

# Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee Endorsement

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On Election Day, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee encourages you to cast your vote for the best qualified candidates: **Betsy Stewart** for ORR School Committee, and **Michele Bernier** for Board of Health. These candidates share with us the values of a welcoming and inclusive community for all.



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### **ORRHS Unveils Alumni Wall**

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll are pleased to report that Old Rochester Regional High School celebrated the unveiling of the ORR Alumni Wall with a reception held on Thursday, May 1, sponsored by the National Honor Society and attended by the graduates of the Classes of 1962-1965.

About 30 members of the four original classes of Old Rochester Regional High School attended the event, celebrating the new Alumni Wall and paying tribute to the school's establishment in the fall of 1961, when 718



students from Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester first entered its doors. After alumni viewed the wall, NHS students led them on tours of the school.

The wall has been a two-year effort by the National Honor Society and its advisors, English teachers Kathleen Brunelle and Randy Allain. The funding for the project and reception, as well as gifts for the alumni, came from National Honor Society fundraising efforts.

The school's opening in the fall of 1961 marked the first time that students in the tri-town area came together under one roof, including grades 7-12.

"The classes of 1962 through 1965 are more like one large class, bonded by that experience," said Kathleen Brunelle, an English teacher at Old Rochester Regional High School, who spearheaded the ORR Alumni Wall project and the reception.

Brunelle read the following dedication at the

On the Cover: The Rochester Council on Aging hosted its first car show this year on May 8, seeing many hot rods, muscle cars, and other classics in attendance. Photo by Marilou Newell event, which is now posted on the wall.

"The Class of 1962 started the year as seniors. They were the first official graduates of Old Rochester



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Regional High School, establishing the Bulldog tradition," Brunelle said. "The Class of 1963 entered as juniors and spent only two years in the new school but quickly made it their own. The Class of 1964, sophomores, enjoyed three years in their new home and pulled together despite turbulent times. The Class of 1965 earned the distinction of being the first graduating class to have competed all four years of high school at Old Rochester."

"These four classes remain forever bonded by their years at ORR. They established ties and traditions that continue to guide the school today," Brunelle continued. "They are our foundation, and they are our history. For these reasons, we dedicate this alumni hallway to them — the classes of '62-'65 — the original students of Old Rochester Regional High School."

The National Honor Society offered thanks to the following individuals for helping to make the Alumni Wall and the reception possible: Tony Tranfaglia, Allison Barker, who helped design and place the letters for the Alumni Wall, Michael Bauer, who put up the images that make up the Alumni Wall, Principal Michael Devoll, who gave approval for the project and helped choose the images and fonts, Alumni Dick Morgado, Vincent Pina, and Edyie Johnson, for their emails, support and communications that helped make the event a success, Dana Palmer-Donnelly, vice president of the Bulldog Pride Association, and National Honor Society students, for their preparations for the event, especially Nolan Bushnell, who helped to spearhead the event.

Superintendent Nelson thanked the National Honor Society for its work to make the Alumni Wall possible, along with its co-advisors English teachers Kathleen Brunelle and Randy Allain.

"It was a pleasure marking this historic event nearly 65 years later, bringing our alumni together to celebrate and unveiling the new ORR Alumni Wall," said Superintendent Nelson. "Thank you to our National Honor Society co-advisors and all of our National Honor Society members for all their hard work to make the ORR Alumni Wall come together and for making this event such a success."

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Avoid the Summer Itch! What Does The Doctor Say? By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Here comes summer, bringing outdoor barbecues, swimming and sailing, but also sunburn, mosquito-borne illnesses and poison ivy.

Let's focus today on the itchy rash that plagues so many.

Poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac share the same sap oil, urushiol, in their roots, stems and leaves. The oil is colorless and odorless, so it may not be obvious that you have it on your skin. You can spread it from one part of your skin to another without knowing it.

About 2/3 of adults develop dermatitis after getting urushiol on their skin, typically 1-2 days after contact, though it may be delayed if a first contact.

The rash is red and bumpy and intensely itchy, and is often in streaks, reflecting brushing against the plant. If severe, blisters may develop. The rash typically clears in 2-3 weeks.

Treatment is for symptoms, not cure, and includes



wet compresses, calamine lotion and topical steroid creams. If it is very extensive or involves sensitive areas like the face or genitals, oral steroids can be prescribed.

Much better is prevention. If you think you have been exposed, wash your entire body with mild soap; water alone will not remove the oil, which penetrates the skin. Use a soapy brush under the nails. Wash any clothing that may have contacted the oil in warm soapy water.

Pets can carry the oil on their fur and pass it to you when you touch them, so bathe them if they have run through the plants.

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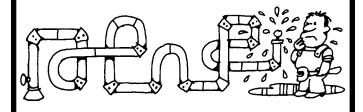
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leaves. It can grow as a climbing or low-spreading vine that sprawls through grass and often grows along rivers, lake fronts and ocean beaches. It is found everywhere in the continental U.S.

Poison oak has leaves that look like oak leaves and it grows as a vine or a shrub. The plant can have 3 to 5 leaflets per group. It is most common in the western U.S.

Poison sumac has seven to 13 leaflets per stem that are characterized by smooth surfaces and pointed tips. It is most often found in wooded, moist areas of the southern U.S.

Summer will be a lot more fun without the itch! Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

## ORRHS Performs in the Great East Music Festival

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll are pleased to share that the Old Rochester Regional High School Chorus and Concert Band both performed at the Great East Music Festival held at Gateway Regional High School on Friday, May 2.

The Old Rochester Regional High School Chorus ensemble received a gold rating during their musical evaluation. The Old Rochester Regional High School Concert Band received a platinum rating, the highest rating awarded to any ensemble.

The event serves as a showcase of all the hard work that the Old Rochester Regional High School Music Department does each year, while also providing students with professional feedback. As part of the event, students participate in a clinic on how to improve, with advice offered from a panel of musical adjudicators.

The performance and adjudication are then followed up by a trip to Six Flags New England.

"I am so proud of all of the hard work that every student has put into their musical craft this year," said Pedro Silva, music director at Old Rochester Regional High School. "As a first-year teacher, I am beyond honored to teach all of these wonderful students and to be a part of the ORR community. The environment we are creating in the classroom helps in shaping the very music

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we perform and I'm ecstatic that we have been recognized for such efforts. I can't wait to see what the future holds, but I have this feeling it will be excellent."

Superintendent Nelson and Principal Devoll

congratulated the Chorus and Concert Band for capping off a year of success by earning such high ratings during the Great East



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Music Festival.

"I'm extremely impressed by our music students," said Principal Devoll. "Their hard work, passion and commitment to their craft are inspiring. I'd like to congratulate the Chorus and Concert Band for earning high ratings during the Great East Music Festival. This was a great way to mark the end of the year for our musicians."

"We are very proud of all of our musicians," said Superintendent Nelson. "The Great East Music Festival was a fitting way to end a year of so much hard work by all of them. Congratulations to our Chorus and Concert Band for earning such high ratings. This is a feather in the cap for all of them. Once again, bravo to all of our instrumentalists and vocalists."

Editor's note: Since the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020 interrupted the South Coast League of Women Voters' annual sponsorship of candidates' nights, The Wanderer has been offering a platform for candidates in contested races for elected offices in the tri-towns a platform to explain their candidacy. This year, candidates were invited to submit up to 250 words in one paragraph. Candidates in each race are listed in alphabetical order. Statements from candidates in Marion and Mattapoisett appear in this issue; those towns' elections will be held on Friday, May 16, and Tuesday, May 20, respectively. Statements from Rochester candidates will appear in the May 22 issue.

### **Marion Select Board**

Four candidates are on the ballot for one, three-year term, but George "TJ" Walker told The Wanderer on Tuesday morning



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that he has suspended his campaign and was removing his signs. The Wanderer decided, because his name will appear on the ballot, that the best place for him to explain his decision is in the place allotted him as a candidate for the open seat. Below are the candidates' statements.

### **Cynthia Callow**

For 57 years I have been on the waters of Buzzards Bay on one kind of boat or another. As a result, our harbor is especially important to me and as a Select Board member it will be a priority of mine to keep the community informed about how things are maintained and run with our





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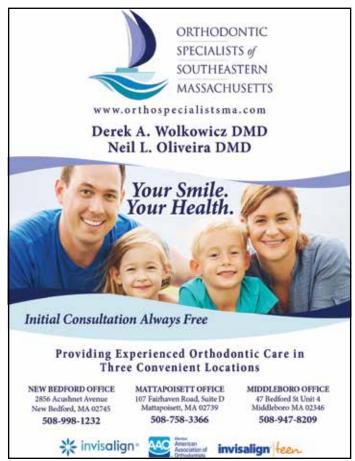
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harbor and its surrounding waters. I have experience serving on various boards and commissions for the town, Conservation, Zoning Board of Appeals, former board member of the Sippican Lands Trust, Affordable Housing Trust, Marion Cultural Council, Town Administrator Search Committee, Finance Director Search Committee, Town Party Committee, Election worker, Town Meeting worker, and Board of Registrars. Due to this recent experience, I know the town, I know how it works, and I have the time to devote myself to the job. Water and Sewer, Town House, roads, infrastructure, and affordable housing would be my priority in working with you as a team to improve our town. Our issues are mostly man made, and so they can be solved by us working together. I



ask for your vote on May 16th.

John Hoagland

I served as your Marion Select Board member from 1986 to 1992. I'm running again because I believe Marion deserves leadership that truly listens to residents – that's why our campaign slogan is, "John Listens." After knocking on over 750 doors across Marion, there are four concerns consistently voiced by our neighbors: government costs



outpacing residents' incomes; deteriorating infrastructure; high utility rates lacking transparency; and insufficient housing options for seniors. If elected, my immediate priorities are launching a comprehensive sidewalk and street improvement plan, targeting our most dangerous areas first. I'll create a Water/Sewer Rate Transparency Initiative providing quarterly reports to all residents about current rates, future projections, and specific actions to control costs. Half of Marion's population is over 62 their message is clear, "We want to stay in Marion - this is our home. But where do we go when our house is too big or not designed for our changing needs?" Therefore, I'll champion creative housing options around Marion village that allow our longtime residents to remain in town while generating incremental property tax revenue. The education of Marion children is paramount. We must ensure that the three towns collaborate with the junior high and high school leadership to support both faculty and students. Marion deserves a Select Board person who listens to you, communicates transparently, and acts decisively on the issues that matter most. I will serve all residents, fairly, diligently and with respect, and I ask for your vote on May 16th.

