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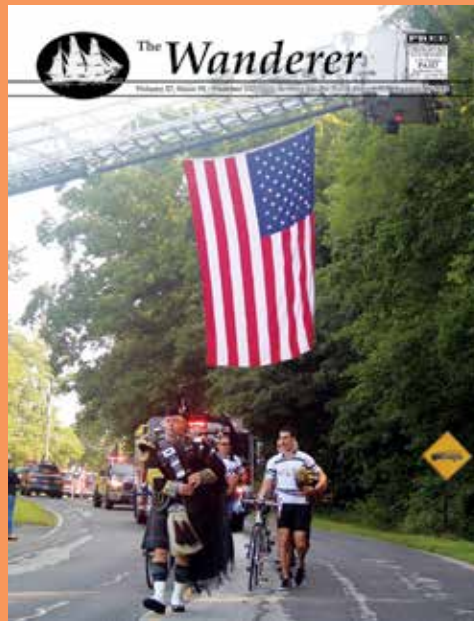
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## Bikes Get New Lease on Life

*Friends of The Mattapoisett Rail Trail*

**By Mick Colageo**

A blustery wind from Mattapoisett Harbor whistled in between the Mattapoisett Congregational Church and the storage building where several bicycles were placed Saturday morning, as volunteers worked feverishly to greet donors, categorize their bikes and put them in a safe holding place before launching their second life.

A 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail, estimate that over 400 bikes have been collected and approximately 200 distributed since initiating this effort in 2021. On Saturday, 40 bikes were collected.

"The reason this came about was Liz (DiCarlo) had taken an inclusivity seminar, and we were trying to figure out how we can take an inclusive approach to the Bike Path – since we're all members of the (Mattapoisett) Bike Path Committee," explained Jane Finnerty, the Friends' vice president. "It was kind of one of those things where it was really healthy to do something like this during the pandemic. We were a closed group, so we were comfortable with each other."

The group came up with the idea of collecting donated bicycles to distribute to underprivileged children. Officially operating as an initiative of the Friends of The Mattapoisett Rail Trail, the effort began during the Covid pandemic as a "Bikes for Kids" mission. Upon a windfall of adult-size bike donations, the cause expanded

**On the Cover:** Volunteer Jenn Wong, background, helps Mattapoisett resident Kathleen Upton unload the second of her two bicycle donations during Saturday's "Bikes for All" initiative run by the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Since the Covid pandemic in 2021, the group has collected over 400 bikes and distributed approximately 200 of them, using the rest for parts. Photo by Mick Colageo.



to a "Bikes for All" mission. The group advertised, seeking volunteer assistance for the effort from area bicycle mechanics.

"Thankfully, we had two great people step up," said Finnerty. One was Bill Emmons, who has since joined the Friends group and has regularly given his time to the cause. The other was Bill Trimble, better known for his work with the June 1 Tour de Crème bike event.

"The one struggle we've had since the beginning is finding storage," said Finnerty, who was effusive in her praise of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church for use of its storage building next to the sanctuary. "We have bounced around everywhere since we started, from the Quaker Meeting

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"We used the entire community room, we put tarps down everywhere," recalled DiCarlo.

"But then (after Covid was under control) they opened up, which they had to do," said Finnerty. "We've been in the beach house; we've been in here and we've been kind of moved all over. We've been really trying to find some permanent space, but we just haven't been able to come up with anything."

The group tries to keep a low level of inventory when anticipating housing issues. Leaving bicycles outside only makes the job of rehabilitating them more difficult.

"The Quaker Meeting House was the one that stepped up right away, without even hesitation," said Finnerty, whose job running the Town Beach led to a connection for the use of the beach house when it was not in use. "We've figured it out as we've gone along. Some of the bikes have been moved maybe 12 times."

It takes a good sense of humor to endure the logistical challenges that accompany charitable causes, including the weather.

"It was pouring rain last year," recalled DiCarlo of the 2024 bike-donation event. The turnout was still great, and Finnerty mused that perhaps the rainy day canceled some families' plans and pivoted them toward the bike collection.

"This time of year, a lot of it depends on the weather, so it might have actually helped us a little bit," she said. "It's been great. We have a really strong group, and it's growing now, which is wonderful. That's how it's going to continue."

There was a critical point in the group's effort where the work had become too great for the three core members, DiCarlo, Emmons and Finnerty. With Covid in the rearview mirror, their lives had resumed some normalcy, and that squeezed the number of hours that they could devote to the cause.

Though no longer serving on the board, Jenn Wong volunteers her time at the annual bike collection, according to Finnerty, who noted that Wong stays involved in Bikes for All and supports DiCarlo's work with the upcoming Tour de Crème biking event.

"Having people like Don Bamberger and Bill Trimble and everybody step up is really what's going to help this group survive," said Finnerty, noting the assistance that Ned Watts gave the group in its early days.

DiCarlo and Finnerty estimate that between 20% and 30% of donated bikes are ready to ride. Finnerty noted that one donor on Saturday had brought their bike

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to the shop and paid for a tune-up to make it presentable for the group.

"There have been some beautiful bikes that we collected. Like you look at them and say, 'I want that one,'" Finnerty joked. Some road bikes have come in, and some racing bikes have gone out.

"We appreciate the support of the United Way of Greater New Bedford's Changemaker Grant," stated DiCarlo, noting that Bikes for All continues to be a collaborative effort between the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail, Mattapoisett Recreation and the South Coast Bikeway Alliance.

The Friends work with several charitable organizations including the Immigrants Assistance Center (IAC), the YWCA, the Community Economic Development Center, and Nativity Prep school.

The South Coast Bikeway Alliance connects the local dots of the bike path that runs from Wareham to the Rhode Island state line.

"We haven't even started over in Wareham, and that area is just as important on that side," said Finnerty.

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Bike distribution is scheduled for Saturday, April 12. The location is to be determined.

## The Southcoast's Ice Age

By Sam Bishop

The ice has finally all melted, barring any late-winter freezes. With that, we begin the long-awaited transition to spring. There was a time, not long ago, when the warming air of summer would not melt the ice, and a layer of perma-frost covered all of what we call "New England" and much of the Earth. About 20,000 years ago, during the last "glacial maximum," the Laurentide ice sheet stretched from Newfoundland to the Rocky Mountains and as far south as Ohio, at times

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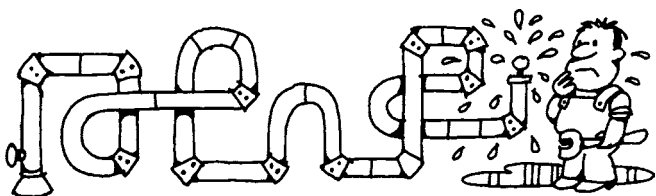
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fully encompassing New England in a mountain of ice. In some parts of New England, the ice was nearly a mile thick according to author/teacher Bradford B. VanDiver. Though that was primarily in Vermont/New Hampshire, with the thickest parts of the ice sheet, those being over two miles deep, being in Canada. In what is today the Tri-Town, the ice was likely a few thousand feet thick.

The Long Island Sound, Narragansett Bay, Buzzards Bay, and yes, the jagged coasts of the Southcoast were all formed under the crushing weight of the ice sheet and glaciers. Due to much of the Earth's seawater being frozen within the glaciers and ice sheets, sea levels were far lower. This caused the coastline to be roughly 100 miles further out than it is today, easily making the areas of Block Island, Nantucket, and Martha's Vinyard all part of the mainland. These islands, along with Cape Cod and the Elizabeth Islands, were all formed by sand and rock deposits from the retreating ice.

The Museum of Natural History's Sidney Horenstein noted New York, at least, has risen roughly 150 feet following the retreat of the ice and the loss of its immense weight. The Earth's crust still rises slowly to this day on its way back to equilibrium. Due to the slow melt-off of the ice sheet, New England escaped its grasp about 10,000 years ago.

Researchers still have much to uncover about the de-glaciation period, though much of what was caused by it can be easily spotted. Whether it be the region's aforementioned unique coastline and it being ridden with bogs and small lakes, it is easy to look at a map of the area and envision the land being scraped away to its current form. As with the creation of the Cape and islands, the large number of rocks, pebbles, and boulders seen in many parks, woods, and yards were also deposited here by glaciers.

The melting of the ice allowed for the first humans to enter the region, following the caribou and looking for a new home. At that time, the area was rocky and sparse of vegetation aside from lichen and small plants with evergreen and oak forests populating the area not long after. It seems like a long time ago, but relatively speaking, all you see around you was buried under

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### ORRSD to Host 'Summer & Beyond' Activities Fair

Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes are proud to announce that the district, in partnership with its Early Childhood Office and the Massachusetts

Department of Early Education and Care, will host the "Summer & Beyond" Activities Fair at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School.

The event will take place on Saturday, **March 15**, from 10:00 am to noon in the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Gymnasium, located at 135 Marion Road in Mattapoisett. Admission is free, and families of all ages are invited to attend.

This year's theme, "Summer and Beyond," highlights the importance of outdoor learning and play, which has been shown to positively impact children's mental health, development, and academic growth. Families will have the opportunity to explore a variety of local programs and activities available in the Tri-Town area and beyond, helping them plan for an enriching, engaging summer and fall.

The fair will feature a wide range of interactive and engaging activities, including arts and crafts, a story walk, and a scavenger hunt. Representatives from local organizations will also be on hand to share information about upcoming events, camps, and educational opportunities for children of all ages.

"We are thrilled to bring families together for a day of fun and exploration while also helping them connect with valuable community resources," said Superintendent Nelson. "This event is all about supporting our students' growth and well-being beyond the classroom, and we encourage all families to come see what's available for the summer and beyond."

Doreen Lopes, Early Childhood Coordinator for Old Rochester Regional School District, said district families are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn about exciting programs and activities, while also enjoying a morning of hands-on fun.

"Outdoor play and hands-on learning are essential for children's development, and we are excited to showcase the many opportunities available right here in our community," said Lopes. "We look forward to welcoming families for a fun-filled day of discovery and planning."

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### RMS Launches Satellite Police Office Initiative

Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Heidi Letendre, with support from Rochester Town Administrator Cameron Durant and the Rochester School Committee, are pleased to share the details of a joint initiative set to launch between Rochester Memorial School and the Rochester Police Department.

A space within Rochester Memorial School has been designated as a Rochester Police satellite office, in which on-duty Rochester Police officers will be able to use as a secondary space for administrative police duties.

The initiative was developed by Superintendent Nelson, Principal Heidi Letendre, and Rochester Police Chief Michael Assad Jr., with support from the Rochester School Committee, to provide an extra measure of safety and security for students and staff during the school day.

"I am pleased to see the collaboration that has gone into the effort to create a satellite police office for the Rochester Police Department at the Rochester Memorial School," said Town Administrator Durant. "This partnership ensures a stronger presence and deeper connections between our officers, students, and educators, fostering a safer and more supportive environment for everyone."

