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Editor's note: The Wanderer has invited student keynote speakers for local high school graduation ceremonies to share their speeches for publication. Below is the speech given by Old Rochester Regional 2025 Valedictorian Caitlin O'Donnell on Saturday in the ORR gymnasium.

Live by The Semicolon By Caitlin O'Donnell

Superintendent Nelson, Principal Devoll, faculty, staff, school committee members, administrators, family, friends, and the class of 2025, welcome. It is an incredible honor to be standing here today with such a talented and immensely gifted graduating class.

When I was first given the task to write this speech, I felt lost in the millions of words jumbled around in my mind of what I wanted to say. And so, I decided to embark on a journey through the Internet to sift out the main point that would feel just right, and one night I was even Googling graduation speeches shown on television out of desperation. Of course Troy Bolton, Elle Woods, and Rory Gilmore's words of advice are most certainly iconic, still nothing seemed to "click." Until I realized, it was right in front of me all this time, and something which I have held deeply with me these past four years.

Located just below the letter "P" on my keyboard, staring back at me during the hours of scrolling through my computer, was the semicolon.

Now you might be thinking, what does a simple punctuation mark – which we used repeatedly in our grammar worksheets and essays – have to do with graduating high school? In order to answer this question, I must take a quick moment to describe my story.

From a young age, I grew up as a perfectionist. I can remember the days in Kindergarten where I would be the last one finishing up our ABC practice, making sure my tracings didn't steer off the dotted lines. But once I reached high school, this perfectionism culminated into

On the Cover: Old Rochester Regional High School Valedictorian Caitlin O'Donnell and Class of 2025 president Emerson Gonet lead the closing march of Saturday's Commencement out to the football stadium for the ceremonial tossing of the caps. Gonet made an executive decision, according to ORR Principal Mike Devoll, who announced the change of plans at the close of graduation exercises in the gymnasium. Photo by Mick Colageo See page 30 for a list of graduates from the ORR Class of 2025.

moments of mental exhaustion. Throughout my years in high school, I have struggled with my mental health. The work that I loved to do began to be extremely difficult, and on some days, even getting out of bed seemed impossible. There were numerous times when I felt my dreams were lost, and that I was trapped in an endless cycle of hopelessness. But it is in these very moments where I encountered the profound meaning of the semicolon.

If any of you remember from English class (which I hope you do by now), the semicolon joins two closely related independent clauses, or completed sentences. While this may be the dictionary definition of its use, to me, it holds something even more valuable than what it does on a simple piece of paper. It replaces the period. Instead of the sentence ending completely, its meaning coming to a close, it continues on. When an author could have ended the sentence, they chose not to.

During the times where I wanted to give up, I had

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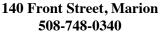
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the support of my family, my friends, my teachers, and my guidance counselors who made each tomorrow more possible, for which I am eternally grateful. They shined a light on the beauty of taking one more step forward. I chose to live by the semicolon, instead of by the period. And because of that, I am living out one of the happiest weeks of my life.

My fellow classmates, you are the authors of your own lives, and you've each chosen the semicolon already, even without realizing it. You crossed off the days on the calendar, you pushed through the final exams, you got out of bed and showed up today. Our semicolons may look a little different to each of us, but we all chose to add that same little punctuation mark to the end of our sentence. We've all decided that this sentence is not quite finished.

Remember, no matter where your journey takes you next, you will inevitably encounter hardship. You will fail a class, lose a few friends, experience heartbreak, make mistakes. But the semicolon reminds us that there is always tomorrow. You will ace a test, build lasting friendships, find true love, discover new lessons and learn from them.

Each of our own little worlds comes with its individual challenges, obstacles, and setbacks. But I urge you all to continue to live by the semicolon, to never, ever give up. If there is anything I have taken away these past four years, it is that life is meant to be lived, not just survived. Life is an inexplicable culmination of love, grief, excitement, joy, anger, and fear. But that is what makes it so beautiful. That is what makes it worth waking up for. That is why we choose to continue the sentence.

Before I conclude, I ask you all to take the time to appreciate the people in your life who have guided you to the very seat you are sitting in, as now I would like to recognize some very important people in my life, who without, I would not be standing up here today. To my fellow classmates, thank you for the fond memories of elementary school, the transformative experiences of junior high, and channeling the spirit of High School Musical throughout the halls at Old Rochester. To my friends, thank you for all of the heartfelt memories, as I will forever cherish the laughter we have shared together.

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But most importantly, I want to take the time to thank my family, who are my guideposts in everything I do. To my brothers, Declan and Aidan, who have shown me how to always find the little moments of happiness and joy in each and every day. To my parents, who have sacrificed so much for me and have shown me nothing but unconditional love. To my dad, who is the most hardworking and resilient person I know. You have always put my needs before your own, and your dedication to our family is never unnoticed. And finally to my mom, who is my ultimate best friend and my sister. You have seen me at my lowest, but you have never given

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up on me once. I am forever in debt to your endless love and support.

To the class of 2025, I once again urge you all to live by the profound meaning of the semicolon. No matter what may come along your path, always remember that there is so much light that comes from the darkness. For the flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all.

Oh, but if you do use the semicolon in a college paper, remember not to capitalize the next clause. It might save you a couple points.

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Hartley Leaves Impactful Legacy By Michael J. DeCicco

Former Rochester Memorial School teacher and soon-to-be former Rochester and Old Rochester School Committee Chair Sharon Hartley is retiring from education after more than 50 years jam-packed with accomplishments that took her far beyond her local roots.

The Mattapoisett native is soft-spoken and humble, yet obviously proud of achievements that include becoming principal of two Cape Cod elementary schools, one of which was new and that she helped establish, and also serving in Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Murphy's office working on education-reform measures.

Hartley said her career started as an elementary school teacher at Rochester Memorial School from 1973 to 1988. After 15 years of teaching at Rochester Memorial School, she applied for and was granted sabbatical leave. Consequently, in 1988 she joined a program at Boston College called "Women in Politics and Government." During that program, she served as an Education Coordinator on Murphy's "Blueprint 2000" team, responsible for research and analysis of educational issues and collecting feedback from legislators and educational leaders. She traveled throughout the Commonwealth with Murphy to hear testimony from citizens regarding the needs of schools and to assist with understanding educational issues.

"My time in the State House was very exciting,"

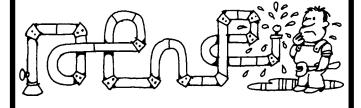
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Hartley recalls. "I learned a lot from the Lieutenant Governor and her staff, and I was inspired to pursue a Master's Degree in Education at UMass Boston."

While at UMass Boston, Hartley worked as an educational specialist at the Massachusetts Department of Education in the area of teacher licensure and later was hired as associate director of a program providing professional-development programs for teachers.

After she earned her Master's Degree in Educational Administration in 1993, it still was not time for her to stop and rest.

"I wanted to return to public schools," she said. Hartley became the principal of Harwich Elementary School and, a few years later, was hired as the principal of an elementary school in the Dennis-Yarmouth School District that was still under construction. In this role, she worked with the Building Committee, helping with decisions about design and furnishings. Hartley was also tasked with interviewing and hiring the staff for the school of 600 students. Hartley became the school's first principal and stayed for 12 years. It was to be the foremost school in the area for technology, she said.

While establishing that school and her staff, Hartley designed a team-building retreat and took the staff to a local Coast Guard station for a unique and significant professional-development experience. "The process of guiding the beginnings of this school was an incredible and exciting challenge," she said, "and I learned a lot about how important leadership and team building is to the success of a school."

Not that this lesson was removed from her philosophy from the beginning, Hartley said that, from a young age, she believed that education's most important goals are expressing care toward children and inspiring teachers. She always wanted to be an educator, mentioning teaching her dolls as a young child.

So, it's no surprise that she eventually returned to her Tri-Town roots in education. In 2005, she was elected to the Rochester Memorial School Committee. In 2007, she was appointed to the Rochester Building Committee to help create an addition to Memorial School. In that role, she represented the Rochester School Committee

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and helped shepherd that addition to completion. For that effort, she earned regional media recognition.

All along, Hartley's focus has been caring for and inspiring students and teachers.

"Through the years, I have been committed to the importance of collegiality and building relationships among the adults in schools," she said. "It's the spirit and the caring attitude of the staff that has a significant impact on students, as well as on the school's quality and character. I value

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Burgers on The Grill

The Unofficial Start to Summer

By Sam Bishop

Most schools in the Tri-Town are out and graduations have wrapped up. The weather is getting warmer, and window rattlers have been installed. Spring rains are still here (seemingly nailing every weekend with calculated precision), but Memorial Day weekend heralds in the unofficial beginning of the summer season. Festivals and celebrations have already begun across New England, with tourism ramping up and roads already getting bogged down with seasonal traffic.

Farmers markets are back, with the Washburn Park market now being open every Tuesday, and numerous others as well as farm stands are also beginning to pop up. Strawberry season is coming in fast! Food trucks are also becoming more prevalent.

Camping under the stars is always fantastic in the region, especially with the cool nights offering respite from the heat. Increased solar activity has already seen this month deemed perfect for aurora borealis viewing, even being this far south.

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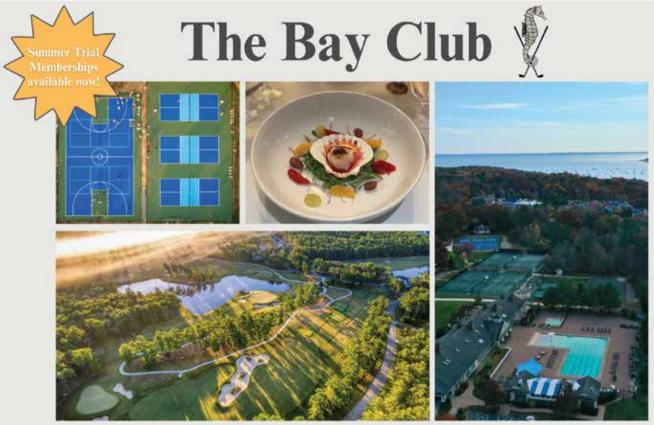
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Semiquincentennial," also warrants an excuse to venture out and explore the past. There is no better region in the country to experience its colonial past than Massachusetts, especially given the prevalence of planned celebrations commemorating momentous historic events. This summer is predicted to be the hottest on record, with increased risk of wildfires and hurricanes. That being said, travel numbers will likely also break records. Airbnb predicts 40% of Americans will travel to domestic destinations, rather than international, to save money. Coupled with this, USA Today cited many Americans surveyed plan to drive instead of fly to cut costs.

Summer offers us the ability to break free from routine and find joy in new adventures. Time for new





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hobbies or time for that long-delayed repair/renovation. Many use it as an opportunity to search for new work or begin their careers after graduation.

Whatever your plans for this summer, regardless of the solstice being on June 20, the summer season is here, at least in spirit. "Summer was on the way; Jem and I awaited it with impatience. Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots, or trying to sleep in the tree house; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape; but most of all, summer was Dill." - To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee.

Radon - What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

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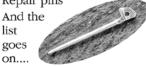


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Town Clerk Remains An Elected Position

Rochester 2025 Annual Town Election

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Town Election on May 28 defeated a move to make the Town Clerk an appointed, rather than an elected position and sparked a recount in the race for Park Commission.