### Sean Sweeney

I am excited to be a candidate for the Marion Select Board – a role that carries immense responsibility and requires unwavering dedication to our community. Serving on the Select Board is not just about governance; it's about leadership, stewardship,





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and commitment to the people who call Marion home. Marion's infrastructure is showing its age, and it's time to act. From repairing our roads to upgrading water and sewer systems, we need to invest in the backbone of our town. Our residents face some of the highest water and sewer rates in the region, and potential Title 5 compliance costs could be catastrophic for many families. I will work to find innovative solutions, such as exploring regional partnerships, securing grants, and advocating for statelevel support to alleviate these financial burdens. No family should have to choose between basic utilities and other necessities. Marion's charm lies in its rich history and natural beauty. I will work to preserve our historic landmarks and protect our open spaces, ensuring that





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future generations can enjoy the same Marion we cherish today. By balancing development with conservation, we can maintain the character that makes our town so special. Above all, my campaign is about looking forward. It's about ensuring that Marion remains a place where families can grow, businesses can thrive, and neighbors can come together. It's about making decisions today that will benefit our children and grandchildren tomorrow. Thank you, and I humbly ask for your vote. Together, we can move Marion forward.

### George 'TJ' Walker

It has been a pleasure and honor to *both* run for Select Board and lead the citizen's petition drive on Article 51, which would make major inroads on addressing the crumbling sidewalks and streets identified as a priority for over a decade. Campaigning door-todoor has sparked numerous thoughtful conversations with the people of Marion. In the course of those conversations, it



has become clear that being *both* a Select Board candidate *and* the leader of a citizen's petition has had the effect of politicizing Article 51 – the last thing I want to do. Article 51 is about the quality of life for our people – especially our oldest and youngest residents, for whom safe sidewalks and roads are paramount. Seeing it pass is my highest priority; therefore, I am suspending my campaign







for Select Board, so that I may focus my full efforts this week on its passage, and to end its politicization. Studies going back to the 2000s have highlighted this exact sort of infrastructure investment as critical, and the money is available, if we choose. Above all, however, this is about quality of life – the core purpose of local government. You shouldn't have to worry about needing a realignment to drive to the grocery store, and your kid or aging parent shouldn't have to walk in the street because the sidewalks are unwalkable. We have the resources to address this long-identified need in Marion, and improve our quality of life. I hope you'll join me in supporting Article 51.

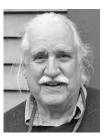


### Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

Three candidates, incumbent John Rockwell and challengers Adele Sands and Shaun Walsh, are running for two open seats, both three-year terms.

### John Rockwell

My name is John Rockwell, and I am asking for your vote for a position on the Open Space Acquisition Commission. I currently serve as commission chair, where I have had the privilege of working with the Sippican Lands Trust, Trustees of Reservations, Wildlands Trust, Coalition for Buzzards



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### Adele G. Sands

When speaking about my candidacy for the MOSAC commission, I am often asked what made me decide to run for this position. The short answer is, my father, who died in 2002, would be disappointed in me if I didn't. My father raised me to believe that if you fish (and we did), then you have an obligation to take care of the water



and the fish. If you love walking in the woods (and we did), then you have an obligation to take care of all the life within those woods. It was never a lecture on his part, just a lead to follow. As an adult, I continued this practice in both my personal and professional life. I am the former superintendent of Bristol County Agricultural High School, a school dedicated to conservation, land and natural resource management, environmental and animal sciences. I am extremely proud of this school that works with students to develop the skills and knowledge to pursue careers in these fields. As superintendent I worked with both local and federal agencies dedicated to environmental protection and conservation. I feel enormously grateful to live in this idyllic town with so many wonderful neighbors. I enjoy and take advantage of all that it has to offer. I would not be my father's daughter if I did not recognize my obligation to help conserve and protect Marion's open space for the generations to come.

### Shaun Walsh

I'm Shaun Walsh and I'm running for the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission, a 5-member board whose purpose is to acquire, maintain, manage, and improve open space land in Marion. As an environmental lawyer who has served our town as a member of the Conservation Commission for the past 9 years and as a member of the



Stewards of Community Open Space board, my skills and experience make me uniquely qualified to contribute to MOSAC. I hold a law degree and a Master's degree in Environmental Law & Policy from Vermont Law School and a Bachelor of Science degree from UMass Amherst. My wife and I moved here 26 years ago in part because of the natural places that make Marion special. We have a number of beautiful open space parcels that provide wonderful passive recreational opportunities and enhance our quality of life here. These open spaces are not only scenic, but they provide us with places to be active, to get outside and unwind, and to connect as a community. If elected, I will listen to residents about how we can make





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the best use of our open spaces, work collaboratively with partner conservation organizations and town departments to improve our current open space inventory, and consider the fiscal impact when evaluating potential land acquisitions. I want MOSAC to be a board where all members contribute, where public input is welcomed, and where creating quality recreational green spaces is our top priority. I thank you for your vote.

### **ORR School Committee**

Each of the tri-towns elects members to the Old Rochester Regional (district) School Committee; these two candidates from the Town of Mattapoisett are running for one, three-year term.

### Nina Datshkovsky Ennis

I'm running for the Old Rochester Regional (ORR) School Committee because I believe parents must have a strong voice in shaping the future of our schools. I aim to be a voice for parents and their contribution to the vision for ORR schools. As a mother and active community advocate, I bring a passionate, common-sense approach rooted in family values and



a deep belief that parents are essential partners in the success of our students. I am committed to a bold vision that prioritizes academic excellence, fosters meaningful family engagement, and empowers our entire community

to be active partners in every student's success. Through my work in educational, medical, and judicial settings as a Spanish interpreter and translator, I've supported diverse families and witnessed firsthand the gaps in communication and access. I know how critical it is to ensure all students feel supported and all parents feel heard. I've also led programs focused on youth development, reinforcing my belief that strong schools are built on trust, transparency, and collaboration between families and educators. With a multicultural and multilingual background, a deep respect for parental rights, and a passion for high-quality education, I will advocate for nutritious food programs, increased physical activity, open communication, and transparent decisionmaking that puts students first. I've served in leadership roles across civic and community organizations and understand how to communicate, build consensus, and deliver meaningful results. Together, we can build a school system that educates with excellence, engages families openly, and empowers our children to thrive.

### Betsy Stewart

My name is Betsy Stewart and I am running for ORR School Committee because I believe in the value of public education and know that a strong school system supports and sustains the health and vitality of its local community. Our public education system must prepare students for tomorrow's opportunities and challenges. I believe



that with my work and life experience, I can make a significant contribution to the school committee and to our community. My combination of professional expertise, leadership experience and community service uniquely position me to serve on this school committee. As a wellness professional and small business owner, I bring extensive knowledge to this role with a passion for education, community well-being and smart resource management. My priorities are accelerating learning improvement, lowering the town's tax burden through budget reform, investing in civics education, ensuring student safety and increasing civil discourse. I ask that





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you put your confidence in me and vote for a candidate who will thoroughly research and evaluate current issues which will come before our committee, advocate for students, teachers and staff and work diligently to improve and build upon current academic standards and educational outcomes in the ORR schools, making it an even better educational institution than it already is. Our children deserve the best possible junior and high school experience. I believe my contributions will help foster a thriving educational environment for all students. Please remember to vote on May 20<sup>th</sup> and ensure that your voice is heard. Thank you.

### Mattapoisett Water/Sewer Commission

Two candidates, incumbent Dana Lebaron Barrows and challenger Mason Mathieu, are running for one open seat, a three-year term.

### Mason Mathieu

My name is Mason Mathieu. I have been a resident of Mattapoisett for most of my life. I attended Center School, Old Hammondtown School, Old Rochester



Regional Junior High and ORR High School. After high school, I attended the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting before obtaining a Juris Doctorate from the University of Massachusetts Law. I passed the Massachusetts Bar Exam in 2023 and the Bar Exam for Florida in 2024,



and I am currently licensed to practice in both states. I am employed in my family Law Firm of Mathieu & Mathieu in New Bedford and Marion. I am also a part time assistant city solicitor/tax title attorney with the City of New Bedford Treasurer's Office. I am currently on the Board of the Human Rights Committee for the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC). I am seeking to be a commissioner for Mattapoisett's Water & Sewer Commission because I see it as an opportunity to give back to the community that I have been a part of for the majority of my life. I feel my experience and training would be beneficial in decision making as a board member on the commission. This town has provided me with a safe and fun environment to grow up in, and I would be honored to dedicate a portion of my time and efforts in order to help ensure that it continues to improve and prosper. Thank you for your consideration.

### Mattapoisett Board of Health

Two candidates, incumbent Michelle Bernier and challenger N. Douglas Schneider, are running for one, three-year term.

### **Michelle Bernier**

For the past three years, I have been honored to serve on the Mattapoisett Board of Health. I became interested in serving on the Board in 2023 when I retired from my job as Solid Waste director for the Town of North Attleboro. For 20 years I was responsible for the town's landfill, gas flare and monitoring system, their



transfer station and curbside trash collection program



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for 8,000 households. Since my retirement, serving on Mattapoisett's Board of Health has given me the opportunity to use the knowledge and experience I gained in that job. In addition to reviewing septic systems, the Mattapoisett Board of Health is responsible for your weekly trash collection, the operation of the transfer station and compost site and maintenance of the capped landfill. The town has recently signed a five-year contract with a new waste-hauling company; we are starting a swap shop for reuse and have ordered a new scale for the transfer station. I have lived in Mattapoisett since 1987. I served on the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen from 1996 to 1999. I did my undergraduate work at Providence College and my graduate work at the College of William and Mary. Prior to my employment in the recycling industry, I had a varied career including teaching for a couple of years at Riverview School in East Sandwich. I believe I am making a significant contribution to the town with my expertise and experience, particularly in the area of recycling and composting. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

And Then There Were Five

Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting By Marilou Newell

There was a lot riding on the Mattapoisett Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Some might say the very character of the community. But when all was said and



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done, the people spoke affirmatively for a five-member Select Board versus the historic three-member.

Nikki Demakis, a nearly life-long resident and an active member of the Mattapoisett Democratic Committee, pursued the inclusion of a home rule petition to put the question of whether or not the community had an appetite to increase the size of the Select Board. A hiccup in the number of votes in an initial petition that garnered sufficient signatures for placement on the warrant required an additional number of signatures to be collected. But that was handily accomplished.

Demakis stated in her remarks that by expanding the board a wider range of expertise could assist in complicated decision making, especially on difficult projects. She said that there were people ready to come forward to lend their talents to the town, "... it would offer a more robust system of checks and balances, it would be more democratic."

Demakis pointed out that many municipal boards, including Planning, Conservation and others, have larger memberships that help facilitate those boards in moving business through the system. But others, both Town Meeting voters and some elected officials, held that the increase wasn't necessary.

Demakis stressed that many cities and towns throughout the commonwealth have five-member select boards and that there would be fewer recusals than is currently the case.



Select Board member Tyler Macallister reminded Town Meeting that, leading up to the meeting, the board works closely with the Finance Committee and that other boards and committees review each level of spending and spending needs throughout monthly meetings. He said, "we are supported by strong boards and department heads." Chuck McCullough suggested looking at the role of town administrator to see if some decisions now made by the Select Board might be moved to that position, calling the current administrator the "hub in a wheel."

