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Groundbreaking of New Raynnor Gifford Park

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Park Commission marked the imminent installation of a new playground at Raynnor Gifford Park with a well-attended groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, May 1.

The 3,649 square-foot, \$81,724.68 playground at 13 Mary's Pond Road will be suitable for children ages 2 to 12. It will include a slide, swing sets, a Cyclo Cone Climber, a curved balance beam, a balance and bounce house and two benches for children and parents resting between play. It is replacing deteriorating equipment that has already been removed from the spot behind a ball field at the park.

Park Commission Chair David Hughes noted before the ceremony that the new equipment had arrived at the park only a day before. He then ushered the dozen

residents of various ages with shovels in their hands to the mound of earth at the base of the 'Coming Soon' sign in front of the bare ground where the new equipment sat, and he instructed them to "dig a little dirt to get the playground that is overdue underway."

Hughes began his pre-ceremony speech by noting he and fellow commission members David Sylvia and Ken Ross would like to thank everyone who helped

On the Cover: Jim Perry, the Old Rochester Youth Baseball League's director of field management, throws the ceremonial first pitch to ORYBL president Mike Duarte on Opening Day, May 3, at Gifford Park in Rochester. Over the past five years, Perry has served on ORYBL's Board of Directors. The Mattapoisett resident whose sons Ethan (now playing Babe Ruth League ball) and Noah (8-and-Under) participate, makes sure all 11 fields over five different sites across the tri-towns are properly maintained. Photo courtesy Jim Perry



Above: From left, Henry Bungert, Noah Perry and Obed Bungert on Opening Day

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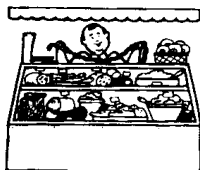
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to make the new playground happen. "We would like to thank 'Tri-Town For Protecting Children' for their donations that made this possible," he said. "We would also like to thank the town Highway Department for their hard work and to our parks here at Gifford and Dexter. Also, we would like to thank Town Administrator Cameron Durant for patience dealing with me throughout the turmoil of this process. Also, PCC Corp. for donating their time and also their machinery to help out."

Jackie Ekhart, representing the local non-profit "Tri-Town For Protecting Children" that donated half of the funds for the playground (the other half was paid for with town ARPA funds), added as she held the shovel she was using, "We're building a place to create dreams, laughter and fun for the children, where they can build friendships. This playground will be full of joy and creativity and community."

Residents in previous Park Commission meetings had expressed concerns about "Tri-Town For Protecting Children" being the lone private donor for the new playground; a plaque in the group's name will be placed at the site. Residents felt the playground plan quickly became a done-deal without the chance for more than one private group to contribute toward the proposal or for the town to create a larger master plan for the park.

After the ceremony, Hughes dismissed this as an important factor. He said the new playground is important for the town because "We need to bring the town together so that we can have a decent playground for all the children. I don't believe politics should be involved here. This is important for all of the community."

Select Board Chair Brad Morse added, "I'm very glad to have the playground here replaced, because it was in a very degraded condition. And our children need a safe place to play."

Hughes said the playground's construction will be complete rather quickly, within seven to ten days. A bed of wood chips one foot deep will cover the ground around the equipment along with rubber safety mats to make the playground accessible to the disabled, he said. Landscaping around it will be refined. Concrete barriers will protect the area from vehicles traveling to and from the nearby parking lots.

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Happy Mother's Day

By Sam Bishop

Happy Mother's Day to all those who are moms, will soon be moms, have tried to be moms, or are currently trying to be moms. Until I was much older and mature, I didn't realize the sheer heights needed to climb in order to just become a mother. Then comes the work after birth. I only recently became an uncle, having no children of my own yet. See the author of this piece? Sam! Uncle Sam. How very patriotic. Until I had actually witnessed the struggles and joys of pregnancy and birth, I truly had no real appreciation for mothers, regardless of the cards or flowers I bought for my own mom. Having glimpsed only a fraction of this process, the strength and determination of my sister has sparked a newfound respect, admiration, and love for my own mother.

When I was a kid, I loved to be outside. I would ride around on my Razor scooter while my mom worked in the garden. Regardless of the weather or temperature, the garden needed to be maintained! That secret garden show wasn't going to win itself! I have so many fond memories

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of my kid-brain going "what on Earth is she doing?" while I watched her plant, move, or reevaluate the layout of her garden. I had (and probably have to some extent) no real knowledge of plants, trees, or flowers until I actually finally started to pay close attention to what she was doing. I know her favorites are Lilies, specifically Casablanca (just don't let the orange pollen get on your clothes! Lesson learned), with "Lily" even becoming a nickname of hers. My favorite was always lavender. Too cool. It smells good, is a nice shade of purple, and can ward away bugs and pests. Never a downside to me. Just don't ask me of the struggles of baking a lavender cake.

Every time I see or smell it, I think of her in an instant. Every house I had lived in with her, whether it

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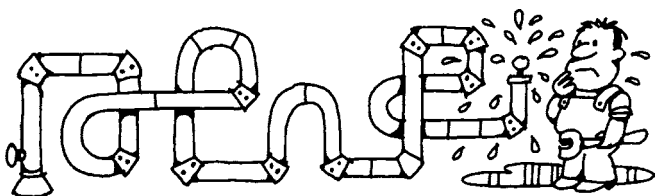
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be in Florida or New England, had lavender. Now, she claims to have partially done this because I always liked it, but I know the garden shows were the real prize!

Anyways, having now witnessed the tolls of motherhood, I am so distraught over all the lame cards I got my mom. She deserves so much more than a giant "M" cut-out I made with printer paper. Moms go through a lot before and after pregnancy and then they have at least 18~ years of support (add a little more for our economic woes) only for us to take off to school or to work. Unfortunately, I cannot always be there to tell her "thank you" or "I love you" but this Mother's Day, I will be helping her spread 6 yards of mulch. Or maybe I'll do it while I let her straw boss. It's the least I can do.

Happy Mother's Day to all and thank you for all you do and sacrifice to bring love and joy to your kiddos. It doesn't go unnoticed.

Should Parents "Do their own Research" on Vaccines?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

A few months ago, I was unsure which cabinet member was least qualified for their role, but it is now clear that Robert Kennedy Jr. can claim this dubious distinction. Not only is he temperamentally and by experience unfit to head a massive government agency, but he is actively fighting against the agency's purpose.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that is 98% preventable by vaccination. Because measles spreads so easily, about 97% of the population must be vaccinated to prevent outbreaks.

The very success of vaccination in reducing childhood diseases has led many parents to worry less about these diseases. Measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, and whooping cough were once "the usual childhood diseases" but should now be rare. Polio should be exceedingly rare.

Instead, 2025 has seen 935 cases of measles to date, 121 (13%) of whom were sick enough to be hospitalized, and 3 children have died. 96% of those sickened have been unvaccinated. There have also been outbreaks in

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Canada, with Ontario and Alberta the hardest hit.

The U.S. has also seen whooping cough make a comeback. In 2024 there were 35,000 cases reported and 10 deaths.

Mr. Kennedy's solution is to "do research on treatments" for measles, though the remedies he suggests such as cod liver oil have been extensively studied for decades and found worthless.

Kennedy has made himself wealthy from his vaccine-denial activities, earning a large salary from his foundation, Children's Health Defense, and getting kick-backs from lawyers by sending them parents to join class-action suits against vaccine manufacturers. Children's Health Defense is an activist group mainly known for

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anti-vaccine advocacy and is one of the main sources of misinformation on vaccines.

Instead of urging parents to vaccinate their children, as recommended by every medical group that has studied this subject, Kennedy suggested "parents should do their own research." For most parents, this does not mean careful review of published scientific studies but rather going on Facebook or other social media platforms, where misinformation abounds.

Vaccines, while not 100% perfect, are very effective and very safe. Vaccines do not cause autism. This claim has been studied by numerous groups over recent decades and demonstrated to be false. While nothing we inject or ingest is 100% safe, the risks from vaccines are much less than the risks of the diseases they prevent.

Parents who care about their children should listen to their pediatrician and get their kids vaccinated so these ancient scourges can remain history and not current plagues.

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

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for May

By Sam Bishop

May has some... interesting developments astronomically. Aside from the 50-year-old satellite crashing back down to Earth, it's fairly ordinary though.

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This month's one and only full moon will be on May 12. It is called the "Flower Moon." This is due to the spring-time flowers in bloom. Also, it is the day after Mother's Day, which is a flowery time as well. There are plenty of livestreams you can view should you not be able to see a clear dark sky, such as Hawaii's Subaru Telescope on the Big Island.

For planets, Jupiter and Mars will be visible in the early night, with Saturn and Mars becoming visible just before sunrise. On May 31, Venus will be at its "greatest

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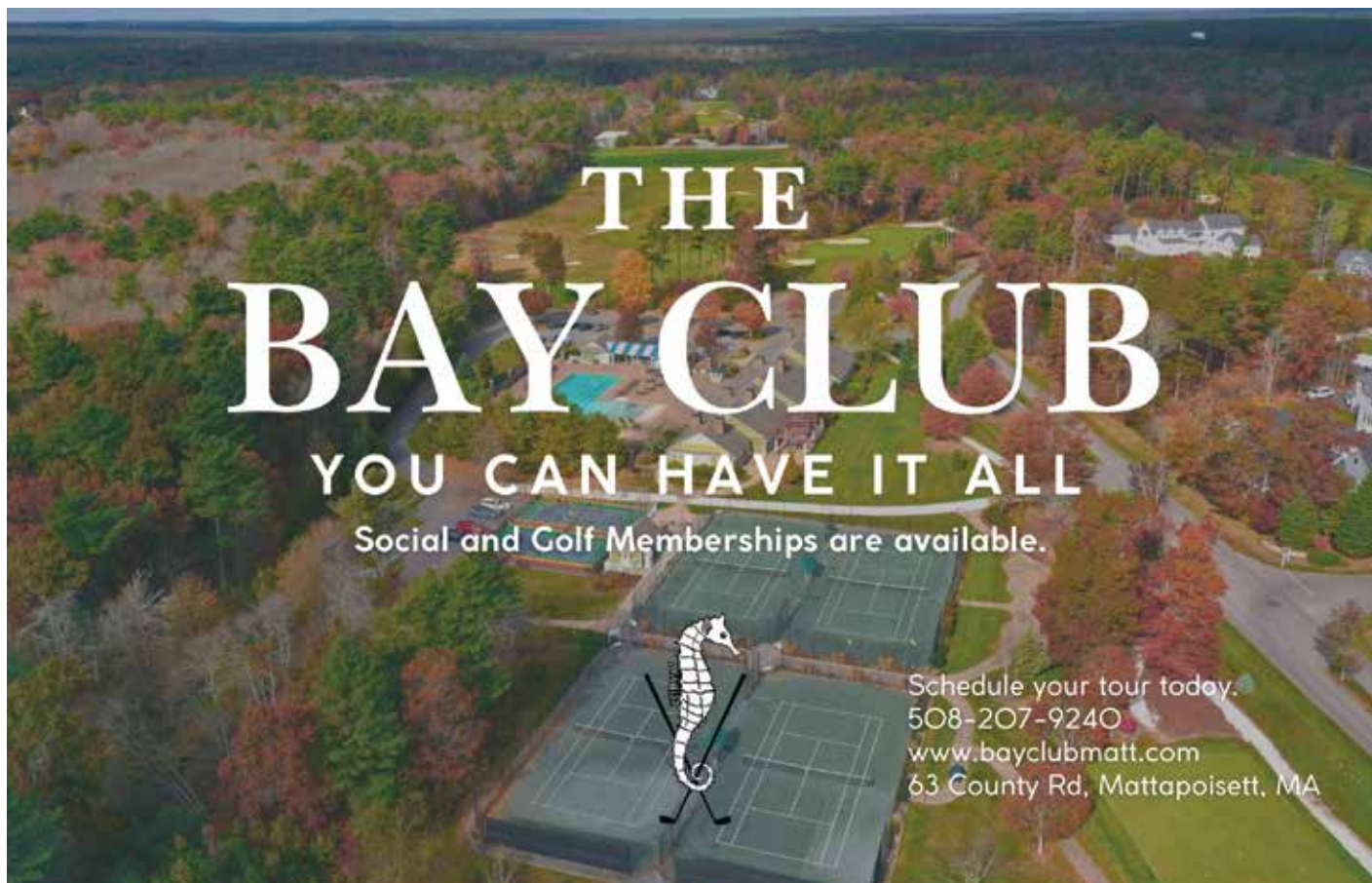
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elongation." This means, from our view, it will be furthest from the Sun, allowing us to see it more easily and clearly.