The District launched a similar initiative at Sippican Elementary School in 2022.

"A safe and secure environment in school is our top priority," said Superintendent Nelson. "This initiative will provide a meaningful added layer of safety and security. I would also like to express my appreciation to Chief Assad and his officers for their partnership and ongoing efforts to ensure the protection of our students."

The satellite office will be available to a limited number of officers at any time during the school day, but it might not always be staffed.

"We appreciate this opportunity to continue forging our relationship with Rochester Memorial School," said Chief Assad. "We're happy to do anything



we can to further bolster the safety and security of our community's youngest members."

Police officers who use the satellite office will not serve as school resource officers at this time, nor will they have any involvement in day-to-day school operations, activities or discipline. However, should it be necessary, the Rochester Police officers will be present and able to quickly respond and assist in the event of an emergency in the Rochester Memorial School building or on its grounds.

"Opening a new police satellite office at the Rochester Memorial School can only enhance the safety of our students and staff," said Principal Letendre. "This cooperative agreement will benefit our staff, students and

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### ORRHS Names Lauren Millette as Assistant Principal

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Old Rochester Regional High School Principal Michael Devoll are pleased to announce that Lauren Millette has been chosen as the high school's new assistant principal.

Millette started serving as Interim Assistant Principal on Monday, October 28, replacing former Assistant Principal Vanessa Harvey.

Previously, Millette served as the Director of Guidance for both the high school and junior high school for three years.

"Over the past few months, Lauren Millette has proven herself to be an exceptional administrator," Superintendent Nelson said. "I have no doubt that she will continue to excel in this leadership post."

Assistant Principal Millette has several years of experience in education, most recently as an assistant high school principal in the Fairhaven Public Schools, where she served from 2017 to 2021. She also served as freshman





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dean, teacher and houseparent at Tabor Academy in Marion from 2011 to 2017. Millette began her career in education serving as a teacher in the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District from 2000 to 2011.

"I am thrilled to officially take on this challenging position," Assistant Principal Millette said. "I'm excited to continue serving the students, families, faculty and staff of the Old Rochester Regional School District and look forward to all that we will accomplish together."

Millette has a Bachelor of Science degree from Syracuse University. She received her master's degree in counseling from Providence College and a Master of Education from Cambridge College.

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been in education, and I'm grateful that she will continue working on behalf of our school community," Principal Devoll said.

## Osteoporosis: Could I Have It?

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Edward Hoffer**

Osteoporosis, thin weak bones, is common in post-menopausal women and older men. While not fatal, it is a major risk for fractures and can severely impact your quality of life.

Estrogen in women and testosterone in men are needed to maintain healthy bones and the biggest risk factor for developing osteoporosis is aging. The precipitous drop in estrogen levels in women who go through "the change" accelerates bone loss, and some 80% of those with osteoporosis are female.

Other factors increasing your risk are smoking, alcohol consumption, poor intake of calcium and vitamin D, lack of weight-bearing exercise, taking cortisone-type drugs and being thin. (One of the few health benefits of obesity is that you are less likely to get osteoporosis.)

How do you know if you have it? Osteoporosis is a "silent disease," with no symptoms until it is advanced, and may first be discovered when you suffer a fracture.

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- -1 to -2.5, you have osteopenia, a less severe form of low bone mineral density than osteoporosis.
- -2.5 or lower, you might have osteoporosis.

The risk of broken bones increases by 1.5 to 2 times with each 1-point drop in the T-score.

A DEXA should be done when a woman is 65, a man 75, unless they have many risk factors for osteoporosis. While there is no hard rule, it should be

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repeated in about 2 years. If the results are stable, you can probably wait 5 years before a third.

If you want a precise estimate of your risk of fractures, google "FRAX Score." The first link that shows up (<https://frax.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/tool.aspx?country=9>) will take you to the validated tool developed at the University of Sheffield in England. In addition to your T score, it asks for information such as age, height and weight and will then tell you your risk of a major fracture in the coming decade.

How can you prevent osteoporosis? Don't smoke; don't drink much alcohol; do resistance exercise (weights); get adequate calcium in your diet (dairy, leafy greens, almonds) and get adequate Vitamin D. Note that dietary calcium is better than pills. We get D from sun exposure and fortified milk.

Since few adults are big milk drinkers, and most of us do not spend all day outdoors soaking up sun, a vitamin D supplement is a good idea, and the amount in a multivitamin is probably adequate for most.

If you are at high fracture risk, many different medicines are available that have been shown to reduce the likelihood of fractures – but are not a guarantee. The best-studied are the "bisphosphonates," taken as a weekly or monthly pill, but there are many other classes of drugs highly marketed. All these remedies have the potential for serious side-effects, so the decision to start requires a careful dialog with your doctor.

There is also good evidence that taking a bisphosphonate for a couple of years and then stopping is a better idea than taking it forever.

Remember: prevention is better than treatment, so start early. The bones you preserve will be the ones to keep you upright and moving.

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

## Mattapoisett Select Board Continue FY26 Review

*Mattapoisett Select Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

March 11 found the Mattapoisett Select Board continuing their meetings with department heads to



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review FY26 budget proposals in preparation for the town's annual Spring Town Meeting. On this night seated for the Select Board were Tyler Macallister and Jodi Bauer meeting with Acting Library Director Susan Pizzolatto, Council on Aging Director Jacki Seney, and Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renault. Pizzolatto has been assisting the town as it searches for a new director.

Stepping up to the conference table, Pizzolatto quipped that she is a bit rusty on presenting an annual budget. The board assured her that her efforts would be more than acceptable and very much appreciated. Pizzolatto shared that by state mandate 19-percent of the library budget must be spent on books and other materials that can be checked out of the library.

Regarding staffing, Pizzolatto said that a new children's librarian, Kevin Thompson, had been hired and was working out well. She complimented the entire staff for their level of professionalism and willingness to serve the public. The full-time staff members are Amanda Lawrence, Ann Schattle, and Thompson supplemented by about ten part-time employees.

Pizzolatto also commented on the use of outside services for janitorial duties. She shared her belief that an employee would be more heavily invested in the library, as a whole, versus a contractor. Currently the town is paying \$6,200 for cleaning services. The total FY26 budget for the library is \$646,050, a 4.74-percent increase over FY25.

Renault pointed out that a number of bonds would be rolling of the debt schedule in the coming years. He spoke to the ongoing upgrades at the Fairhaven sewer plant which is about 30-percent complete he stated. Nearing completion is the installation of new water meters throughout the town's water service areas and further noted that water rate increases would soon be announced.

The overall department budget for the water department is \$2,701,102 a 2.6-percent increase, and the sewer department budget for FY26 is \$2,497,370 a 4.28-percent increase.

Seney, who was giving her final budget summary before pursuing other opportunities after many years as the town's Council on Aging director, introduced a new way of compensating drivers who are responsible for providing services to seniors who need drivers. Whether it's for grocery shopping, doctor appointments or planned out-of-town events the COA coordinates the transportation to many seniors in the community. Seney put forward a plan that would establish a step system. "Our drivers are our best ambassadors," Seney stated. Drivers currently receive \$15.60 per hour which would be augmented with a step program.

The COA budget stands at \$236,206, a decrease of 3-percent over FY25 due to a staff position becoming a part-time position.

In other business Harbor Days was briefly discussed and the possibility of the Recreation Department using the tent for an activity. Harbor Days takes place on



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A tri-town Select Board meeting will be scheduled in the coming days. Board member Macallister said a major topic will be contracts with cable service providers.

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

### FinCom Meets With Chiefs and Harbormaster

*Marion Finance Committee*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 5, for various discussions with town officials regarding the FY26 budget. Following the approval of minutes from February 26, talks with Fire

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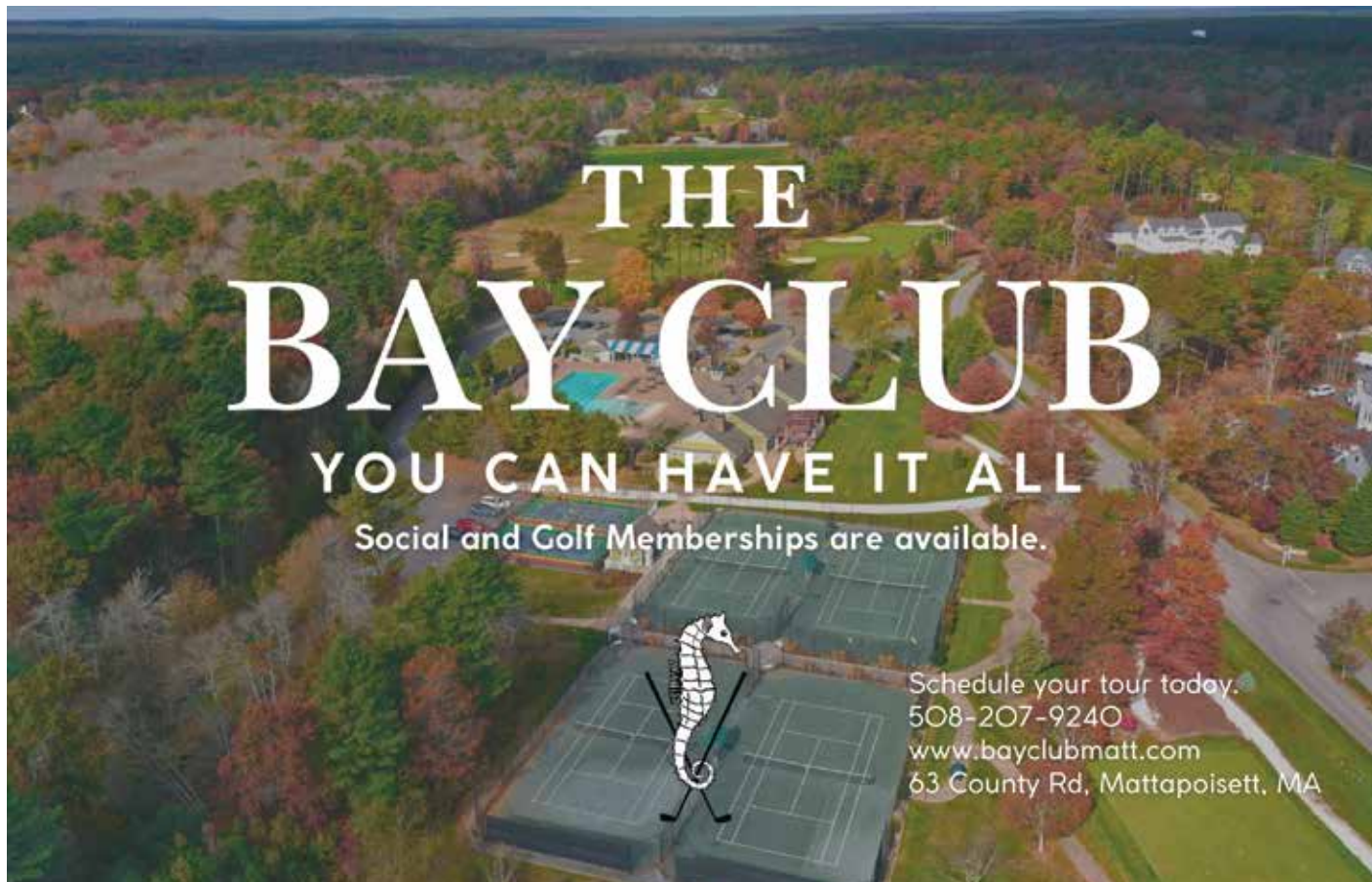


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Chief Brian Jackvony began.