A total of 349 voters said "yes" to the question of whether to change the Town Clerk to an appointed position instead of an elected one. But 516 voters said "no," defeating the measure by 167 votes. "The people had their choice," Town Clerk Marjorie Barrows said, declining to say how she felt personally about the question's failure. "That's the power of voting."

Last Wednesday's election also voted to replace veteran Park Commissioner David Hughes with youth sports coach and mechanical engineer Nate Reece, but by a narrow margin. Reece won the Park Commission seat by 10 votes. He garnered 480 votes, while Hughes received 470 votes.

When asked on Wednesday if he is considering a recount in his race against Reece, Hughes said he wasn't sure. "I have to weigh it out. I don't want it to be a burden to the town, the cost. And would it make much of a difference? I congratulate him. He worked hard."

But On Sunday, Hughes announced to The Wanderer his decision to ask for that recount. "Today (Sunday) I just put a letter in the mailbox of the Town Hall for the Town Clerk," he said in a telephone message. "I am going for a recount."

Wednesday found Reece a bit surprised by his apparent win. "I wasn't sure what to expect," he said moments after Barrows read the results. "Dave was running on his reputation. I had no prediction. I am a little shocked. If I had lost, I wouldn't be surprised. But I think this town was ready to hear from a young voice. There are a lot more young people in town now."

As to what his future plans would be for his stint on the commission, he said he has some ideas but first

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he will confer with his fellow board members. Yes, he is still interested in exploring a larger plan for the Raynor Gifford Park where a new 3,649 square-foot, \$81,724.68 playground was the only renovation this May. He recently presented such a proposal to the Select Board, but he wants public agreement with any plan first. "I will talk to the Park Commission and see where things stand," he said. "I'd like public engagement. What do they want that will impact them?"

Elsewhere on the ballot, an open seat on the Rochester Memorial School Committee went to Kirstin Jimenez, the RMS Parent Teacher Organization President. Jimenez won with 498 votes against 461 votes for Barbara Lee.

Meg Hughes was the top vote getter for a spot on the Cemetery Commission, with nine votes. This position had no official candidate on the ballot, and she was a write-in candidate. For Planning Board, Michael Murphy received 683 votes as an official candidate on the ballot. Current Planning Board member Matt Bache received 26 write-in votes for re-election.

A total of 980 voters cast their ballots last Wednesday, which is 20% of the town's registered voters. Barrows said last year's turnout was roughly 1,400 voters but that this year's turnout was pretty good, too. "It was close to 1,000," she said.





Muzzle Order Extended 90 Days

Marion Select Board

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Georgie the Saint Bernard is still considered a nuisance dog and will have to be muzzled outside of her home until Labor Day.

The Select Board on Tuesday made that decision after learning that the dog, which allegedly attacked another dog in December 2023 at Silvershell Beach, was photographed not wearing a muzzle before a one-year muzzle order expired in late March this year.

Boston-based lawyer Jeremy Cohen, who specializes in dog-nuisance issues, said that a muzzle is a bit extreme because the dog has never bitten a person and





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the incident in 2023 was the only documented evidence of the dog expressing aggression. He said that the dog's owner, Verena Hultsch of Vine Street, has complied with town directive over a 432-day period. After a hearing in March of last year, Hultsch has fenced in her yard and posted a sign on the gate. She has also kept the dog on a leash that can handle up to 300 pounds while maintaining a 3-foot distance from the owner. Georgie has also been professionally trained and continues to visit a trainer.

Georgie has also been banned from visiting Silvershell Beach and Washburn Park, where dogs and their owners often visit.

Cohen accused town residents of being "deputized" to take photos of Georgie without a muzzle.

"People are walking around snapping pictures," he said. "People are deputized."

Cohen said that the incident in 2023, when resident Miles Grant's goldendoodle Harry was allegedly attacked by Georgie, leading to a puncture wound and a veterinarian visit and \$200 bill.

Cohen noted that Grant allegedly kicked Georgie in the head several times and that the dog laid down and stopped the attack on the goldendoodle. He said that alone is not a sign of a dangerous dog.

Citing the expense of veterinarians, Cohen said that injury was minor and \$200 is a small bill based on current rates. He also described beaches in the wintertime and dog parks in general as "the wild west" and indicated

that all owners and their dogs should expect possible fights or issues.

Cohen said that "considering Saint Bernards tend to slobber, keeping a muzzle on the animal is an extreme punishment."

"The idea of muzzling this dog who has never bitten somebody is a stretch," Cohen said, adding that Hultsch is a responsible dog owner.

He added that she has prevented any injuries from happening to any dog or person in the last year.

Robert Hlady, a neighbor, said that his dog has play dates with Georgie and there have never been any issues. He described Georgie as a "sweet and gentle dog."

Animal Control Officer Susan Connor told the board on Tuesday that there have been other incidents of aggression involving Georgie. According to Marion Select Board meeting minutes from March 2024, Connor said she observed Georgie behaving aggressively at Washburn Park in May 2023 and cited an incident in which Georgie knocked down a resident and her service dog.

"My experience with Georgie is she does need a muzzle and has had interactions with other people and their dogs, and what they have reported is there have been other bites. ... I'm not trying to inhibit Georgie's freedom."

Cohen countered that he has filed a Freedom of Information Act request and has not seen any definitive evidence of any other aggression from Georgie and has not even seen evidence of the puncture wound caused on Grant's dog Harry in December 2023.

Town Counsel Gregg Corbo disputed Cohen's claim that residents have been deputized. Corbo said that Georgie's owner has complied with all directives except for keeping the dog muzzled in public before the March 2025 deadline. He cited evidence in January, February and early March of Georgie without a muzzle in a public place.

Corbo mentioned that Connor has observed aggressive behavior, and the owner did not comply with the muzzle order within the one-year probationary period. He proposed the dog use a muzzle with a basket, which would prevent discomfort, for the next 90 days.



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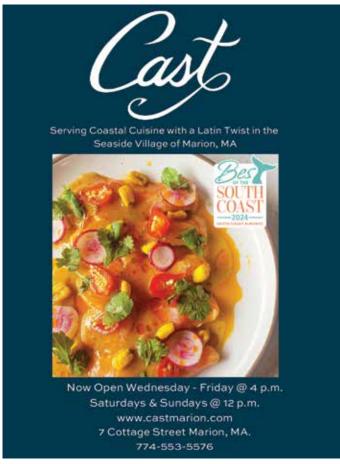
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The Select Board agreed to revisit the issue on September 2.

Cohen also noted that Georgie is a victim of a past incident in which a dog was killed and another was severely injured in Marion.

Cohen said Georgie's case bears no similarities. Select Board Chair Randy Parker said that the board treats every case individually. He said that evidence shows Georgie was not muzzled during the probationary period. He and other officials recommend extending the muzzle requirement for 90 days and will revisit it.

Board members appeared to agree that Georgie is not a dangerous dog, but a nuisance and steps should

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be taken to protect the public. They said keeping the dog on a muzzle for the rest of summer would be a good compromise.

In other news, firefighters asked the Select Board to house a 1937 Ford Truck, a historical fixture in town, at the Department of Public Works garage. Firefighters said the antique truck is a popular item in town with historical value, participating in parades, Santa runs, and other town affairs. Parker said the board would take the issue under consideration. Parker said the town has plans for extending sewer to that property and has not considered the possibility yet.

Select Board Vice Chairman John Hoagland said that property has also been considered for senior affordable housing.

In other business, Water and Sewer officials recommended maintaining the same water rates for fiscal 2026 but said the Sewer Enterprise Fund is running at a deficit of \$5,000. They proposed a 1.5% base increase and a 4% increase for each tier. Select Board members asked that they break that down for the public in both letters to customers and on the town website (marionma.gov).

The Select Board will hold a joint meeting with the Planning Board on Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department. The Select Board will also hold a Special Meeting on Monday, June 9, at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House.





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Murphy Ascends to Chair

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board Monday learned doubly good news regarding the plan to upgrade internet technology for town offices.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant announced the town has received \$236,000 from Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll's Office of Community Compact Municipal Fiber Grant Award Program. But the even better news is that the quote to install a fiberoptic system for all of the town's municipal buildings came in at \$130,000, he said, meaning that \$100,000 can be set aside for a future related use. Plus, the \$150,000 appropriated at last month's Town Meeting for the project will be more than covered.

Durant said this new internet technology system will connect the main Town Hall, the Town Hall annex, the COA Senior Center, the Police Station, Rochester Memorial School and 65 Pine Street. The installation, he said, will mean "better and safer service for the town offices."

Also Monday, the Select Board approved Verizon New England's proposal for a new mid-span Eversource utility pole on the west side of Cushman Road, two weeks after helping an abutter to address his objections to the plan. At the Select Board's last meeting, Scott Snider of 149 Cushman Road said he wanted to know why a new



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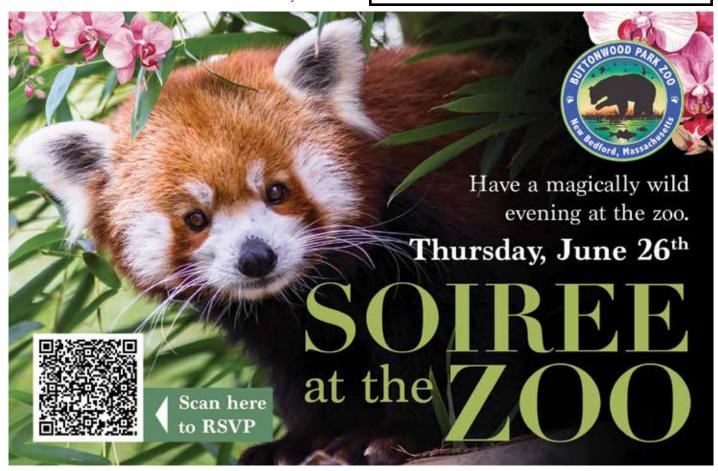
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pole was needed on his street, less than 200 feet from existing poles and almost right outside his front door. Then-Chair Bradford Morse noted such a pole can be moved and motioned the hearing be continued until Eversource could speak to the problem.

On Monday, Eversource representative Steve Delsonno said the company has considered the abutter's comments and redesigned the installation as a result. The pole, he said, will be moved 300 feet from its original location to a location in front of a large, wooded area. "Your comments were taken into account," he said. "We have submitted a re-design and hope the board will approve it." After the Select Board unanimously endorsed the new location, Snider and his wife thanked Eversource for being willing to work with them on this solution.

In other action, the board announced and signed a proclamation that honored former Memorial School teacher and Rochester School Committee Chair Sharon Hartley. She recently retired from the school board, declining to run for re-election after more than 50 years in education.

The board approved Jerelle Jesse as a new Conservation Commission Associate member and Meredith Rousseau as a new member of the Personnel Board.

The board approved David Arancio's Letter of Resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Brian Porter's letter resigning from the Public Safety Facility

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The Select Board re-organized, appointing Adam Murphy as the new chair and Paul Ciaburri as new vice-chair.

The board approved the Rochester Firefighters Association's request to donate a cargo van for carrying ATV equipment to the Rochester Fire Department.

The board appointed Durant as the town's representative on the SRPEDD Joint Transportation Planning Group.