A chunk of an old Soviet satellite is descending back to its origin. Kosmos 482 was launched on March 31, 1972 from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The probe was on its way to land on Venus but due to critical failures in setting the setting a booster's timer (really), it was unable to break away from the Earth's orbit. Two pieces of the original craft expect a fiery return home between May 9 and May 11, more than 50 years after their launch. Probably estimates have it hitting somewhere* near the United Kingdom.

There is plenty to see and plenty of apps, websites, and other resources to aid in identifying. NASA is always great for events (like the meteor shower) and flyovers. Happy and lucky stargazing to you.

Candidates Tackle Tough Questions

Mattapoisett Candidates Night

By Sam Bishop

The League of Women Voters South Coast hosted a candidates' night on April 30 at Old Hammondtown School for those seeking election in Mattapoisett's local elections scheduled for Tuesday, May 20.

Kris Eastman of the LWV spoke before passing to Moderator Jack Eklund, the recently retired moderator for the Town of Mattapoisett. Eklund, also a member of the LWV, is an attorney and is keeping a busy schedule





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moderating candidates' nights across Massachusetts. He also was moderator of Marion's candidates' night the day prior.

The moderator assured the public that all candidates running were invited, though some did not respond. Candidates who participated are seeking election to Town Assessor, Mattapoisett School Committee, Trustees of the Public Library, and two contested races for Board of Health and Old Rochester Regional School Committee.

In the race for a seat on the Board of Health. Douglas Schneider appeared against Michele Bernier, who is running for re-election. Bernier introduced herself first, saying she bought her current home on Pearl Street in 1987 and commuted to Boston for many years before

transitioning to real estate and meeting locals. She was elected to the Select Board, serving from 1996 to 1999.

"I enjoyed the policy side of government – I got hired as the assistant town administrator in North Attleboro," noted Bernier, who worked in that position for 20 years until saying her work as solid-waste manager, a role she enjoyed, took up most of her time. This, she said, is what brought her to the Board of Health.

Schneider spoke next, remarking on moving to the area in 1975 and graduating from ORR. He described his work in commercial development, being a civil engineer, registered land surveyor, certified soil evaluator, and certified septic-system inspector.

There were four questions asked of the candidates. The first was a multi-part, being: "What are the responsibilities of the Mattapoisett Board of Health? Why are you seeking the position, and what knowledge or skills do you bring to the Board of Health?"

Schneider answered first, primarily focusing on his experience in community development and desire to learn the job. He also mentioned his daughter being a nurse and looking to draw on and do right by her.

Bernier went next, speaking of the importance and connection of the Board of Health and its visibility in town with them coming to your home, should a concern arise.

The second question was: "If elected, what do you hope to accomplish during your three-year term on the Board of Health?" Bernier went first, stating a swap shop is opening soon at the transfer station that she wishes to support. She also mentioned finding new markets for recycled cardboard, as China is no longer viable. Bernier also stated she wants to help in the development of a compost program. Schneider again emphasized his desire to learn but said he has "no specific agenda to accomplish." He added, "I just want to do what's best for the town."

The third question was: "As a member of the Mattapoisett Board of Health, how would you address any conflict-of-interest issues that may arise in the course of performing your duties on behalf of the town?"

Schneider answered first, stating, "I feel this

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question may be addressed to me because I used to run a business in town." He said he solely does work on Cape Cod and no longer conducts any business in Mattapoisett. Bernier also stated she does not work in town and would face no conflict of interest.

The final question was: "What are some of the major challenges or concerns that the Board of Health may have to handle within the next two-to-five years, and will the Board of Health have the bandwidth to deal with these challenges or concerns?"

Bernier answered first, saying she would like to see the board increase membership from three members to five. She also said the hiring of a new Public Health nurse is paramount, with the current nurse leaving soon. Schneider answered next, focusing on regulations regarding the "extremely expensive" septic systems featuring denitrification technology. He stated regulations regarding these systems is forthcoming.

The candidates running for the ORR School Committee were next to speak. Both candidates are running for the first time for a three-year term. They also had four questions to answer.

Nina Datshkovsky-Ennis spoke first, saying she wanted to "support every child's potential academically, physically, and emotionally." Being a mother of two boys who attended ORR schools, she emphasized the importance of sports and after-school programs. She also discussed her multicultural background, stating that



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being of Mexican/American descent with Ukrainian-Jewish and Spanish-Catholic heritage gives her a unique and strong appreciation for different cultures.

Betsy Stewart spoke next, citing her skills as a leader with business-resource management as an important factor. She stated she wants to accelerate learning growth and lessen the town's tax burden.

The first question was: "What are the responsibilities of the School Committee? What inspired you to run for the School Committee and what unique perspectives or skills do you bring to the role?" Stewart highlighted the importance of the School Committee's role in public relations and communication between schools and the public, with Datshkovsky-Ennis also focused on

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communication, saying it was crucial to policy change and approval.

The second question was: "As a member of the ORR School Committee, what do you see as your role in ensuring safety for all students, maintaining academic standards while also allowing parental control over what students learn?" Datshkovsky-Ennis spoke first, saying she values the importance of balance with a focus on clear policy and staff training. For parents, she is an advocate for transparency and partnership. Stewart listed many policies and procedures the schools already do to keep kids safe but mentioned the importance of building and HVAC upkeep.

The third question was: "How would you prioritize educational programs and operational needs when federal funding to the state has been cut off, and what plans do you have to seek alternative funding sources to address gaps left by the federal funding shortfall?" Stewart dismissed worries of federal funding cuts, emphasizing Massachusetts's independence and reliance on the federal government for 5% of funding. Her priorities for funding are staffing and staff healthcare. She also spoke of the importance of maintaining student services and Individual Education Plans. Datshkovsky-Ennis focused on Title 1 and the protection of low-income families, also stating that she is not concerned with a lack in federal funding. She would prioritize teacher support, special education, and classroom needs.



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The final question was: “The Massachusetts Civil Learning Coalition reported (a) 2015 survey of Massachusetts District Superintendents found that 60% rated levels of civil learning in their districts as ‘insufficient,’ and 65% reported offering few or limited or occasional opportunities for civic learning. What do you know about the civil learning opportunities offered and taught at ORR?”

Datshkovsky-Ennis began, “we can do better.” She wants more hands-on curriculum and mock debates. She added, “We must raise students to be informed and engaged citizens with respect for diverse perspectives and a commitment to the democratic process.” Stewart followed, focusing on cooperation with new state-led

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initiatives and more community participation. She also approves of lower-grade programs to build up a "strong base" so more advanced topics can be tackled in high school.

Before the candidates in the two contested races spoke, the audience heard from other candidates for public office.

The first candidate to address the audience was Cary LeBlanc, running unopposed for town assessor. LeBlanc is running for her fifth term and stated she has sat on the board for 15 years. She stated her parents and grandparents were born and raised in Mattapoisett, with her living in the town since high school. LeBlanc emphasized her desire to give back to the town and mentioned she, in conjunction with her duties for the town, has worked as a residential real estate attorney for 24 years in Marion.

Next was Mackenzie Emmons, running for one of two open seats on the Mattapoisett School Committee. Emmons spoke on the importance of keeping kids safe in school and remarked on her work in special education for 16 years. For the last seven years, she has served as a BCBA (board certified behavior analyst). She stated, "throughout my career, I focused and deeply rooted ethically in representing individualized education for children with developmental disabilities and behavior disorders." She also serves as the vice president of the Mattapoisett PTA and a youth basketball coach. She had also served on the NCAA's Student Athletic Advisory Committee before her professional career. Also running is Cristin Cowles, who was not present.

Jeanne Hopkins, running for Library Trustee, was up next, who began by quoting Michelle Obama, saying, "I want to state Michelle Obama recently reminded us, 'if you don't like what you see happening, do something about it.'" She spoke of the importance of libraries to her and of receiving her first library card at the age of five. In terms of her motivation for running, she said, "I believe in keeping our library strong, well supported, and responsive to the needs of everyone in our town."

Eklund stated that mail-in ballot requests must be completed by Friday, May 9, with the last day to vote by

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mail being May 13 at 5:00 pm. The Mattapoisett Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School.

Burr Applauded in Final Meeting

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board met on Tuesday for a long list of action items and correspondences, which served as their last meeting before the Annual Town Meeting scheduled on the following Monday (May 12).

Before adjournment, it was announced that this was Vice Chair Carleton "Toby" Burr Jr.'s last regular meeting of the Select Board. He received an ovation from the room

and thanks from many.

Following the approval of minutes from their April 15 meeting, the board began with a Water/Sewer abatement for 270 Delano Road. It was stated the water meter had not been checked by a representative of the town prior to the meeting. The homeowner was present and stated the typical water bill hovers around \$2,500 with the home being seasonally used. The house has recently been winterized after previously having issues. The homeowner said the bill signifies "five weeks of water coming through in a matter of days" with further clarification from Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman signifying 8-gallons-per-minute of usage, that being similar to a running faucet.



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The owner and a family friend who works in construction both stated they found no evidence of the water arriving in the house, nor water damage. Chair Norman Hills pushed for the water meter to be checked and "we'll get back together." No decision was made at this time.

The next item was for a Performance Extension of 30 minutes for Tabor Academy's alumni weekend on June 7. This was approved unanimously. The board then also approved its Annual Water Restriction Schedule unanimously.

A discussion began for Town Meeting Warrant Article 17, regarding work on Town House compliance. The chair of the Finance Committee, Shay Assad, was present with other members to discuss their findings.

"We believe there is going to be substantial capital requirements for the schools. We only should be spending money on what's absolutely necessary." Assad and the committee sought to split the costs of the article, that being HVAC, a sprinkler system, and compliance, into different articles to give the people "a choice." He later cited HVAC installation as 30% of total costs and asked if the town could put out for a re-bid and have the voters decide in the October Town Meeting on separate works.

"We don't believe we should be going forward with the package as it's currently constructed," said Assad, who then brought up tariffs and the possibility of those affecting costs, or "unknown costs," he added. "They

need to realize there's going to be some substantial capital costs coming down," he reiterated, citing Town Counsel's need to advise the populous on the forthcoming effects of tariffs.

"Schools aren't the only thing we're facing," Hills added.

There was a disagreement over the communication of information regarding school-related cost increases between Assad and Select Board member Randy Parker, who was upset that he was only finding out about rising school costs now (Assad cited a \$6,000,000 rise). He stated it seemed like an "excuse" to go after Article 17, with Assad opposing the accusation.

Assad and the Select Board with the town administrator argued over the dissemination of information to each other, with neither party arriving at an agreement. Gorman stated the Finance Committee had received all of the Article 17 bid information "months ago," with Assad denying anyone had spoken to him directly about it.

At the end of the discussion, the Select Board agreed to take the Finance Committee's recommendation but chose not to act and allow voters to decide whether or not to approve the package bid under Article 17. Assad finalized his statements by assuring he has faith in the Marion people and "feels very fortunate" to be able to rely on them to make the decision they feel is right. Finance Committee member Thomas Crowley then spoke, warning of tariff costs and unforeseen consequences of such without knowing any exact protections in the original bid contract.

The Select Board then approved five Special One Day Alcohol Beverage Licenses. They were for ICJ Corp at the Marion Music Hall on May 17 for a hall of fame induction, for the Marion Social Club at 44 Pumping Station Road on May 31 for a graduation party, for ICJ Corp at the Marion Music Hall on June 7 for a wedding, for the Marion Social Club at 44 Pumping Station Road on July 20 for a pig roast, and finally another for the Marion Social Club at 44 Pumping Station Road on August 17 for a chicken bake.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board will

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take place after the elections and Town Meeting, and is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room.

Warrant Approved!

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board and the Finance Committee Monday officially recommended all 25 articles on the May 19 Annual Town Meeting Warrant after tweaking four problematic budget proposals.

In the Select Board's previous meeting, Town Administrator Cameron Durant had said he wanted to re-vote one part of the town's FY26 operating budget (Article #4) to remove \$100,000 from free cash to help eliminate a \$260,000 borrowing debt on an Ambulance and a Fire Truck. This debt reduction would free up money to spend instead on the Rochester Memorial School Special Education account (Article #11), boosting that line item by an equal \$100,000. Board Member Adam Murphy halted an immediate recommendation vote on both, saying he wanted more information first.

On Monday, the board recommended Articles 4 and Eleven after Murphy reported he had been educated on the complex realities of special education budget funding that makes the move a good idea. He had a lengthy meeting with ORR school superintendent Michael Nelson and Finance Director Suzanne Szyndlar, he said, where

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he learned the intricacies of the state's Circuit Breaker program, which reimburses the cost of delivering high-cost special education services to public school students but only in the fiscal year after the expense had been incurred. "I feel more educated now," Murphy said. "I feel better about this expense now."