Chief Jackvony discussed the fire department's budget propositions and the increases, like other departments, stemming from software and equipment upgrades. The chief did state "we're trying to keep expenses under control" though he did mention some line items have ticked up. For some statistics, he mentioned emergency calls have risen to 1,486 for the previous year, of which around 1000 were medical-related or EMS. Revenue from ambulances, as reported between June 30, 2023, to July 1, 2024, was around \$457,000, per the chief. With the Select Board, it was discussed that rates may need to rise, "most of our transports are capped by Medicaid or Medicare, but the private payers, we can set

that rate – and right now we're average or slightly below average with our rates." The chief then added if someone is suffering financial hardship, they can contact the Town Administrator who has the authority to abate those bills or work out payment plans.

Other financial plans for the fire department were discussed for increased revenue, such as charging for home-vaccinations, charging for false alarms, and looking into Tabor's use of town utilities to seek compensation.

Police Chief Richard Nighelli spoke next, beginning, following the request of the board, with a discussion on the department's policing needs. The chief stated their biggest concern is employee retention. "Retention is always an issue," he said. "someone can walk in my door and give me a two-week notice, and it takes me about a year to fill the position." Sick-time and vacation day absences are filled by other employees using overtime. With the increase in police reform programs, the chief said, increases in unforeseen costs have increased. The chief also stated that the need to "bring everyone to the same level" in terms of training has lost the department much of its part-time working staff.

Finally, was Harbormaster Adam Murphy who recently started in June 2023. Due to the loss of two full-time officers, part-time workers have filled in much of the work. Murphy explained the hunt for workers is difficult, saying "one, you have to be a police officer, and the other part is, you have to know how to run a boat." Knowing the shoreline and water features is also crucial, something the force loses with the loss of knowledgeable staff. A common problem found among both the Harbormaster and Police Departments is hiring.

The Finance Committee explained they will soon be meeting with Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room.

## **35 Acre Solar Project**

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Planning Board began its meeting

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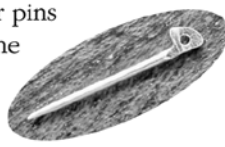
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Tuesday with an informal discussion of a plan for another large ground-mounted solar array in town, this one on Snipatuit Road proposed by Logging Swamp Solar LLC.

The applicant's representative, Zak Markes of ReWild Renewables, noted his company is behind four other proposed large solar installations in town. This Snipatuit Road project, he said, would cover 35 acres of a 2,000-acre wooded property bordered on one side by Northern Avenue and surrounded by a 350-acre swamp. He described the property as undeveloped woodland with a few houses nearby. He said this array would 'piggyback' onto the power grid with the company's other projects, which are on Featherbed Lane, Braley Hill Road and also Snipatuit Road. He said the installation is being designed to be 100 percent outside of wetland jurisdiction areas. A Notice of Intent will be filed with the Conservation Commission only for a couple of points on the access road. The company hopes to begin construction by the spring of 2026.

Initial questions from the Planning panel included where the power supply will come from and asking what the energy battery storage system will be. Markes said the power lines will start at utility poles on the road then go underground. A 2.5-megawatt energy battery storage system will be installed.

Board chair Arnold Johnson's only comment was to remind Markes that a \$5,000 check for the project's 53G account will be required with the formal application. Markes concluded by saying, "The goal is to incorporate your feedback into the application."

Next, the board reviewed the site plan review and




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special permit draft decision for the 214 Rounsville Road Eversource substation but delayed a vote for two reasons.

First, Eversource representative Heather Sykes asked for a change in the draft language. She said the company will have to use heavy lift crane equipment for a portion of the work and it will be difficult to find ones that use bio-hydrological fluids, a Planning Board requirement for machinery used at the site. She asked if the permit language could include waivers to the fluid mandate for that equipment alone. Johnson and the board agreed to insert this language. Secondly, Johnson said a final decision on the draft had to be delayed because two members who could vote on it were missing. The approval vote will be at the board's next meeting.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### **Cease and Desist Order Lifted**

*Mattapoissett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

An Enforcement Order to Cease and Desist construction taking place in the new housing subdivision known as Park Place, was lifted on March 10. Coming before the commission to explain messy conditions in and near jurisdictional wetlands was property owner Jordan Medeiros.

After numerous complaints filed by residents

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in the neighborhood the commission had ordered the mandate that work stop and Medeiros come before the commission with a plan to mitigate and clean up the site. Chairman Mike King said property owners in the neighborhood had complained bitterly about construction trash blowing onto their properties, foam insulation filling pools and storm water retention areas, and a general disregard of the need to keep construction waste contained.

Chairman Mike King stated "...clean-up the mess!"

Medeiros said clean up had now been completed. King said the commission would make a site visit to observe his efforts at clean up, that it wasn't fair to the neighbors who had invested large sums of money in developing their properties, and that resource areas must be protected. Medeiros said he had tried to stay on top of clean-up but that the Transfer Station was sometimes closed because his crew had worked late.

In other business, a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Marc E. Kaner Revocable Trust for the construction of a new septic system at 2 Pinewood Way received approval via a Negative 3 ruling.

Continued until the next meeting was a Notice of Intent filing by Richard Waterhouse, 0 Bay View Avenue for management and removal of phragmites and other invasive species located in jurisdictional zones including salt marsh and land subject to flooding. The continuation was required pending Department of Environmental Protection review.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for March 24 at 6:30 pm.

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## Point Road Path Construction Starts Soon

*Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

A brief meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission on March 6 revealed a rough-timeline for the construction of the Point Road path that will install a walking and bicycling path in that part of town.

Commission Chair John Rockwell reported in the Zoom-cast meeting that the \$48,689 contract for the work has been signed, and construction likely will start soon. He said that if the contractor has not started by the time of the panel's next meeting, he will seek more input from that contractor and report what that start date will be, and

he will do so in a "broadcast email" to all members.

He and Marion Conservation Commission member Shaun Watson estimated, however, that substantial work likely will be completed by Memorial Day. Watson asked, if the contractor starts in a couple of weeks, what is the estimated end date? Rockwell responded by noting that part of the contract is installing two 2700-foot-long grass strips. Watson answered that the key will be that the contractor will not want to start sooner than he would be able to get the grass established. "I would assume the grass would be the last thing he would do," Watson said.

Rockwell agreed when Watson added, "If he starts within the next several weeks, you're probably

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looking at substantial completion by Memorial Day.”

Before the commission moved on from that agenda item, Kerri Reynolds of 65 Joann Drive expressed her concerns over the fact the contract describes the project as merely a walking path. She said she wanted to make sure the road surface would be hard enough for bicycling and baby strollers. Rockwell assured her that, in fact, the path will have a hard gravel surface. “We have specified a very robust compactor to go over the material once it’s been added,” Rockwell said. “It’s important to us that everybody can use it. I like to call it a ‘bike hike’.”

The commission ended its agenda with a presentation regarding a project being planned by Bridgewater State University researchers at Grassy

Bog. Bridgewater State graduate student Anatash Saylor informed the board that Grassy Bog is one of 10 abandoned or restored cranberry bogs across Southeastern Massachusetts being studied to see “how healthy” they are in terms of the stream’s ecosystems, its animal species and plant life.

The commission did not set its next meeting before adjourning.

## Board of Health Still Seeks Health Agent Fill

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Board of Health met Thursday, March 6 in the Marion Town House with a long list of topics for review. The Chair, John Howard MD, was not present, though the Vice-Chair Albin Johnson III and Edward Hoffer MD were in attendance. The meeting began with a quick approval of septic systems for 99A Allen’s Point Road and a septic system conditions approval for 7 Upland Way.

Next up was the reappointment of Shallyn Carreiro to Health Specialist to Public Health Excellence Grant Southcoast Collaborative. Carreiro is not a city employee but has worked with the city through the Collaborative.

The Health Agent update was next discussed, with the top of food inspections first. It was mentioned that most citations have been corrected, though some are awaiting reinspection. The Thai restaurant, Cilantro, requires a hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) inspection as they would like to offer to-go frozen food.

The variance hearing for 80 Delano Road was held. The property, a part of the Stone Estate, is a four-bedroom home built in 1912. The representative from Great Hill Marion explained the water table on the property is “not s good” and that pumping has been required multiple times. The proposed change would see the sewer line drain into a denitrification septic tank which will then flow into a pump chamber which will then be pumped to the leaching field. Two variances are requested, and both were approved by the board.

The next hearing was for 694C Mill Street and the request for a bedroom addition to a 2-bedroom house. A two-bedroom septic system was approved in 2023, though now a new owner seeks an additional bedroom. It was stated there were once two domiciles on the property, though one was removed around 2006-2007. The increased septic capacity would allow for an additional bedroom or an additional dwelling (ADU). The request was approved.

On the next item, it was recommended that new plans be submitted for work on Cross Neck Road, Map 7, Lot 21, due to new changes not being reflected in the board’s current plans.


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though related visits are down to 8.12%. Due to new state regulations, a MAVEN backup person is required. Sue Griffith was nominated, and approved, to fulfil this posting.

For community EMS, Mondays and Thursdays are when home-visits will continue to be conducted. For the Public Health Excellence Grant (PHEG), it was stated there is much time and effort to fulfil the state's grant-requirements including cost analyses.

The board is seeking a fill for its Health Agent job posting, though it was said no one with the necessary experience has yet applied. The lack of local programs focused on teaching students to fill this position was cited as a reason for this deficit.