McCullough held that the town should postpone voting on this article until further study can be conducted. After some technical wranglings that involved considering the question of postponement (the entire article took 45 minutes to debate), Town Meeting voted in favor of moving forward with the pursuit of a five-member board. Next steps include the Select Board's vote to send the petition on to the state for legislative consideration.

In a follow-up Damakis said, "I'm exhausted, excited for positive change, and encouraged."

Another article that garnered considerable debate on Town Meeting floor was the permanent movement of Community Preservation funds from an undesignated category to the housing category. The committee asked Town Meeting in Article 30 to move \$250,000 from the undesignated category to the Affordable Housing category. The effect of doing so would mean those funds



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would be locked exclusively for the purpose of affordable housing.

Gary Johnson of the Finance Committee voiced his concern that, since there were not presently any plans from any corner for the development of such housing, it wasn't prudent to lock away funds that might be needed for other projects.

McCullough stressed that by moving the funds the town would be demonstrating its desire for such development. He said affordable housing development would likely require the town's ponying up some matching funds and that this was one way to accomplish that goal. Both the Select Board and the Finance Committee withheld movement on the article, but in



a close vote that required a hand count, Town Meeting carried the motion.

Before Town Meeting began, the Select Board met with the Finance Committee as part of their regular meeting schedule. The agenda item was the consideration of the CPA Committee's Article 30, the beforementioned movement of \$250,000 into the Affordable Housing Fund. As noted, no action was taken.

The board also approved a request from Flatiron Works for filming in the community, a one-day wine and malt license for St. Anthony's Parish for May 3, and the acceptance of a donated ladder truck from the Fire Fighters Association.



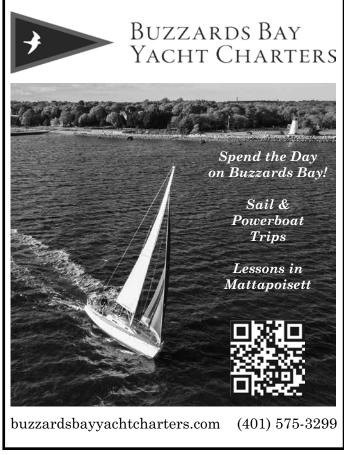
### **Majority Not Enough for Historic District**

Marion Annual Town Meeting By Sam Bishop

The Marion Annual Town Meeting took place over two days, Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13. Much was discussed, argued, and voted upon. On the docket were 51 articles (three of those being citizen's petitions), one special article, and two questions. See the end of this article for a summary of voting results.

The meeting began with Town Moderator Brad Gordon taking the podium, greeting the crowded room, and outlining the night's schedule. The Town Meeting took place in Sippican School's large multipurpose room. Every seat was filled with many on the wings and even some crowding into the school hallway. More seats were brought in, but there could not be enough to provide all in attendance with a seat. As more residents kept piling in, Gordon mentioned he was pleased with the large turnout and mentioned the importance of the night's meeting, saying, "we must recognize the fragility of our democracy." Gordon also mentioned, should they not be able to get through all of the meeting's voting, the meeting would have to take place over multiple days. This eventually turned out to be the case.

Article 1 was passed unanimously, making the first article to garner serious public comments Article 2, or the approval of the FY26 budget. Questions were raised by two members of the public as to the nearly doubling of



the Finance Director/Town Accountant budget. Finance Director Heather O'Brien stated this increase was due to staff moving to the Finance Department from other departments, primarily Administrative Services. This article was then passed and was followed by the passing of Articles 3-11 without serious discussion or contention.

Article 12 regarded the acquiring of new math curriculum. It was questioned why this proposal was not included in the FY26 budget or if the other districtmember towns, Mattapoisett and Rochester, would also be chipping in. It was stated both other towns would be voting on identical articles at their town meetings (Mattapoisett's passed May 12), and the curriculum didn't appear on the budget yet as it had not been voted upon. It was approved with a majority, with some voting "nav."

Article 13 also saw heavy discussion and regarded the appropriation and transfer of funds for pavement and sidewalk management. Some members of the public took time to air their grievances over road/sidewalk quality. Others supported burying the powerlines while the roads during excavation. Primarily, there was heavy discussion and criticism of pedestrian safety and utilities, urging the repair and addition of sidewalks and increased measures to facilitate signal and light safety for pedestrian crossing. This article was passed unanimously. Articles 14-16 were then passed with minimal comment.

Article 17 was for Town House renovations (ADA and building code compliance, fire suppression, and HVAC). A presentation by Building Commissioner Bob Grillo initiated discussion, where it was stated there would be no elevator installation but a lift, similar to the new Harbormaster building. This decision was said to have seriously lowered costs. The Finance Committee did not recommend the article, with Chair Shay Assad calling for an amendment to split HVAC installation into a separate vote. He stated the removal of this item would lower costs by \$606,075.

Board of Health member Ed Hoffer said it was unwise to split the vote, saying "we shouldn't kick the can down the road" in terms of HVAC necessity. Assad stressed his case, noting worry of debt increases and subsequent tax raises. Eventually, a vote on Assad's



proposed amendment was levied where it was not passed by the public. There was also discussion on building an entire new town hall, with another member of the public stating the matter had already been decided by voters a few years ago, adding "so now it's our responsibility to keep it up." Article 17 was passed in its entirety by roughly a two-thirds split.

Articles 18-30 were then passed without substantial debate. The Special Article, Article S1, was also passed. Importantly, there was a break to check the Celtics' score from Gordon. With the Celtics leading, he asked "do we support?" to which the crowd cheered "yay!" and raised their yellow cards.

Following this was the discussion on Article 31, or the removal of the Stretch Energy Code from the Code of Marion. Following a presentation, Planning Board Chair Andrew Daniel rose and stated, "I'm sorry for endorsing it," referring to his previous support following the town's original adoption of the code. Daniel spoke of "skyrocketing" building costs and the state's decision to change the code without deliberation with town bodies. He finished, saying "We gotta get out of this, and quickly."

A member of the public later responded, asking, "What's your alternative? The clock is ticking. The state committed to net-zero percent – and the Stretch Code is the way to do it." Another citizen brought forth the idea of a secret ballot, to which numerous members of the



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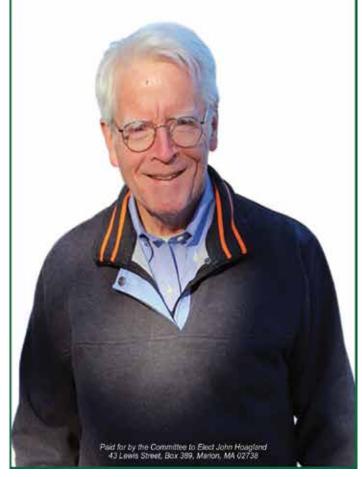
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audience shouted "no!" The suggestion was rescinded with a "never mind." A vote was held where the article was approved, thus removing the Stretch Energy Code.

Before going to the discussion of the town's proposed historic district, the moderator made a motion to jump to the other "money articles" or, the articles dealing with the allocation of funds, as those articles required a vote before 10:00 pm.

Article 38 was passed and was followed by a lengthy discussion on the first Citizen's Petition, Article 51. Select Board candidate George "TJ" Walker, a member of the town's Board of Assessors, presented his petition, with members of the public following to cite their grievances with public infrastructure. Nearly all stated their displeasure and the inconvenience of the town's sidewalk and road situation. One citizen stated, "I gave up on the sidewalks. I walk on the yellow lines. Please change the priority. Fund sidewalks." The article was passed with a majority.

On Tuesday morning, Walker told The Wanderer he has suspended his campaign for Select Board. His full statement can be seen in the Marion Select Board candidates' statements section of this paper.

The final article discussed on Monday night was Article 32, regarding the proposed historic district. Will Tifft, chair of the Historic District Study Committee, began with a short presentation on "how'd we get here?" as to the article and accompanying district. He noted



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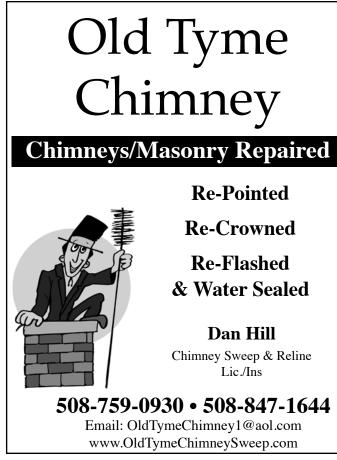
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more than 120 other towns in Massachusetts with similar districts and ended his statement by saying "a historic district is the best way" to protect Marion's historic architecture.

Lengthy discussion followed, taking over two hours from introduction to vote. Another presentation followed, this time by Andrew Bonney in opposition. "A historic district infringes on private property rights and is fundamentally unfair." Often throughout this presentation, Bonney used the words imposed, infringed, and unfair. Bonney also stated his displeasure with two properties being opted out of the district, belonging to the Hillers and Bardens. He and many locals wanted the option to opt out. He finished his statements by saying, "if there is a problem with zoning, let's fix that before incremental bureaucracy."

The chair of the Historic Commission, Meg Steinberg, and other members came to speak in support of a historic district. Some locals living within the confines of the proposed district cited numerous concerns, those primarily being fears of overreach by the district's accompanying committee, the restriction of property options, increased insurance costs or insurance dropping, and the feeling of the rest of the town imposing their will on the smaller population that would be in the district. Finally, there was a motion to end comments that was passed by the majority of voters, thus beginning the vote for the article itself.



Incorrectly, the moderator, citing a member of Town Counsel, stated a simple majority was needed for the vote to pass. Tellers were required to count the close vote, with a final tally of 154 in favor and 150 against. The moderator declared the article passed, to immediate outcry from the audience. Resident Johanna Vergoni rose and shouted, "What? Please explain to me why things have changed tonight!" She cited being told numerous times that a two-thirds vote would be necessary for approval. Eventually, a consultant for the interested committee stated that a two-thirds vote is necessary, to which the moderator corroborated and declared the vote actually had failed. The original ruling was overturned.

For the first day, in summary, 32 articles, one Citizen's Petition, and the one Special Article, were passed. One article was rejected, that being Article 32, or the creation of a historic district.

The second day of the meeting saw roughly half the seats in the room filled and began with Gordon thanking town staff for allowing Town Meeting to go on and told the people present to "give yourself a hand" for attending two days of meetings.

A lengthy discussion on Article 33 kickstarted the second night, with Daniel presenting on accessorydwelling units. He explained that both the Planning Board and Select Board presented the bylaw to protect residents and expand the town's ability to increase housing while limiting ADU's to one per property. Though Daniel and the moderator stressed that public comment on this article stay strictly on ADU's, most discussion diverted into short-term rentals (STR's).

Some residents were upset, with one saying, "no one has any clue," referring to the number of STR's in town. Wording and the mixing of topics led to another resident rising only to begin "I'm confused." A motion to table Article 33 indefinitely failed. Town Administrator Geoff Gorman warned, "we do not have short-term rentals in our bylaws," with Select Board Chair Norm Hills adding, "we do need control over the ADU's not becoming short-term rentals." Eventually, the article was approved.