Article 16 proposes establishing a Facilities Management reserve account with \$20,000. Here too Murphy and the other board members had requested more information on this plan, which would grant Facilities Manager Andrew Daniels funds for emergency maintenance work. On Monday, Murphy elaborated that there needs to be a better plan for granting Daniels emergency funds. He wanted to know what exactly this

\$20,000 will be spent on. "We need to create a budget for him," Murphy said.

The board members recommended this article after tweaking its language. They agreed to work on a better plan for funding the department in future years and, meanwhile, to add to this year's article the language that services under \$1,000 may be authorized by the town administrator; expenses over that amount must be approved by the Select Board.

The board then tweaked the budget proposal for the Capital Improvement Fund. It agreed with Murphy's proposal to decrease that line item to \$150,000; the original proposal was for \$250,000. The board agreed that the \$100,000 saved will now be free to spend on future special education stabilization funding.

Rochester's total budget proposal for FY26 will be \$27,022,457.

In other action, the board approved the appointments of retired Massachusetts State Police Sergeant David Mackin and retired Acushnet Police officer Paul Melo as Rochester Police Department reserve officers.

The board granted three conservation restrictions for Rochester properties. As requested by Buzzards Bay Coalition representative Allen Decker, the board endorsed CRs for 80 acres of Snipatuit Pond Cedar Forest off the northeast side of Neck Road that the Rochester Land Trust will hold and that will be available for passive recreation, 27 acres of the Paul property on New Bedford Road that the town of Marion will hold because the parcel is a drinking water aquifer, and 365 acres of Sippican East off of Cranberry Highway that the town land trust will hold as plans develop to restore the property to normal wetlands. This parcel currently contains cranberry bogs.

The board approved a new street name, Gates' Path, for a new subdivision, Freetown Farms, off of Dr. Braley Road. Board Chair Brad Morse added to this motion that the Police, Fire and EMT departments must respond that this is not a duplicate street name in town.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, May 12 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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Finance Committee Votes to Not Support Article 17

Marion Finance Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Finance Committee met on Wednesday, April 30 to discuss Marion Town Meeting Warrant Article 17, to be voted on by the people on May 12. By the end of the meeting, the Finance Committee would all find themselves on the same page and vote accordingly.

Article 17 goes as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,276,722 to be used for the renovation of the Marion Town House to provide accessibility, fire suppression,

building code and HVAC compliance, including final design and all other costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet this appropriation to see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$300,000 and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$2,976,722 under the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §7(1) or any other appropriate enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that the appropriation authorized hereunder shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a ballot question to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called; and further that the Select Board

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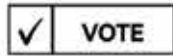
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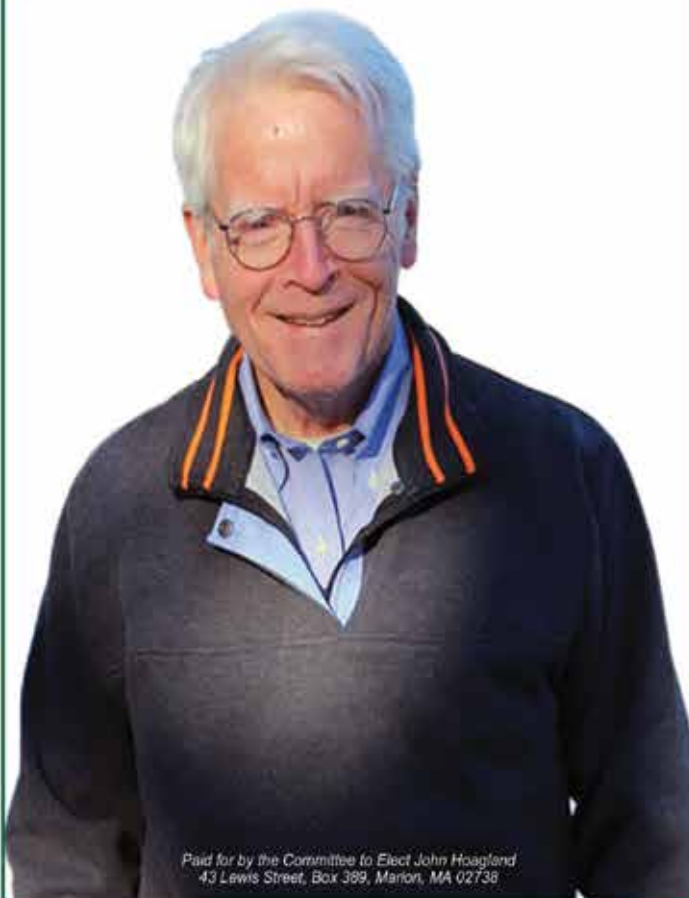
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The Finance Committee, helmed by Chair Shay Assad, felt the different proposed works on the Town House should be split into multiple articles and not be lumped into one. That being, separate votes on accessibility and compliance versus HVAC instillation. At the end of the meeting, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to not support Article 17 as shown and push to make an amendment.

Most Finance Committee members would be at the Select Board meeting the following Tuesday to plead their case.

The next Marion Finance Committee meeting was not scheduled at adjournment but will take place after Town Meeting and the election.

Cottage Bylaw Being Researched

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The lack of affordable housing in Mattapoisett has long been an issue. Time and time again, various boards have acknowledged the need for housing, especially for young families and senior citizens. But little in the way of action has been forthcoming. That is about to change.

Recently, the current configuration of the Planning Board (Chairman Tom Tucker and Members Karen Field,



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William Wennerberg, John Mathieu, and Nathan Ketchel) has taken up the matter by not only having meaningful discussions, but in drafting bylaw(s) for the public to digest and comment on.

One such bylaw is known as the Cottage Bylaw.

Members Mathieu and Wennerberg have rallied around the concept of expanding the Route 6 corridor to allow for greater density and variety of structural styles. During the May 5 meeting, the board members discussed the pros of having this new category of housing and how it would benefit the community.

Planner Vitoria Alfaro stated that a seminar she had attended talked about high-density cottage style zoning options. Wennerberg and Mathieu agreed it was very

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close to what they envision as a viable housing option for the town. Alfaro was asked to prepare a draft of a cottage bylaw for the board's review. Tucker reminded the board that a public meeting was needed prior to advancing any new bylaws to a Town Meeting vote.

Alfaro presented the board with a copy of a state drafted bylaw titled Cottage Community Bylaw. The board members will now research the matter further and add their comments. Public comments are welcomed Tucker noted.

The cottage bylaw draft currently reads in part "... Cottage housing development represent an alternative form of detached housing becoming a crucial component of the town's comprehensive housing strategy... (the bylaw would) ...provide housing types that are responsive

to changing household demographics, would reduce development footprints, and encourage the creation of more useable space..."

The draft goes on to note there would be open spaces, common open space, that would foster a sense of community.

Design standards were discussed with Mathieu staying..."I don't want to see any board having too much control over what a developer designs," such as color or structural style. But he and Wennerberg concurred that "all the moving parts" seemed to be in place for creating a new bylaw.

There was some discussion regarding ADU (accessory dwelling units) and guest/family apartments. Suffice to say the board is exploring options. Family apartments and ADU homes are governed by either local bylaws or state bylaws. No changes to those were noted.

These matters will be discussed again on May 19 at the next board meeting.

Solar Array Access Concerns Neighbors

Rochester Conservation Commission


By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission spent most of its Tuesday meeting reviewing and fielding abutters' concerns over a Notice of Intent for proposed work on an access road for a ground-mounted solar array system within a bordering vegetated wetlands in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road.

The proposal by Logging Swamp Solar c/o ReWild Renewables includes work within the 200-foot riverfront area associated with an on-site perennial stream as well as within a local 25-foot No Disturb zone. Project representative Sarah Sterns of Beals and Thomas Engineering began the hearing by explaining that a former logging road is the only way to access where the 49-acre site will be developed with a solar panel array. Two small areas of vegetated wetlands will be altered to connect them as a way to improve the groundwater flow, and a small timber bridge will be built. This will result in a 2500-foot road that the project's construction equipment will need, she said.

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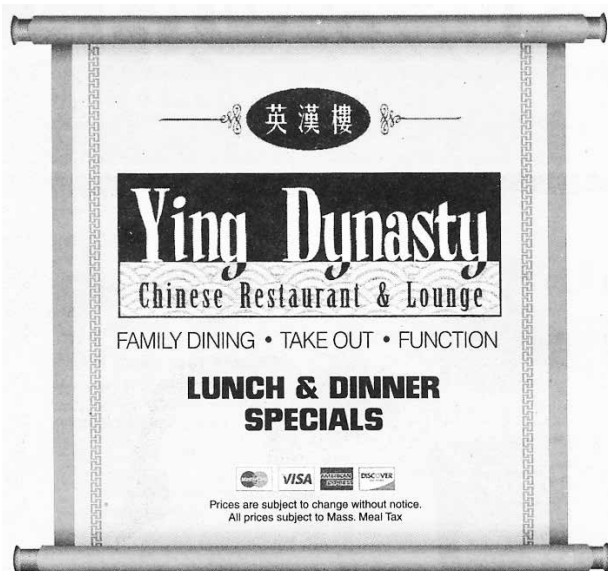
Abutters responded with strong concerns that the project will send more water onto their properties. Alan Gagnani of 655 Snipatuit Road complained the proposed road would be 40 feet from his property and 100 feet from his well. He said he and his neighbors have a lot of concerns. "I'm terrified by my concern about how this will affect my quality of life," added Lisa Christensen of 663 Snipatuit Road.

Commission Chair Christopher Gerrior suggested the developer look again into other places to build access to the solar field site, such as through easements across some abutters' properties more upland of the site. Sterns, taking notes on all the comments she received, said she will look into all suggestions and share them with the

developer. Upon Sterns' request, the board continued the hearing to June 3.

A Notice of Intent filed by Seaport Homes to construct a single-family home with associated clearing, grading and installation of utilities at a new address on Gifford Lane also filled the meeting room seats with concerns and protests that the project should not be built in such a wetlands sensitive area. Andy Hammersmith and other members of the Snobs Pond Association said it was unacceptable that a house could be built there. "It is not buildable in any way," he said.

The commission ultimately issued the project an Order of Conditions, but with special conditions related to the abutters' feedback. Permanent markers will be placed



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to delineate where wetlands begin. No fertilizer will be used. A septic system that will hold the groundwater's nitrogen and phosphorous will be installed.

In other action, the commission certified the completion of a project to construct a single-family home with associated grading and landscaping at 22 High Street by granting applicant Olivia Richard a Certificate of Compliance

The commission approved an After-the-Fact Notice of Intent application for a proposal to cut trees and yard renovations within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone at 56 Marion Road. Applicant Justin Pavao explained he did not realize he was violating wetland laws when he and his wife began clearing the dense brush and the overgrown garden on his property.

The board continued to June 3 a Notice of Intent hearing on constructing a 20,000 square-foot commercial building with associated access drives, parking areas, utilities and storm water management system at a new address on Cranberry Highway. Applicant Seaport Enterprises' representative Bob Rogers requested the continuance pending the town engineer's peer review and his hearing with the Rochester Planning Board next week.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be May 20 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

To Pier, or Not to Pier, That Is the Question

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday night to hold a continued public hearing for a special permit request that would allow an association pier for two dwellings at 61 and 63 Oakdale Avenue. After last hearing on April 22, the construction representative declared a series of changes had been made from last meeting.

Firstly, the length of the pier had been shrunk about 40 feet; to 96 feet, down from 127 feet. To accommodate kayakers, the pier plans elevated the pier by 5 feet about the waterline. There would also be added lighting to define the pier to channel users. Instead of a ramp down the hill from the shore, stairs would be installed. After the talk of plan changes, a lengthy discussion was carried

out between the properties' representative, members of the public, and board members.

Member Dale Jones had been to the sight and talked to the Harbormaster. Speaking of the aforementioned alterations to the plan, he said, "these adjustments should work a lot better." He added, "I think this is a good compromise."

Following Jones' comments, members Ryan Burke and Doug Guey-Lee discussed the creation and legality of the proposed association. 61 and 63 Oakdale Avenue would form an association for joint use of the pier. There had been questions as to the reasoning for the association creation at the last Planning Board meeting, with Chair Daniels having said an association seemed like a "loophole."