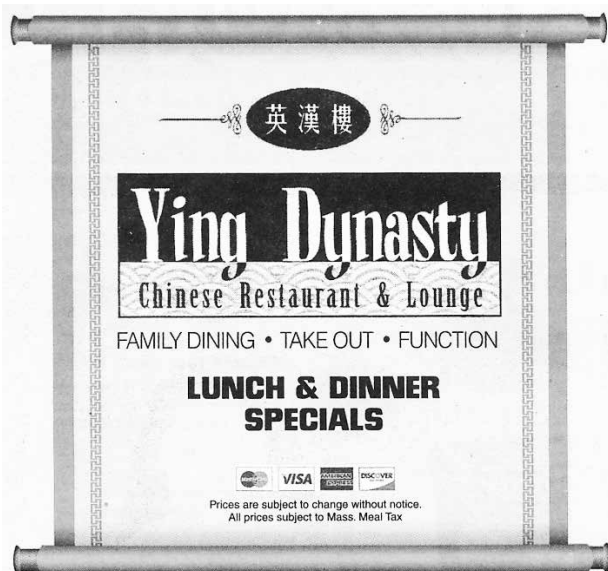
The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be Thursday, March 20 at 4:30 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room.

### ORR Advances Through The Elite Eight

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

The Old Rochester Regional high school boys' basketball team played Greater Lawrence Tech (15-7), in the Elite Eight on March 7, and won 52-49. Gavin Martin led the way, scoring 22 points and handing out 6 assists. Grady Oliveira scored 14 points and Brody Hiles scored 6. The Bulldogs were up 24-23 at halftime, and 49-40 late in the game, but Greater Lawrence came back and cut it



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8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Land Trust  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM A Conversation With...  
11:30 AM Cape Conversations  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?

1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
3:30 PM This is America and the World  
4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
5:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: Marion's Portuguese, Azorean, and Cape Verdian 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 15, 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 - Joanna Makepeace Bennett  
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 - Historical Maps of Rochester  
5:30 PM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House  
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 16, 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 Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological  
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 17, 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  
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12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
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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 18, 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 19, 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 Society Series  
8:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
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  
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3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
5:00 PM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond with Peter Balzarini  
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
9:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
12:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
1:00 PM Marion School Committee  
2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
3:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health  
5:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
6:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission  
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
11:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
10:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
12:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
1:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
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4:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
7:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
8:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
10:30 PM Rochester Planning Board

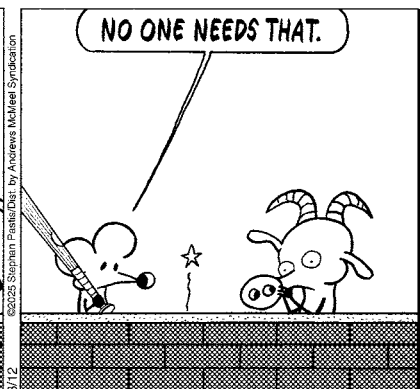
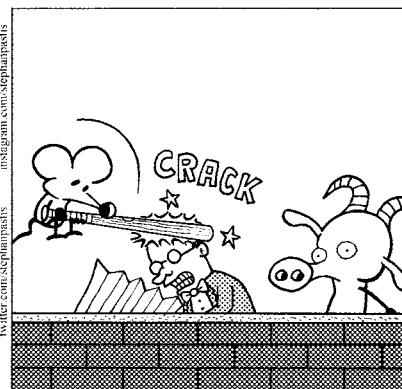
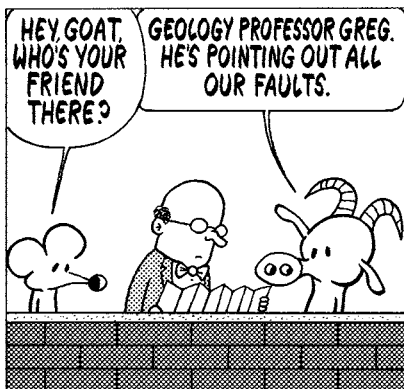
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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
8:00 AM Sippican Spring Concert  
9:30 AM Old Hammondton Spring Concert  
10:30 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert  
11:30 AM ORR/JHS Guppy Tank  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Bulldog Weekly  
1:00 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs Norton  
2:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Arlington Catholic  
3:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Somerset Berkley  
4:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs GNBV  
5:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Apponequet  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM Bulldog Weekly  
7:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives  
8:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Monomoy  
9:30 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Bishop Stang  
11:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth

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to 1 with under a minute to go. Gavin Martin made 2 big free-throws in the clutch, and Old Rochester played good defense on the other end.

"The kids went into a tough environment versus a good and athletic team and were resilient and executed our game plan enough to be successful. I am very proud of these hardworking boys and thank them for their efforts and am happy they are enjoying this great and life lasting experience," said ORR Head Coach Steve Carvalho.

The Bulldogs will play St. Mary's high school (21-1), in Taunton on March 11 in the Final Four.



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# OBITUARIES



**John F. Camacho**, 89, of Mattapoisett, a devoted family man and devout Catholic, passed peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, March 2, 2025. Born on October 4, 1935 at his family home in New Bedford, he was the devoted husband of E. Sylvia (Correa) Camacho and the adored and loving father of five daughters.

He was a 1953 graduate of Bristol County Agricultural High School where he earned a degree in Animal Husbandry. Upon graduation, Mr. Camacho's intention was to serve in the United States Marine Corps, but due to a medical condition, he was unable to do so. Therefore, he took a job as a ride mechanic with a traveling carnival. He then went on to work at Raytheon, Public Finance as a bill collector, and a branch manager at Bank of Boston, as well as Luzo Community Bank. He served as a police officer in Mattapoisett for 25 years where he also was an EMT and CPR instructor. Growing up, Mr. Camacho worked on his family's pig farm, proudly alongside his dad. Years later, he and his wife pursued his dream of opening a restaurant on the very same land; thus in 1992, The Farm restaurant was opened in the North End of New Bedford, and successfully operated for 10 plus years.

Mr. Camacho was a dedicated family man who enjoyed celebrating birthdays and holidays. He was an animal lover, an avid hunter, and loved nature and working in his yard. Although a quiet man, he was also humorous and loved to tell jokes.

Mr. Camacho is predeceased by his loving parents, Antonio F. and Virginia (Braga) Camacho, and his sister, Linda Vasconcellos.

Carrying on his legacy are his loving wife of 65 years, E. Sylvia Camacho, daughters Deborah Camacho, Marcia Gracia and husband James, Lynne Lapalme and husband David, Cheryl Disabella, Victoria Asiaf and husband Derek, 11 grandchildren; Heidi Perkins and husband Wayne, Ross Gracia and wife Ashley, Brady Gracia, Sienna and Zachary Lapalme, Tyler, Logan, Dylan, and Kylee Disabella, Jacob and Jared Asiaf, three great-grandchildren; Avery, Alexy, and Amyah Perkins, his furry companion "Butch", and his niece Diana L. Bourassa and nephew Edouard Bourassa, Jr.

We are very thankful for his caregivers who have provided exceptional care, devotion, and compassion to our dad and have become like family (Melissa, Sue, Trisha, Arsenia, Sandra, and Luci). We are also grateful for the dedicated staff at Fairhaven Community Nurse for providing their knowledge and assistance during this journey.

His Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 10am at St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett, with everyone invited to meet directly at Church. Interment will be private. Visiting hours will be

held Monday, March 24, 2025 from 3pm - 6pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Camacho's memory may be made to Bristol County Agricultural High School, c/o Animal Science Association - In Memory of John F. Camacho, 135 Center Street, Dighton, MA 02715.



**Gary R. MacNeill**, 76, quietly left this life on February 6, 2026, at his home in Rochester, MA. His significant other of many years, Christine Post, was with him as he started his next journey.

He was the son of Jeanne (Dustin) and Havery MacNeill. He was predeceased by his brother Herbert MacNeill.

Born and raised in Rochester MA, he was a scout and in the 4-H club. He also helped out in his grandfather's cranberry bogs (Eatmor Cranberries). After graduating high school, he went to Burdett College in Boston where he received his degree as a marketing major.

He joined the Army National Guard where he made rank of Sergeant and was an artillery surveyor specialist.

Gary loved to be around people and jobs reflected that and had many interesting ones over the years. He had what he liked to call his "potato chip" business on the Cape and Islands. He also tended bar over the years. He was also a real estate broker, and executive producer of a rock band called "The Tears." He worked for the Wareham High School as a custodian for 25 years. He was also the shop steward.

Gary like to take several trips each year to Florida, Georgia, & Newport RI where he loved to people watch.

He leaves behind Christine Post, his significant other of Rochester MA. Her two children, Barbara E. Post of Dallas GA and her partner Tony. Her son Michael A. Post of Hewitt NJ and his partner Karin.

Previously married to Nancy (Craig) MacNeill, he leaves his son Craig MacNeill of West Wareham MA, his wife Nancy and their children. Also, his daughter Heather MacNeill of Buzzards Bay, MA.

We wish to thank Dr. Robert Gaudet of the Jordan Cancer Center at BID, Plymouth MA for the exceptional care he provided for Gary, resulting in a cancer free 6 yrs.

We would also like to thank the South Coast VNA for the very compassionate and helpful care they showed Gary.

Cremation private, no services. For online guest book: [www.barlett1620.com](http://www.barlett1620.com)

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### Cougar Fab Five Tackle Three Questions

*Old Colony Sports*

**By Nic Giokas**

I asked all five of these members of the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School boys' basketball team the same three questions: What did it take to get there? Did you think it would happen coming into the season? What was a defining game for you in the season?

Wyatt Smiley: "1. A lot of getting to know teammates, growing trust with each other, and pushing each other to get better every day. 2. I think we all knew we were going to do well and possibly better than the team we had last year. 3. Probably the first game we had

against Diman this year at home when I had my career high on varsity and I knew that I could step up when the team needed me."

Wyatt Smiley averaged 10 points per game this season, 4.8 rebounds per game, 2.9 steals per game, and 4.1 assists per game.

Max Smiley: "(It) took patience and a lot of working. I knew it would happen coming into the season because I've been playing with these guys for years. A lot went into it, and a defining game for me this season was that first win of the season. We won by a ton, and I knew this season was gonna be special."

Max Smiley averaged 8 points, 4 rebounds and 1.8 steals.

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



*Ruth A Griffin shared this photo taken at Crescent Beach.*



*Photo by Jennifer Shepley*



*March 5th was the 1st day of ORR Sail season. Photo courtesy Ellen Scholter.*



*The Old Rochester Regional boys' basketball put on a dominant show in its only home game of the MIAA Division 3 state tournament, defeating Norton before winning against Greater Lawrence Tech to secure a spot in the semifinals. Photos by Mick Colageo.*

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Max Finney: "1. Playing a lot in the offseason; most of us play AAU together, so we never took a break from basketball. We all play pickup together, so we're always together building chemistry. 2. We all knew the team's potential, so we knew how far we could go. We knew that, no matter what rank we finished the regular season with, we could be the best in D5. 3. A defining game for us was when we won the (Vocational Small Schools) championship against Blue Hills. Because we were down by 11 at one point and no one on the team gave up and we ended up winning, that showed us that we could go through anything in the tournament."