Morse announced there are vacancies on town boards that need filling, and the town would like to hear from interested candidates. There are open seats on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Soil Board, the Historical Commission, the Historic District Commission, and the Cultural Council.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, June 16, at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Farmstand Snag Remains Unsolved

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoisett Planning Board as a walk-in to the regular meeting on June 2 was Mike King, who has been attempting to receive the needed permissions to re-open a farmstand on North Street where locally grown vegetables, meat and poultry have been sold.

As King noted, the night before his Special Permit hearing (May 15) with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), he received notification that a Variance was required, not a Special Permit. King said that the ZBA gave him a continuance, translating into time that might be adequate for receiving clear guidance from the Building Department.

On Monday, King fully detailed for the Planning Board the confusion he has been experiencing in what he said several times is "a right to farm community."

He told the board members that in November 2024 he was selling Christmas trees at the farmstand and giving away hot cocoa. He said he was swiftly notified



by Town Hall, "that I couldn't do that," without a Special Permit.

King said he subsequently reached out to the town planner for assistance but didn't hear back on his request for a site-plan review. In researching state requirements for farmstands, King now held that state statues allowed the farmstand to be open if it obtained a site-plan review from the Planning Board.

King did meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 15, at which time his request for a Special Permit and/or Variance was tabled in order to obtain final clarity from either the building inspector or Planning Board.

During the discussion on June 2 when King met with the Planning Board, he gave some background saying the North Street location was a farm owned by the Ferguson family for decades. He said he has a 10-year lease on the property to grow produce there and sell it at the stand. The original homestead was built in 1810. King stated that delays in receiving a permit to operate the stand not only puts him in financial straits but threatens the Fergusons as well.

King appealed to the board for a site-plan review. Possible hearing dates were discussed. Matters were directed to the town planner for follow-up.

Board member Bill Wennerberg was flummoxed, saying he didn't see what the problem was. He was ready to make a motion for the requested site-plan review.

Chairman Tom Tucker said, "I think this is



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headed to Town Counsel." As of Tuesday, the matter has been reviewed by the Town Counsel, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco stated. He concurred when asked that if this is a unique situation, as the town doesn't have many farmstands.

King still has a scheduled hearing with the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 19.

Earlier in the proceedings, the board members confirmed language changes for roadway-construction bylaws. The members also discussed cottage-style subdivisions in the Route 6 corridor and the size of Accessory Dwelling Units.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, June 16.

Daniel Maintains Stead As Chair

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday for their first meeting following the recent Town Election. The board began, following the pledge, with some position reorganizations, nominations, and approvals.

The current chair, Andrew Daniel, and vice-chair, Alanna Nelson, were nominated chair. Daniel won the internal vote and will continue to serve as chair. Nelson was then the sole nominee for vice-chair, where she will also continue her current role. Eileen J. Marum was nominated and confirmed to continue her role as clerk.

For Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District representative, Ryan Burke was nominated and approved. Finally, for Community Preservation Committee representative, Daniel stated "I have no problem doing it again," but Tucker Burr was nominated and approved by the board.

Then the board moved on to the continued public hearing for a Special Permit request for Derek A. Maksy and Denise Allard of 61 & 63 Oakdale Avenue. The properties seek to be conjoined into an association with an association pier being built out into Hammett Cove. This request has seen multiple hearings, with the last ending with a request for continuance to this meeting held on June 2. The property owners and applicants were present, along with an engineer consultant and legal counsel. This public hearing was, soon after opening discussion, closed. According to the chair, further discussion and a decision on the pier will be held at the next Planning Board meeting. Daniel stated, "we have everything. We will make a decision at the next meeting." The decision will allow for a resubmittal by the applicants in the future, should the board vote against the application.

A discussion was then levied on the parking upgrade for the Sippican Holdings LLC storage site, located at the former Lockheed Martin office. Talks mostly centered around accessibility to the property's Building 2 and Building 3. Following this discussion, there was a shorter talk on traffic and circulation, which touched

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The next regular meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, June 16, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department, though the board also has a joint meeting with the Select Board scheduled for Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 pm also at the Marion Police Department.

Many Hearings, Few Members

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met on May 28 with a handful of members present initially. Those being Chair Matt Shultz, Vice Chair Emil Assing,



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Associate Member Alex Hansell, and Associate Member Tom Drechsler who joined remotely. Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee also joined remotely. Shultz began by saying "we're a little short on commission members this evening" before electing Hansell to step in as a voting member for the rest of the meeting as well as asking Drechsler to vote on an issue the chair himself submitted for his own property.

The meeting then began with a Continued Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent for pier repairs submitted by Robert Luchetti of 548 Point Road. Along with the pier's repair, the removal of a stone wall and steps is also desired, alongside the restoration of eroded areas. Bob Rogers from GAF Engineering appeared on behalf of the



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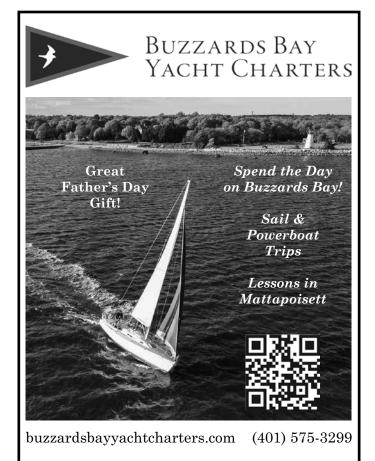


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applicant. Rogers explained removal of some vegetation is now required, as well as the possibility of Special Conditions for the water-side delivery of materials. Without serious questioning, the commission closed the Public Hearing with a unanimous vote.

Next began a Continued Public Hearing on Oren Robinson Revocable Trust 2017's Notice of Intent for the reconstruction of a single-family dwelling at 16 Spinnaker Lane. The existing structure will be demolished, and there will be a totally new house built. It was also stated there will be minimal alterations to the property's vegetation or landscaping. Member of the public Lisa McKenzie asked about the size of the new structure. The current building is 539 square feet with the representative saying the new structure would be an increase at 52x32 feet and would be two stories. Abutters expressed concern over this increase in size, especially within the coastal buffer zone. This hearing was closed, though a drafting of the permit will happen at a later time. The chair stated this was due to the number of hearings still left to cover in the meeting.

There was then a hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a deck and portico, as well as the grading of the dwelling perimeter at 28 Parkway Lane, submitted by Monica Gracia. Commission members stated they had visited the site in the days prior. The owners confirmed their property lies in a flood zone when asked of the property's resource area. There were no further questions, and the



commission held a unanimous vote to close the hearing.

Following this was another hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a blue stone patio addition to an existing patio at 21 Bayview Road, submitted by Hurley Nominee Trust. The patio sits near the water edge with the request enlarging it as well as the addition of boulders on the slope to the sea. Without much questioning, the commission closed with hearing with a unanimous vote as well.

The next hearing was filed by Joseph Irvine of Tabor Academy, 218 Front Street, for a Notice of Intent for the construction of a new handicap ramp and surrounding parking improvements for the head of school's house near the library. With only minor questions on vegetation removal, the commission closed the hearing with a unanimous vote.

Another Notice of Intent was next, this time from Dean B. Burpee 1999 Revocable Trust at 52 West Avenue for the reconstruction of a damaged and eroded seawall. The representative stated this project would be a continuation of a similar project from abutters approved last fall, seeing the seawall mirror and copying that construction, using the same contractor as well. There was general support for this, especially given that the project is the continuation of a recently approved project. The board closed this hearing with a unanimous vote.

The next and final hearing saw the chair recuse himself, given he and his wife are the applicants. Matt and Sara Shultz of 459 Point Road had a hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the replenishment of a gravel driveway and the installation of a cobblestone apron. Shultz stated the "driveway's in kind of a bad shape, with lots of displacement during the last project." He also cited heavy rainfall. The commission, with the Acting Chair Emil Assing, closed the hearing with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

Latest Solar Project Draws Crowd

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

In a short but well-attended meeting Tuesday, Rochester's Conservation Commission approved an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation confirming the bordering vegetated wetlands boundaries at a new address on Walnut Plain Road for an application from Walnut Plain Road Solar LLC.

Concerned abutters filled the meeting room as project representative Andrew Gorman explained via Zoom that the property is "entirely forested." The map he presented on the Zoom screen indicated the wetland areas on the northern, eastern, and southern sides of the project footprint.

Rochester Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly, who inspected the site work, confirmed it was "a good delineation. A little complicated but it made sense." The commission, directed by Acting Chair Ben Bailey, easily accepted the delineation after no follow-up questions.

After the vote, Bailey advised the residents in attendance that this is merely approval of the wetland's delineation, and they should return to comment when the board reviews the developer's actual plans for the site. The abutters said they are there to express concerns about yet another solar energy installation coming to town.

In related action that also drew the residents' attention, the commission continued to its next meeting its Public Hearing on the Notice of Intent application for proposed work on an access road for a ground-mounted solar array in the area of 600 Snipatuit Road upon the applicant's request. The proposal by Logging Swamp Solar dba ReWild Renewables includes work within bordering vegetated wetlands, the 200-foot riverfront area associated with an on-site perennial stream, as well as within a local 25-foot No Disturb zone.

The commission also continued until the next meeting its Notice of Intent hearing filed by Sealord Enterprises, LLC for construction of a 20,000 square-foot commercial building for contractor bays with associated access drives, parking areas, utilities and stormwater management system at a new address on Cranberry Highway within 100 feet of wetlands.



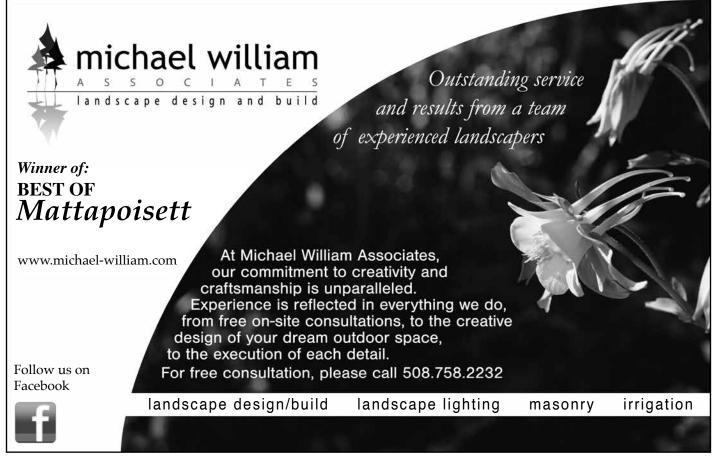
The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Bulldogs Holding Serve

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls' tennis team was still undefeated heading into Wednesday's Round of 16 home match in the MIAA Division 3 state tournament against 13th-seeded Danvers (13-6). The Bulldogs, seeded fourth with an 18-0 regular-season record, hosted 29th-seeded Auburn (18-4) in the





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round of 32 on June 1 and won 4-1. A win on Wednesday would send ORR into the quarterfinals against 21st seed Bishop Fenwick (12-5) at a date, time and location to be determined. The bracket placed the Bulldogs on track for a semifinal meeting with longtime tournament rival Dover-Sherborn, the only other unbeaten team in the tournament.