Clerk Eileen J. Marum questioned pier orientation. She was answered east-west. The Clerk said it should really be north-west facing, as sunlight interference would be minimized to protect marine life. There were also other concerns levied for marine life and wildlife. The property representative said he had already gone through numerous channels and received certifications from the Army Corp of Engineer and the Conservation Commission, "which cover a lot of your concerns." It was also asked whether the construction and final product would "minimize impacts to sensitive habitats?" The representative stated the position of the pylons is at the minimum number to reduce interference. A neighbor later stated they had seen osprey and worried of the pier's impact on them.

A member of the public and neighbor on Oakdale rose, saying "It is not two single-family homes." He carried, stating the two properties contain a two-family dwelling, an auxiliary dwelling, and another single-family dwelling unit.

Another local spoke of there being no large piers on Hammetts Cove currently. "The western shore is very congested" though there is no current construction on the east side. They also defended the public beach, saying the pier may be too close to the beach legally. They added the lot is non-conforming for a pier.

Land-based herbivores also migrate along the shore, another abutter said. "If you allow this owner to have a pier, other owners can as well." They added, "who's gonna police who's on the pier?" citing the increased need of harbormaster resources to monitor pier usage and safety.

A member of the public was upset by there only being one member of the two properties present, arguing it's "not an association" due to no other member of it being present. Also, there was discussion over wording in the Special Permit request. A section mentioned giving power to the property the pier would be built on to dictate the times of other members of the association can access it. The member said it did not seem like a fair and equal agreement.

A final neighbor worried of the change of environmental views. They stated the view of the cove would be impaired, "like building a bridge across the cove." They also cited "the largest pier Hammetts Cove is something like 50 feet."

Andrew Daniel then arrived later into the meeting. He



mentioned having spoken with Town Council regarding the pier's practicality and legality. He stated the pier would not conform to existing bylaws. A continuance was requested due to these concerns and the others. Member Ryan Burke said, "I don't see this in front of us as something that should be continued – or considered." That being said, the request was continued for June 2 with a vote of 5 for and 2 against.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board will be on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department.

"Summer is Here!"

Marion Board of Health

By Sam Bishop

On Thursday, May 1, the Marion Board of Health met to discuss various correspondences and hold two public hearings for variances. The Chair, John Howard, was absent, but the meeting carried on as usual due to the board's scheduled appointments.

Following the approval of the minutes from the board's March 6 and April 17 meetings, Member Edward Hoffer began the Variance Request Public Hearing for 2 Edwards Bridge Road. The request was made in order to install a Title V septic system without a denitrification system. The argument made against a denitrification system was the property's far distance from the bay. It was also stated there are no well or water resources within 200 feet of the site, though there is a cranberry bog uphill from the property.

Some concern was levied against the property's proximity to Mary's Pond by board members, though it was stated the pond lies half a mile away. The two present board members, Hoffer and Johnson, were concerned over making decisions without their fellow member and Chair and whether starting to omit denitrification systems may "start a slippery slope" according to Co-Chair Johnson. Following this, Chair John Howard arrived stating "Cape Cod traffic" delayed his arrival. "Summer is here!" he added. After the board discussed among themselves, the board asked for a continuance in order to meet with the Town Administrator to ascertain whether the Board of

Health has a case-by-case authority to decide themselves whether a property needs a denitrification system. This hearing was continued to May 15.

The next hearing began, also for a Variance Request, for Register Road. The request would allow two Title V percolation tests at 34 minutes per inch and 40 minutes per inch respectively, rather than what is stated in Marion's sanitation code, being 38 minutes per inch. The land in question is vacant and undeveloped. The current owners have owned the property for 50 years, since 1975. They seek the percolation tests in order to develop the property some time in the future. The board was concerned with development, as it is a "water sensitive area" as Hoffer said. The Variance Request was approved unanimously, with much discussion as to whether Marion would eventually change its current regulations or match that of the state in terms of percolation tests.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for May 15 at 4:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

Bulldogs Sweep on Track

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School track-and-field teams hosted Somerset Berkley on May 1 and came away victoriously as ORR's boys won, 105-31, and ORR's girls won, 104-31.

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There were lots of great times and throws in this meet, as Zach Gates won shot put (44 feet, 11.75 inches) and discus (126-10). Wes Archelus won the 110-meter hurdles (14.9 seconds) and 200-meter dash (23.2). Nolan Bushnell won the 800-meter race (2:01.6) and 1 mile (5:00). Seb Harrigan won the 400 hurdles (61.0), and 400 (51.8). Other winners include Braeden Christopher (high jump), Jacob Gear (javelin), Henry Berry (long jump), Malik Washington (triple jump), and Stefan St. Louis (100).

For the girls, Ella Milhench won the 2 mile (13:07) and 1 mile (6:22). Audrey Thomas won the 100 (12.7) and 400 (60.2). Gabby Pinhacos won the 100 hurdles (17.9) and triple jump (31-2). Other winners included Morgan Patraiko (javelin), Delilah Post (400 hurdles), Phoebe Cowles (800), and Rayn Lauradin (200). Both teams took 4-0 South Coast Conference records into Tuesday's meet against league rival Dighton-Rehoboth.

Girls Tennis

The Bulldogs hosted Seekonk (7-4) on April 29 and won 5-0. Old Rochester has been dominant all season and still hasn't dropped a match, as their record is 9-0. They've won every single match 5-0, except for one (4-1 against Apponequet). They will face Apponequet (8-2) in a rematch on Thursday, May 8.

Boys Lacrosse

Old Rochester faced Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech (1-12) on May 2 and won 18-2. Tucker Roy and Benji Baptiste were named the players of the game. Roy won

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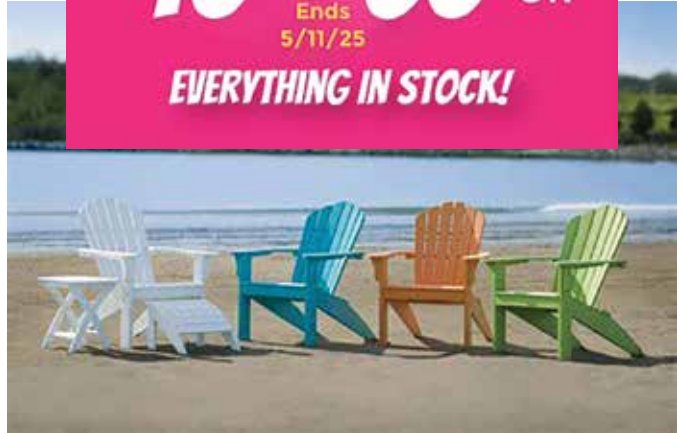


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Eleanor May Martin, 90, passed away on March 19, 2025 at Vantage of New Bedford. She was the daughter of Harry and Constance (Buchan) Martin of New Bedford and Mattapoisett..

A lover of animals (especially cats), flowers and all natural beauty, classical music and reading, Eleanor was raised in New Bedford and graduated from New Bedford High School. Her greatest love was of all things Mattapoisett, where her grandfather built a summer cottage for the family. In her younger days, Eleanor wrote articles about Mattapoisett and other subjects of interest to her. She also did illustrated travel lectures about the western states with her sister Betty.

Eleanor ran a small business in Fairhaven (The Dancing Cat) for many years making and selling handbags and totes. Predeceased by her sister Constance (Betty) Davin of Illinois, Eleanor was a warm, independent, always curious friend to those who knew her.

Thanks go out to the second floor staff at Vantage, the Hospice team from Fairhaven Community Nursing, the staff from Coastline Services and last but not least, the staff at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, especially Elizabeth Leatham. A celebration of life will be held at a later date this Spring.



Frank J. Marston, 88, of Marion died May 1, 2025 at home.

He was the husband of the late Mary Patricia (Kane) Marston.

Born in Boston, son of the late Francis and Helen (Dickenson) Marston, he was raised in Dorchester, and raised his family in Westwood before retiring to

Marion.

He was formerly employed as an electrical engineer with Raytheon for many years and served 2 tours with Raytheon in the Kwajalein Atoll.

Mr. Marston was a graduate of Tufts University and served in the U.S. Navy.

He was an avid bridge player and won many state awards. He also enjoyed reading and walking.

Survivors include his children, Francis J. Marston and his wife Jeanne of Rochester, and Ellen P. Keats and her husband James of Bolton; two sisters, Mary O'Keefe and Barbara O'Hara; seven grandchildren, Owen, Kyle, Danielle, Sadie, Jake, Jonathan and Jason; 2 great-grandsons, Tristan and Dalton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Jacqueline Marston and Michael Marston.

His Funeral will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for

Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by his Funeral Mass at 10 am in St. Rose of Lima Church, 282 Vaughan Hill Rd., Rochester. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Marion. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday, May 6th. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Marilyn J. (Parker) Urquhart, 81, of Wareham, formerly of Marion, passed away on May 3, 2025, at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. She was the wife of Alexander G. Urquhart and the daughter of the late Benjamin and Gladys (Westgate) Parker.

She was born in New Bedford and lived in Marion for most of her life before moving to Wareham 8 years ago. She graduated from Wareham High School and Bridgewater State University.

Mrs. Urquhart worked as an Elementary School Teacher at Rochester Memorial School and later at the Hammond School in Wareham.

She enjoyed photography, reading, cooking and "secret trips" to the casino. She loved gardening and growing hydrangeas. She was especially proud of her sons, Chip and Greg.

Survivors include her husband, Alexander G. Urquhart; 2 sons, Alexander G. "Chip" Urquhart, Jr. and his wife, Kerri of Marion and Gregory D. Urquhart and his wife Anne of Marion; her twin sister, Marjorie Borsari of Marion; 5 grandchildren, Mathew, Brian, Alexandra, Colin, and Mason Urquhart; 2 great grandchildren, Bryce and Ashton Davis.

Visiting hours are from 4 to 7 pm on Friday, May 9, 2025 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations - Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Old Landing Cemetery, Rte. 6 & Ryder's Ln., Marion.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284-9168 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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Catherine "Kate" O'Toole Brown passed away peacefully on April 16, 2025, at the age of 75, surrounded by her family. Her passing followed complications from open-heart surgery, the result of her lifelong struggle with type 1 diabetes.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Kate was the beloved wife of Timothy "Tim" J. Brown for 54 years and the devoted mother of Elizabeth "Liz" Brown Tapper. She is survived by Tim, Liz, her son-in-law Jim Tapper, and her siblings: brother Chuck, and

over 80% of the faceoffs, and Baptiste scored three goals. Winners of seven consecutive games, the Bulldogs took an 8-2 record into Wednesday's home game against Somerset Berkley (3-7).

Hot Bats Carry Cougars *Old Colony RVTHS Sports Roundup* **By Nic Giokas**

The bats came through once again for the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School softball team, which had won four of its last six games going into Wednesday's road game against Bristol Aggie in Dighton.

The Cougars defeated South Shore Voc-Tech, 13-9, on May 1 in Hanover, as Sharon Delancey went five innings of three-hit ball on the mound while striking out seven batters and walking only one to raise her record to 4-4 on the season.

Maeve Hunter knocked home four runs to lead the offense, while going 1-for-2 while scoring twice and stealing two bases. Laila Servis went 2-for-2 at the plate, scoring twice and knocking in three runs. Leah Robitaille went 2-for-3, scoring three runs and stealing a base, while Lindsay Sumner hit an RBI triple and scored twice. Kayleigh DeSousa got her 100th career hit.

DeSousa, Robitaille and Patty Spillane all had three-hit performance in Old Colony's 18-0 victory over Cape Cod Tech on April 28 in Harwich. Leah Robitaille (3-for-4) hit a three-run home run and finished with four RBI and two runs scored, while deSousa (3-for-5) tripled, walked, stole a base and scored two runs, and Spillane (3-for-4) scored three runs and had a RBI. Lindsay Sumner added a pair of hits and two RBI. On the mound, deSousa raised her record to 2-1 with 5 1/3 innings of work, allowing five runs (three earned) on three hits while striking out 10 batters.

Baseball

The Old Colony baseball team collected its fifth win against Cape Cod RVT, 28-0. Leading the way hitting



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was Cam Valle with two hits and seven runs batted in. Leading the way pitching was Marc Donati with nine strikeouts while only allowing two hits.

Girls Lacrosse

Old Colony defeated South Shore, 13-3, on offense from Maddie Caulkins (4 goals, 1 assist), Addison Tyler (3 goals, 3 assists), Logan Crook (goal, assist), Lauren LeBeau (3 goals), and Ella Harkins (2 goals). Jadyn Antao made 11 saves in net for the victory.

OBITUARIES

sisters Beth, Mary-Pat, and Maggie—and their families.

Kate graduated with honors from Seton Hill College (BA), earned her master's degree at Bridgewater State University (MA), and later received her Master of Library Science from the University of Illinois (MLS). A lifelong lover of children and books, she brought these passions together in a career as a librarian and educator, nurturing the curiosity and growth of thousands of young people.