Finney averaged 19.5 points, 8 rebounds and 5 steals.

Landon Hunter: "I think everyone on the team wanted the same thing, and it was to show people what we can do and that they shouldn't look past us. We've played together for four years all year around with AAU and summer league. It comes down to the team's dedication and want. Obviously, you don't want to put things into your own head, but I think we all knew that we were gonna make it happen, but that was only because of all the work we've put in together as a team. I think for me a defining game was probably the second time we played Atlantis Charter. I think it was one of the best games I've played, I had 24 points, the most one ever scored, so it brought me a lot of confidence. And it has carried on throughout the season."



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Q&A

By Rob Gonsalves  
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***I'm Still Here.* Starring Fernanda Torres and Selton Mello. Directed by Walter Salles. Running time: 137 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in select theaters and available on home streaming media.**

Walter Salles' *I'm Still Here*, which took the Oscar last week for Best International Feature, is a gratifyingly low-key treatment of very emotional and volatile material. It's based on the true story of Eunice Paiva, the Brazilian woman whose former-congressman husband Rubens, in 1971, was "disappeared" by the country's military dictatorship. As played (beautifully) by Fernanda Torres, Eunice keeps her cards close to the vest; for a long time, she doesn't tell her five children what has happened to their father. My assumption there is that she doesn't want her kids to fly off the handle, get in trouble and get *themselves* disappeared. But privately she keeps in contact with old activist or journalist friends and tries to find out definitively what happened.

Eunice will eventually discover the broad strokes, but as her reporter friend tells her, Rubens could have been killed in any number of ways, and no one will probably ever know how, which may be a kind of blessing. (His remains have never been found.) *I'm Still Here* is not a turbulent political thriller in the mold of Costa-Gavras (*Missing*, *Z*). It stays with the family and the realities of holding it together in the face of bleak uncertainty. One daughter is shipped off to London, where she indulges in her love of buying records; another daughter is detained and questioned along with Eunice at one point but is quickly released.

Salles takes his directorial cue from the micro-emotions Torres displays with great subtlety when Eunice's kids aren't around. The style may strike some viewers as too sedate for the subject, but this is a story about someone under impossible pressure who *didn't* flip out, lose her grip, melt into grieving goo. A different movie might have shown the human cost of emotional suppression in response to external oppression. But Salles holds off until it counts — as when Eunice berates a couple of agents spying on her house from their parked car. Even some of the agents are allowed moments of humanity. They are intelligent and skilled at psyop and aren't mustache-twirling heavies. What they're doing is evil, and sometimes we see that they know and rue what



they're doing.

Like a lot of films that try to stick to true events and how real people experienced them, *I'm Still Here* has something of a wonky structure. About three-quarters of the way through, the script leaps forward 25 years, to 1996, when Eunice — who has long known the truth — finally gets closure and confirmation. Then we skip ahead another 18 years to show Eunice a few years before her death of Alzheimer's (and played by Torres' legendary mother Fernanda Montenegro). This Eunice seems frozen in incomprehension, but the ending reads as quietly happy anyway because we see she is surrounded by family — most of her children seem to have had their own kids — and there's the slightest hint of a defiant smile on her face when posing for a family photo, calling back to the day when she posed for a photo for an article about Rubens and she declined to "look sad."

On some level the film is a tribute to not looking sad, or refraining from showing one's emotional cards. Aside from her brief blow-up at those agents in the car, if Eunice ever goes to a room with tightly shut doors and shaded windows and lets it all out, we don't see it. Accustomed to American movies' tendency to blurt their feelings and bully us into sharing them, we may lean forward in mild frustration at a film that never gives us that catharsis. We have to sit with the thorny, upsetting ideas and associations the movie dredges up in us, just as Eunice had to sit with them. We only have to sit with them for two hours, though, and that two-part coda, which seems clunky at first glance, conveys just how long the horrid mystery left by a disappeared person endures and how many other lives it marks. Under the credits, Salles shows us photos of the real Eunice and Rubens and their family, and when the room gets dusty, our sniffles are earned. *I'm Still Here* does its work honestly and quietly, and more effectively for it.

Hunter averaged 13 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3.1 steals.

Nick Fringuelli: "It took a lot of practice to get where I am. Coming in as a freshman, I had only played two years prior in (recreation-league basketball). But through AAU and summer league and a lot of time in the gym, I was able to be the player I am today. Coming into the season, I expected to win the (Vocational Small Schools state championship). I also expected to win all of our games and make a deep run in the (MIAA) state playoffs. The defining game for me this season was at the end of our season when we played (Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech) for the second time. I believe that is when I finally put everything together and started playing better."

Fringuelli averaged 15 points, 9 rebounds and 4.6 blocks.

*Editor's note: Nic Giokas is a student at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School and has contributed an article on the Cougars boys' basketball team, which once again went on a long trip to win its first game in the MIAA Division 5 state tournament, defeating Notre Dame Cristo Rey, before falling in the Round of 16 at top-seeded and undefeated Pioneer Valley.*

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights March 2-March 8

- Point Rd – MV stop
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- South St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Main St – Mental health assist
- Vine St – EMS/medical
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious activity
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – General service
- West Ave – Road hazard
- Mill St – General service
- Tucker Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Cottage St – Assist municipal agency
- 195 West – Road hazard
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – B&E/past
- Pleasant St – Disorderly person
- Wareham Rd - Transport
- Mill St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – General offense
- Wareham Rd - Transport
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Suspicious MV

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights March 2-March 8

- Wolf Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- Holly Woods Rd – MV violations
- Hamlin Rd – Follow up investigation
- Meadowbrook Ln – Restraining order
- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- Massasoit Way – Health/welfare
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Baptist St - Vandalism
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Melissa Anne Ln – 911 call
- Grand View Ave – Follow up
- Holly Woods Rd – 911 call
- North St – B&E
- North St – Domestic disturbance
- North St – Restraining order
- North St – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd – MV crash
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Mattapoisett Harbor – Harbormaster
- Marion Rd – Harassment order
- High Ridge Dr – Ambulance request
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up
- Wolf Island Rd – General service
- River Rd - Disturbance
- Cove St – Medical assist
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violaitons

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights March 2-March 8

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- Not available at press time

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



## REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

### COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, March 17:** Corned beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, oatmeal roll, brownie, diet: fruit  
**Tuesday, March 18:** Turkey chili, shredded cheese, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, orange  
**Wednesday, March 19:** Cream of broccoli soup, Tuscan chicken, orzo, broccoli, Hawaiian roll, pear  
**Thursday, March 20:** Pot roast with brown gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, Cali blend vegetables, dinner roll, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit  
**Friday, March 21:** Cajun seafood pasta, whole grain pasta, corn w/ peppers, wheat bread, mixed fruit

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, March 17:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup  
**Tuesday, March 18:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll  
**Wednesday, March 19:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tator tots

**Thursday, March 20:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, applesauce cup  
**Friday, March 21:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, March 17:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup  
**Tuesday, March 18:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll  
**Wednesday, March 19:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tator tots  
**Thursday, March 20:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, applesauce cup  
**Friday, March 21:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, March 17:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup  
**Tuesday, March 18:** Tyson popcorn chicken nuggets, creamy

mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll  
**Wednesday, March 19:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tator tots  
**Thursday, March 20:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, applesauce cup  
**Friday, March 21:** Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, March 17:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup  
**Tuesday, March 18:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll  
**Wednesday, March 19:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tator tots  
**Thursday, March 20:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, applesauce cup  
**Friday, March 21:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, March 17:** Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup  
**Tuesday, March 18:** Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll  
**Wednesday, March 19:** Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tator tots  
**Thursday, March 20:** Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, applesauce cup  
**Friday, March 21:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, March 17:** Build a burrito bowl  
**Tuesday, March 18:** Calzone & fries  
**Wednesday, March 19:** Early release – bagel pizza & salad  
**Thursday, March 20:** Scrambled eggs, tater tots & pancakes  
**Friday, March 21:** Assorted pizza





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convene in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library to hold its local caucus to elect five (5) Delegates and four (4) Alternates to represent Mattapoisett at the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention to be held Saturday September 13, 2025 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA.

Registered and pre-registered Democrats in the Town of Mattapoisett may be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Pre-registered Democrats must be 16 years old by the start of the caucus window (March 29, 2025) and must be pre-registered by the time of the caucus.

Those interested in getting involved with the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee or for more information pertaining to the caucuses, please email Chairperson Nicki Demakis at ndemakis@tidlaw.com.

### Kids Leprechaun Loot Hike and Spring Peas

Mattapoisett Land Trust is leading a Leprechaun Loot Hike again this year. After school on Monday **March 17**, join MLT at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. parking area (Angelica Ave.) from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We're setting off to find where the leprechauns have hidden their gold on this St. Patrick's Day. We'll take a short hike through the woods searching for golden chocolate coins. After our hike, we will continue the tradition of planting peas on St. Paddy's Day - each attendee can plant some peas and take them home to watch them grow this Spring. Please RSVP on our events page so the leprechauns know how much gold to hide: [mattlandtrust.org/events](http://mattlandtrust.org/events). Dress accordingly for the weather and join us for some fun. Email [manager@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:manager@mattlandtrust.org) with any questions.