Girls Lacrosse

The Bulldogs, seeded 13th in the Division 3 state tournament, hosted 20th seed Wakefield Memorial on May 30 in the Round of 32 and won 11-8. ORR took a 10-8 record into Wednesday's Round of 16 match at fourth-seeded Wayland (10-9). The winner would land a spot in the quarterfinals.



Boys Tennis

ORR, seeded 16th in the Division 3 state tournament, went 1-1 in the postseason and finished 10-9 overall. The Bulldogs defeated Bishop Fenwick 4-1 at home before falling at top-seeded Bedford on Monday in the Round of 16.

School Wellness Champions

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to share that Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 were recognized for achieving Massachusetts School Wellness Champion status for meeting the requirements of the School Wellness Initiative for Thriving Community Health (SWITCH).

The SWITCH program is a statewide initiative for supporting and advancing wellness efforts for Massachusetts students, schools, and communities. The program promotes healthy school meals, physical activity for students, quality physical education, and better health outcomes for students.

The SWITCH program is sponsored by the Massachusetts School Wellness Coalition, a group of dedicated stakeholders that includes the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Office for Food and Nutrition, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and the School Nutrition Association



of Massachusetts, along with other agencies, institutes and nonprofits.

Represented by Director of School Food and Nutrition Jill Henesey, the Districts were recognized on May 23 at the Healthy Kids, Healthy Programs Summit for updating and maintaining a local wellness policy. The event featured a keynote speech delivered by state Rep. Andy Vargas, who represents the 3rd Essex District.

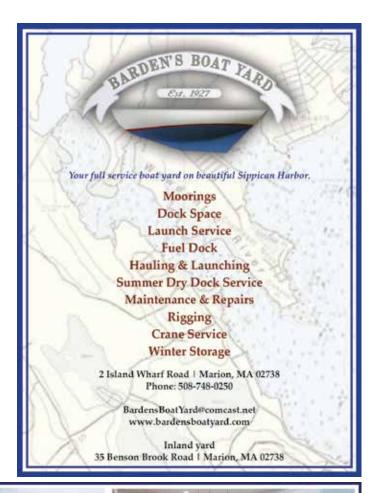
Henesey and District Nurse Coordinator Nicole Reedy, who is a school nurse at Old Rochester Regional High School, worked together this year with a DESE school wellness specialist and a school wellness coach to update the districts' policy in accordance with the state program for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 Wellness Program Policy was approved by the Joint School Committee on May 8. Click here for the District Wellness Program Policy.

The District Wellness Committee is now working to install volunteers to serve on the committee. The committee holds four daytime meetings per year. The District Wellness Committee may be composed of parents, high school students, members of school committees, school administrators, teachers, health professionals, physical education teachers and members of the public.

"There will be representation from each building and each town, school committee, community members and parents/guardians," said Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Jaime Curley, who participated in the committee's meetings this year. "We have solicited volunteers for the committee, and we are now in the final stages of confirming members and meeting dates for the 2025-26 school year. Together, we are committed to providing school environments that promote and protect students' health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting lifelong habits of healthy eating, and physical activity."

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson commended Director of School Food and Nutrition Jill Henesey, District Nurse Coordinator Nicole Reedy, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Jaime Curley and others who helped update the local wellness policy. Superintendent Nelson thanked them for putting the District Wellness Committee on a sustainable path, as it provides a healthy framework for the districtwide practices related to health and wellness.





"I am incredibly proud of all the hard work that has been done to achieve recognition as a Massachusetts School Wellness Champion," said Superintendent Nelson. "This achievement underscores our dedication to fostering a community where everyone can thrive both academically and personally. I'd like to thank Director of School Food and Nutrition Henesey, District Nurse Coordinator Reedy and Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Curley for all their hard work to put us on the right path for health and wellness within the district. We look forward to continuing our commitment to promoting a healthy and supportive environment, creating a positive impact and enhancing the wellbeing of our students."

ORRJH Students Showcase Civics Action Projects

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Silas Coellner are proud to share that more than 130 student projects exploring important issues facing society were on display at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School during the Civics Action Project Showcase held on Tuesday, May 27.

Eighth grade students who completed civics action projects over the course of four weeks were able to present their findings on a wide range of topics, such as school discipline, environmental issues, mental health problems, dress codes in school, plastic pollution,

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underage substance use and bullying. The eighth graders were tasked with picking societal topics that would help improve their community if only the issue was better understood.

As part of their projects, the students went through a multi-step process to learn about local government, public policy creation, and how laws and regulations can be changed to better address societal problems. Through their work, conducting surveys, contacting state representatives, speaking with school officials and communicating with community leaders, the eighth graders gained valuable insight into civic responsibility and the role they can play to improve the world around them.

After gaining sufficient information, the students developed a final goal proposal related to their topic. The students then prepared posters to display during the Civics Action Project Showcase, helping them to explain their subject to family, friends, teachers and other guests from the community. Several school administrators also attended the event to witness students deliver their presentations.

During the showcase, students, parents and local community members voted on what they considered the top project by two groups of students.

The winners for the Green Team were Oliver Ward and John Rousseau for "Interactive Lessons In School." The winner for the Orange Team was Sophie Zhou for "Wildlife and Road Safety."

The projects were facilitated by eighth grade civics teachers Sarah Makein and Rick Regan.

"We were very happy with and impressed by all the tremendous work and effort that our students put into their civics action projects," Makein said. "This event was a great success, and we look forward to repeating the effort."

"It was outstanding to see so many high-quality projects completed by our students," Regan said. "They did a lot of hard work to collect information and to develop compelling findings on so many intriguing subjects. It was amazing to see what they came up with."

Superintendent Nelson and Principal Coellner



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both congratulated the eighth graders for all of their efforts to tackle so many important issues, providing nuanced explanations and offering solutions for so many social problems facing the world today.

"I'm happy to see how so many of our students engaged intelligently on some of these very difficult issues impacting our communities," said Principal Coellner. "There were so many thoughtful presentations that were based on data collected by our students who then offered some very interesting perspectives on these important topics. Thank you to Mr. Regan and Ms. Makein for all of their work to prepare our students for this endeavor."

"It was amazing to see all the hard work on display by our eighth graders during the Civics Action Project Showcase," said Superintendent Nelson. "It's incredible to see the depth of information and the level of understanding our students demonstrated in regard to such a wide variety of issues touching on civic responsibility. I'd also like to thank Mr. Regan and Ms. Makein for their efforts to guide our students through this project and to get them thinking about good citizenship and the responsibility they all have as future leaders."

Wickenden Chapel Steeple to Undergo Repairs

A familiar feature of the Marion skyline, the Wickenden Chapel steeple will be undergoing repairs this summer. On June 16, the steeple will be carefully dismantled and removed from the top of the chapel by Ashmont Iron Works. It will be transferred off-site to repair structural members and connection points that have weakened naturally over time.

According to Tabor's Director of Facilities, Joe Irvine, this is the first time in the Chapel's nearly 60-year history that repairs have been necessary.

"We'll be addressing structural integrity and moisture issues that have arisen due to age. We're working closely with Ashmont Iron Works and Saltonstall Architects to make it structurally sound and watertight," says Irvine.

Importantly, he notes that the exterior of the spire itself will remain the same, however, modifications to



the lower tower may be necessary for improved stability and longevity. The team of engineers and architects will be able to determine what additional repairs, if any,

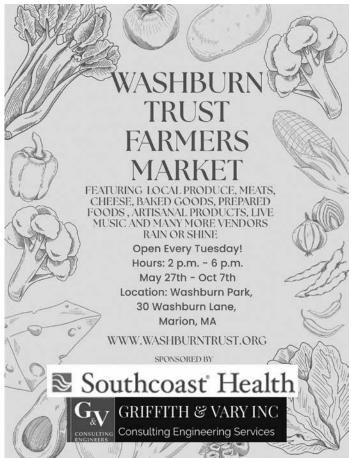


will be needed once the steeple has been removed. Regardless, the final design will aim to stay as true to the original as possible.

The Wickenden Chapel was built in 1967 in honor of James and Nancy Wickenden. James W. Wickenden served as headmaster of Tabor Academy from 1942-1976. His wife, Nancy, was the school librarian during that time.

The Chapel is still a central feature of student life at Tabor and a beloved gathering place for the community. In addition to local celebrations, memorials, and performances, Tabor students and faculty converge weekly for Chapel Talks, a non-denominational assembly, that provides members of the senior class the opportunity to share personal experiences and perform original musical and artistic pieces.

The renewal of the steeple is made possible by a generous donation designated for this purpose. The



Chapel will remain in use during repairs, and we look forward to seeing this iconic element home in Marion for many years to come.

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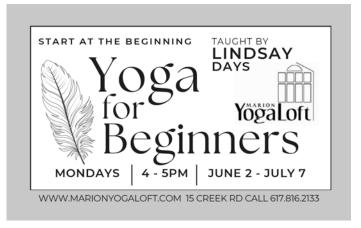
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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

If you are looking for evidence to support the expansion of our Mattapoisett Select Board from 3 members to 5, look no further than the May 27 Select Board meeting and the conversation there about that subject.

The current Select Board members ranged from outright negativity to a disinclination to reveal whether the majority vote of Town Meeting should be validated with the next step in the citizen petition process, which is to send a home rule petition reflecting the vote to the Massachusetts legislature. This, despite a record of one member previously saying they would certainly support the will of the citizens at the Town Meeting. Isn't that how town authorities ordinarily respond to the directives of Town Meeting?

It was not clear to me why the votes of Town Meeting had not yet been certified. I heard that it was typical for certification to happen within a day or two of town meeting. Then I heard that a 2-week delay from the May 12 meeting was nothing unusual. In any case, until the certification is confirmed, the Select Board members insisted the subject was closed.

Select Board members voiced some specific objections to the majority vote of Town Meeting. They were offended by some voters leaving the meeting after the vote on this warrant article. They also insinuated that the vote may not have been a majority after all (or sufficient enough??). They also raised the idea of now having a town ballot measure.

I have seen an exodus from town meetings several times before this – remember the controversial "nips" vote a few years ago or the right-to-farm bylaw vote before that. I do not recall anyone questioning the validity of those votes because voters left those meetings.

I have enough math education to know that a majority is defined as 'the greater number.' Sufficiency is irrelevant after 50% plus 1. Overwhelming is not required.

And of course, we town residents know that town meetings are the established form of local government in Mattapoisett whereby all eligible residents can directly participate in an assembly which determines the town governance. Residents may choose or not to attend (or to stay for the entire meeting), but they know that votes will happen with or without them. Being so sympathetic to non-attendees seems to disrespect those who have the interest and make the effort to be there at the official and well-publicized town governance event. No one should be able to insist on a ballot do-over.

Proponents of this warrant article followed the instructions provided by the town administrator and town counsel, obtaining sufficient signatures to put the article on the warrant and making the case in person at Town Meeting.

My personal views are based on decades of experience as a member of committees, boards, and councils, sometimes as chairperson, and also as a senior executive who staffed corporate boards. The more talent, experience, expertise, and education in a robust board setting, the better. I question the good judgement of those who think it would be counter-productive to have more, and possibly more valuable, input into important town decisions.

It was emphasized by the town administrator that the Select Board is the "only power that can petition the legislature to pass a home rule petition", but only if it so chooses, regardless of Town Meeting vote. I question the fair judgment of a group who believes itself entitled to disregard "the will of the people" expressed by Town Meeting.