Kate was a gentle soul and a steady friend to many. Her leadership as President of the Mattapoisett Women's Club brought her both challenge and joy, reflecting her enduring commitment to service, friendship, and community.

In keeping with Kate's wishes, family and friends

will gather to celebrate her life with a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Mattapoisett, MA on Saturday, May 17, at 10 am. Interment will be private.

To honor Kate's memory, donations may be made to Breakthrough T1D (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: JDRF), or to Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA. As a heartfelt alternative, pick up your favorite book and read a story to whatever circle of children surrounds you—just as Kate would have loved.

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

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11:00 AM A Conversation With...
11:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
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12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Evening Conversation with Senator Mike Rodrigues
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Friday May 9, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM 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 Council on Aging - Volunteering

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 Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
5:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give
6:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
6:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act
7:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
9:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball MIAA State Finals vs Norwell
11:00 PM Gay USA
11:30 PM Mattapoisett Historic Consultant Presentation

Saturday May 10, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
12:30 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Edwin Pina
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 - Historic Fair with Colonial Flair
5:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act
6:00 PM Council on Aging - Volunteering
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 May 11, 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 St Gabriel's Church
11:30 AM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
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10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday May 12, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House
11:30 AM Pete on the Street
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today

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4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Hurricane
6:00 PM Four Deep Sports
6:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne
7:30 PM ORR Boys Baseball vs Wareham
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday May 13, 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 Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
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4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
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 Classic Movie

Wednesday May 14, 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
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
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2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
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3:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs St. Marys
4:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball MIAA State Finals vs Norwell
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6:00 PM Building the Future
6:30 PM Pete on the Street
7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series - Notre Dame
8:30 PM Evening Conversation with Senator Mike Rodrigues
9:30 PM The Old Colony Band Concert
11:00 PM ORR Foyer Instrumental Concert

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1:00 PM Marion School Committee
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
2:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
4:30 PM Marion Board of Health
5:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
6:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
7:30 PM ORR School Committee
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
11:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM ORR School Committee
4:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
7:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
11:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports
8:30 AM Cable History of Old Colony RVTHS
9:30 AM Old Colony Drama
11:30 AM Old Colony Skills USA
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
1:30 PM ORR Volleyball Championship vs Dennis Yarmouth
3:00 PM MIAA Div 3 State Final ORR Boys Basketball vs Norwell
4:30 PM ORR Boys Div 3 MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown
5:30 PM Old Colony 8th Grade Exploratory
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame
7:30 PM ORR Softball vs Wareham
9:30 PM ORR Class Olympics
10:30 PM STEAM the Streets Presentation
11:30 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Cohasset

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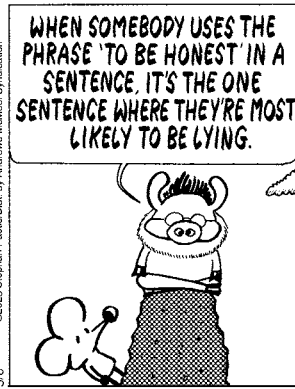
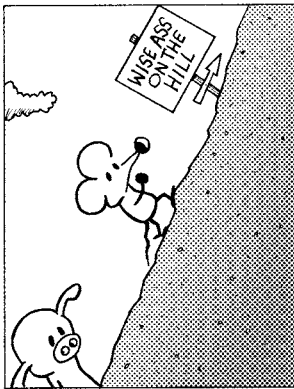
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

As proposed, the draft Short-Term Rental (STR) bylaw is contrary to the Marion Master Plan goals of Village Style residential areas and expansion of affordable housing for families and empty nesters. It ignores the Marion Housing Production Plan goals: (1) promote housing options for those with moderate and fixed incomes, (2) produce housing options to support safe and accessible housing for all ages.

Zoning is the use of ordinance to partition the Town into sections reserved for different purposes (residence, business, industry). Residence is defined as the act of dwelling in a place for some time, the place where one actually lives; as distinguished from a place of temporary sojourn (a STR). The draft STR bylaw ignores these established concepts.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Jailhouse Schlock

By Rob Gonsalves
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Henry Johnson. Starring Evan Jonigkeit and Shia LaBeouf. Directed by David Mamet. Running time: 85 minutes. No MPAA rating, but equivalent to an R rating. Now playing in theaters.

Over the years, the playwright/director David Mamet has deteriorated from a savvy master of juicy rhetoric (his gravestone work will probably be *Glengarry Glen Ross*, currently on Broadway in a new production) to a dry political philosopher who's here to tell you a thing or two. We're all saps and marks except for Mamet, and it's important to him that we know that. It's likely he wants to think of himself as Ricky Roma, but he has aged into someone closer to Shelley Levene, an old-timer who thinks his notions about the world being dog-eat-dog are distilled drinks of pure wisdom. By now, though, they're actually very flat beer.

Mamet's *Henry Johnson* is his first feature directorial effort since *Redbelt* in 2008. Henry (Evan Jonigkeit, who is married to Mamet's daughter Zosia) is, shall we say, morally slippery. This is laid out for us in great detail by his boss (Chris Barnes), who spends the better part of half an hour interrogating Henry about a friend of his who violently induced a girlfriend's miscarriage when she wouldn't abort. The boss lingers so long on questions of how close Henry was to this friend that we know some reckoning is on the way. Abruptly we cut from a dazed-looking Henry in his boss's office to an equally dazed-looking Henry arriving in his tiny, sparse jail cell, which he shares with Gene (Shia LaBeouf), your friendly neighborhood jailhouse monologist.

We never find out why Gene is in prison — we barely know why Henry is there, since the information is given to us in fragments and the crime never seems to leave the abstract (we never meet Henry's friend or the woman whose body they both violated). Henry has Done Something Shameful and Must Pay the Price; that's all that's important to Mamet, that and his career-long fixation on cocks of the walk who have all the answers. That'd be Gene, and though rivetingly acted by LaBeouf — all the actors, really, bring game and good faith to the material, which doesn't always deserve it — Gene, we can't help noticing, is essentially a jailbird clone of Mamet, with his thick brush cut and beard. We spend roughly a third of this short movie getting the Mamet lecture on manipulation, which has been foremost on Mamet's hard drive for 55 years now.



Henry, we gather, is one of those guys destined to be hoodwinked by those smarter and more ruthless. He's meant as a cautionary tale, a sucker whose fatal flaw is his tendency to trust the wrong people. In Mametland, the wrong people to trust are pretty much everyone except the Mamet mouthpiece. That might include Jerry (Dominic Hoffman), the guard who supervises the prison library where Henry and Gene spend a good part of their time. In the third act, we're thrown *in medias res* into a hostage situation with a gun-wielding Henry barricading himself into the library while Jerry sits and bleeds. And talks and talks.

We again deduce what happened to bring us here piecemeal, from fragments of exposition. But for the most part we listen to Jerry talk about his life and job — my attention kept squirming away from what he was saying, because the guy with the gun kept pulling focus. Didn't Mamet the expert dramatist know that would happen? And here again, despite all the bulling he does in his writing-instruction books about show-don't-tell, Mamet tries to bend cinema to the will of stage drama and gives us a film, or film-shaped thing, that neither shows nor even *tells* much of anything despite being constructed entirely of three guys waxing eloquent at Henry. It all seems arrogantly empty and abstract other than the moral Mamet wants us to take with us.

Which is this: Don't even try to be better at the game of life than David Mamet. He is smarter than you ever will be, and has hung around more corners than you ever will. (Some of this attitude rears its head in his politics, which he largely leaves out of *Henry Johnson* but are clearly on view whenever he wants to favor us with a magazine thinkpiece about the trouble with the homeless or liberals, like a barstool bigot who wants to bend your ear about how everyone's a crook.) There was some compassion in even his invective-laden *Glengarry Glen Ross*, a whiff of sadness for the Shelley Levenes of the world, who weren't cut out for the jungle of life that Mamet proposed. Not any more.

Previously I raised important questions with respect to the STR bylaw: (1) what is the justification for proposing by-right, non-residential use in all residential zones, (2) what is the justification for no cap on the number of STRs in Marion, and (3) what is the justification for having no limit on the number of STRs owned by a single entity? These questions remain unanswered.

As written, the proposed bylaw will result in the disruption of family residential neighborhoods. Who will be your neighbor tomorrow? It will result in the loss of any reasonably affordable housing in Marion. It is not in the best interest of Marion residents.

Norman Hills, Marion

To the Editor,

As a resident of the proposed Historic District, I write to express my opposition to the bylaw proposal as currently written. While I value our village's unique historical character and initially approached this initiative with an open mind, my engagement with the Historic Commission's process - and a careful review of the data - has led me to conclude that the bylaw is overly broad, lacks evidentiary support, and is driven more by subjective aesthetics and political concerns than by objective need.

My home, built in 1853 by local carpenter Augustus Handy, is a piece of Marion's history that I cherish. I

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MARION

Log highlights April 27 – May 3

- Spring St – MV complaint
- Mill St – MV collision
- Cove Cir – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Benson Brook Rd – Wildlife services
- Tucker Ln – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Converse Rd – Follow up investigation
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Delano Rd – Paper service
- South St – EMS/medical
- Gifford's Corner Rd – Wildlife services
- Stoney Run Ln – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – General service
- Point Rd – General service
- 195 West - Officer wanted
- Spring St – Parking enforcement
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Pleasant Sgt – General service
- Maple Ave – EMS/medical
- Oakdale Ave – EMS/medical
- Cove Cir – EMS/medical
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Follow up

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Log highlights April 27 – May 3

- Baker Ln – Medical assist
- Church St – Ext – Suspicious MV
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Beacon St – MV violations
- County Rd - Arrest
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Marina Dr – Suspicious MV
- Bay Club Dr – 911 call
- Ocean Dr – Animal control
- North St – MV lockout
- Old Rd to Pine Island – Health/welfare
- Riverside Dr – Abandoned 911
- Channing Rd - Notification
- Park Pl – Animal control
- Mechanic St – 911 call
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Brandt Island Rd – Unwanted person
- Pepperbush Ln – Medical alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Brandt Island Rd – Follow up
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- River Rd – Follow up investigation
- Fairhaven Rd - Complaint
- Marion Rd – General service
- Water St – Medical assist
- Mechanic St - Complaint
- Barlow Ln – Medical assist
- Marion Rd - Vandalism
- Water St – Animal control

ROCHESTER

Log highlights April 27 – May 3

- Springwood Dr – Follow up
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – Burglar alarm
- Dexter Ln – Panic alarm
- Forbes Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Larceny/arrest
- Constitution Way – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – Follow up
- Snipatuit Rd – Road hazard
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Bishop Rd – Animal control
- Mendell Rd – Structure fire
- Quaker Ln – 911 call
- Stuart Rd – Lost animal
- New Bedford Rd – Well-being check
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- County Rd – Noise complaint
- Dexter Ln – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – Erratic MV
- County Rd – MV collision
- Foss Farm Ln – 911 call
- Vaughn Hill Rd – General services
- Edwards Ln – Animal control
- Alley Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – MV collision
- Perrys Ln – Outside fire

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 12: Creamy dill salmon w/ lemon wedge, brown rice, spinach & red peppers, wheat bread, peach cup

Tuesday, May 13: Garden salad w/ French pork marsala w/mushrooms, egg noodles, carrots, Hawaiian roll, cinnamon apples

Wednesday, May 14: Tuscan chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, shortbread cookie

Thursday, May 15: Pot roast w/brown gravy, roasted sweet potatoes, green peas, dinner roll, pear

Friday, May 16: Seafood cajun pasta. Whole grain pasta, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, pudding, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, May 13: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, warm tortilla

Wednesday, May 14: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 15: Spaghetti w/meat

sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 16: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, May 13: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, warm tortilla

Wednesday, May 14: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 15: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 16: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato,

pickle

Tuesday, May 13: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, warm tortilla

Wednesday, May 14: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 15: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 16: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, May 13: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, warm tortilla

Wednesday, May 14: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 15: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 16: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served

w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, May 12: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, May 13: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, taco toppings bar, warm tortilla

Wednesday, May 14: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 15: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 16: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, May 12: Crispy chicken bowl w/ mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll

Tuesday, May 13: Sloppy Joe & fries

Wednesday, May 14: Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

Thursday, May 15: Steak & cheese sub, peppers, onions & mushrooms

Friday, May 16: Assorted pizza

have attended public meetings held by the commission, where concerns about “insensitive” renovations and the emergence of “McMansions” were repeatedly raised. However, despite frequent claims, the commission provided no concrete examples or data to support the idea that development is actively harming the village’s historical integrity.