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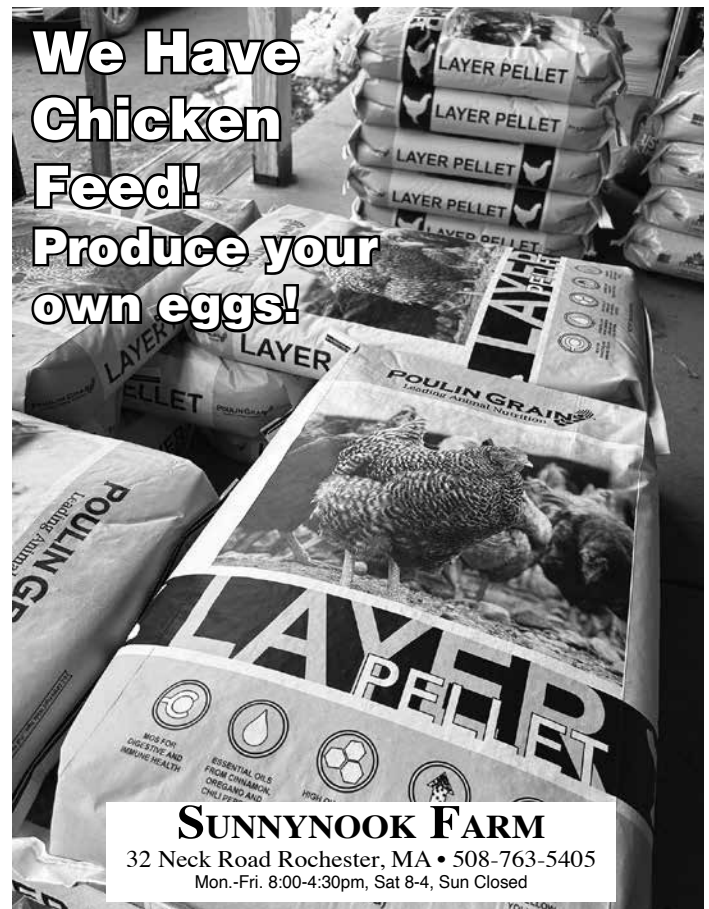
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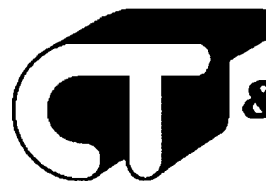


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## ACROSS

- 1 Hair salon workers  
8 Visits briefly  
15 Sharp-image flat-screens, e.g.  
20 Very fast cat  
21 Not challenging enough  
22 Balcony window, perhaps  
23 Be on track  
25 D.C. transport  
26 Bricklayer's blend  
27 Unit of work  
28 2015-16 CBS "Cyber" series  
29 Send again, as a parcel  
30 — buco  
31 Kin of "Ruff!"  
33 Greek "H"  
35 Repulsed by  
37 Assume an onerous duty  
40 "I haven't —" ("No idea")  
44 Strapped garment  
45 Meadowland  
46 Pop's mama  
47 Pay  
50 Café addition  
52 Lobster limb

- 56 Second purchase  
57 — Lanka  
58 Everyone  
59 1978-89 New York mayor  
61 Like a player who has hit a triple  
63 Chinese temple  
66 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)  
67 Do speaking motions voicelessly  
71 Actress Bingham of "Baywatch"  
75 Akron native  
76 Collector of useless items  
81 12.5% fraction  
83 Actress Sothen  
84 Cavaliers, on sports tickers  
87 Capital of Saudi Arabia  
88 Fencing sword  
89 Enthusiastic  
91 Focus on what you'll get if you win  
93 Bulk beer buy  
95 Angry music genre

- 97 Film director DuVernay  
98 Weighed down (with)  
99 Support one who ultimately fails  
105 2009-17, politically  
106 Equal: Prefix  
107 "The Addams Family" cousin  
108 Poker holding  
112 "Nick and — Infinite Playlist" (2008 film)  
113 Car navig. aid  
115 Actor Kilmer  
117 Consumed no cooked food  
119 Kriss Kringle  
120 Conform to one's political group  
123 1989 Disney princess  
124 Captivates  
125 Kind of spray  
126 Latin "that is"  
127 Really foolish  
128 Paternity prover, perhaps

- 2 Baltimore ball team, for short  
3 Decade parts  
4 Caused  
5 Jazz singer James  
6 Enthusiastic  
7 Hen or heifer  
8 Mix together  
9 Wearing dapper duds, with "out"  
10 "— la-la!"  
11 Dog or cat owner's concern  
12 Toothly tools  
13 Bible book before Jeremiah  
14 Big Apple team, on sports tickers  
15 Four-bagger  
16 Fixtures for displaying wedding gowns, say  
17 Donated 10%  
18 Cinéma — (filmmaking technique)  
19 Apply messily  
24 Renovates, in brief  
29 Partial refund  
32 Judge's garb  
34 Notify

- 36 "—, vidi, vici"  
37 Fixed maximum  
38 Forest den  
39 Fatty tissue of animals  
40 — Cuban (jazz genre)  
41 Joel or Ethan of film  
42 Misplaced  
43 Ogden's state  
48 Male lead  
49 Brand of 120-Down  
51 Actor — Ray  
53 Email giggle  
54 Superb serve  
55 "How come?"  
58 Bureau  
60 Apostle  
62 Couple  
64 "I've got it!"  
65 Dadaist Jean  
68 Bangkok native  
69 Impede  
70 Take a risk  
71 No-frills shirt  
72 Split  
73 Census stat  
74 King-trapping situations  
77 Actress Sedgwick  
78 FBI attack

- 79 Wood-shaping tool  
80 At that time  
82 Discusses in detail, with "out"  
85 Actress Remini  
86 French "Ta-da!"  
90 Zig or zag  
91 Vast time spans  
92 Former senator Gary  
94 On hold  
96 Make damp  
99 Tiny tree  
100 On a train or plane  
101 Singer Wilson of Phillips  
102 Farm carts  
103 Rule over  
104 — Island Ferry  
108 Ancient serf  
109 Come to light  
110 Thin iPods  
111 Resided  
114 Mani-  
116 Church nook  
118 Model Banks  
120 Steeped drink  
121 "Ball —"  
122 "Super cool!"

## DOWN

1 Joe —

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep the lines of communication open.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can! A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) An unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention now before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems regarding someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping off of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with taking on a possibly troublesome but potentially well-rewarded situation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward a promised career change.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts.  
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## The Official Clock Of Marion

Ten stalwart sea captains living in Sippican Village back in 1841 pledged to donate \$1000 each for the cost of materials and labor to build The First Congregational Church of Marion. Construction was complete in one year. Known as "The Captain's Meeting House", it stands today as a classic example of Greek revival architecture and is listed in the 1998 Architectural Survey.

Around 1872, the E. Howard clockworks was added to the tower, and it was designated as the official Clock of Marion. (The story of why there are only 3 faces is a true Marion legend worthy of national note and local humor). For nearly 100 years, the Town of Marion provided financial support and maintenance for the Clock. Sometime in the 1950's, the upkeep of the clock was removed from the town budget, and the costs were taken up by the Congregational Church. It was about this time when the clockwork was modified from fully mechanical to electrical. This dramatic change led to great stress on the entire system. It became difficult to find volunteers to climb the tower outside and perform monthly adjustments. Today the hands of the clock are slipping and the hourly chimes inoperable. Time is slipping away.

The Clock Tower Restoration Sub Committee of the First Congregational church has been formed, and after careful research, has applied for a grant from the Community Preservation Act. The application has been accepted and will go to a vote at Town Meeting in May. Much community support has been received so far, and much more will be needed.

Marion's rich history is tied to the sea captains who funded the original project in 1871. The bell and clock add a tone and texture that harkens back to a time when the town clock was relied upon for the time, celebrations, warnings and a shared sense of community. Our goal is to restore the E. Howard timepiece back to a weight-drive, pendulum-regulated, as originally designed, with the addition of an automatic winding system for the weights.

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## The Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship

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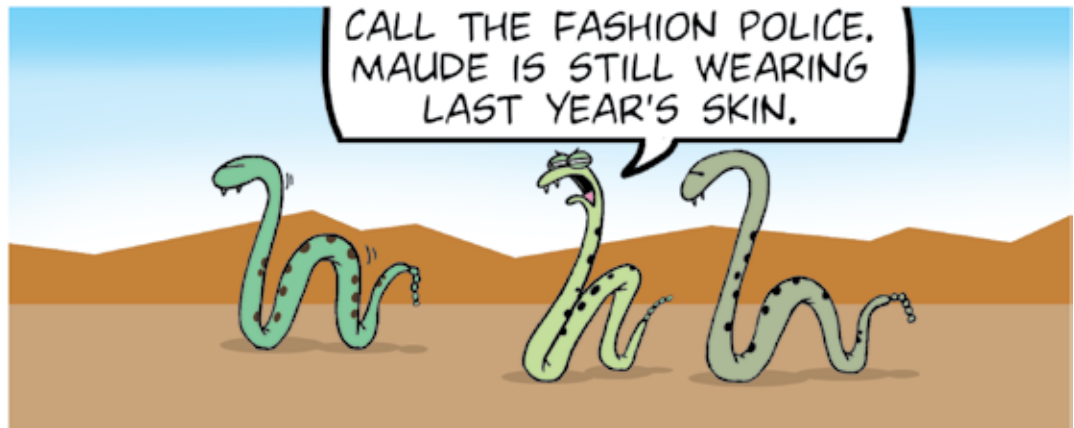
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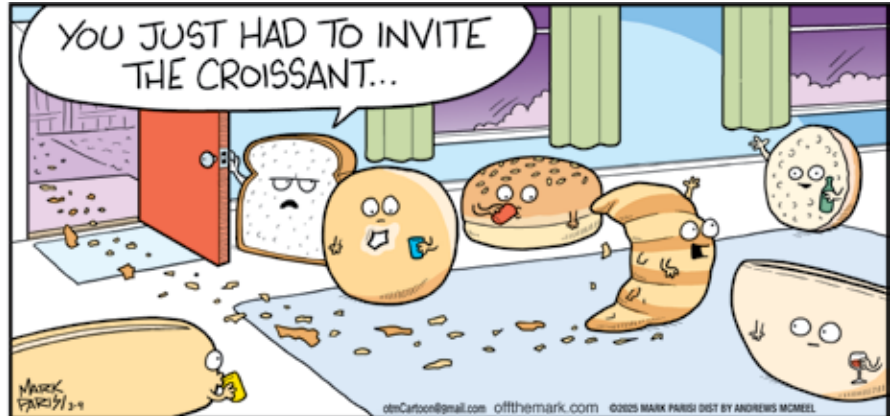
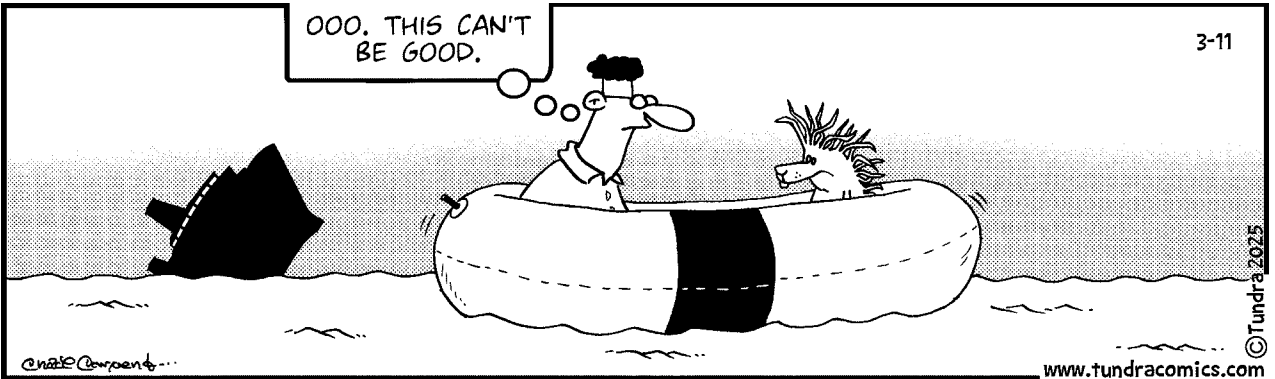
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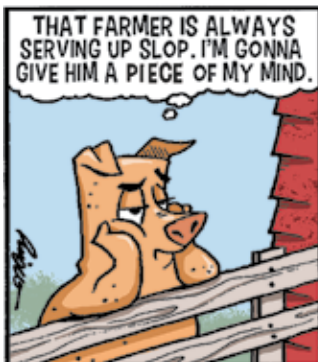