I hope that the Select Board does what Town Meeting approved by majority vote. Kathleen Creegan Damaskos, Mattapoisett

To the Editor;

The May 27 Select Board meeting perfectly illustrated why Mattapoisett needs to expand from three to five Select Board members - exactly what Town Meeting voted to support on May 12.

Our current three-member structure now presents critical problems in full display. With only three members, just two individuals can make significant decisions. This concentration of power becomes problematic when those same individuals question a democratic vote simply because some residents left afterward, a phenomenon that has occurred at previous controversial votes without anyone questioning those results.

Our Select Board members maintain full-time jobs while serving, which limits their capacity to grow the town's priorities. A five-member board would distribute responsibilities more effectively, preventing the delays we're witnessing with this home rule petition.

Massachusetts Open Meeting Law prohibits a quorum from discussing business outside meetings. With three members, no two can collaborate between meetings. Five members would allow two to work together on solutions, clearly needed given the current board's handling of Town Meeting directives.

When conflicts necessitate recusals, our threemember board becomes a two-member voting body, potentially creating deadlocks. We're seeing similar dysfunction as the board questions whether to follow Town Meeting's clear directive, despite one member previously stating he would "support the will of the citizens at town meeting."

At least 36 Massachusetts towns have successfully

expanded their Select Boards. This isn't experimental - it's proven governance improvement.

The current Select Board's reluctance to move forward with the legislative petition suggests a troubling disconnect from democratic principles. Our community deserves governance that reflects our diversity and addresses our needs efficiently.

The Select Board should honor the Town Meeting's majority vote. More importantly, this situation perfectly illustrates why we need five members making these decisions, rather than just three.

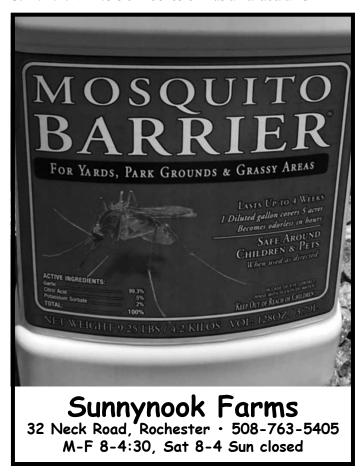
Jeanne Hopkins, Mattapoisett

Academic Achievements

Robert Burke of Mattapoisett and Dylan Pallatroni of Marion have been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the Spring 2025 semester.

Springfield College has named **Rylee Kouta** from Mattapoisett to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2025 spring semester. Kouta has a primary major of Pre-Prof Athletic Training.

Salve Regina President Dr. Kelli J. Armstrong conferred 508 bachelor's degrees, 206 master's degrees, 18 doctoral degrees, and 11 doctor of nursing practice degrees upon the Class of 2025 including; **Sophie Vigeant** of Rochester was awarded a BS in Nursing degree; **Samantha Winters** of Rochester was awarded a BS in



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Old Rochester Regional High School Class of 2025

Congratulations to the graduates of ORR!

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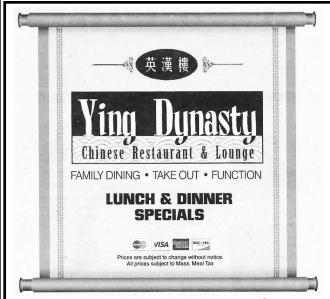
Biology degree; and Nicholas Gentili of Mattapoisett was awarded a MS in Nursing degree.

Kelly Quinlan has been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University for the Spring 2025 semester of the 2024-2025 academic year. Quinlan is a Biology major from Mattapoisett.

Women's Rights Day

"Women's Rights Day" was celebrated by all the fifth graders of Old Hammondtown School on May 20. OHS teachers, Katherine Trudell, Amy Casi, and Stacy Barrows collaborated with the Mattapoisett Museum to develop a program of workshops to dovetail with their unit of study in presentations at the school.

The morning began with a presentation, Women's Rights, from Sandy Dawson and her daughter, Sandy Galavotti. Dawson started her business in 1978, and she shared how hard it was for women to have their own businesses. She could not install a telephone for her office unless her husband signed off on the paperwork. She also shared a few stories to illustrate roadblocks to women. In one, a client told her that because she was "just a housewife." she didn't need to get a full commission on a property that she sold. She persisted, and in the end, she was given the full amount. Ms. Galavatti explained that currently, women were much better off in the workplace, however, the inequity of pay for the same job as a man was still unbalanced. She said that women make \$.83 for



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After this presentation Connor Gaudet, Curator and Administrator of the Mattapoisett Museum, and members from the Education Team members, Katherine Gaudet and Robbin Smith, presented the workshop, "How to Interpret Artifacts." Using PowerPoint, Gaudet reviewed primary and secondary resources, and how to evaluate them using a four-step process: Observation, Reflection, Questioning and Further Investigation. Using a wedding purse from the Museum's collections, Gaudet modeled how to take notes using the four-step process.

Then groups of four students were given an

artifact related to women's rights to explore and evaluate through the same process. Students eagerly jumped at the chance. After washing hands and hearing how to handle antique artifacts, they engaged



in being historical detectives themselves.

One group had a photo from the 1890s of three people riding bikes on Church Street in Mattapoisett, one of whom was a woman wearing pants. There was a bathing suit designed by Annette Kellerman who was once arrested wearing one of her bathing suits that was deemed scandalous because it showed too much skin. Another group of students held a commemorative rubber stamp created by Mary Ransom, the first female Postmaster of Mattapoisett. Finally, a group had the List of Mattapoisett Women Voters from 1920 - the first year women were able to vote. Some students were excited to find relatives on the list. After taking notes on their artifacts, students shared what they had learned and why the artifact was important to women's rights and Gaudet provided additional information where needed.

Concurrent with this group, Education Team members Gail Roberts and Carole Clifford presented Mattapoisett's Important Historical Women to another





Local Cable Programming

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Meeting - Part 2

PUBLIC ACCESS Comcast Channel 9 Verizon Channel 36 Thursday June 5, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM Cape Conversations 8:30 AM For Your Health 9:00 AM Council on Aging -

Volunteering 9:30 AM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show 10:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road 11:00 AM A Conversation With... 11:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment

12:00 PM Pete on the Street 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking? 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Constance Connie Shepard

3:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider 3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson

4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today

5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe

5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 6:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Marshfield

7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review

7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show 8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report 9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church

10:00 PM Marion Memorial Day Ceremony

10:30 PM Sippican Spring Concert 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday June 6, 2025

7:00 ÅM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM The World Fusion Show 8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities

9:30 AM Mattapoisett Land Trust 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club 11:00 AM A Conversation With... 11:30 AM Cape Conversations 12:00 PM Council on Aging -Volunteering 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking? 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline 1:30 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt
Experience

2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road 3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers 3:30 PM This is America and the World

4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz

4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report 5:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers 5:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act 6:30 PM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events

7:30 PM Sippican Choral Society 9:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band: Jazz Through the Decades 10:30 PM Gay USA 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday June 7, 2025 6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival

10:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson 11:00 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day Events

12:30 PM Mid-Day Movie 1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Constance Connie Shepard

2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show 3:30 PM South Coast Matters 4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience

4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society
- Historic Fair with Colonial Flair
5:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in
MA and the Affordable Homes Act
6:00 PM Council on Aging Volunteering

6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today

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3000 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 8:30 PM Mattapoisett Land Trust 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review

10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business 11:00 PM Classic Movies **Sunday June 8**, 2025 6:00 AM Health Source

6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church

8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church 9:00 AM First Congregational Church

of Rochester 10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church 11:30 AM Marion Harbormaster

Building Open House 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show 2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider 3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show 3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz

4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers 4:30 PM The World Fusion Show 5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Submarine Vents to Life 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today

7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe

7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000

8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Saving Fisheries and Whales

10:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday June 9, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM For Your Health 9:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson 10:30 AM A Conversation With... 11:00 AM Marion Harbormaster

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on Europe 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global

3000 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift

5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Hurricane 6:00 PM Four Deep Sports

6:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Marshfield 7:30 PM ORR Boys Baseball vs

Fairhaven 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

9:30 PM Building the Future 10:00 PM Gay USA 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday June 10, 2025 7:00 AM Seniorcize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches

8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment 9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning

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3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus On Europe

4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk 6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Submarine Vents to Life 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review

Show 10:00 PM Gay USA 11:00 PM Classic Movie Wednesday June 11, 2025 7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM Cape Conversations 8:30 AM For Your Health 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road 10:00 AM Tri-Town Memorial Day

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Fairhaven 5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report 6:00 PM Building the Future 6:30 PM Pete on the Street

7:00 PM World Fusion Show 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series - Notre Dame 8:30 PM Evening Conversation with

Senator Mike Rodrigues 9:30 PM The Old Colony Band Concert

11:00 PM Sippican Spring Concert

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen 8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission

9:00 AM Marion Planning Board 11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

11:30 AM Marion School COmmittee 12:30 PM Marion Finance Committee 2:00 PM Marion Opening Space Acquisition

4:00 PM Marion Board of Health 5:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust 6:00 PM Marion Marine Resource

Commission
7:30 PM Marion Annual Town
Meeting - Part 1
11:55 PM Marion Annual Town

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen 7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission

9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board 11:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

12:30 PM Rochester School Committee

2:30 PM ORR School Committee 4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen

5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission

7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board 9:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

10:00 PM Rochester School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly 8:30 AM ORR Spring Concert 10:00 AM FORM Choral Concert 11:30 AM Old Colony 8th Grade Exploratory Day 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 1:00 PM ORRJHS Drama Club Romeo and Winifred 2:00 PM ORRJHS Drama: Alien Invasion

3:00 PM Old Colony Drama -Shakespeare on the Green 5:00 PM Old Colony Graduation 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 7:30 PM ORR Football vs Norton 9:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Cardinal Spellman

10:00 PM ORR Football vs Medfield 11:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Fairhaven

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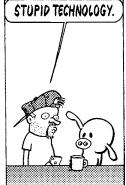
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis











fifth-grade class. Roberts and Clifford engaged students with anecdotes about Mary Ransom, Florence Eastman, Huybertie Hamlin, Cecil Clark Davis, and Elizabeth Barstow Stoddard who all championed women's rights through their work, art, nursing, writing or social engagement. Then students were handed a short biography of each woman telling the rest of her story. After reading through it and highlighting important facts, students shared what they had learned and answered the questions, "Why was this Mattapoisett woman important to history? and "What part did she play in championing women's rights?"

On May 21, students visited the Museum for a treasure hunt for artifacts. They were also asked to identify what their favorite artifact was and why. The diorama of a Wampanoag village created by an ORR teacher and her students many years ago, the model of the Wanderer built by George Lowry, a bride's wedding dress and vest worn by the groom, were all favorites, along with many more.