Motivated by this lack of data, I conducted my own review of the 207 properties within the proposed district. I focused on the past decade, examining renovations, demolitions, and new construction. Here’s what I found:

Renovations and Additions: About 17% of properties have seen some form of investment, from new siding to additions. These projects were largely respectful of original designs and materials. Rather than detracting from the area, they have enhanced the look and integrity of the neighborhood.

Demolitions and Rebuilds: Seven homes—roughly 3%—have been torn down and rebuilt in the last 10 years. In nearly all cases, the original structures were beyond reasonable repair. Their replacements were designed by local architects and built with high-quality materials. None resemble the oversized, poorly constructed homes implied by the term “McMansion.”

The word “insensitive,” often used by the commission, is inherently subjective. Based on my observations, the new homes are thoughtfully designed and compatible with the community’s character. Some developments, like new condominiums, serve a clear public good by providing age-appropriate housing options for longtime residents.

I’ve shared my findings with commission members, and while our conversations have been respectful, our disagreement centers on size and scale. But these are planning and zoning concerns—not matters of historic preservation. If the goal is to prevent out-of-scale development, we should pursue targeted zoning reforms like adjusting building coverage ratios or setbacks—not a sweeping historic bylaw that adds another layer of subjective oversight.

This bylaw seems like a solution in search of a problem. Marion is not undergoing a teardown crisis. What I see is a town benefiting from thoughtful renewal. Homeowners are preserving and improving their properties. Local tradespeople are thriving. Our tax base is growing, helping to fund schools and infrastructure. This isn’t a threat to be stopped; it’s a sign of a healthy, evolving community.

We must ask: what kind of change are we resisting? Marion has always been a blend of architectural styles shaped over centuries. Preserving its character doesn’t mean freezing it in time. It means guiding change with intelligence and fairness—best accomplished through effective zoning, not rigid historic regulation.

On May 12, I urge my fellow residents to vote no on the proposed historic bylaw. Let’s reject unnecessary oversight and embrace a vision of Marion that respects

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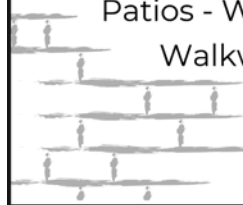
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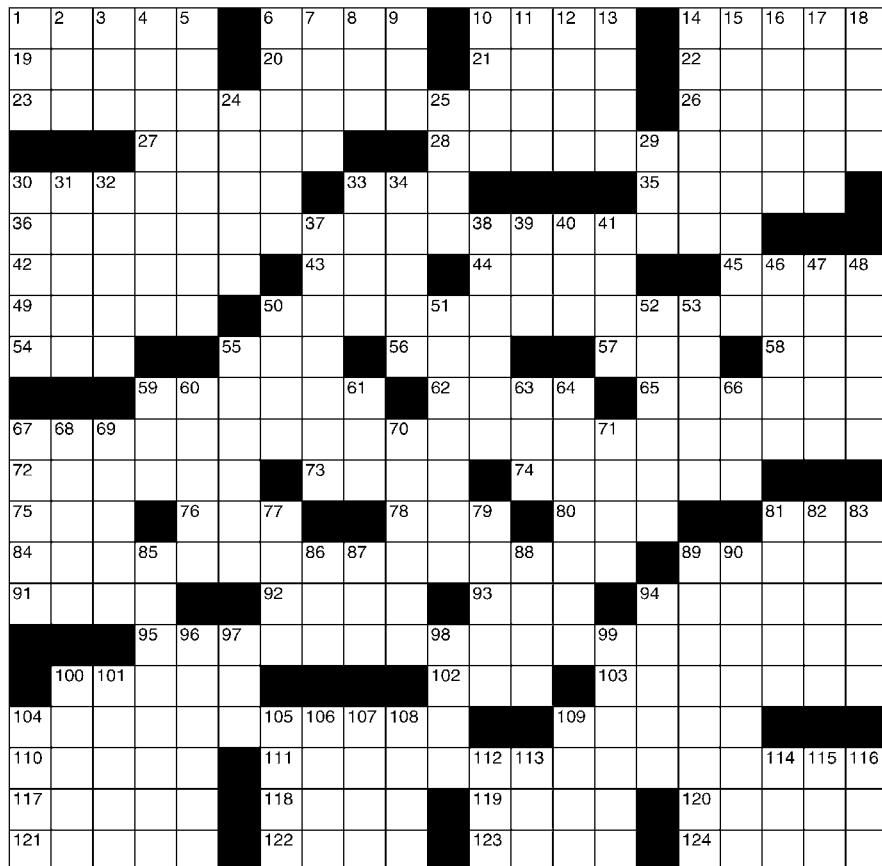
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106 Sunrise side
107 Dutch cheese
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109 Prefix with space
112 Rx watchdog
113 Cheer word
114 Artist Yoko
115 Dad
116 Apt shoe width to wear when solving this puzzle?



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The cautious side of your usually adventurous nature stands you in good stead this week. Someone might, indeed, be trying to pull the wool over the Sheep's eyes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend. Cheer up! The next such alignment isn't until 2028.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you. A career move sounds promising, but ask for more facts before making a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your watchword this week is "tact"! While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Nothing pleases our LEOS and LEONas more than to know they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments. Enjoy the adulation! You earned it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support. You'll soon see positive results.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has become too demanding. Also, reconsider a job move that you rejected earlier.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for. The next step is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Cupid rules the CAPRICORN Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time. Enjoy it with friends and family members!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of justice that sometimes makes you a mite too judgmental, but it also makes you a trusted, loyal friend.

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economies by nurturing the growth of clean energy sectors and creating valuable job opportunities, paving the way for a brighter, more sustainable future.

Again, the Green Communities Program offers Marion access to grant funding for projects focused on energy efficiency and renewable energy, while showcasing Marion's dedication to clean energy initiatives and sustainability. Please join the movement toward a sustainable and prosperous tomorrow. Vote "No" on Town Meeting Warrant, Article 31, and Article 49.

Sincerely,

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

To the Editor:

As someone who was born and raised in Marion, who spent my entire childhood on Pie Alley, I want to lend my full support to preserving the timeless beauty and unique character of the Historical District of our Village Center.

Because I have always cherished my time in Marion, about ten years ago I decided to retire here and registered to vote in Marion, so to become more involved within our local community. In writing to you all now, my goal is to express my enthusiasm and personal commitment in preserving our charming little town and all of its rich history, from its busy harbor in the summer to the varied range of charming architectural styles. And, nothing better represents our collective New England mindset than our Historic Village District.

The Historic District honors the traditions of the past with a hopeful vision towards our future. To ensure future generations can experience what we all take for granted, please vote YES for the Marion Village Historic District Bylaw at the Town Meeting, on Monday, May 12th.

Thank you & sincerely,

C.C. Dyer, Marion

Marion Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession

The 2024 Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, **May 26** starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front St, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

The procession and remembrances will follow same route as in past years, stepping off from the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial the town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of devotion".

The procession and remembrances will feature the Sippican School Marching Band led by director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band. The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board

laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Technical Sergeant Mandy Givens of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

Residents are encouraged to attend the remembrances as well as stand along the parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

ORR Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Friends of Old Rochester Music invites you to attend the ORR Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, **May 17** from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Marion Music Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at friendsofoldrochestermusic.org using Paypal or at Isabelle's in Mattapoisett, Marion General Store, or Friend's Market in Rochester. The inaugural inductees are Rebecca Correia '99, Stan Ellis (Educator), Wayne Ferreira '70, Daniel Lomba '79 (Posthumous), Marcus Monteiro '00, Hannah Clark Moore '75, Orlando Pandolfi '76, Rosemary Ramos Williams '11. There will be live music from Orlando and Rebecca, among many others, plus food and a cash bar. All proceeds support music student scholarships.

Unified Game Day

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Jaime Curley are proud to share that students from the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 joined with others at Tabor Academy in Marion to celebrate Unified Game Day on Wednesday, April 30.

The annual Unified Game Day, held in partnership with Special Olympics Massachusetts, was a celebration of inclusion, teamwork and community, drawing hundreds of students and educators from throughout the state. Other school districts that participated included Dartmouth Public Schools, New Bedford Public Schools, Wareham Public Schools, Carver Public Schools and Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative.

The event was run and hosted by Denise Larrabee, Manager of the Inclusive Schools Program for Special Olympics Massachusetts, and Tamar Cunha, Science Department Chair and Director of Community Service at Tabor Academy.

Michael Hogan, a senior at Old Rochester Regional High School, who earlier this year bowled a perfect game, and Jacob Castanhinha, a student at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, represented the Old Rochester Regional School District during the opening ceremony for the event known as the Torch Walk. The Special Olympics Torch was held by an athlete from New Bedford.

Throughout the event, students rotated through a variety of stations, featuring sports and games, encouraging collaboration, movement and joy. Students took part in rowing, relay races, volleyball, football tackling drills, and teamwork activities involving a hula

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Jennifer Shepley shared this photo of an Osprey pair at the nest



Jennifer Shepley shared this photo of Jellyfish in Marion Harbor



Last week, ORR held their senior breakfast where parents set up tables and trunks with breakfast for the seniors. Pictured here, from left to right: Lily Hinds with her mom Emily and Neveah Sousa her mom Alicia. Both girls will be attending BSU in the fall and will be roommates



Saturday, May 3 saw the groundbreaking of Rochester's new Gifford Park. Many came, donning their orange safety hats and shovels to begin work on the new playground. Photos by Mike J. DeCicco

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

hoop.

This day of fun, friendship and athletic challenge is designed to not only promote physical activity but

also foster a spirit of inclusion and shared achievement between students of all abilities.

Each of the student athletes, from those in kindergarten through postgraduate up to age 22, was paired with another Unified Sports athlete from Tabor Academy as they went through the various stations together.

The event was a day of service for Tabor Academy involving hundreds of volunteers, from students to faculty to lunch staff, working tirelessly together to make it an unforgettable day of fun, competition and inclusion.

The event was also attended by Superintendent Nelson, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Curley, Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner and Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli.

"It's always great to celebrate inclusion and to challenge ourselves with physical activity. It was an honor



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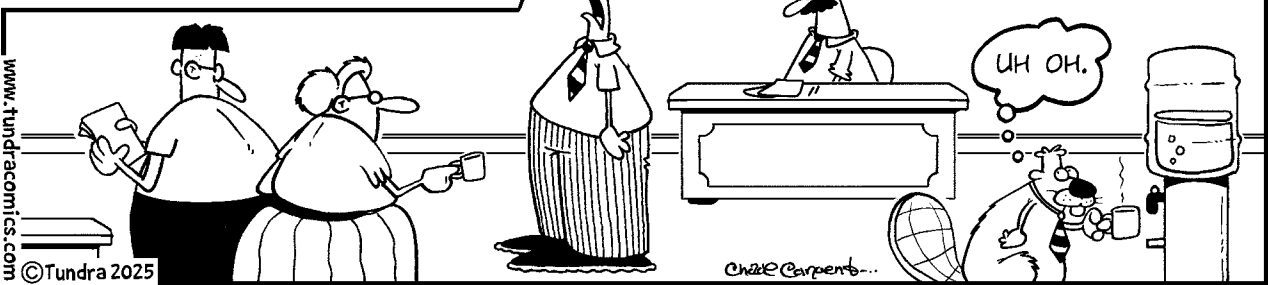
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to be involved with the cause," Principal Coellner said. "It was awesome to see my students take part and create valuable opportunities for friendship and understanding through shared sports experiences."

"Tabor Academy's Unified Game Day is one of the most exciting and heartwarming events of the year," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Curley. "The day is packed with smiles, high-fives and fun, celebrating friendship and inclusion."

"We are proud to support Unified Game Day. And I'd like to thank Special Olympics Massachusetts for helping to make this all possible," said Superintendent Nelson. "This event has become an important way to promote inclusion and ensure that students of all abilities are able to have fun playing sports."

"Secret Gardens of Marion" Tour

The Marion Garden Group is delighted to present the 3rd biennial "Secret Gardens of Marion" tour, set to take place on Friday, **June 20** from 10:00 am to 3:00pm. This walking tour offers a unique opportunity to explore 11 private gardens nestled throughout the historic village of Marion, a picturesque harbor town on the Southcoast of Massachusetts on Buzzards Bay.

Attendees will experience a diverse array of coastal gardens, each showcasing the creativity and passion of local gardeners. From vibrant botanical displays and flourishing perennial beds to productive vegetable plots and serene ocean vistas, these hidden gems are sure to inspire and delight garden enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

The Event is on Friday, June 20 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and will be held in Various private gardens throughout Marion. Tickets are \$35 and available online at www.mariongardengroup.org, or \$40 on June 19 and 20. Lunch available. Please note that the tour is not handicapped accessible.