After Articles 34 and 35 were approved, Daniel



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A speedy approval of Articles 37-48 began. Select Board member Randy Parker paused the approvals to state this Town Meeting was the last official duty of Select Board member Carleton "Toby" Burr Jr., thanking him for his service and dedication.

Article 49, a Citizen's Petition to withdraw Marion from the state's Green Communities program, was retracted by its owner due to it having been superseded by Article 31's approval.

Finally, the last article, Article 50, was put forth. Select Board member Toby Burr gave a presentation for his Citizen's Petition regarding the separation of the Police and Harbormaster departments.

"The purpose of this citizen's petition is to have a discussion," he began. He added the police "have a different job than managing Marion Harbor." He stated his regret for his former decision to support merging the Harbormaster and Police a few years ago. The Chair of Marine Resources Commission, Vincent J. Malkoski Jr., was upset that neither he nor the commission was consulted before putting the article forth. He mentioned his two years of work in the original department merger. "You are being asked at 9:00 pm, Tuesday night, on the second day of Town Meeting to consider this." He also talked of compensation and Harbormaster workers losing pay and benefits. "Does anyone here believe a rotating Board of Selectmen is capable of running law enforcement?"

Burr later added, "What matters is what kind





of harbor management we want – do we want police or managers, customer service? Do you want harbor management to focus on police activities or to focus on customer-service activities?"

Police Chief Richard Nighelli spoke about the challenges of the state's police-reform movement. "The truth is, now they have rules and regulations – it takes away from the town's liability." He spoke against splitting, though he initially stated his neutrality. He completed his statements by complimenting the Harbormaster and the department as a whole. "One department," he ended.

Harbormaster Adam Murphy also voiced his disdain for the proposal, saying he liked the current



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arrangement and benefits greatly from having access to police databases and correspondence. He also mentioned he and his colleagues would be treated differently and that police officers are more respected. "Marion used to be a model I was proud of." Rather than voting on the article itself, a motion was put forth by a citizen to table the article indefinitely, and that motion passed. Thus ended the 2025 Marion Town Meeting.

### **Rodeo Time!**

### Rochester Select Board **By Michael J. DeCicco**

Let them buckin' broncos loose! Rochester's Select Board Monday officially approved the license agreement for the rodeos that will come to the former Country Fair grounds this summer.

New England Rodeo, which is currently headquartered in Norton, proposed holding a series of rodeos every other Saturday from June to September at 65 Pine St. earlier this month. The board Monday endorsed the agreement for leasing the 18.6-acre site for that purpose after one question from Select Board Chair Brad Morse.

Morse asked who will police the requirement that the site be left clean after every rodeo event and how that policing be done. Town Administrator Cameron Durant said New England Rodeo has agreed to clean the site within 24 hours after each such event, and he and other town officials will walk the site the next Monday to verify what was done. He explained that New England Rodeo did not want to create the late-night noise of cleaning up on the same evening after one of its 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. events.

As another nod to New England Rodeo's sensitivity to neighbors' concerns, Morse noted the company has agreed to meet with all parties in town involved and affected after its first rodeo to gauge the first reactions.

After the approval vote, Durant elaborated New England Rodeo has agreed its first rodeo will be in June and it will hold only one final rodeo in September. The company will pay for its own use of utilities. It will make

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sure the events are covered by its own liability insurance. It will provide its own bathrooms, likely porta-potties. It will allow community groups to fund raise during its events.

Elsewhere on the agenda, the Select Board approved Verizon New England's proposal to install a new mid-span utility pole on the east side of Snipatuit Road and its request to withdraw 'without prejudice' its petition for a new pole on Robinson Road. But after an abutter expressed concerns, the board continued until its next meeting the company's proposal for a new mid-span utility pole on the west side of Cushman Road.

Scott Snider of 149 Cushman Road said he wanted to know why a new pole was needed on his street, less than 200 feet from existing poles. He complained the new pole would be almost right outside his front door. "Couldn't it go somewhere else?" he asked. Morse explained Eversource needs the pole for the heavier cables the new solar array on Cushman will need. But such a pole can be moved, he added. He motioned that Eversource officials be requested to attend the board's next meeting to provide more information.

In other action, the board approved the warrant for the May 28 annual town election. Morse noted the warrant includes one ballot question: whether to change the town clerk from an elected position to an appointed one.

The board reported that the SEMASD PILOT payment for April 2025 is \$303,401.

Sharon Hartley of the Events Committee reported changes in this year's Memorial Day parade celebration over last year's event. The parade on Sunday, May 25 will begin at the COA senior center on Dexter Lane and end at the town office building. First, at the COA, the local singing group, the Showstoppers, will sing the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the parade route will march from the COA to where the Rochester Memorial School Band will be playing at town hall, then to the Civil War monument at Daggart Square Square, then back to the COA.

The board approved amending a new street name at a new subdivision, Freetown Farms, off of Dr. Braley Road. The street will be known as Gates Farm Road.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, June 5 at 6:00 pm. at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### **Enlarged Garage Approved for Pleasant Street**

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met Thursday, May 8 for a Special Permit hearing for the Morgans living at 73 Pleasant Street. The permit would be for the expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming garage.

In detailing its correspondence with other town bodies, the ZBA said the Board of Health had



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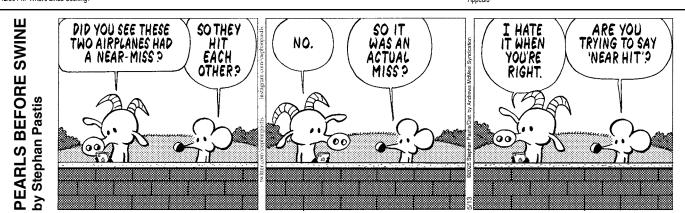
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"no comments" on the special permit application. The Conservation Commission had stated the project is "not jurisdictional," or it does not concern them. The Planning Board only recommended the design of the new work on the garage to be consistent with the architectural style of the existing house. Finally were comments from abutters and neighbors across the street at 72 Pleasant Street. The abutters were in full support of the work with no negative comments.

Following the reading of correspondence, Chair Cindy Callow stated she is also an abutter, so must recuse herself from the hearing due to conflicts of interest. Member Margherita Baldwin also stated she was an abutter, living within 300 feet, but stated she was far enough away to look at the issue impartially.

The Morgans then presented their request, saying their current garage was built in 1912 and is too small for two cars and does not offer much storage. The residents do not like street parking, "particularly in the winter and snow." For the work being done, another room would be added on that would conjoin the house to the garage. An existing bedroom would be enlarged and converted into an office.

The Special Permit hearing was closed and approved with a unanimous approval vote.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was not scheduled at dismissal but will take place after the Marion elections on May 16 though the





Zoning Board has no open positions contested for the election. Chair Cindy Callow joked this could be her last meeting with the Zoning Board, as she is running for a spot on the Select Board.

Abutters Angry over Solar Array Rochester Planning Board By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday entertained a further review of two large projects on Cranberry Highway and Snipatuit Road and the neighbors' strong concerns over them before ultimately continuing both hearings to its next meeting.

First, the board reopened the Site Plan Review application hearing to build a 20,000 square-foot commercial building for contractor bays with associated access drives, parking areas, utilities and stormwater management system at the west side of Cranberry Highway.

Applicant Sealord Enterprises representative Bob Rogers said the property will include 55 parking spaces and 10 bays measuring approximately 25x20 square feet. Board Chair Arnold Johnson asked if there will be security gates, dumpsters, and any retail use. Rogers said there will not be such a gate at the property entrance, but pads for dumpsters are in the plans, and he is not looking for variances that would allow retail use. Johnson requested a lighting plan for when Rogers returns after the town engineer's peer review.

Linda Westgate, a direct abutter who said she has lived there most of her life, complained the area is highly congested already. "I can't imagine how it will be after this moves in," she said. She complained she is one of the few residential buildings left there now. "The woods are going away. The animals are going away!"

"I don't think you will see us from your house," Rogers answered. "I don't think there will be big noise."

The board continued this hearing, pending a peer-review report from the town engineer.

Next, the board reopened its Special Permit and Site Plan Review hearing for Logging Swamp Solar dba ReWild Renewables' plan for a solar array on 49 acres



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# **TRITOWN HAPPENINGS**



Jen Pease shared these photos of the Mattapoisett Mother's Day 5k event that was held on Sunday. Is it the second year holding this event and there were 404 registered participants (an increase from 198 last year). They raised just over \$10,000 to donate to new mother's right here on the South Coast.



Members of the Rochester Fire Department participated in full gear for Saturday's, 3-mile Team Hero's Walk held at Fort Taber in New Bedford. In the department's 10th year walking, the participants raised \$8,500, the largest amount raised to date as they symbolized the extra weight of living with Multiple Sclerosis. In 2014, Deputy Fire Chief and Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge was diagnosed with MS after experiencing the pain of trigeminal neuralgia, a condition he continues to battle while serving the Town of Rochester in multiple capacities. Photos courtesy Rochester Fire Department





The McLaughlin Family shared this photo taken in front of Skogafoss Water Fall Waterfall in Iceland during their April vacation. After taking this photo, they climbed the 580 step stairs to the top of the falls and hiked to see the remaining 6 waterfalls further upstream.

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

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in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road. Zak Markes of ReWild Renewables noted the project will be set within 2,000 acres of forested land. The array itself will have a 50acre footprint, including 35 acres within a 15-acre fence perimeter. He said the developer's two top concerns are being as far out of sight and mind of the abutters as possible and controlling stormwater.

Alan Gragnani of 655 Snipatuit Road repeated the complaint he lodged at last week's Conservation Commission hearing that the proposed access road to the site would be 40 feet from his property and 100 feet from his well. He wanted to know how stripped his porch view would become. He wanted to know how much land clearing will need to be done and how the project will affect the already wet conditions that his property and his basement sometimes face.

Lisa Christensen of 663 Snipatuit Road added the project will come 20 feet from her property. She repeated the neighbors' suggestion of last week that the access road could be moved farther away from their property.

Markes assured the abutters the road, once completed, will not carry much traffic, as it is simply an access to the solar equipment. He added that the developer is, in fact, looking into moving the access road. Johnson assured them that by law a developer may not increase water flow in the area of its project. He said the design to meet that purpose must meet high standards and that the Planning Board will not just rubber-stamp a



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## **OBITUARIES**



**Richard J. McNeil**, 76, of Rochester, passed away on May 7, 2025, at Tobey Hospital in Wareham. He was the muchloved husband of Ingrid A. (Hill) McNeil and the son of the late Richard J. and Leocadia (Sypek) McNeil.