Finally, students were given a tour of the village by Carol Clifford and Jen McIntyre where they learned about the storied history of Mattapoisett. Many students came back especially excited about native Francis Davis Millet who was an American painter, sculptor, and writer known for his artistic talent. He was returning home to create a mural in New Bedford but perished on the Titanic.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Scholarships

At the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Julie Mennino handed out six scholarships on June 1 including: New Bedford High senior Elliott Talley earned the Coquillette family scholarship and is planning to attend Northeastern. He hopes to also continue his advocacy for the community. Old Rochester senior Ella Bartholomew also earned a scholarship from the Coquillette family and heads to BU in the fall to study medicine and genetic diseases. Emily Wyman received a third Coquillette family scholarship. She will go on from Old Rochester to attend Boston College to pursue elementary education. Mackenzie LeBlanc graduated from ORR and earned a Memorial scholarship. She heads to Roger Williams college to study business. She hopes to design and open her own business. From Bishop Stang, senior **Keagan Plante** earned a Memorial scholarship. He heads South to Salve Regina and aims to use his education to give back to the community and family. Matthew Rock graduated from Old Rochester and is interning now at ProtoXYZ engineering. He will attend the University of Tennessee to further his studies in engineering. From there he hopes to earn his MBA and start his own engineering company.

Ken Souza Annual Memorial Scholarship

The fourth Annual Ken Souza Memorial Scholarship was awarded to ORRHS graduating senior



Movie Review



Down to Clown

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Clown in a Cornfield. Starring Katie Douglas and Aaron Abrams. Directed by Eli Craig. Running time: 96 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Coming to home streaming media on June 10.

For those of us who remember (cough cough) the old-school slasher flicks of the '80s, Clown in a Cornfield is a fun enough throwback. It's set in the present, but its tone and vibe are very much 1983. It was shot on the cheap in Canada by director Eli Craig (Tucker & Dale Vs. Evil), who doesn't make the mistake of taking a killer-clown plot too seriously. It's too bad the movie didn't really make a cultural splash, because its pro-gay, anti-establishment message (if that is the word for something in a film called Clown in a Cornfield) might go down like a cool drink right about now — it's even got a skeevy mayor (Kevin Durand) who is, intentionally or not, a dead ringer for a certain chainsaw-wielding billionaire ketamine fan.

Based on the first of a young-adult series of horror novels (by Adam Cesare) currently on their third book, Clown in a Cornfield has a comfortably familiar plot for a slasher movie. Katie Douglas is lowkey and likable in the mode of final girls with whom the audience is meant to identify; she plays Quinn, a girl who moves to rural southern Kettle Springs with her widower doctor dad (Aaron Abrams). Parents in these movies never listen to their teenagers, or the movies would be short subjects. Quinn hangs out with a group of local teens who make videos about the town's legacy, going back at least to the '30s, of a clown who emerges from the cornfield surrounding a defunct corn-syrup factory and brings messy death to partying teens. So of course there's a party scheduled at an old farmhouse that all the teens are going to.

If you say this sounds like stupid teen behavior in the tradition of many fine slasher films ranging from *Friday the 13th* to *Friday the 13th Part VII*, the movie knows this and is way ahead of you. Teens, after all, think they'll live forever and do lots of risky things, all the more when they can film the stupidity on their phones and post them for lots of likes and views. The



kids who focus overmuch on becoming social-media stars are the easiest targets, the smarter kids less so. Quinn stands with the latter group, along with badboy-who's-really-good Cole (Carson McCormac, who almost shares a name with the deceased author of *No Country for Old Men*).

The denouement carries a little whiff of "if it weren't for you meddling kids," which again is a sort of fun approach to a retro horror movie. Clown in a Cornfield (my brain keeps singing that title and ending it with "two bits") isn't anything great or enduring, but it has a good heart and director Craig keeps things hopping. Some of it plays like comedy, like the bit where Quinn's doctor dad is obliged to operate on someone sinister under pressure from someone else sinister — the climax of that plot thread is timed more for laughs than for scares. There are scares, though; Craig delivers the gore and the jumps, especially when, as we've suspected all along, the killer clown mascot "Frendo" turns out not to be alone.

Original writer Cesare has said that his aim wasn't throwback slasher horror but a modern slasher with modern themes. I'd like to read the books to see what Cesare's emphasis was; those who have read them report that the movie's budget necessarily shrank the story a bit. It goes very fast, perhaps too fast to put a true point on the fate of one important character. Clown in a Cornfield did pretty well for what it is — a \$7.7 million gross against a budget of less than a million — but didn't quite set the culture on fire in a way that would demand sequels. (Unless it does gangbuster business on streaming and physical media. Anyway, Cesare's own two sequels can provide the text if needed.) The movie doesn't quite feel complete in and of itself. It works as an amusing-enough, swiftlyforgotten diversion on a slow Sunday, though. Now to find those books.

Ezra Thompson of Mattapoisett. The award is given each year to the outstanding senior video production student in the ORCTV/ORRHS School to Career video production program and is named to honor ORCTV's first board president Ken Souza. Ezra developed and created many of the segments for each episode of Bulldog Weekly while contributing heavily to the writing and direction of the program. Ezra participated in the video production program during both his junior and senior years at ORRHS. The ORCTV staff and Board of Directors congratulates Mr. Thompson and wishes him the best of luck with his future endeavors as he continues his studies at Worchester Polytechnical University this fall.

Mattapoisett Library Director

The Trustees of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library are pleased to announce the appointment of Jenny Martin as the new Library Director. Coming to Mattapoisett from Argyle, TX, Martin brings over twenty years of library experience and a demonstrated history of success in library administration, community engagement, and strategic planning.

Martin's most recent role was as Librarian at Northwest ISD, where she was responsible for managing the campus library and auxiliary labs and learning spaces. She is also an accomplished author, with two novels published by Penguin Random House, and has served as Director of Outreach for the Dallas-Fort Worth Writers'







TRI-TOWN POLICE

MARION

Log highlights May 25 - May 31

- Point Rd General service
- Barnabas Rd Suspicious MV
- Partridge PI EMS/medical
- Point Rd Animal complaint
- Front St Found property
- Main St General service
- Washburn Park Rd Animal complaint
- Point Rd Parking enforcement
- Front St EMS/medical
- · Wareham Rd EMS/medical
- Alden Rd EMS/medical
- Point Rd EMS/medical
- Converse Rd Disturbance
- Spring St Disturbance
- Huckleberry Way Transport
- Spring St Follow up investigation
- Pleasant St MV collision
- Mansfield Ave Disturbance
- Point Rd Suspicious person
- Mill St MV collision
- Abels Way EMS/medical
- Cranberry Way General services
- Brigg's Ter General service
- Point Rd Officer wanted
- · River Rd Parking enforcement
- Abels Way MV complaint
- Cottage St Road hazard
- Wareham Rd MV collision
- Job's Cove Rd Follow up

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 25 - May 31

- Water St Suspicious MV
- Angelica Ave MV violations
- Wildwood Ter Medical alarm Beach St - Vandalism
- Railroad Ave Parking violations
- Park St MV violations
- Highland View Ave Follow up
- Pearl St Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd MV violations
- County Rd Vandalism
- North St Domestic disturbance
- Point Rd MV crash
- Prospect Rd Suspicious persons
- North St MV violations
- Cannon St Animal control
- Wildwood Ter Follow up investigation
- County Rd MV lockout
- Pico Beach Rd Health/welfare
- Hammond St Medical assist
- Church St Parking violation
- Whaler's Way Suspicious MV
- Oliver St Disturbance
- Town Wharf Parking violation
- County Rd Health/welfare
- Church St MV violations
- Water St Suspicious MV
- Acushnet Rd Animal control
- North St Stolen MV

ROCHESTER Log highlights May 25 - May 31

- Not available at press time

- Fairhaven Rd Animal control

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



EGIONAL LUNCH

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, June 9: American chop suey, whole grain pasta, vegetable medley, wheat bread, applesauce Tuesday, June 10: Meatloaf w/ gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, pudding, diet: fruit

Wednesday, June 11: Shrimp scampi, whole grain pasta, broccoli, dinner roll, banana Thursday, June 12: Tomato bruschetta, chicken, roasted potatoes, green peas, wheat bread, blueberry bread, diet: fruit Friday, June 13: Braised beef & vegetables, polenta, kale & corn, oatmeal roll, peach fruit cup

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, June 9: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub. assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Tuesday, June 10: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub,

assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 11: Early release - no meal served Thursday, June 12:

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Friday, June 13:

Monday, June 9: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Tuesday, June 10: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub. assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 11: Early release - no meal served Thursday, June 12: No school Friday, June 13: No school

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, June 9: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub,

assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Tuesday, June 10: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub. assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 11: Early release - no meal served Thursday, June 12: No school Friday, June 13: No school

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, June 9: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub. assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Tuesday, June 10: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 11: Early release - no meal served Thursday, June 12: No school Friday, June 13: No school

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, June 9: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub, assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Tuesday, June 10: Chef's Choice: ham & cheese sandwich whole grain (OR) turkey & cheese sandwich (OR) Italian sub. assorted fresh fruit, assorted fresh vegetables

Wednesday, June 11: Early release - no meal served Thursday, June 12: No school Friday, June 13: No school

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, June 9: Build a bowl Ramen or chow mein

Tuesday, June 10: Steak & cheese croissant & fries or turkey club croissant & fries

Wednesday, June 11: Grilled cheese & tomato soup Thursday, June 12: Chicken patty

& fries Friday, June 13: Build a burger & pasta salad or hot dog & pasta

salad

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Workshop.

Martin holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is eager to welcome Martin, effective June 10, 2025, as its new Library Director. The library is dedicated to providing a wide range of resources and services to the residents of Mattapoisett and the surrounding communities, and to serving as a community hub that fosters a love of reading and lifelong learning.

Jenny Martin had the following to say when asked about her appointment to the position, "I cannot wait to step into this role and become another small part of this beloved library's story. And I am certain that working with the staff and residents of Mattapoisett will become a wonderfully important part of mine."

Whitsun Ale at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church

Step back in time and celebrate community, tradition, and spirit at Whitsun Ale, a lively, medieval-style parish festival hosted by St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church on Sunday, **June 8**, beginning with a special Pentecost liturgy at 3:00 pm.

This event marks the parish's first-ever Parish Ale, a joyful tradition rooted in centuries of church history. Originating in England and throughout Europe, Parish Ales were festive fundraisers held in celebration of Whitsunday (Pentecost), bringing people together for food, drink, music, and fellowship - all in support of the church's general fund.

The day will begin with a specially crafted liturgy inspired by the Church of England, honoring the power of the Holy Spirit through beautiful music and prayer. Please note: On June 8, there will be only one combined liturgy

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at 3:00 pm - there will be no 8:00 am or 10:00 am services that day.

Immediately following the service, the grounds of St. Gabriel's Episcoapl Church will be transformed for the Whitsun Ale, featuring: Live music & medieval entertainment, Children's activities & crafts, Food & drink, including non-alcoholic options, Artisan and produce vendors, Street closure in front of the Chapel for festivities.

"This event is both a celebration of our faith and a fun, community-driven way to support our parish," said Fr. Eric Fialho. "We hope families, neighbors, and friends will join us for what promises to be a unique and memorable afternoon."

Vendor spaces are still available for local crafters - just \$25 per table. Interested vendors can contact Jenny Lime at stgabrielsmarion@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Come celebrate Whitsunday the old-fashioned way - with joy, laughter, and a touch of medieval flair.