Additional Information: The event will proceed rain or shine. Pets are not permitted. Photography is welcome.

The "Secret Gardens of Marion" tour not only celebrates the beauty and diversity of local gardens but also fosters community spirit. Proceeds from the event

will support ongoing town beautification, community gardening initiatives and educational programs.

The Marion Garden Group wishes to thank their sponsors and partners. These incredible sponsors make this beloved event possible.

June in Bloom

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is pleased to announce its biennial garden tour, "June in Bloom," for Saturday, June 28, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine. Be inspired by unique and beautiful gardens while spending an unforgettable day with friends and nature. For security purposes, the location of the gardens remains secret until the day of the tour.

Tickets are available just in time for a special Mother's Day gift. Advance tickets are \$35 and available at the following Mattapoisett locations: Pen & Pendulum, Isabelle's, Ying Dynasty, and the Town Wharf General Store. In Fairhaven, they can be purchased at Periwinkles and Gotta Have It. Marion has three locations: Always in Bloom, Fieldstones, and Eden Florist. Tickets are also available online at www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

On June 28, tickets will be available at the Mattapoisett Woman's Club tent in the parking lot next to Ying's Dynasty on Route 6 in Mattapoisett for \$40/each.

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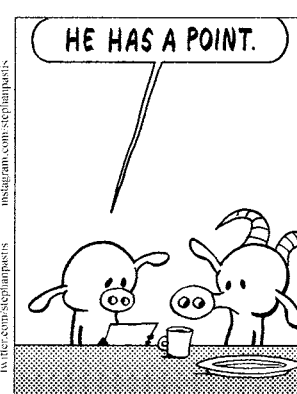
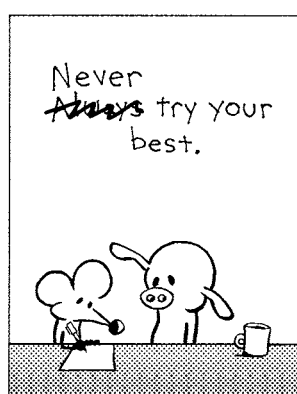
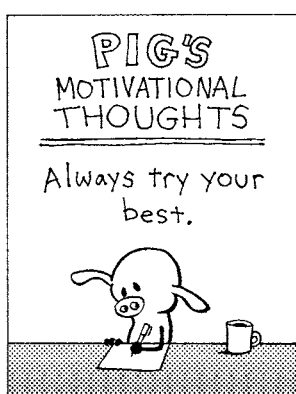
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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm.</p> <p>**The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025.**</p> <p>CASE # 1557: Petition of: Timothy & Shayna Fisher, 42 Bond Hollow Road, Sutton, MA 01590 RE: 4 Mattakiset Road. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Section 6.3.1 and Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to remove an existing garage and shed from the property and build a new 14 x 20 shed 2 feet away from the rear and side property lines. The property is further described as Plot 015.A, Lot 0101 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>CASE # 1562: Petition of: North Eastern Trade Services, 14 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356. RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Article 3 of By-Law and as provided by Section 7.2.2, Section 3.1.2.2. Location of premises: 5 Bay Road, Property owner: Nancy K Griswold. The applicant requests permission to construct a master bedroom above the existing garage with no outward expansion. The property is further described as Map 2A, Lot 18 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>CASE #1563: Petition of: Michael and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farm, 88 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: The applicant requests a Special Permit as provided by Article 7, Enforcement of By-Laws, Section 7.2.2. Location of premises: 84 North Street, Property owner: Christopher and Jessica Ferguson. The property is further described as Lot 39, Sub Lot 16 on the Assessor's Map. The Special Permit is to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Food Code of the Board of Health. Michael and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farms, request to seek the special permit for a Farm to Fork Stand and Farmers Market. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>CASE # 1564: Petition of: Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. 81A County Road, Unit G, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: The applicant is</p>	<p>requesting a Special Permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and provided by Paragraphs 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.7. Location of the premises: 4 Island View Avenue, Property owner: Alexandra Ablon, 76 Fuller Street, Waban, MA 02468. The applicant proposes to construct a breezeway and garage addition to the single-family dwelling, together with an accessory dwelling unit above the garage. The building coverage of the lot will increase from 6.9% to 10.0%. The proposed height of the garage will be approximately 25.4 ft. – facing the street (9.6 ft. < 35 ft. allowable). The property is further described as Plot 14A, Lots 46 & 47 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>CASE #1565: Petition of: Charon Associates, Inc. 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770. RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1.2.2 of the By-Law and is provided by Section 7.2.2. Location of premises: 20 Cove Road, Property owner: James M. DePierre, 9 West Broadway, Unit 115, Boston, MA 02127. The applicant requests permission to construct a new house on a flood zone-compliant foundation, with connections to town sewer and water. The property is further described as Plot 1, Lot 22 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>CASE #1566: Petition of: Charon Associates, Inc. 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770. RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1.2.2 of the By-Law and is provided by Section 7.2.2. Location of premises: 13 Waterman Street, Property owner: George P. Lubner, 13 Waterman Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicant requests permission to elevate the existing house onto a flood zone-compliant foundation and add decks and exterior stairs. The property is further described as Plot 5A, Lot 190 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans are filed and available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodriques 5/1, 5/8</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEATING #1220 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning</p>	<p>Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Forrest J. Cote & Emilee A. Arkoette, for property located at 112 Sarah Sherman Rd., identified on Assessor's Map 29, Lot 11, who is seeking a Variance for the side setback requirements and a Variance for the required distance between structures on a proposed garage, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2. of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 5/1, 5/8</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #830</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 22, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Sippican Holdings LLC, for a Variance from sections 230-4.2, 230-5.3 and 230-6.5.c to allow a use variance, allowed by 230-2.3.D, to convert an existing commercial building in the LI District to a multifamily dwelling with not more than 50 dwelling units.</p> <p>The property, located at 14 Barnabas Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 24 as Lot 44. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 5/1, 5/8</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Definitive Subdivision Plan filed by Dawn M. Allen and depicted on a plan entitled, "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Freetown Farm Acres" and dated April 22, 2025 for property located at 34 Dr Braley Road, Rochester, MA 02770 designated as Lot 10 on Assessor's Map 48. The applicant is proposing to create one single family house lot and one single family house lot with an agricultural building from the existing 14.4-acre parcel.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/8, 5/15</p>

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New Adult Classes at the MAC for All Experience Levels

Get your body moving with MAC Dance classes for Adults. The MAC offers a six-week adult dance program on Tuesday evenings with instructor Teah Keogh at its new partner location, the First Congregational Church Community Center at 144 Front Street, Marion. Choose from multiple options including Ballet/Jazz, Tap, or both. Drop-ins are available for those who wish to try a class before committing to the entire session. Registrations are accepted at any time throughout the program.

Ballet/Jazz runs 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm, and Tap runs 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm on Tuesday evenings, May 6 to June 10. Prices range from \$23-\$28 for a single class drop-in, \$115-\$145 for one course, and up to \$195-\$235 for all six weeks of both classes. Choose between 45-90 minutes of movement. Register online at www.marionartcenter.org/classes.

The 45-minute Ballet & Jazz Fusion weekly class is perfect for adults looking to reconnect with movement, creativity, and a sense of joy. Ballet builds strength, flexibility, and posture through elegant, structured movement, while jazz brings in upbeat rhythms, expressive style, and a whole lot of fun. Together, they offer a balanced workout that nurtures both body and mind. No prior experience is required - just bring your curiosity and a willingness to move. Whether you're new to dancing or returning after years away, this class offers a supportive space to explore, sweat a little, and smile a lot.

Ready to tap out of "adulting" for a bit? Join Teah and the MAC for a lively, fun Tap-Dancing class. This 45-minute class is designed for adults who want to add a little more happiness and a little less seriousness to their week. Tap dance is a classic American theatrical style that blends percussive footwork with rhythmic precision. In this class, great for beginners or those with some experience, you'll develop rhythm, balance, and

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More Improv Comedy for More Fun - Instructor Kate Teichman offers a six-week improv comedy class at the MAC on Thursday evenings, May 15 to June 19, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Classes will be held in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery (upstairs) or in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. The cost is \$165 for MAC members and \$195 for nonmembers for all six weeks. Register online at www.marionartcenter.org/classes. In this intro to improv class, students will learn the basics of improv comedy in a supportive and fun environment. You will learn how to create compelling characters and build dynamic scenes with a scene partner using only an audience suggestion. No experience is necessary; this class is for everyone. Whether you're looking to unleash your creativity, build confidence, or simply have a blast, this class is your perfect ticket to laughter and fun. Each class will include warm-up, various games and exercises, and exercises that help students use their ideas to create and build strong scenes together. This course runs once a week for six weeks.

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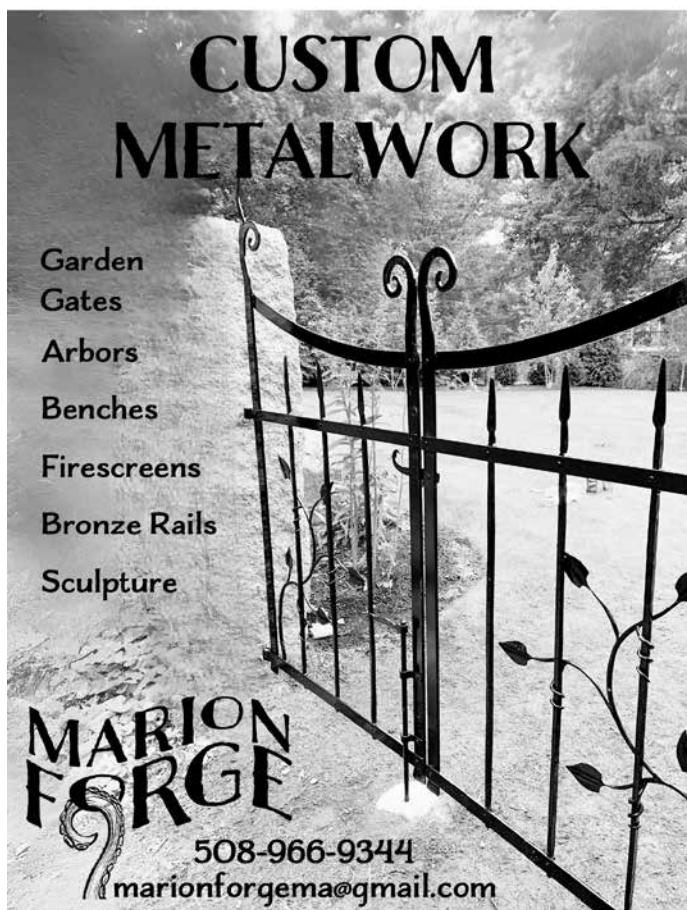
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During this 4-week session, Elyse will share techniques and offer advice with constructive feedback. The goal of this class is for participants to feel more comfortable working abstractly with acrylic paints and to create a painting, or paintings, of their very own. The instructor will offer demonstrations and examples, but students are encouraged to explore their own artistic styles with their boat- and sea-inspired artworks.



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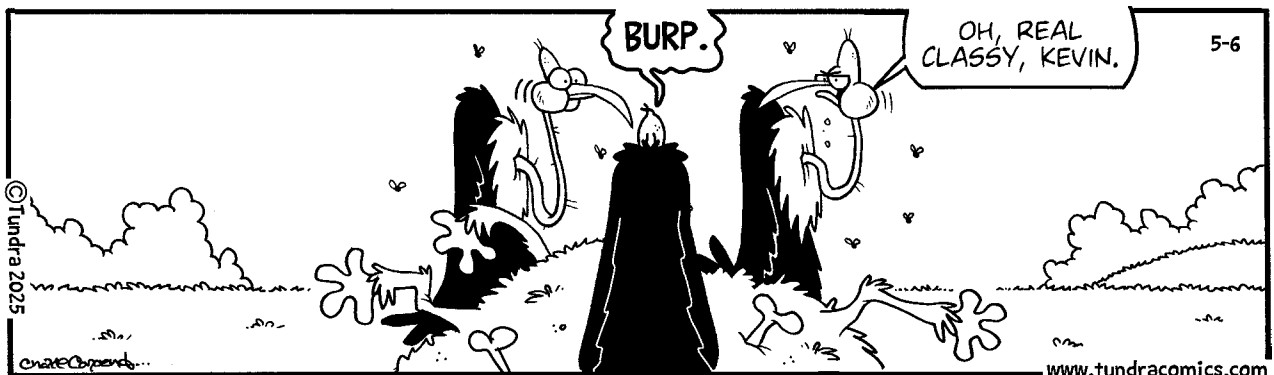
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by Chad Carpenter



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By Connie Eshbach

There is what appears to be a small plot of land on Rte.105 with a for-sale sign. Though the land for sale looks small in size, its history is very large. The store shown in the first picture was originally a barn and stable built in 1710 and belonging to Minister Timothy Ruggles. The photograph was taken in 1934 when the store building was 294 yrs. old. In this picture, it is the John Alden General Store. In later years it became the Rochester General Store and has had several owners.



