girls, which were very active in Weymouth (where we lived) and the surrounding area. She liked this group because their organizational plan called for small groups of six to 10 girls meeting with their leader in her home.

My mother was the leader of my group as we moved through Bluebirds, Camp Fire and, in our teens, Horizon. In the process, after Bluebirds, we earned beads much like Boy Scouts earned badges. These beads were sewn first to a vest and then to the Horizon Club Native American style ceremonial dress. We stayed with the organization until moving to western Massachusetts in my mid-teens. During those years, we also attended day camp where we learned to swim, row a boat and paddle a canoe among many other nature-related things.

This all leads us to a framed charter found in our museum and part of the current exhibit. It is for the Segwum Camp Fire Girls of Rochester, Massachusetts. I was surprised that my mother never mentioned a Rochester connection to Camp Fire. However, researching this piece, it is possible that this group was before her time. The charter refers to joining the circle of sisterhood which could lead to a healthy life in touch with nature, "the soul of beauty and the heart of truth". All this is written in an old-fashioned style.

Camp Fire as it's known today (after being called Camp Fire Girls of America and then Camp Fire USA) was incorporated in 1912 in Washington, DC. In a short time, the organization numbered 60,000 girls. During World War I, those girls sold over one million Liberty Bonds and 900,000 Thrift Stamps to support the war effort.

Camp Fire is considered to be the first non-sectarian multicultural organization for girls in America. By 1975, it also became gender inclusive. Throughout its history, respect for nature and the environment has been its central theme. Even today the influence of Native Americans inspires ceremonial activities, clothing and camp and council names.

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Archie's Comics have featured Camp Fire girls. Some Camp Fire girls who have become well known in different fields are Shirley Temple, Beverly Cleary, Savannah Guthrie, Janis Joplin, Gladys Knight and Madonna.

Mattapoissett Congregational Church Scholarships

Mattapoissett Congregational Church is pleased to once again offer scholarships to students graduating from high school in June 2025 who reside in the town of Mattapoissett, Marion, or Rochester or are a member of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. Two \$2,500.00 scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service and financial need. Applications and supplementary information are now available at the local public and private schools. The deadline for electronic submission of documents is Friday, March 29.

Students will be notified of their selection by April 26 via email. Scholarship recipients will be introduced in church on Scholarship Sunday, May 12 during the 10 o'clock service of worship.

If you are a graduating senior and have any questions about the scholarship application process, you are invited to contact the Mattapoissett Congregational Church office via email at mattcongchurch@gmail.com

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Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	March 10	6:12	6:29		1:01
Tuesday	March 11	7:03	7:18	12:38	1:34
Wednesday	March 12	7:46	8:01	1:14	1:58
Thursday	March 13	8:24	8:41	1:49	2:18
Friday	March 14	9:01	9:18	2:25	2:42
Saturday	March 15	9:35	9:53	3:02	3:10
Sunday	March 16	10:09	10:26	3:39	3:40

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	February 27th
	First Quarter	March 6th
	Full Moon	March 14th
	Last Quarter	March 22nd

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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).

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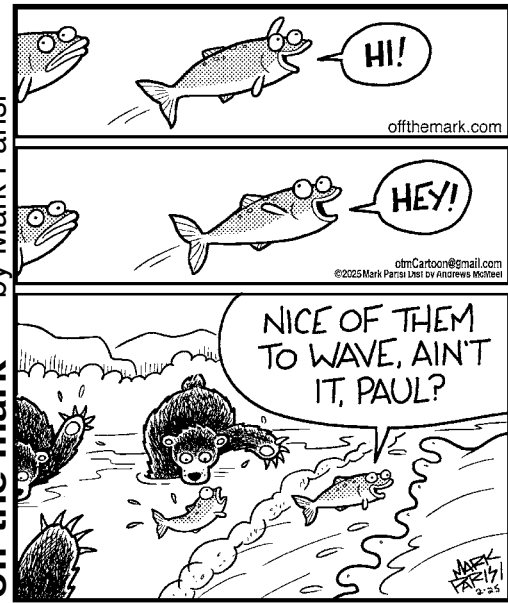
SCRAMBLERS

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1. Dabble 2. Malign;
3. Loathe; 4. Dancer

Today's Word
CELLMATE

Sudoku Answer

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7	3	8	4	2	5	9	1	6
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8	2	4	6	5	7	1	3	9
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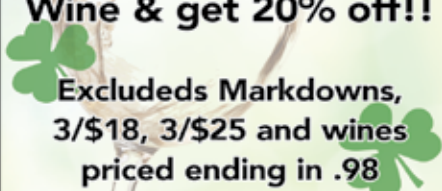
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Sunset **\$1⁶⁹**
Beefsteak Tomatoes..... lb

Fresh **\$1⁹⁹**
Zucchini..... lb



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