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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoissett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025.</p> <p>Case #1558: Petition of: Kim A. Randall &amp; Jennifer Randall, 3 &amp; 5 Mechanic Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 RE: The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 6.3.2 and Section 3.1.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request a change of property lines between Assessor Map 9 Parcels 127.0 and 127.A by transferring 1,838 s.f. parcel of land to simplify the property lines. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025.</p> <p>Case #1559: Petition of: Elizabeth S. Turowski Revocable Trust - 2017, 28 Pearl Street Mattapoissett, MA 02739 RE: The applicant is requesting a special permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and as provided by Paragraph 7.2.2.2 through 7.2.2.7 Part 1: The applicant proposes to remove the existing 4x7.4 front porch landing and steps and replace it with a 6.41 x 24.4 porch landing constructed with steps within the footprint. Part 2: The applicant proposes to demolish the existing 12x12 shed and replace it with a 14x16 shed in the same general location. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 9 on the Assessor's map. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025</p>	<p>Case # 1560: Petition of: Shane Mills – Gary Mills &amp; Sons, LLC, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1.2.1. &amp; 3.1.2.2 of the By-Law and provided by Sec. 7.2.2 Location of premises: 57 Church Street, Property Owner: Thomas F. &amp; Sharon K. Brownell, Trustees of Brownell Living Trust. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling on a pre-existing non-conforming lot in terms of area. It is proposed that the rear setback of the new building will be 26.25, which is 13.75 less than the allowed rear setback of 40' The property is further described as Plot 9 Lot 75 on the Assessor's map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025.</p> <p>Case # 1561: Petition of: 12 Highland Avenue Trust, 9 Garrison Drive, Norwell, MA 02061 RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and as provided by Paragraph 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.7 Location of Premises 12 Highland Avenue – PC The applicant proposes to construct a 10' x 24' 2-story deck along the easterly side of the house to match the existing 2- story deck along the south side of the house. Additionally, the applicant proposes to remove and replace (within the same footprint) the deck located at the southwesterly corner of the house and the multi-level deck located along the southerly side of the house. The property is further described as Plot 2A, Lot 31 on the Assessor's map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 20, 2025.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely,</p>	<p>Susan Akin, Chairperson Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottier, Jordan Rodrigues 3/6, 3/13</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1219</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jason &amp; Erin Denham and Janice Mello, for property located at 142 Sarah Sherman Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 29, Lot 16, who is seeking a Variance for the side yard setback on a proposed 10-foot extension, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, March 27th, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 3/6, 3/13</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT: Degroot – 14 Aucoot Ave, Marion, MA – NOI LOCATION: 14 Aucoot Avenue - Marion, MA 02738 PROPONENT: Matthew Degroot &amp; Justin Brasington</p> <p>The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy &amp; Environmental Affairs on or before March 12, 2025.</p> <p>This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmen-</p> <p><i>Continued on page 38</i></p>

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE  
by Stephan Pastis

Tundra  
by Chad Carpenter



the Inn. The Mattapoissett Yacht Club Spring Fling will be held on Friday **April 11** from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Inn At Shipyard Park. There will be appetizers, pizza and more, and a cash bar available. Gluten free apps & pizza available. The cost is \$20.00/per person. Visit the MYC website and got to Social Events to sign up today.

Shake off those winter blues and join us in a night of fun. All MYC club members are welcome to bring a guest. Hear the latest news about the clubhouse progress, the racing agenda, cruising events and plans for a new powerboat squadron. Summer will be here before we know it. Let's start having fun now.

### Jazz Through the Decades

On Sunday, **March 16** at 3:00 pm, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will continue its 2024–2025 concert season with a program tracing the history of jazz entitled "Jazz Through the Decades." The program will highlight some of the most important composers with symphonic band arrangements of works that guide us through the various styles of jazz over the years. Clarinetist Charlie Suriyakham will perform Ante Grgin's Concertino for Clarinet. Also, pianist/arranger Matt Richard will lead his jazz trio with a suite that he has adapted for trio and symphonic band.

Clarinetist Charlie Suriyakham was born in Chiang Mai, Thailand, graduated from the Prince Royal's College and attended Payap University for one year. In 1993, he started his clarinet studies at California State University at Northridge. In 1995, he transferred to Chicago College of the Performing Arts of Roosevelt University in Chicago where he received a full scholarship to complete his B.M., M.M., and Professional Diploma in orchestral studies. Charlie has performed with conductors and musicians including Daniel Barenboim, Yo-Yo Ma, Pierre Boulez, Sir Colin Davis, Christoph von Dohnányi, Hilary Hahn, and Leonard Slatkin. He currently holds a position with the United State Coast Guard Band, one of the premier military bands in the United States of America.

Matt Richard studied classical piano with Ken Manzer and jazz piano with Dr. Billy Taylor. Workshops



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## TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT FIRE FLOW TESTING

As part of the ongoing design and engineering associated with the rebuilding of the Mattapoissett Boat Yard, the Engineers have requested that fire flow tests be performed at their Neds Point location.

The test will be scheduled for March 19th at approximately 9:00am.

The fire flow test may cause discolored water for a period of time during and after the actual tests. The most affected area will be south of Route 6 including the center of Town.

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Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Marion.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project. By Matthew Degroot & Justin Brasington 3/13

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### Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Jeff Burnham	March 13
Larry Risko	March 13
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Patrick D Fraine	March 14
Robbi Dunn Tracy	March 14
Victoria Rogers	March 14
Genevieve Spinale	March 15
Jaxon Resendes	March 15
Ray Malo	March 15
Shannon Lynch	March 15
Amy Ripley	March 16
Bob Saunders	March 16
Claudette J. LeRoux-Bolduc	March 16
Daniel Kenneth Hall	March 16
Kelly Hall	March 16
Michael Lee Mendes	March 16
Rebecca Milde	March 16
Brianna Lynch	March 17
Debra Luebke	March 17
Grace Greany	March 17
John Robinson	March 17
Keira Kelly	March 17
Lori-Ann Mello	March 17
Lynn Mourao	March 17
Noah O'Connor	March 17
Wendy A Gilbert	March 17
Ashling McLoughin	March 18
Elizabeth Bungert	March 18
Gladys Charron	March 18
Marianne DeCosta	March 18
Ava Goldstein	March 19
Emily Newell	March 19
Jim Randy Brainerd	March 19
Linda Holt	March 19
Nancy Tippins	March 19





and performance master classes included jazz legends Max Roach, Marian McPartland, and Michael Brecker. A graduate of Westfield State College with a degree in piano performance, Matt taught choral music at Fairhaven High School and Tabor Academy in Marion from 1988-1997. Matt was a vocal coach and accompanist for the nationally recognized Jazz In July Workshops at UMASS, Amherst from 1985 - 2006. Matt has performed throughout the New England area for the past thirty years as a soloist, an accompanist, and with many different ensembles including jazz vocal legend Sheila Jordan, Dick Johnson and The Artie Shaw Orchestra, Bombay Jim Porcella and The Swingin' Sapphires, Fred Tillis, Emil Haddad, Lou Columbo, Gray Sargent, Marshall Wood, Bruce Gertz, Dave Zinno, Dino Govoni, and Jim Robitaille.

The concert will be held at the Fireman Performing Arts Center, on the campus of Tabor Academy, 245 Front Street, Marion. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Children aged 12 and under are admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased in advance at The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, The Marion General Store in Marion or online at [tricountysymphonicband.org](http://tricountysymphonicband.org).

Please visit [tricountysymphonicband.org](http://tricountysymphonicband.org) for more detailed information.

### From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Walking into the Rochester Historical Society Museum, aka East Rochester Congregational Church, you can't miss the mannequin poised at the edge of the altar. She's pretty imposing and what you probably don't realize is that you are looking at a "Bathing Beauty" who is ready to go to the beach and who has a connection to the railroads.

Our mannequin is dressed in a stylish bathing suit circa 1915. This style of suit with its short sleeves and black stockings were considered daring compared to the original attire considered appropriate for women to wear to the beach. The stockings are important. There was a case of a woman arrested for removing hers

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before heading into the ocean.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a Public Hearing of the Marion School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2025-2026 school year at 6:00 pm, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. This hybrid meeting will be held at Sippican School located at 16 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom.

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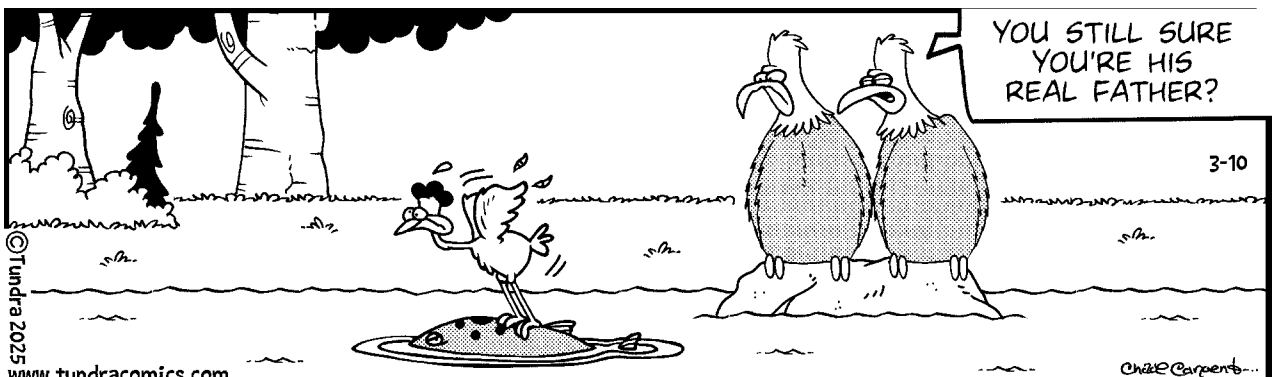
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dangerous if the wearer actually went into the water. One of these suits would have been an ankle-length, long sleeved chemise style made of wool or flannel. These were the fabrics of choice because they were not see-through and therefore protected modesty.

During that same time period, men went from no suits to long sleeve tops with ankle-length pants all made of flannel to "keep the wearer warm in cold water".

The bathing suit on our model was donated by Elizabeth (Bowen) Florindo and would have been worn just a few years before the focus for beach goers switched from "taking in the water" to "taking in the sun". The evolution of the bathing suit picked up speed after form fitting one-piece suits were worn in the 1912 Olympics. This style moved into the public domain and helped usher in two-piece suits by the 1930's and bikinis in 1947.