He was born in Boston and had lived in Rochester since 1981. He graduated from B.C. High School and received

a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Tufts University as well as a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Babson College. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy Reserves for over 20 years retiring as a Commander. He was also a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

During his years at Tufts, he was an active participant in the Newman Center where he formed many dear friendships and met the love of his life, Ingrid. They married in 1972 and began a life together that saw them journey from Beverly to South Dartmouth and finally to Rochester where they settled down in 1981. While always dedicated to his work as an IT Specialist working in Hospital Systems, most recently at Southcoast Hospital Group, his joy and strength came from his love and service to his faith and family. When he wasn't taking a well-deserved nap or enjoying a slice of sausage and mushroom pizza, he was an excellent teacher and doer, spending much of his free time tinkering, repairing and finding the most effective and efficient way to get things done, ensuring his children had what they needed to grow and thrive. He relished time he got to spend with his grandchildren and they, in turn, always appreciated the drawer full of snacks he kept stocked for their visits. Rich loved and served the parish family of St. Rose of Lima Church. He sang in the choir, cut watermelons for the annual cookout, (when he wasn't single-handedly providing the mobile kissing booth), kept the kids in line during catechism and served faithfully on the parish council. But most of all he loved his family.

Survivors include his wife, Ingrid A. (Hill) McNeil; two sons, Richard J. McNeil and his wife, Tracy and Thomas F. McNeil; and a daughter, Heidi McNeany and her husband Brian, all of Rochester; his brothers and sisters: Robert Mc-Neil of Stoughton, Christopher McNeil of Norwell, Gregory McNeil of Foxboro, Mary Perry of Westboro, and Nancy Hamel of Mansfield; three grandchildren: Geoffrey McNeil and Cora and Owen McNeany; as well as fifteen nephews and nieces.

We are deeply grateful to the doctors, nurses and staff at Tobey Hospital for their care and support.

His funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at St. Rose of Lima Church, 282 Vaughn Hill Rd., Rochester. Burial will follow at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Isidore Parish, 340 Center St., Middleboro, MA

02346 or at: https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sain-tisidore



**Gary James Ramos**, 66, of Wareham, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 9, 2025. He was the husband of Deborah (Lopes) Ramos for many years.

Born in Milford, CT, son of Irene (Fortes) Ramos and the late James Ramos, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life. Gary was a jazz drummer, avid mu-

sic lover and enjoyed going to the Newport Jazz Festival. He was the percussionist for his family tradition of Canta Reis. Gary loved spending time with his daughter and grandchildren. He had a great sense of humor and was the life of every get together. Gary worked on the water for most of his life, first as a longshoreman and then as a first mate on the Portuguese Princess. He most recently worked at Turk's Seafood in Mattapoisett and Cast Seaside Bites & Bar in Marion.

Survivors include his wife; his mother Irene Ramos; his daughter, Rosemary Williams and her husband Whynton of Mattapoisett; his siblings, David Ramos (Jill), Jeffrey Ramos (Jen), Marie Elena Almeida (Jay), Stephanie Ramos, and Mikela Riley; his precious grandchildren, Kymani, Kaimari, and Kamila Williams; several aunts, uncles and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members that he loved very much.

His Funeral will be held Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, followed by his Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10 am. Burial will take place privately at a later date. Visiting hours will be Wednesday from 4-8 pm in the Funeral Home. For online guestbook, please visit www. saundersdwyer.com



**Steven J. Krol**, 36, passed away Friday, May 9, 2025 peacefully at home after a courageous 3 year battle with brain cancer. He was the beloved husband of Sara B. (Schwanke) Krol of Marion, MA. Born in Attleboro, MA, he was a son of Jozef and Bogumila "Nila" (Fura) Krol of Smithfield, RI.

Steven was the owner of Krol Installs and was proud of establishing his

own company within the last year. He grew up in Smithfield, RI and has lived in Marion, MA for over 4 years. Steven received his Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Design from New England Institute of Technology. He was an avid lover of brewing his own beer under the label of Krolski Brewing. He enjoyed the outdoors hiking, running, and biking. Steven was someone who could fix anything and loved his blue truck.

Steven had the most contagious smile and was a

plan. Johnson said the board will follow up and inspect to make sure the project is being done right.

In other action, the board also continued to its next meeting a hearing to modify the Special Permit and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit for Cushman Road Solar, Cushman Road, under a plan to construct additional sub-drainage improvements within an existing driveway off Robinson Road. Johnson said the peer review was ongoing.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

**Girls Tennis Dominating SCC** 

ORR Sports Roundup By Aiden Comorosky Girls Tennis The Old Rochester Regional High School girls tennis team played at South Coast Conference rival Apponequet (10-3) on May 8 and won 4-1. Emily Wyman was named the player of the match. The Bulldogs are a perfect 11-0 on the season and will play at Bourne (4-7) on Thursday, May 15.

# **Boys** Lacrosse

The Bulldogs hosted Somerset Berkley (3-9) on May 7 and won 13-3. Old Rochester has won its last eight games and took a 9-2 record into Wednesday's game at Fairhaven (11-2).

# Girls Lacrosse

Old Rochester played at Somerset Berkley (3-9) on May 7 and won 19-4. The Bulldogs had won three games in a row heading into Wednesday's match against Fairhaven (13-2-1).

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devoted father, husband, son, brother and friend. He loved his family and children deeply. He relied on his faith in God to sustain him at all times.

In addition to his wife Sara and his parents he is survived by his children Noelle (4), Penelope (2), and Quintin (5 months). He was the brother of Julie DeCosta and Michelle Martins. He was the son-in-law of Bryan and Sharon Schwanke of Duxbury, MA. He was the brother-in-law to Janelle and Corey Morris, Kayla and Daniel Abunaw, Noah Schwanke, Ariana Schwanke, Damien Schwanke, Arthur DeCosta and Matthew Martins. He was the beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 16, 2025 from 4-7 pm in the Tucker-Quinn Funeral Chapel of Patrick Quinn Funerals & Cremations, 643 Putnam Pike, Greenville. Relatives and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10 am in St. Michael Church, 80 Farnum Pike, Smithfield. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute The Adult Brain Tumor Fund c/o Dr. Patrick Wen 450 Brookline Ave, Boston MA 02215.

Kindly visit PatrickQuinnFuneralsandCremations. com for online condolences.



**Joseph Patrick Keogh III**, age 82, passed away on May 8, 2025, at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Mass., after a brief illness.

Joe was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1942 to Joseph Patrick Keogh (Sr.) and Mary Louise Bierkamp. In 1962, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and there began his love affair with the sea. Af-

ter service, he settled in Woods Hole, where he met and married Ellen Christian. Together they had two sons, Sean and Timothy, whom they raised in Marion. Until his retirement from Edy & Duff boat yard, Joe helped build many of the boats dotting Buzzards Bay. Joe was an active member of the town and served on multiple committees, including the Marion Open Space Committee, the Marine Resource Committee, and the Circulation Committee all of which were responsible for giving residents easier access to natural resources.

Joe was a man of many passions: sailing, Tai Chi, genealogy and scale collecting, to name just a few. Joe loved nature and spent his retirement organizing and leading local kayaking and hiking expeditions and keeping tabs on the ospreys of Marion.

He was known for the indomitable spirit that lay behind his laconic demeanor. When he was forbidden from cycling for health reasons, he took up a recumbent bike without a second thought. When his knees made it hard to skipper a regular sailboat, he built himself a trimaran he could sail seated.

He is survived by his sons, Sean and his wife Nicole and Tim and his wife Teah; his grandchildren, Olive, Martin and Cecelia; his sister, Kathy; and his good friend and partner, Deb Giokas.

Services will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 4 pm at St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front St., Marion. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Sippican Lands Trust, an organization working to protect the Ospreys that Joe loved so dearly.

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

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# Movie Review

**Old Future** 

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Alphaville (1965). Starring Eddie Constantine and Anna Karina. Directed by Jean-Luc Godard. Running time: 99 minutes. No MPAA rating. Available on physical and streaming home media.

It's likely that *Alphaville*, which celebrated the 60th anniversary of its French release on May 5, is the only film directed by Jean-Luc Godard that a lot of non-French viewers have seen, due to its place in science-fiction movie history. The restlessly prankish, allusive, and experimental Godard took the popular pulp hero Lemmy Caution (Eddie Constantine) and used him as a found object, after a fashion, in a futuristic society where emotions and "illogic" are punishable by death and everything is run by a computer named Alpha 60, voiced by a man talking through an electrolarynx. So *Alphaville* is Godard arranging a shotgun marriage of dystopian sci-fi and *film noir*, a blend used again by *Blade Runner*, most notably.

If you're expecting a visually sumptuous ride á la that Ridley Scott film, though, Godard has news for you: the future is just the present with dangerous ideas. (The best dystopian sci-fi is really commentary on the time in which it was made, not a prediction.) Godard famously doesn't try to "future up" the film's look — it might make a better double bill with *Repo Man* than with *Blade Runner*. Lemmy Caution, a tough, impassive customer, wanders around drab Paris buildings and encounters various people who behave oddly, as per the requirements of Alphaville. His mission is to bring an end to Alphaville and Alpha 60, though the mission doesn't seem to have much urgency.

Pauline Kael called *Alphaville* "brilliant, yet it's no good" and referred to its "powerfully soporific" qualities. This is a word to the wise to get caffeined up before taking this trip. My view of it is a bit more lenient, but, like all of Godard, it's simply not for everyone. Science-fiction fans looking to tick off *Alphaville* on their checklist of Important Sci-fi Cinema may be left bored and confused — the lack of special effects or much action (other than some violence Godard clearly doesn't take seriously), and the



presence of, well, Godardian techniques meant to be subliminal thematic twinkles, will leave some viewers frustrated. It's far more of an art movie than most films, Hollywood or otherwise, that get shelved in the sci-fi section.

But it has its spot in history, and if you let yourself relax into what it's doing — and respond to what it does instead of expecting it to do what you want — you'll probably have a better time with it. Godard does, after all, give us a classic *noir* plot, a hero (kind of) with a gun and trenchcoat, a love interest (Anna Karina) contrasted with several "seductresses third class" (boy, is this futuristic night-dream ever prefeminism), and a big villain that's no more or less than the enemy of free thought, speech, and feeling. When Lemmy arrives in the city of Alphaville, many of those verities have already been extinguished, and he himself is the opposite of passionate or effusive. He seems as dead inside as the world he infiltrates.

Perhaps only such a man can triumph against the threat of totalitarian blankness. Lemmy turns out to have layers; given a chance, he speaks fluent philosophical Godardian, and his weapon against Alpha 60 is not violence but poetry. *Alphaville* can be a tough first sit but gains shape as it goes along; its true double-bill brother might be The Designated *Mourner*, a disturbing theatrical piece of dystopia that I promise very few fans of Mad Max or Terminator will spot on their radar. Both films, though, arrange themselves about halfway through as experiences far more rewarding during a second pass, when we know what we're getting into. What it plays like more than anything is what might happen if you were watching vintage Bogart topped with *Brazil* late at night, then fell asleep and built a vaguely eerie, not altogether sensible dream out of what you managed to catch through flickering eyelids. That's Alphaville.