MLT Community Service Award Winner Caitlin O'Donnell, Honors Valedictorian at

OBITUARIES



June Worthington Mendell, 85, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully surrounded by family in her home on Saturday, March 8, 2025.

Born in New Milford, Connecticut along with her sister Diane and late brother Robert to the late Elmer and Mildred Worthington, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life.

June was a psychotherapist who loved her profession and enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as she always found the magic in the mundane.

Preceded in death by her son Stetson, June is survived by two of her three children, Rebecca Marchant and Stephen Mendell; her three grandchildren, Nathaniel Marchant and his fiance Britney, Stefan Mendell and his wife Rebecca, and Lydia Ferreira and her husband Daniel; and several great-grandchildren, Wrynner, Siddalee, Eloise, Elena, Lincoln, Isabelle, and Bailey.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial visitation Tuesday, June 24, 2025 from 4-6 pm at Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Mattapoisett Land Trust, P.O. Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or The Women's Center in New Bedford at https://www.thewomenscentersc.com/donate.

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

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

The Old Rochester Regional High School Class of 2025 held Saturday's Commencement in the ORR gymnasium, where Valedictorian Caitlin O'Donnell addressed her classmates and the following graduates were recognized with departmental awards for distinction: Mallory Henesey in Child Development/ ECE; Scarlett Sylvia in English Language Arts; Xavier Pateakos in Mathematics; Hayden Belanger, Jake Dellas, Logan Franco and Connor Galligan in Physical Education; Ella Bartholomew in Science; Nolan Bushnell in Social Studies; Alexander Pither (Computer Science) and Jack Langlais (Industrial Arts) in Technology & Engineering; Edan Dupre (Visual Arts), Christian Pedulli (Chorus), Katelyn Fisher (Concert Band), Calder Eaton (Jass Band) and Sienna Roveda (A Capella) in Unified Arts; and Caitlin O'Donnell (Latin), Scarlet Patnaude (Portuguese) and Emily Wyman (Spanish) in World Language. Photos by Mick Colageo











ORR Class of 2025. Photos courtesy Heather Chick

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

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Old Rochester Regional High School, daughter of John and Julie O'Donnell, Mattapoisett, is the recipient of the Mattapoisett Land Trust one-thousand-dollar Community Service Award. granted seldomly.

With Caitlin's extraordinary skills and expertise in google documents she was able to create a supercharged powerful presentation depicting Land Trusts properties, visual images, video, graphics. She brought quality and new technology to the Land Trust.



As our student delegate to the Board of Directors and the Education Committee, you would find Caitlin at as many MLT events and programs as were planned.

At Munro Property she assisted in the 'Jazz' Music in the Park' for the MLT/Southeastern Educational Collaborative for children with special needs.

For our Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, consisting of local community members, politicians, and original founders, she volunteered for long hours to help serve over 100 Adults.

During a Sunflower Life cycle program held at Dunsieth Property, Caitlin worked closely with 52 second grade children, in an outdoor classroom setting. She

exhibited great care and attention to the young children.

Mary Cabral, MLT Director and Education Co-Chair, says Caitlin brings vitality, creativeness and is "matured beyond her years." "Her level of intelligence, quiet leadership and kindness are the qualities that are most admirable."

Karen Browning, Math teacher and Community Service-Learning advisor, said "Caitlin is able to observe, listen and figure out what needs to be done, and is flexible."

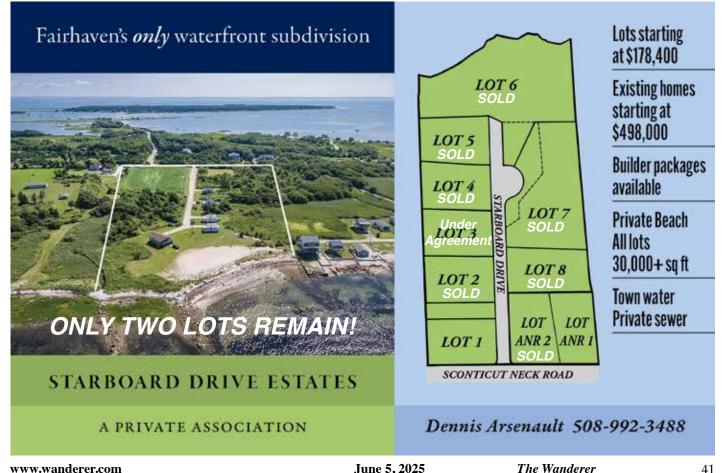
"Ms. O'Donnell has been invaluable to the workings of the MLT. She has demonstrated skills of the upmost quality and responsibility," said Ellen P. Flynn, Former MLT Director.

Wendy Copps, Director, says "Caitlin has been a tremendous asset and offers a valuable perspective."

The Land Trust is thrilled to present the Community Service Award to Caitlin and looks forward to hearing about life at the University of Michigan.

Community Tennis Association

The MCTA, Community Tennis Association which serves the towns of Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Wareham, and Fairhaven is seeking adult men and women as new members to play in their Summer tennis drop-in league. We currently have about 24 active participants and about 50 members in total. The drop-in begins at 8 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays



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SALOME'S STARS

MIXED-UP

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others, but wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine! While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen

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termine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud LEO or LEOna, but pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done and done well.

of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in their way. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clearcut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

A workplace goal that suddenly seems out

when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher. (c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

during the summer at a central location on Route 6. New players should play at a level of 3.5 or higher. We welcome anyone who would both enjoy playing tennis with no promise of playing in the U.S. Open and also enjoys having a good time with many sociable people as well. For further information please call Mike at 781-888-1110 or Ellen at 978-844-1117.

MAC Theater presents "The Glass Menagerie"

The MAC Theater Presents the Tennessee Williams classic, The Glass Menagerie, directed by Donn Tyler. Performances are held at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion.

The cast includes: Oliver Asker, Tim Moynihan, Cher Sauter, Eva Watts-Pine, Assistant Director/Costume Designer: Bethany Lamoureux, Stage Manager: Michele Letourneau, Technical Director: Steve McManus.

The performances will be **June 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29** with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 pm and Sunday shows at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers. More information and tickets: marionartcenter.org/events

Amanda Wingfield had imagined a better life for herself, but she now lives in a drab apartment with son Tom and daughter Laura. The father has left home, Tom supports the family with a job he hates, and Laura lives in a world of her own. When Amanda convinces Tom to bring home a "gentleman caller" for Laura, all of the family's dreams depend on the outcome of his visit.

ArtStart Summer Camp Finalizes Teachers

ArtStart is the MAC's summer art program for children ages 4 1/2 to 9 years, offered in June and July each year.

ArtStart teachers are specialists in music, dance, theater, and art, most of whom teach throughout the year and are professionals in their fields. Activities include arts and crafts, theater, music, games, and storytelling. This year, working with program director Elyse Laurelle, is Beth McLacklan in art, Jess-Ellis Wilson teaching theater and Garrett Olson, teaching music. More information and registration at marionartcenter.org/artstart.

Mattapoisett Road Race

With less than a month until the 4th of July, it's time to lace up your sneakers and start training for the Mattapoisett Road Race, "4 on the 4th". When this tradition was started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village, around Ned's Point lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on the runners. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old



Rochester Regional High School, as well as support Old Rochester athletics. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. Registration for the race is online only, up until the start of the race. Until July 2, the registration fee is \$25, on July 3 and 4, it is \$35. T-shirt and number pickup is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 3, and 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm on July 4. For more information and registration, please visit mattapoisettroadrace.com.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its June meeting at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, 242 Robinson Rd, Acushnet, on Monday, **June 9**, at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Jared Valanzola, Plymouth County Commissioner. All are welcome to attend.

ORR Class of 1975 50th Reunion

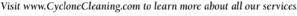
The 50th reunion will take place on Saturday, **September 20** from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Reservation Golf and Beach Club, 10 Reservation Road, Mattapoisett. Please share this information with anyone who may not have been contacted so that we can forward an invitation to them. Contact email: ORRHS1975@gmail.com.

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **June 9**

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Christopher M. & Mary L. Riley, Derek & Kylene Gregoire & Caroline's Way Trust.

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

The Applicants propose to construct a timber drift fence and add coir logs to the x-section of previously approved four coastal bank restoration projects.

The proposed work will be performed on a Coastal Bank and Coastal Beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1.17).

The properties are located on Goodspeed Island and are further identified as Lots #28, (3 Goodspeed Island) #28A, #29 & #29A (1 Goodspeed Island) on Assessors Map #10. 6/5

TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Dexter Lane Solar 1, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851 for property located at 53 Dexter Lane, designated as Lot 40 & 49 on Assessor's Map 6. The applicant is proposing work within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Isolated Vegetated Wetland (IVW) and Bank. The project includes construction and installation of floating and ground mounted solar arrays with associated battery energy storage system (BESS).

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365978420 Meeting ID: 853 6597 8420

Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson. 6/5

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Nelson Bernardo, Bernardo Engineering, LLC, 824 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743 for property located at 28 Marion Road, designated as Lot 3 & 4 on Assessor's Map 6. The applicant is proposing to build a single-family home within the 100-foot buffer zone.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365978420 Meeting ID: 853 6597 8420 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson. 6/5

ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by NStar Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for property located at 214 Rounseville Road, designated as Lot 28A-0-R on Assessor's Map 32. The applicant is proposing work within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and the 25-foot No Disturbance Zone subject to protection under the Bylaw. The project includes the demolition and reconstruction of Rochester Station 745 and additional improvements to expand the substation capacity and efficiency.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365978420 Meeting ID: 853 6597 8420

Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson. 6/5

LEGAL NOTICES

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, June 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Special Permit with Site Plan Review application filed by Dexter Lane Solar 1, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851, for the property located at 53 Dexter Lane identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lot 49.

The applicant is proposing the construction and installation of a floating and ground-mounted solar arrays with associated battery energy storage system (BESS). The Property is located within the Residential-Agricultural (RE/AG) District and partially within the Groundwater Protection District. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting

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Or Call: 1 646 876 9923

Arnold Johnson, Chairman. 6/5, 6/12

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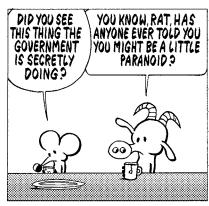
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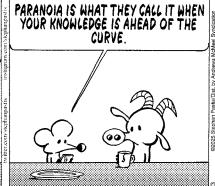
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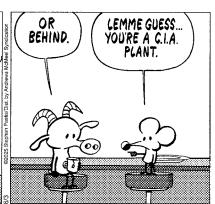
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at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The public and new members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Yoga on the Library Lawn starts this week. Join Elke Pierre from The Marion Yoga Loft Tuesday mornings starting at 8:30 am. This free event is open to all, please bring your own mat.

Join us for snacks and fun at the library on Thursday **June 5** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm as we launch a month-long community art project to celebrate Pride at the library.

Celebrate the start of summer with an after-school Boba Party, Wednesday **June 11** at 12:30 pm.

Register starting June 11 to Level Up at Your Library. Every child who registers for summer reading will receive a free book. Finish your reading goal, and win another book of your choice. Visit the library throughout the summer to find summer adventures with coupons from local businesses and passes to institutions throughout the commonwealth. Stay tuned for more information on our exciting summer programs.