Oh, and the connection to railroads. The popularity of going to the beach began in the 1800's when railroads made it easier to get to the ocean.

### Tri-County Music Association Scholarship

The Tri-County Music Association is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2025 John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship and Summer Study Grant. Each year the Tri-County Music Association awards \$13,000 to aspiring local high school and college musicians from the Tri-County area (Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable). The music scholarships are conditional and available to students who are music majors attending a four-year college or university and students who are pursuing an advanced degree in music. The summer study grants are available to high school students who wish to further their musical experiences through advanced camps, clinics or private lessons. Interested students are encouraged to apply for either or both opportunities and previous applicants and recipients are welcome to reapply. Applications and requirements are linked on our website, [tricountysymphonicband.org/scholarships-grants/](http://tricountysymphonicband.org/scholarships-grants/) The deadline to apply is Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

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The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoisett will be holding our monthly no-cost Food Assistance Outreach at the Mattapoisett American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street, Mattapoisett on Sunday, **March 23** from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

This Monthly Food outreach will have frozen meats, non-refrigerated 1-2% milk, assorted juice, frozen vegetables, and non-perishables. Supplies are limited with all food distributed by the Dartmouth Full Plate Project, via the Boston Food Bank.

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

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

### Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee welcomes members, guests and the community to join us on Thursday, **March 20** from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm to attend our monthly meeting. The location is the Niemad Building, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoisett.

Please join us to welcome guest speaker, US Navy, Retired Captain, Michael Armenia. He will host a presentation on energy, environment and climate

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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## SCRAMBLERS

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

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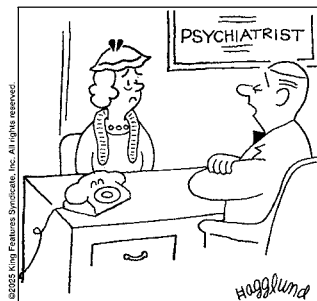
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**TODAY'S WORD**



"Medical science knows of only one thing that will cure a state of depression like yours ..."



solutions at 7:00 pm. Michael Armenia, an executive engineer, whose career spans 50 years developing power plants using fossil fuels, wind energy, nuclear energy, solar power and batteries will bring his knowledge and the essential information for the public. Your questions are welcome throughout the presentation. There will be light snacks, cash bar and good conversation.

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

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Due to ongoing construction and improvement efforts, our building will remain closed to the public through March 22. During this time services will be limited to picking up holds. We look forward to fully reopening to the public on Monday, March 24.

Story Times will be held on March 17 at 10:30 am, upstairs at the Marion Natural History Museum.

During Saturdays in April, the Elizabeth Taber Library will be hosting Basket Weaving workshops with artist Patty Benson of the New Bedford Arts and Cultural Emporium. Workshops will take place in the Elizabeth Taber Library's new event space. Each session in April will have participants creating a completed basket and will feature the following unique designs:

April 5 - Mail Basket

April 12 - Round Handled Basket


April 19 - Gathering Basket

April 26 - Wine Basket

Sessions will take place on Saturdays in April from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Spaces for this free professionally led workshop are limited. Participants may attend one or multiple sessions, and registration is required. To register please call or contact the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. This series is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library commissioners.

Please check our website for further updates or call the library at 508-538-1214


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### Hello from Plumb Library

Don't miss out on these upcoming adult programs. The Library has two fantastic speakers scheduled this month and there are still available spaces for both programs. Sign up on our Events Calendar on our website or call the Library for assistance.

First up: Alfred Saulniers, local author, will be presenting his new book from Spinner Publications, "The French of New Bedford, the Early Years." This program will be held at 12:30 pm on Saturday, **March 15**. The event will be in our Downstair Program Room, which is

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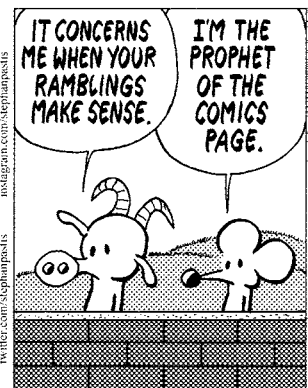
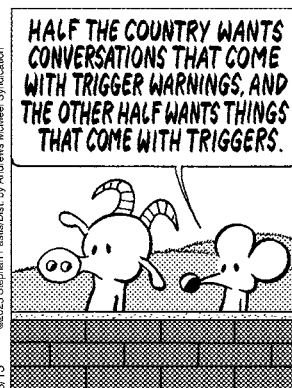
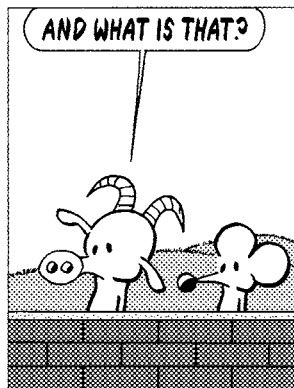
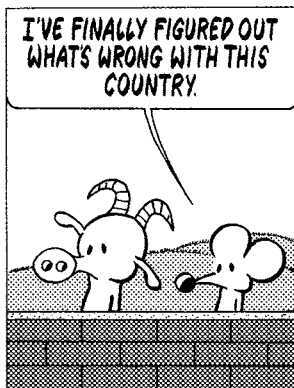
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



handicap accessible. Space is limited, so please register on the events calendar at [www.plumblibrary.com](http://www.plumblibrary.com).

And at the end of the month: Marty Gitlin will be here to get us ready for Boston Red Sox Opening Day with his "Ultimate Presentation for Red Sox Nation" talk. This program will be at 12:30 pm on Saturday, **March 29**. Join us for fun facts, trivia, history, and all things baseball with this dynamic presenter and fount of baseball knowledge. This event will be held in our Downstairs Program Room and space is limited. Please register on the events calendar at [www.plumblibrary.com](http://www.plumblibrary.com).

For the kids: Our drop-in Storytimes are continuing through the end of March. Check the Library Calendar for dates, times, and guest readers. This information is available on our website or stop by the Library for a paper calendar.

We are pleased to announce Storytime with Grandma Gail. Beginning March 18 and running for 5 weeks, this program is designed for preschool age children (2-5 years) and will consist of stories, songs, finger plays, puppets, crafts, and a snack. Grandma Gail is our very own retired Library Director Gail Roberts, who has many years of story time experience to draw on as a former Children's Librarian. This program will be at 10:30 am on Tuesdays from March 18 to April 15. Registration is required for this program and space is limited. By signing up, you are committing to all 5 weeks of this program. Call or email the Library with any questions.

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### **Presentation by Lynn Smiledge, Preservation Consultant**

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The presentation will provide information on the background and rationale of historic property surveys. Survey highlights include town history as it relates to the built environment, early houses, interesting architecture, interesting histories, and interesting owners. Ms. Smiledge will focus on individual historic homes, public buildings, areas and cemeteries. Three area forms and seventy-five individual form B's have been completed thus far. They can be found on the Town of Mattapoisett website ([Mattapoisett.net](http://Mattapoisett.net)) under the Historical Commission.

Please join us for this free and informative presentation. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the amazing historic resources of Mattapoisett.

### **FCCR Ladies Friendship Luncheon**

A Ladies Friendship Luncheon will be held on Saturday, **March 29** in the Fellowship Hall at First Congregational Church of Rochester, located in the center of town (11 Constitution Way). Doors will open at 11:30 am with a light lunch being served at noon. This year's theme is "A Fresh Start," and FCCR is happy to welcome Bonnie Merrill of Living Power Ministry as the guest speaker. Invite a friend (or lots of friends) to come and share food, friendship, and inspiration. Tickets are \$15 per person. Please call the church office at 508-763-4314 or email [rochestercongregational@comcast.net](mailto:rochestercongregational@comcast.net) to register by March 24.

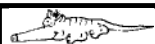
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	March 13	8:24	8:41	1:49	2:18
Friday	March 14	9:01	9:18	2:25	2:42
Saturday	March 15	9:35	9:53	3:02	3:10
Sunday	March 16	10:09	10:26	3:39	3:40
Monday	March 17	10:43	10:59	4:14	4:11
Tuesday	March 18	11:18	11:34	4:50	4:44
Wednesday	March 19	11:57		5:25	5:18
Thursday	March 20	12:13	12:41	6:03	5:56
Friday	March 21	12:59	1:30	6:51	6:44
Saturday	March 22	1:51	2:24	8:00	7:50
Sunday	March 23	2:50	3:24	9:41	9:14
Monday	March 24	3:55	4:30	10:51	10:34
Tuesday	March 25	5:04	5:34	11:37	11:36
Wednesday	March 26	6:04	6:30		12:17
Thursday	March 27	6:56	7:20	12:30	12:55
Friday	March 28	7:44	8:07	1:21	1:35
Saturday	March 29	8:32	8:55	2:12	2:16
Sunday	March 30	9:20	9:43	3:03	2:59
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		March 14th	
		Last Quarter		March 22nd	
		New Moon		March 29th	
		First Quarter		April 4th	



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

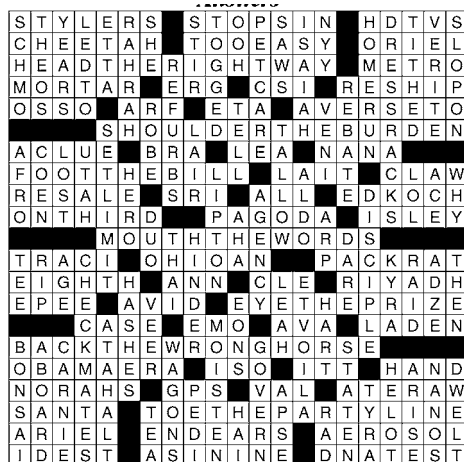
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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## SCRAMBLERS

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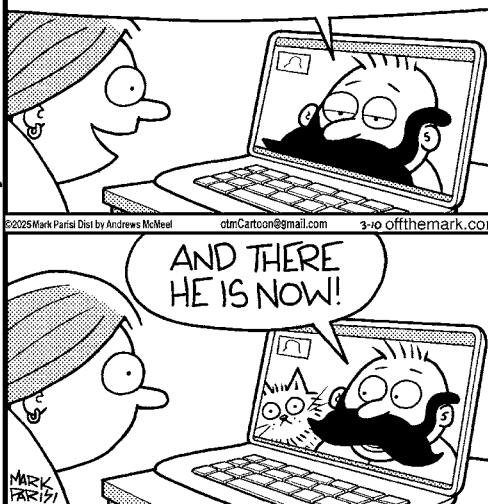
1. Chagrin 2. Scamp;  
3. Propel; 4. Divine

Today's Word

SHOPPING

Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi  
off the markMY CAT INSISTS ON BEING  
IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS

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