# Letters to the Editor

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# To the Editor;

I encourage Rochester voters to vote yes on an appointed Town Clerk. If you vote yes, the Town Clerk will not simply be "appointed," but will go through a hiring process which ensures that we get a qualified candidate to fill the non-decision making clerk's role. The process would be similar to the hiring process used to appoint our Town Administrator. In our last election we had only one person officially running for the position. Under our current system only individuals who live in Rochester can run. This significantly reduces the number of qualified and experienced candidates. A yes vote would allow the town to hire from a much larger pool of qualified candidates thereby assuring that we get the best possible person to fill the role. The clerk's position is not a partisan one, and the clerk does not have any decision-



making power, so why do we elect them in a partisan way now? In our last town wide election, we experienced a grievous mistake by the inexperienced clerk which skewed the election and cast doubt on several outcomes. Mistakes certainly happen, however under our current system there is no yearly performance review or reporting structure. If a clerk fails to perform or break the law the only recourse is a costly recall election or wait for the term to end. The demands and complexity of the job are increasing yearly with new laws, reporting regulations, and technological requirements. Additionally, the position itself has no health care option, no paid vacation or sick time. The position would be a professional one for the *Continued on page 43* 





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# WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing will be conducted on 5/19/2025-5/23/2024.

Flushing will begin 5/19/2024 at 7:30 p.m. and go on until 3:00 a.m. in the Acushnet Rd. and North St. / Crystal spring Rd areas.

Night flushing will also be conducted on 5/20/2025 from 7:30 pm to 3:00am in the Center of Town along with the Acushnet Rd /Park St/Mendell Rd area

Daily flushing will be conducted the entire time between 5/19/24--- 5/23/24, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Signage will be placed on the roads that are being flushed daily) some Hydrants may continue to run into the evenings to address any discolored water concerns.

During this period of time, Please check your water before using if you find any discoloration, try running your cold water tap for a couple of minutes to flush out your service, as always please contact us for any questions or concerns

Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas.

Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street. Other areas may be affected due to system hydraulics please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Chlorine may be injected into the system when flushing begins and will continue until flushing is completed.

Henri Renauld Mattapoisett Water & Sewer Superintendent 508-758-4161





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employee with benefits. A yes vote would not terminate the current clerk's tenure and now that she is experienced, she could reapply in 2026. The town deserves the best we can find; a ves vote would allow that to happen. Michael Kovacevich

# To the Editor;

After another successful Earth Day on April 20 the Rochester Women's Club would like to thank everyone who came on that beautiful Saturday. Our Boy Scout troop 31 and their leader Kevin Thompson, The members of the women's club who come together year after year for over 23 years, the residents of Rochester who also put in their time often with little ones in tow, Ed Rose for his dumpster service and Lloyd's Market for the yummy goodies. We also would like to thank Jeff Eldridge and the Rochester Highway department for their speedy job picking up our bags. We appreciate all of you! See you all next year!

Marsha Hartley, President

# Academic Achievements

Bessie Pierre of Marion and ORRHS class of 2021, graduated from Duke University with highest distinction from its Sanford School of Public Policy. Her honors thesis is entitled "An Evaluation of the Every Student Succeeds Act's Educational Stability Provision for Foster Youth in Massachusetts." Graduating with distinction is among the highest honors that Duke bestows on its undergraduates.

**Emily Humphrey** of Rochester has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Spring 2025 Dean's List. The spring term runs from January to May.

# **ORRJH Students of the Month**

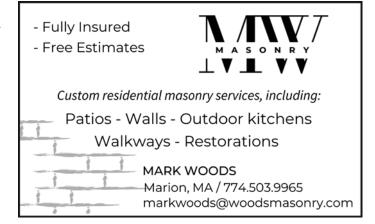
Silas D. Coellner, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for April 2025 Green Team: Lily Cunha & Genevieve Hebert Orange Team: Madison Hardy & Owen Rider Blue Team: Lily Connolly & Gabriel Gates Red Team: Emily Lavin & Anthony Biscaia Exploratory Team: Cara Jupin & Kaylie Silva

# Mattapoisett Yacht Club

Attention all racers, potential racers, and those that might be interested in joining the Race Committee.

The annual Skipper's Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street at 5:00 pm. The session will commence with an overview of the responsibilities and expectations associated with being part of the Race Committee. This will be followed by a discussion on racing, during which key rules and procedures will be reviewed.

Registration is now open for all the 2025 Mattapoisett Yacht Club races. Please be advised that the MYC will now utilize Regatta Network for race



management. We believe this system will enhance the experience for our racers by providing timely information and faster posting of results.

Ensign and Wednesday Night Racers. Each series (June, July, and August) is regarded as an individual event. Consequently, participants are required to register and pay for each series separately.

New this year - Crew Finder. Use this option if you are looking for crew, or if you are interested in being a crew member on a boat. Available on the racing pages.

Also, keep in mind that racing will be held the week of July 4 (July 1 & 2)

If you have any problems registering or have any questions, feel free to contact Fran at vicecommodore@ mattapoisettyc.org

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. There are always great discussions and something to learn. BYOB and stay after the meeting to socialize.

# Sippican Woman's Club

Through the generosity of homeowners that opened their homes, local businesses, Tabor Academy and our amazing community, the Sippican Woman's Club 2024 Holiday By The Sea House Tour was a fantastic success allowing the Club to generously give back and support another amazing local treasure, the Marion Natural History Museum, with a \$1,000 grant to support technology and website improvements.



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May 15, 2025

# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS

# MARION

# Log highlights May 4 – May 10

- Wareham Rd Health/welfare
- Spring St Parking enforcement
- Spring St EMS/medical
- Dexter Rd EMS/medical
- Point Rd Animal complaint
- Point Rd Road hazard
- West Dr General service
- Mill St Suspicious person
- Spring St health/welfare
- Front St Larceny/past
- Front St Animal control
- Front St Follow up investigation
- Forbes Rd Civil complaint
- Converse Rd Officer wanted
- Village Dr Officer wanted
- Front St Officer wanted
- Alden Rd EMS/medical
- Village Dr Officer wanted
- Ryders Ln Officer wanted
- Delano Rd MV collision
- Point Rd MV stop/citation
- Village Dr Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd Health/welfare
- Cottage St MV collision
- Village Dr General service
- Benson Brook Rd Smoke
- Planting Island Rd Parking citation
- Briggs Ln EMS/medical Front St – MV complaint

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# Log highlights May 4 - May 10

- North St Assist citizen ٠
- Prospect Rd Complaint
- Barlow Ln Medical assist
- Angelica Ave MV violations
- Marion Rd 911 call
- Water St Animal control
- Barlow Ln Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter Medical alarm
- Marion Rd MV violations
- Knollwood Dr Ambulance request
- North St MV violations
- County Rd Disturbance
- Main St MV crash
- Water St Suspicious MV
- Church St Assist citizen
- Angelica Ave MV violations
- Wildwood Ter Parking complaint
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- River Rd General services
- Aucoot Rd 911 call
- 195 West 911 call
- Acushnet Rd Complaint
- Waterview Ln Animal control Acushnet Rd Medical assist
- Hitching Post Rd Health/welfare
- Reservation Rd MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd MV crash
- Wildwood Ter Medical assist
- Spruce Ave Animal control
- Acushnet Rd Medical assist

Tuesday, May 20: Tyson

popcorn chicken, creamy mashed

potatoes, savory gravy, golden

grain French toast sticks, maple

mac & cheese, steamed carrots,

chicken dip served w/whole grain

tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

syrup, Jones low salt sausage

links, tator tots, cheese stick Thursday, May 22: Creamy

Friday, May 23: Hot buffalo

**ROCHESTER MEMORIAL** 

Tuesday, May 20: Tyson

Monday, May 19: Italian sub,

sweet potato fries, pasta salad

potatoes, savory gravy, golden

corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, May 21: Whole

grain French toast sticks, maple

mac & cheese, steamed carrots,

Friday, May 23: Cheese pizza,

roasted chic peas, garden salad,

svrup. Jones low salt sausage

links, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, May 22: Creamy

applesauce cup

popcorn chicken, creamy mashed

applesauce cup

corn, whole grain dinner roll Wednesday, May 21: Whole

- ROCHESTER
- Log highlights May 4 May 10
- Kings Hwy General services •
- Quaker Ln 911 call
- Neck Rd Erratic MV
- New Bedford Rd Larceny
- Coombs Rd Disturbance
- Cranberry Hwy General services
- Rvder Rd Well-being check
- Marys Pond Rd Parking complaint
- Cranberry Hwy 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy MV stop/towed
- Ryder Rd General services
- New Bedford Rd MV stop/arrest
- Braley Hill Rd MV collision
- Cross Rd Animal control
- North Ave Animal control
- Dexter Ln General services
- Marvs Pond Rd Erratic MV/citation
- Cranberry Hwy 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy Medical alarm
- Cranberry Hwy Illegal dumping
- Haskell Ridge Rd Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rď 911 call Snipatuit Rd Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd 911 call
- Burgess Av e- Lost animal
- Vaughn Hill Rd Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd Harassment
- Snipatuit Rd Vandalism
- Mattapoisett Rd Suspicious activity •

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sweet potato fries, pasta salad

popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden

assorted salad dressing

Tuesday, May 20: Tyson

corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, May 21: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple

syrup, Jones low salt sausage

mac & cheese, steamed carrots,

Friday, May 23: Cheese pizza,

roasted chic peas, garden salad,

Monday, May 19: Build a burrito

links, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, May 22: Creamy

assorted salad dressing

parmesan & spaghetti

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Tuesday, May 20: Calzone &

Wednesday, May 21: Chicken

Thursday, May 22: Assorted

Friday, May 23: Assorted pizza

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breakfast for lunch options

applesauce cup

bowl

fries

SIPPICAN SCHOOL Monday, May 19: Italian sub,

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

# EGIONAL LUNCH

syrup, Jones low salt sausage

links, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, May 22: Creamy

assorted salad dressing

**OLD HAMMONDTOWN** 

Tuesday, May 20: Tyson

Monday, May 19: Italian sub,

sweet potato fries, pasta salad

potatoes, savory gravy, golden

corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, May 21: Whole

grain French toast sticks, maple

mac & cheese, steamed carrots,

Friday, May 23: Cheese pizza,

assorted salad dressing

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH** 

Monday, May 19: Italian sub,

sweet potato fries, pasta salad

May 15, 2025

roasted chic peas, garden salad,

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL** 

syrup, Jones low salt sausage

links, tator tots, cheese stick

Thursday, May 22: Creamy

applesauce cup

popcorn chicken, creamy mashed

applesauce cup

mac & cheese, steamed carrots,

Friday, May 23: Cheese pizza.

roasted chic peas, garden salad,

#### **COASTLINE ELDERLY** NUTRITION PROGRAM Monday, May 19: Beef stew,

green beans & peppers, whole grain biscuit, mandarin oranges Tuesday, May 20: Rosemary & garlic chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, pudding, diet: fruit

wedge, orzo, broccoli, dinner roll,

Wednesday, May 21: Herb

Cheeseburger, sweet potato

wedges, zucchini & peppers,

hamburger bun, pound cake,

Friday, May 23: Honey jerk

chicken thigh, white rice, green

peas, oatmeal roll, peach cup

Monday, May 19: Italian sub,

Tuesday, May 20: Tyson

sweet potato fries, pasta salad

potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, May 21: Whole

grain French toast sticks, maple

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popcorn chicken, creamy mashed

crusted white fish w/lemon

Thursday, May 22:

**CENTER SCHOOL** 

banana

ketchup

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The Sippican Woman's Club established in 1904, is a mere youth in comparison to the Marion Natural History Society that was established in 1867 with the Museum opening in 1872, recently celebrating their 150th Anniversary. Built by the generosity of Elizabeth Taber, the Museum focuses on the rich natural history of our locality, brought to life through engaging exhibits, enlightening lectures, and interactive educational programs for both the young and the young at heart.