You won't want to miss our Summer Reading Kickoff. You'll find larger-than-life games at the Library from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, **June 14**. Play lawn games and inflatable games, chow down on carnival snacks, and sign up for summer reading. This all-ages program includes live music from local funk band Get the Funk Out and creative activities from the Marion Natural History Museum.

Kids can create fun and wearable jewelry at Karenna Maraj's Kids Beaded Jewelry Workshop, for ages 7-13; Saturday, **June 28** at 10:30 am - Spaces are limited, call the library to register

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

The picture with this article is of the Town Hall entrance with the plaque sourced by the Historical Commission. It bears the year that this version of Rochester Town Hall was built after earlier buildings were outgrown.

The town has been governed by residents beginning several years after the Proprietors purchased the land on which our town sits. If we had the ability to look into those meetings, we would see only men conducting the business of the town. It was only recently that those elected to help lead the town have gone from "selectmen" to "select board".



However, after 135 years, in 1972, the town's first

female Town Clerk, Evelyn Aiken, was elected. Prior to her new job, she had been an executive secretary, managed a Boston hotel and was a script writer for WBZ radio. She had a master's degree in psychology and had



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- 5. U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve?
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directed a psychological research department. It was no doubt this extensive resume in so many fields led to her being elected.

While working in Town Hall, she became fascinated by all the history tucked away within the building. In the attic, she found old school slates that are now at the Historical Museum. In the basement, she unearthed old town records, including one large paper with a \$2.00 bill attached. That \$2.00 was pay for one full day's work.

Evelyn was the Town Clerk for 12 years. During that time, she had the town history that she had found bound into books and stored in the vault for safe keeping.

In later years after her retirement, she moved to Westminster, MA. A Standard Times reporter interviewed her there in 2000 when she was 95 years old and she shared some memories of her days in Rochester.

Rochester was lucky to have had someone in the Town Clerk's position whose curiosity and love of history saved irreplaceable artifacts that provide an important look back into Rochester history.

Tri-County Symphonic Band

On Sunday, **June 8**, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, directed by Philip Sanborn, will be under the Grand Tent at Tabor Academy for its Annual Pops Concert to benefit the John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship Fund. The band will also collaborate with the South Coast Children's Chorus, adding their abundant talents to our homage to the program entitled "An Animated Afternoon." A special appearance by Sippican School's own jazz group - The A-Minors - will be featured during the social hour before the concert.

This year's concert will be all about animation as the TCSB shines the spotlight on the music from such "drawn" classics as "Fantasia," "The Prince of Egypt," "Beauty and the Beast," and "The Incredibles" to name a few. We hope to inspire the cartoon buff in us all as we tip our hats to some of the finest music from these animated feature productions. Catering will be provided by On the Go catering.

Doors will open at 12:00 noon. The music starts at 2:00 pm and social hour at 1:00 pm. The grand tent, with ample space and excellent ventilation on all sides, is virtually an open-air concert venue.

General Admission Tickets are \$40 in advance and can be purchased at the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth, The Marion General Store or online at www. tricountysymphonicband.org/ General Admission Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the event for \$50 each.

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On May 29, Old Colony had Industry Signing Day with guest speaker Patrick Tutwiler, Massachusetts Secretary of Education. In the picture, Tutwiler is with Emily Ford-Hinds and OC student Cailyn Zeppenfeld, who participated in the Business Technology Shop. Photo by Emily Ford-Hinds





The Tour de Crème bicycling event was held on Sunday emanating from Mattapoisett Town Beach and going in different courses of varying length through the region where ice cream merchants shared their tasty refreshments with participants. Photos by Mick Colageo

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The free reception for the event will be held on **June 19** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. More information at marionartcenter.org/events.

MYC Spring Round the Bay Race

The Mattapoisett Yacht Club Spring Round the Bay Race on **June 7** is the first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy Series. The Spring Round-the-Bay Race is a "pursuit start" PHRF Handicap race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The course begins and finishes outside of Mattapoisett Harbor. This is the first race in series of long-distance races sponsored by local yacht clubs to determine the overall winner of the 2025 Buzzards Bay Trophy. Scratch sheets will be available online. The entry fee is \$65.00 for both members and nonmembers. Information and registration are available on our website: www.mattapoisettyc.org

H.H. Richardson Speaker Series

The Sippican Historical Society and the Marion Historical Commission will host a 3-part June lecture series on Henry Hobson Richardson and his Percy Browne House in Marion.

The kickoff event will be **June 11** at the Marion Music Hall. Following the Sippican Historical Society's annual meeting at 6:30 pm, the Society will host a 7:00 pm presentation by Chris Milford, Jay Wickersham and Hope Mayo on their new book, Henry Hobson Richardson: Drawings from the Collection of Houghton Library, Harvard University. The authors will discuss the extensive collection of Richardson drawings and what they reveal about collaboration in his studio. Designs for the Percy Browne House in Marion (192 Front Street) are included in the book.

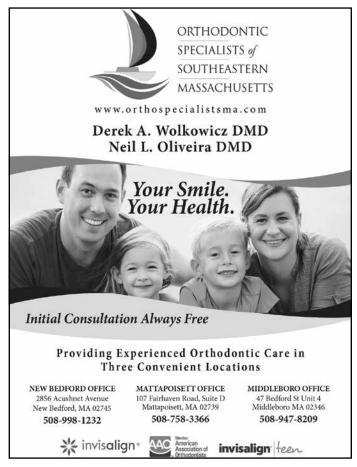
On Tuesday, **June 17**, architect Mark Wright will present his research on the original design of the Percy Browne House and its significance in the history of Marion in the Gilded Age. Mr. Wright is a partner in the firm Wright & Robinson of Glen Ridge NJ, which specializes in sensitive renovations and additions to historic properties. His paper H.H. Richardson's House for Reverend Browne, Rediscovered was published in 2009 and continues to be the definitive analysis of the house and its changes over time. Mr. Wright's extensive knowledge and quirky fascination with all things H. H. Richardson promises to make this an informative event. It will take place at 6:30 pm at the Marion Music Hall.

On Tuesday, **June 24**, again at 6:30 pm at the Marion Music Hall, local photographer and Richardson enthusiast Bryan McSweeny will give a talk on H.H. Richardson's buildings in New England, based on photographs and research for his book Henry Hobson Richardson in New England. A long-time Marion resident and member of the Marion Historical Commission, Dr. McSweeny's photographic talents have inspired him to document many historic properties in Marion and throughout New England.

Exploring the Beauty of Pastel with Jean Hirons

Jean Hirons will be conducting a two-day workshop on the world of pastels on **June 17 and 18**, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day in the MAC Studio, located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion.

This workshop will focus on painting a landscape from photos using soft pastel. Jean will discuss her use of abstract underpaintings that provide the basis for her luminous landscapes, and break down the painting process into stages, discussing and demonstrating along the way. Students will then work on their own painting with her assistance. Throughout the two days there will be time spent between learning technique and putting it into practice. At the end of the workshop there will be constructive feedback and discussion on the points learned.



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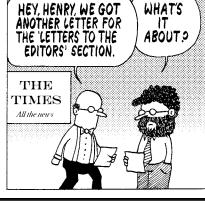
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This workshop is intended for all levels but some drawing and painting experience with pastel is required. The focus will be on composition, color palettes and color choices for underpaintings, as well as the various ways of using pastel.

Participants will be sent a full materials list and class details upon registration. The cost for the workshop is \$195 for MAC members and \$225 for nonmembers. More information and registration are available at marionartcenter.org/events.

About the Artist: Hirons is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and a member of the Master Circle of the International Association of Pastel Societies. She is the author of the award-winning book Finding Your Style in Pastel and has been teaching since 2004. She now teaches primarily on Zoom. "I work exclusively in the medium of soft pastel. I am convinced that there is no artist's medium as beautiful as pastel, when it is expertly applied. I also love its flexibility - one can draw or paint or combine both methods in the same painting. Pastel is pure pigment that is combined with a binder. It comes in many, many varieties and the ways of using it are endless." - Jean Hirons.

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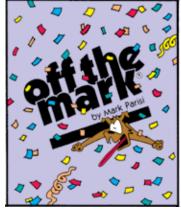
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This free program for kids in Grades K - 6 will be held on **July 21 to July 25** from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm each day. Register online for one day or the whole week at vbspro.events/p/bd3ec3. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. For more information, contact the church office at 508-763-4314 or rochestercongregational@comast.net.

Marion Independence Day Parade

The Parade will be on Friday, **July 4**, beginning at 9:00 am sharp. The Parade will form beginning at 8:00 am in the ball field behind the Marion Town House and adjacent to the Sippican School. Parade organizers will be on-site to check participants in and to line up the parade. Trophies will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place in each category listed on the application. There is also a Best in Parade award.

Insurance regulations prohibit the throwing of any objects from parade entries.

Candies or other such items may be passed out by individuals walking beside the parade entry.

For questions, please contact the Parade Committee at 508-748-3520 or email Donna Hemphill at dhemphill@marionma.gov.

We look forward to celebrating with you! All units participating in the Independence Day Parade are required to report to the ball field behind the Marion Town House on the corner of Spring and Main Streets on Friday, July 4. All units are to be on-site no later than 8:30 am to assemble.

The parade will start promptly at 9:00 am and proceed as follows: East on Main Street to Spring Street, North on Spring Street to Route 6, East on Route 6 to Front Street, South on Front Street to Main Street, West on Main Street to the ball field for disbanding.

Complete the online application before June 30



by clicking this link: Independence Day Parade Online Application.

Paper copies are also available at the Marion Town House.

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June in Bloom

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

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

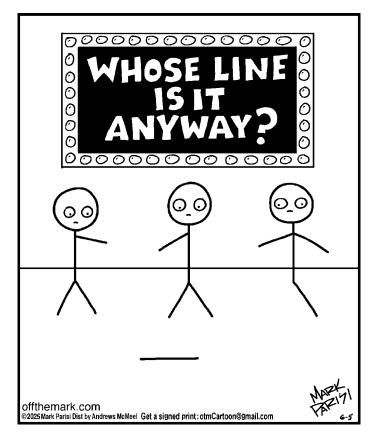
On June 28, tickets will be available at the Mattapoisett Woman's Club tent in the parking lot next to Ying's Dynasty on Route 6 in Mattapoisett for \$40/each.

The Club is open to new members from the Southcoast area. For more information and a membership application, please visit our website at www. mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

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Monday	June 9	7:29	7:47	1:12	12:46
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Wednesday	June 11	8:46	9:00	2:37	2:09
Thursday	June 12	9:26	9:39	3:19	2:52
Friday	June 13	10:07	10:20	3:58	3:34
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Sunday	June 15	11:38	11:53	5:07	4:59
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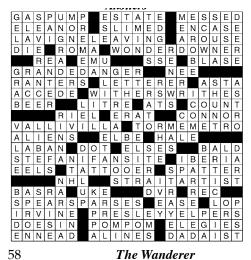
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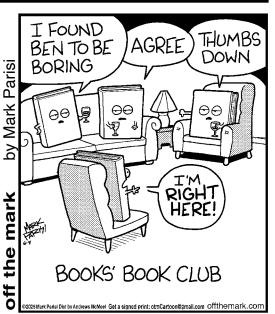
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