Over the years, the buildings to the left and right have been home to a variety of businesses. In the late 1940's, the building on the right became Rochester's Post Office until the new one was built in the 1980's. On the left there was a grocery store and beginning in the 1950's George Kirby II operated a garage followed by one owned by Buster Locke.



In later years there was a bar and restaurant and a lunch counter which was a community gathering place where you were sure to get caught up on local news and gossip. These businesses closed and the buildings were sold. Their last occupants were a bakery cafe with two apartments above and a commercial bakery behind. Once again, people gathered to eat, talk and catch up on community happenings.

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Kyle MacDonald	May 10
Lion Helene Rose	May 10
Lorrie Wright	May 10
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Sawyer Fox	May 11
Sharon Sylvia	May 11
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Scott Bissonette	May 12
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consumed much of the building. The second picture shows the demolition of what was left. That fire ended 310 years of this small Rochester center of commerce.

Buzzards Bay Musicfest

The Buzzards Bay Musicfest will be returning to Marion this summer from July 9 through July 13 in the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Hoyt Hall on the campus of Tabor Academy. World class musicians will grace the stage in a five-concert series that is completely open with free admission to the public. On Wednesday, **July 9**, there will be an open rehearsal at 2:00 pm. That evening, the first concert of the series will feature a full orchestra with works by Mozart, Stamitz and Beethoven. The concerts that follow are a chamber music concert on Thursday, a jazz concert on Friday, another chamber concert on Saturday and the finale on Sunday will be the full orchestra. Start times for the evening concerts is 7:30 pm. The Sunday afternoon concert is at 2:00 pm. Please visit www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com/ for more detailed information.

Annual Benefit Pops Concert

Ticket sales have begun for the upcoming Annual Benefit Pops Concert for the Tri-County Symphonic Band. The theme for this year is "An Animated Afternoon." The concert will, once again, be held on the waterfront in a grand tent on the campus of Tabor Academy in Marion. Fine music, excellent food and a fun-filled festive afternoon is planned for Sunday, **June 8**. Advance tickets can now be purchased at the Marion General Store, the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth and online at tricountysymphonicband.org.

Blanche B. Perry Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Land Trust is extending its deadline for its \$1000 Blanche B. Perry Scholarship to **May 19**. This award is available to a Mattapoisett resident graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, or Tabor Academy by June 2025, and pursuing education in the sciences and/or

environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman Fund, a bequest left to provide support for children in the community.

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

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is May 19, 2025. The awardee will be notified on the week of May 27.

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

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee invites members, guests, and community residents to join us for our monthly meeting on Thursday, **May 15** from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Niemad Building, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett.

We are honored to welcome our guest speaker, David Ladd from O.U.R. Rescue, who will begin at 7:30 pm. O.U.R. Rescue is a global organization dedicated to fighting sex trafficking and child exploitation by educating and empowering communities, parents, and workplaces to recognize the signs and take action. This is

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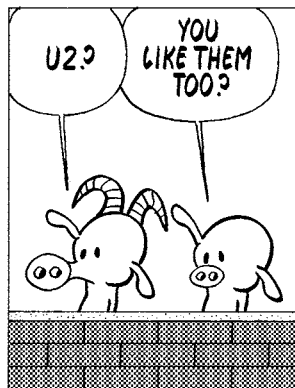
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



a vital topic for all concerned community members and families. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how you can help protect children and promote safety in our own neighborhoods. Enjoy light snacks, a cash bar, and great conversation.

For questions, contact: Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson at PCMattyGOP@proton.me.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

May's full moon is the flower moon. Join us on Monday, **May 12** from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm for our full moon party. We'll make tissue paper flowers, flower presses, and find hidden flowers around the library.

May is Water Safety Month, and the Elizabeth Taber Library will be hosting the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for a Family Water Safety Day on Thursday, **May 15** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Join us outside at the library for activities, demonstrations, giveaways, and more.

On Saturday, **May 17** at 1:30 pm join the Elizabeth Taber Library and Morgan Browning, a doctoral student in clinical psychology, for a Fun with Feelings Storytime. After the story, we'll make a craft that can be used as a tool to help kids check in with their big feelings.

Banned Book Club will return Tuesday **May 13** at 6:00 pm. May's banned book title is "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks. Find copies available at the circulation desk.

Starting this May: The Cozy Cup Book Club will begin meeting on Wednesday mornings at the library. Join us for snacks, sips, and cozy conversations. The first meeting will be Wednesday, **May 14** at 11:00 am. The first title selection is "The Gardener's Plot" by Deborah Benoint. Find copies available at the circulation desk.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org.

Wareham Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale

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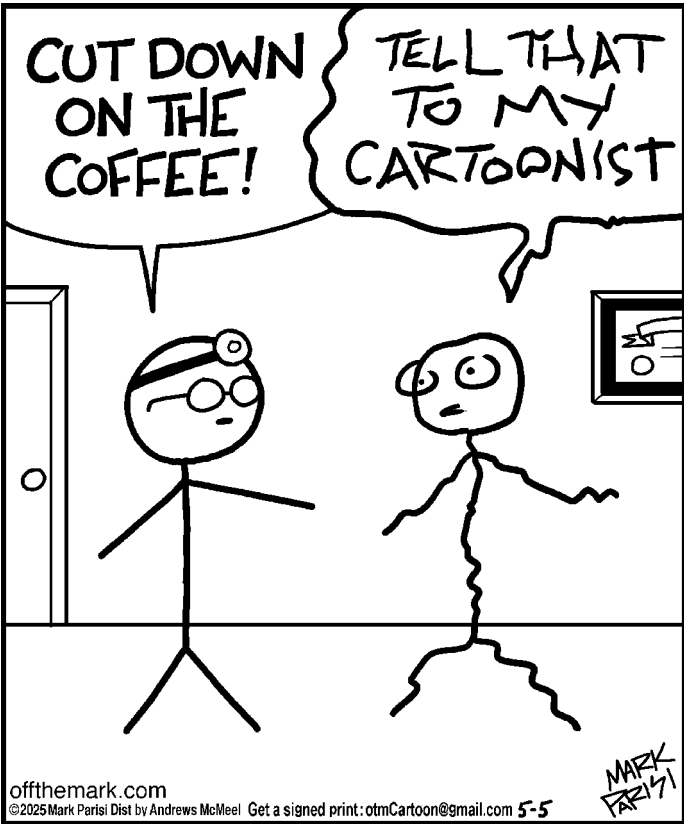
garden-dug perennials, potted annuals, vegetable plants, herbs, hanging baskets, garden crafts, yard art, garden books, magazines, gifts and baked goods. Garden Club cookbooks, gently used garden tools, and a bake table are also some of the offerings. This year's sale promises to have something for everyone. For additional information, call Barbara, Chair of the sale at 508-864-5213.

The proceeds for the club's fundraisers are used to fund its scholarship program awarded annually to qualified High School and college students, ongoing community beautification projects, monthly garden therapy program at the Council on Aging, educational/horticultural programs and so much more. The club meets on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of July and August. For membership information, send an email with your interest to warehamgardenclubma@gmail.com or call Susan Melrose at 203-470-8919, membership chair.

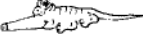
Church of The Good Shepherd Spring Rummage Sale

Church of The Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham is having its annual spring rummage sale on Saturday, **May 17** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Items include clothing, coats, shoes, books, puzzles, games, toys, small furnishings, domestic, and white elephant items. All proceeds to benefit the many outreach programs for the community and beyond.

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Saturday	May 10	7:24	7:42	1:01	12:44
Sunday	May 11	8:01	8:16	1:37	1:18
Monday	May 12	8:36	8:50	2:16	1:55
Tuesday	May 13	9:12	9:24	2:56	2:34
Wednesday	May 14	9:49	10:00	3:34	3:13
Thursday	May 15	10:28	10:39	4:11	3:52
Friday	May 16	11:11	11:23	4:46	4:30
Saturday	May 17	11:58		5:22	5:11
Sunday	May 18	12:12	12:49	6:03	5:59
Monday	May 19	1:05	1:41	6:54	7:00
Tuesday	May 20	1:59	2:35	7:55	8:19
Wednesday	May 21	2:55	3:31	8:58	9:44
Thursday	May 22	3:55	4:31	9:55	10:56
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		Last Quarter		May 20th	
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Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Fidget 2. Choke;
3. Barren; 4. Cause

Today's Word

NEIGHBORS

Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi

off the mark

GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

64 oz. Selected Variety
Mott's
Apple Juice
\$3⁴⁹



8.9-12 oz. Selected Variety
General Mills
Cereal
\$4⁹⁹



.5 Liter 24 Pack
Poland Spring
Water
\$5⁹⁹



16 oz. Selected Variety
B&M
Baked Beans
2/\$4



10 oz.
A.I.
Steak Sauce
\$5⁹⁹



3.625-5.125 oz. Selected Variety
Frito Lay
Minis Snacks
2/\$5



7.4-8.98 oz. Selected Variety
Nature Valley
Granola Bars
\$3⁹⁹



MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Fresh, All Flavors
Dom's
Steak Tips
\$21⁹⁹ lb



11 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Al Fresco
Chicken Sausages **\$4⁹⁹**

14 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Kayem Kielbasa **\$4⁹⁹**

Deli Sliced, OvenGold®
Boar's Head Turkey Breast **\$12⁹⁹ lb**

Deli Sliced
New England Traditions
Virginia Baked Ham **\$8⁹⁹ lb**

Store Packaged
Egg Salad **\$10⁹⁹ lb**

Store Packaged
Beet & Onion Salad **\$6⁹⁹ lb**

Fresh
Friends' Yogurt Parfaits **\$5⁹⁹ ea**

WINE

750 ml. French
Notorious Pink Rosé Wine **\$16⁹⁹**
Reg. Price - \$19.99

750 ml. California
Mumm Sparkling Rosé Wine **\$19⁹⁹**
Reg. Price - \$22.99

BAKERY

17.6 oz. Pkg.
St. Pierre Brioche Loaf **\$8⁹⁹**

6 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
The Father's Table
Cheesecake Slices **\$2⁹⁹**

CHEF PREPARED

Spicy Peanut Noodles **\$10⁹⁹ lb**

Deviled Eggs (4 Pack) **\$5⁹⁹**

Mexican Lasagna **\$12⁹⁹ ea**

Garden Side Salad **\$6⁹⁹ ea**

Take'n Bake Pizzas
Various Styles - Cheese,
Pepperoni, Margherita, etc. **\$8⁹⁹ to \$10⁹⁹**

Shepherd's Pie Large Size **\$19⁹⁹ ea**
Small Size - \$12.99ea

Chicken Pot Pie Large Size **\$19⁹⁹ ea**
Small Size - \$13.99ea

GARDEN CENTER

Mix'n Match!
6 Pack Annuals (Flats - 48 Plants - \$19.99) **\$2⁹⁹**

Assorted
Hanging Baskets **\$29⁹⁹ a Up**

All 6 Packs - Great Selection!
Vegetables & Herbs (Flats - \$19.99) **\$2⁹⁹**

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FOR SOME NEW DELICIOUS TREATS!
YOU HAVE TO TRY OUR
NEW SCRATCH MADE BARS!

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, May 9th Thru Thursday, May 15th, 2025

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Fresh, Bone-In, Split
Bell & Evans
Chicken
Breast
\$5⁴⁹_{lb}



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



12 oz. Cans, 8 pk. Selected Variety
Spindrift
Sparkling Water
\$5⁹⁹_{+Dep}



32-52 oz. Selected Variety
Planet Oat
Oatmilk or
Creamer
2/\$7



16 oz.
Hood
Heavy Cream
\$3³⁹



1.5 qt. Selected Variety
Tillamook
Ice Cream
\$5⁹⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



Package
Navel Oranges **\$4⁹⁹**

Fresh
Fuji Apples **\$1⁴⁹_{lb}**

Fresh
Pink Lady Apples **\$1⁴⁹_{lb}**

Fresh
Summer Squash **\$1⁴⁹_{lb}**

Fresh
Zucchini Squash **\$1⁴⁹_{lb}**

Plump
Sunset Beefsteak Tomatoes **\$1⁶⁹_{lb}**



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