Taber compelled the society to "press onward to higher and higher attainments till they become unitedly a praise and a power in the community" and today as a cornerstone of education and information in our community, the Museum is dedicated to exploring and explaining the wonders of our local coastal and offshore environments with fascinating exhibits, archives, and dynamic outreach programs.

The Museum's collections are mostly historic contributions from the South Coast's own amateur scientists and naturalists, including Mrs. Taber's insect and shell collections and Mr. Week's impressive display of nearly 1,000 butterflies donated over 100 years ago. Additionally, the Museum boasts a sizable collection of waterfowl and birds of prey, an equally large collection of Native American artifacts along with several specimens of fish, turtles and other creatures that live in our local wetlands and oceans.

Offering after school and summer programs for kids, the Museum is more than just a place to visit; it's a launchpad for future scientists, naturalists, and engineers. Upcoming programs include rocketry, harbor ecology and a visit to Ram Island. For those young at heart and still naturally curious, upcoming community programs include submarine vents, dragonfly and damselfly presentation and walk, a butterfly walk, and ambassador animals.

The Sippican Woman's Club is honored to support the Museum and invites you to "be curious" and see such wonders yourself by visiting the Museum at 8 Spring Street, above the Library. The museum is handicap accessible with an elevator located at the rear entrance. Learn more about upcoming programs, membership and museum hours by visiting www.MarionMuseum.



org. The Sippican Woman's Club welcomes all women interested in our local community and invites you to visit www.SippicanWomansClub.org to learn more about membership and upcoming events.

# Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting

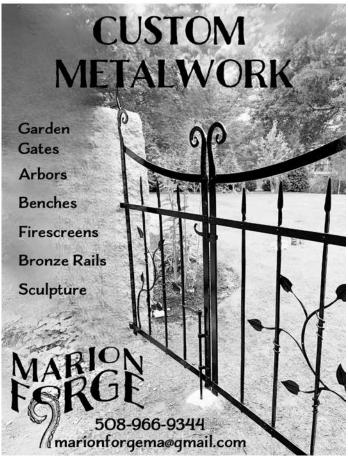
The Nasketucket Bird Club will host The Many, Many Owls Around Us: A Discussion of the Owls of Southeastern Massachusetts with Brian Cassie on Tuesday, **May 27**, at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Join us for fun stories, and to learn a thing, or two, or three about owls. The meeting is open to the public and handicapped accessible.

Check our website at: massbird.org/ Nasketucket/ or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com.

# Mattapoisett Food Outreach

The Lamb of God Christian Church of Mattapoisett will be holding their monthly no-cost Food Assistance Outreach at the Mattapoisett American Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street, Mattapoisett, MA on Sunday, **May 18** from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

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



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# SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Untangling personal problems might take more time than the impatient Lamb expected. But it's important to hang in there until all those knotty situations are straightened out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You still need to work out last-minute snags in your dealings with a rival. Hold your ground despite a perceived lack of support. Things should turn around before you know it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's best not to delay preparing for an upcoming family event. The sooner you get things started, the better chance you have of finding potential problems and making needed changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The romantic Moon Child might be reluctant to see the reality behind an "ideal" situation. But by midweek, the practical Crab emerges to help clear away the moonbeams.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although the Big Cat might be receptive to more "purr-suasion" to get you to agree to a workplace change, make sure that you can distinguish the fine line between facts and flattery.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your positive attitude in the workplace helps to get you noticed by the right people. Now go ahead and use some of this new self-confidence to help shore up a personal relationship.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you might still have to work out some problems with a business partner, things go more smoothly on the home front. Meanwhile, an investment opportunity might need more study. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Don't be reluctant to act on your suspicions. Even if others see nothing wrong, the astute SCORPIO could sense an underlying problem that isn't always obvious on the surface.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new opportunity presents some obstacles that need to be dealt with as soon as possible. Delaying action in hopes that the problems will go away could be counterproductive.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend or family member's request might carry some hidden factors that could later create problems. Be sure you know all the facts before you make your decision.

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AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A setback in implementing a plan could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Use the downtime to rework your original concepts and see where changes could be made.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might not be consciously fishing for compliments, but admit it -- won't you feel great when your efforts are noticed? Accept the praise gracefully. You've earned it!

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of beauty in your personal life extends to your efforts to protect and preserve the natural world around you.

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

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

# **Tidelines at the MAC**

Artist Peter C. Stone and his exhibition Tidelines and Other Stories opens at the MAC on **May 24**, at the Marion Art Center, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, with an artist's reception scheduled from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Additionally, there will be a gallery talk with the artist on Saturday, **June 7** at 11:00 am. Events are free and open to the public.

Distilled in the powerful rhythms of tidal cycles, the artworks in Peter C. Stone's series Tidelines are inspired by dreamy coastal lowlands from northern Florida and the Lowcountry Carolinas to the beaches and estuaries of southern New England. While these luminous oil paintings explore



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#### TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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.

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

#### TOWN OF MARION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS for furnishing MARION WATER DIVISION FISCAL YEAR 2026 CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES The Select Board of the Town of Marion shall receive bids at the Department of Public Works Office, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 for furnishing chemicals and supplies to Marion Water Division for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, until 11:00 am prevailing time, Friday, May 30, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. The chemicals and supplies to be furnished consist of the following items:

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clearly marked in the lower left hand corner "Marion Water Department Bid for Fiscal Year 2026 Chemicals and Supplies". Bids may be mailed to the Marion Department of Public Works Office, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts 02738. The bidder assumes all responsibility for the bids arriving in time for the bid deadline. All bids will remain subject to acceptance by the Town for thirty days after the actual date of the bid opening. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Mr. Geoffrey Gorman, Town Administrator. 5/15

## TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Monica Gracia, for the construction of a deck and portico and grading of the dwelling perimeter at 28 Parkway Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 46B on Marion Assessors' Map 11. Plans are available

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at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

\*Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma. gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 5/15

TOWN OF MARION

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Hurley Nominee Trust, for the construction of blue stone patio addition to an existing patio at 21 Bayview Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 123 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

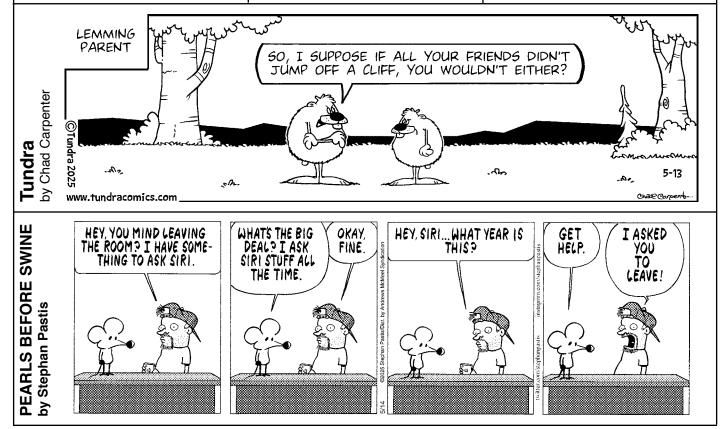
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coastal climate impacts and sea level-rise, they are built on questions about what these ecosystems face as we struggle with our environmental challenges.

The exhibition offers a look at the process of building illustrated stories written by the artist. Included in the show are works in pen & ink and watercolor, that also serve the graphic design of several books. Selected works are a salute to mythological lunar energies.

Since 1983, artist, author and educator Peter C. Stone has presented more than sixty solo shows and over one hundred group exhibitions at galleries and museums in the United States, Canada, and England, including Art Expo New York, the Royal Academy of Arts, London, the Peabody Essex Museum, and the DeCordova Museum. A



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on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Joseph Irvine, Tabor Academy, for the proposed construction of a new handicap ramp and parking improvements at 218 Front Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 6 on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair

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

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Dean B. Burpee 1999 Revocable Trust for the proposed reconstruction of a seawall at 52 West Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lot 13 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

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# TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, at 7:35 PM at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Matt & Sara Shultz, for the replenishment of the gravel driveway and installation of a cobble stone apron at 459 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 182 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair

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knowledgeable educator whose enthusiasm for observing the natural world is contagious, Peter serves on the Art and Nature Committee of the Peabody Essex Museum and as an Advisor to the Board of the Florida State University Coastal Marine Laboratory. His "dreamy... evocative" (School Library Journal) paintings and books explore the evolutionary wisdom and interconnectedness of endangered creatures, cultures, and ecosystems.

# **Spring Migrant Bird Walk**

Join the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Nasketucket Bird Club in welcoming back our avian Spring migrants with an all-level bird walk on Saturday **May 17** at 8:00 am. This walk will be led by Mike Labossiere, a member of the Nasketucket Bird Club. It will be a delightful morning in nature and a wonderful opportunity to learn about local wildlife. Mike will lead us through the woods and out to the salt marsh, identifying birds by sight and sound along the way. We will welcome our migratory avian friends and celebrate our resident birds who call Mattapoisett home all year round.

The walk will take place on MLT's Brandt Island Cove District North. Meet just before 8:00 am at the trailhead at the intersection of Tara Road and Anchorage Way. Bring your binoculars and dress appropriately for the outdoors, including sturdy footwear. This is a free event open to all, no matter your birding ability - Rain or Shine. Hope to see you there.

# **RLT Bird Walk**

The Rochester Land Trust is planning a Bird Walk next Sunday **May 18** at 7:30 am (bird watching is best done early.) at the Shoolman Preserve in Rochester, led by avian enthusiast Tanya Sanders. This is the height of the migratory bird season, and Tanya will help us identify all manner of woodland and wetland birds by sight and sound. Please bring along your binoculars, and please leave the kids (and dogs) at home unless they are able to quietly observe their surroundings. We will meet at the parking lot on New Bedford Road.

For more information please call Wendy at 774-454-4418.

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

Over many years Rochester has held horse pulls, tractor pulls and even circuses. It has become known as a "horse" town due to the number of stables within its borders and now there will be a rodeo in town.

The word rodeo comes from a Spanish word that means round up. The earliest rodeos were informal competitions between neighboring ranch hands to see who was best at the roping and riding skills needed to work on a cattle ranch. The first ranches covered extensive, unfenced prairie where cattle grazed and when it came time to round them up in order to trail them to market, those skills were of prime importance. The early names of what would later be called rodeos-stampedes, round ups and cowboy contests reflected this.

The fencing of the West in the early 1900's put many cowboys out of work



and some turned to performing their roping and riding skills in western shows in a tradition that went back to the 1880's and Bill Cody's Wild West Show. With time, a need was seen to bring organization and structure to what were at times chaotic contests.

In 1929, the Rodeo Association of America was created. It set up rules which excluded many, including women from participating and which attempted to make the contests safer. Seven years later in October of 1936, rodeo cowboys boycotted the Madison Square Garden Rodeo demanding better prize money and judges who actually understood rodeos. By 1939, they had formed their own organization called the Cowboy Turtle Organization. They picked that name because they had been "slow to act but had finally stuck their necks out for the cause". In 1945 the name changed to Rodeo Cowboys Association and then in 1975 to Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Stories of cowboys and the old west grew in popularity fueled first by radio, then early movies and finally TV starring a host of western stars including the Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. By the 1950's and 60's, TV was full of western shows and today there is a Cowboy Channel on Cable.

As rodeos popularity grew, venues in the East, particularly Madison Square Garden, hosted them. The first rodeo in Boston Garden was in 1931. In a box of "historical stuff", I found a program for the Ninth World's Championship Rodeo held at Boston Garden in 1940 which my mother attended. Inside the program was the autographed picture of Gene Autry (shown here) who had just begun bringing his rodeo to larger venues.

I wonder how many other Rochester kids made the exciting trip into Boston to experience the rodeo. For any who did, like my mother, it was one of those events that make you want to save the program and pictures that hold those good memories.

And now this summer, new rodeo memories can be made right here in town.

# **Boat Race Ham & Bean Supper**

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race (RMDBR) Ham and Bean Supper will be held Saturday **May 24** at

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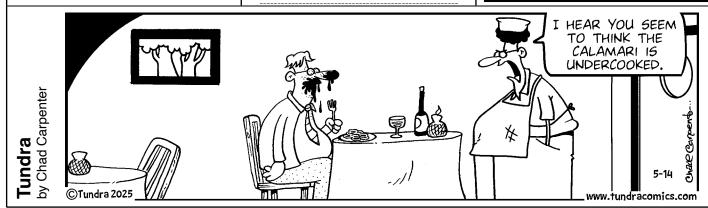
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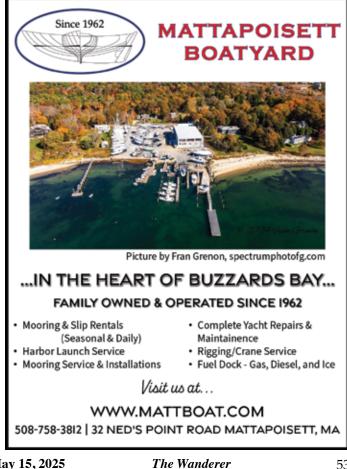




retirement of our Library Assistant for Youth Services Librarian, Lisa Fuller.

After 17 years at Plumb Library Ms. Lisa is graduating from Storytime and going on to her next adventure. We'd love it if you would join us in celebrating her time here with us. On Friday, May 30 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm stop by the library to offer up congratulations and best wishes, sign the memory book, and enjoy some light refreshments. We will have the memory book available at the desk in the weeks leading up to the party, and possibly for a short time afterward if you're unable to attend on May 30.

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May Happening at the Library:

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The month wraps up with an author talk from local sci-fi writer Richard Cutler. Join us from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm Saturday, **May 31** to hear about the writing process from rough drafts to published books. Richard is an engaging speaker who is passionate about all types of writing, but especially science fiction. He's happy to answer questions about writing projects and the genre in general. Please register for this talk, as space is limited.

Other Upcoming Meetings: Writer's Group 6:30 pm Thursday **May 15**, new members always welcome; COA Bookgroup 1:00 pm Tuesday, **May 20** to discuss "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston (at the Council on Aging); Books and Babble Bookclub 6:30 pm Thursday, **May 29** to discuss "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown (at the Library). Books for both book clubs are available to pick up at the Library.

The Library will be closed Monday, **May 26** for Memorial Day.

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# **Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race**

The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race.

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoisett River will take place on Monday, **May 26**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoisett Herring Weir at River Road and Route 6.

A Kayak Division will again be included in the race this year. Basic guidelines for the division are: minimum age 18, single person kayak that the contestant can sit inside of the cockpit, contestant must wear an approved USCG personal flotation device for the entire race, and there will be a \$10 entry fee. See the rules document for all information

# **TRITOWN HAPPENINGS**



Set to retire after this academic year, Sharon Hartley was recognized by state and town officials, school administrators, teachers, school committee members and citizens for her many years serving on the Rochester, Old Rochester Regional and Joint school committees during a gathering held Monday afternoon at Rochester Memorial School. Photos by Mick Colageo



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pertaining to the kayak division.

For the Mattapoisett River Racer (MRR) boats, the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include the kayak division and the MRR open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old). Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

A boat building seminar will not be held this year, but free plans are available for the asking. Contact Art, (artbenner@comcast.net) or Bill (watlingw@gmail.com). We can put you in touch with experienced MRR boat builders that can answer your questions and offer tips, tricks and considerations for building the boat.

Pre-registration is required. Only one registration session will be held at the Rochester Council on Aging (RCOA) Senior Center, 67 Dexter's LN Friday, **May 16**, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman RD or at the registration session. OR email Art (artbenner@ comcast.net) and request the rules and registration form.

You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Raod. Or, you may return the forms by email but you must bring the original, signed forms, to the registration session. OR, you may return them by regular mail (USPS). If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgment that they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art, assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, May 16, 8:00 pm in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position for this year. Kayak division contestants will draw starting positions after the MRRs.



The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA, Senior Center at, 67 Dexter's LN, Saturday, May 24, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Supper tickets may be purchased at the door.

There will be raffles for each of two carbon fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III. And also, a raffle for a beautiful handmade 94 x 66-inch quilt, the top made and designed by Faith Bettencourt and finished by the Creative Crafters of the Rochester Council on Aging. Tickets for the raffles will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

For further information contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email; artbenner@comcast. net. Visit Facebook, 'Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race' for any changes or updates.

# A Homeschool Cooperative in Rochester

Rochester Christian Learning Center is a homeschool cooperative located in Rochester for families with children in Grades K-8. This Christian learning center exists to support parents in the education of their children. Children work collaboratively in small classes with dedicated coaches. The coaches work to bring out the best in each child in collaboration with parents, so each child reaches their maximum potential. Children will have opportunities to engage in numerous field trips and extracurricular activities.

Applications for enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year can be found on the website: RochesterChristianLC.org

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com								
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price			
Mariano, Michael F Mariano, Ann Marie	Dunn, Jeffrey C	Angelica Ave Lot 159g	Mattapoisett	04/23/2025	399,000.00			
Sullivan, Aimee Sullivan, Sean	Warren, Steven G Warren, Joy L	8 Briar Rd	Mattapoisett	04/23/2025	941,000.00			
Kelley-allen, Parker	Sayre, Robert H TR Underwood, Michael A TR Nancy G Sayre IT	3 Pleasant St	Marion	04/25/2025	830,000.00			
Akinsanya, Omobola O	Bellanger, Marc A Bellanger, Suzanne F	14 Converse Rd	Marion	04/28/2025	565,000.00			
Duarte, Anthony Duarte, Micaela J	Huynh, Bao Aoyama, Momoko	445 Walnut Plain Rd	Rochester	04/28/2025	799,900.00			

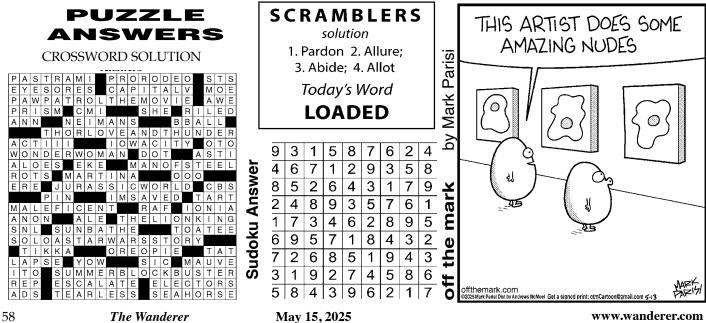
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# I Found the Aardvark!

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

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on I Found the Aardvark In the May 8, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 2



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16-17 oz. Selected Variety Chi-Chi's Tortillas	\$ <b>2</b> 99	20 oz. Selected Variety Smucker's Syrup	<sup>2/\$</sup> 6	\$5%	
16 oz. Selected Variety Bush's Best Baked Beans	\$ <b>2</b> 19	6.7-7.33 oz. Selected Variety Stacy's Bagel or Pita Chips	\$ <b>3</b> 79	Deli Sliced Boar's Head	
16 oz. Original Hidden Valley Dressing	\$ <b>4</b> 99	13.7-13.8 oz. Club or Kellogg's Town House Crackers	\$399	London Broil Roast Beef	
15-30 oz. Selected Variety Hellmann's Mayonnaise	\$ <b>6</b> 99	16 oz. Selected Variety Planters Peanuts	<sup>2/\$</sup> 6	\$1499	
20 oz. Heinz Tomato Ketchup	2/\$ <b>6</b>	59 oz. Selected Variety Newman's Own Drinks	<sup>2/\$</sup> 6		
18 oz. Selected Variety Sweet Baby Ray's Sauce	2/\$5	7 oz. Instant Cabot Creamery Whipped Cream	<sup>2/\$</sup> 6	14 oz Pkg. Selected Variety Kayem Kielbasa	\$ <b>5</b> 99
24 oz. Mt. Olive Pickles	\$ <b>3</b> 99	48 oz. Sherbet or Selected Variety Friendly's Ice Cream	\$ <b>4</b> 99	<sup>Deli Fresh</sup> Store Packaged Red Bliss Potato Salad	\$ <b>6</b> 99
.85-2.12 oz. Selected Variety McCormick Grinders	\$ <b>2</b> 99	40.25 oz. Selected Variety Wild Mike's Pizza - In Store Coupon Available	\$ <b>8</b> 99	8 oz. Pkg. Boar's Head	
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12 oz. Pkg. Superior on Main Brownie Bit	es \$499	Side Salad	\$ <b>6</b> <sup>99</sup>	Assorted Hanging Baskets	\$ <b>29</b> %
24 oz. Pkg. 8 Inch Fresh Baked Apple Pie	\$ <b>6</b> 99	Caesar Side Salad	\$ <b>6</b> %	All 6 Packs - Great Selection! Vegetables & Herbs (Flats - \$19.99)	\$ <b>2</b> 99
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