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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The annual easter egg hunt brought out several hundred people under light blue skies and a bit of sunshine. Little tykes of all ages enjoyed scampering around, scooping up eggs filled with goodies. The annual event is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club. Photo by Marilou Newell



On Wednesday, March 25, the Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group investigated some of the inhabitants of the vernal pools of Marion. The students heard about the nature of these pools and why these amphibians need this temporary habitat to survive. We took a close-up look at wood-frog egg masses, green-frog tadpoles and Water Boatmen, a fun insect that has legs like oars and can move swiftly across the pool. To view all of our upcoming programs, please visit marionmuseum.org. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



The Marion Natural History Museum's nature journaling group met Saturday, April 4. We discussed different prompts we might use in adding to our own journals. These included adding descriptive details, creative writing samples, and poetry. We went to Bicentennial Park to find a subject that inspired us to not only draw but to create a narrative to our pages. Despite the chilly weather, we had fun drawing, painting and adding fun details to our journal pages. Many thanks to Tricia Cassady for leading our group. Next get together will be in early June. Keep checking our website for upcoming programs. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



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Ned's Point Egg Hunt

By Marilou Newell

The annual Mattapoisett Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt was at Ned's Point last weekend after having been delayed a week from its originally scheduling due to inclement weather.

The hunt brought out several hundred people under light-blue skies. The bit of sunshine had little tykes of all ages come out as they enjoyed scampering around scooping up eggs filled with goodies to put in baskets they brought from home.

Compared to the previous weekend, weather was clear, though a bit chilly, which allowed kids and the Easter Bunny alike to frolic around the lighthouse.

Owners Hope to Reopen General Store

By Sam Bishop

On March 7, it was announced on their Facebook page that the Marion General Store would be closed beginning April 1. Though it said the closure was temporary, there were questions as to how long the beloved and famed market would remain closed. That fated day came, and the store has been closed for about a week. We spoke with Whitney Wynne, daughter of longtime store owner Jack Cheney, to learn what's going on with the staple of the town.

Cheney bought the store over 50 years ago and has run it since. Having a long list of local Marionites as employee alumni, Jack had steered the ship of the General Store for over one third the total age of the town itself. Now, though, the family is charting another course.

"Jack is stepping back," Wynne told us on Tuesday, mentioning health concerns, stresses of running the business such as staffing, and the recent loss of their store manager Angela Rossi, whose last day was March 27.

On the Cover: While cruising the world, and while at Chat N Chill in the Exuma, Bahamas, the Sherrys (Mornee, Jenn, Atticus, and Nixon) found the coolest surprise. On a giant sign with names of hometowns of visitors, the family found this mention of Mattapoisett. As a family of four who grew up in Mattapoisett, they were amazed when they saw this sign and would love to know who it was that left it. Photo courtesy the Sherrys

Generally, there is still a lot left to figure out, with Wynne adding, "we don't have a lot of answers now, aside from the community updates." She also said they're playing out multiple scenarios. Currently, the family is looking for someone else to take the helm with them remaining owners. She said they haven't had much luck yet but are hopeful an interested party will come forward.

"Jack is done, but we have to keep the business here. We have to," Wynne said. At worst, she said, they'll look to sell the business with a clause that it must remain retail.

Since the announcement last month and the official closing last week, Wynne said the family has been overwhelmed by the positive outcry of love and support. She said Jack has read all the messages and Facebook comments, and they leave him with big smiles. "The community has been amazing and humbling for Jack," his daughter said. Whitney also mentioned they are planning another community update on their Facebook page in the next few days as the family further finalizes their plans.

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She again praised the community and the town as a whole. She stressed their main goal is to have the store reopened before the summer. "We're doing our best to know what the next steps are but would like time and privacy to find the right fit," she finished.

Police Pay Respects to Dale Jones

By Sam Bishop

Earlier this year, on January 17, William Dale Jones passed at the age of 85. At the time, he had been a member of the Marion Planning Board and had committed numerous years to it, and the town as a whole as a dedicated public servant.

A lifelong resident of the South Coast and of

Marion later in life, Jones was also a founding member of the town's volunteer EMS Association. He also served as an EMT and volunteer firefighter. For this work and much more, last week, the Marion Police Department released a public dedication to Jones, emphasizing the work he did and thanking his unwavering service.

"Earlier this year a great friend of our department passed away. William 'Dale' Jones was an active member of the Marion community, serving our town in many capacities throughout his life. His dedication to our town and his support of our first responders will be greatly missed."

Dale studied Marine and Electrical Engineering at Mass Maritime, then worked as a Merchant Marine and at the General Dynamics Quincy Shipyard building nuclear submarines. As an engineer, Dale built a successful career and was president of the South Coast Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers.

Dale was committed to serving the Town of Marion. Along with his service as a founding member of the volunteer EMS Association and his 40 years as an EMT and volunteer firefighter, Jones served the town as Emergency Management director, CPR instructor, member of the Water Board, chairman of the Police Station Building Committee and member of the Sippican School Building Committee.

In his later years, residents would find Dale serving as a crossing guard in the crosswalk at Sippican School, greeting students and families with enthusiasm and huge smiles, as well as serving on the Community Emergency Response Team. Dale made frequent visits to the police station, either to catch up with chief or to simply show his support for our officers.

Dale is survived by his wife Shirley, two sons Bill and Richard, cousins, a nephew and grandchildren, as well as countless friends and residents that will miss his jokes, smiles and friendship.

RIP, "Dale."

Jones' funeral service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery at 10:00 am on April 11. There is also a reception at the Marion Music Hall following the service.



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From Boston to New York

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week, Washington set off with many of his troops on the 200-mile journey to New York. Conversely, the British are regrouping in Halifax, taking stock of men and supplies, and planning their next move. A successful Continental Navy expedition also saw the acquisition* of scores of gunpowder from the Bahamas, with that fleet nearing Connecticut ports.

On April 5, 1776, Washington has been on the road for one day when he reaches Providence, Rhode Island. he is met by Rhode Islander Major General Nathanael Greene, who makes a great effort to impress the general, throwing a large banquet in celebration of the liberation of Boston. The next day, Washington would write to Rhode Island Governor William Cooke, thanking him for the hospitality, saying he was "invited to an elegant entertainment at Hacker's Hall, provided by the gentlemen of the town, where after dinner a number of patriotic toasts were drank"

Also on April 5, Major General Charles Lee writes from Williamsburg, capital of Virginia. Lee is anxious as to the conflict and the lack of knowledge of British movements or targets. Much of the focus recently has been on the north, with Lee believe the south may be vulnerable. He says, "I am like a dog in a dancing school - I know not where to turn myself, where to fix myself - the circumstances of the country intersected by navigable rivers, the uncertainty of the enemy's designs and motions who can fly in an instant to any spot they choose with their canvass wings throw me, or would throw Julius Caesar into this inevitable dilemma." He

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concluded, desperate for updates, "I beg you will make somebody write to me from time to time."

Leaving Providence and heading along the Connecticut coast, Washington's baggage train stretches for miles. He intends to visit various ports along the Long Island Sound to inspect their defensive readiness in case of Royal Navy assault.

On April 7, Major General Philip Shuyler writes from Albany, pointing back toward Canada. he urges Washington to divert troops to the north, saying "our army in Canada will fall greatly short of what was intended." Washington would only reply once he reaches New York, not himself sparing troops but instructing the Continental Congress to send what they can under

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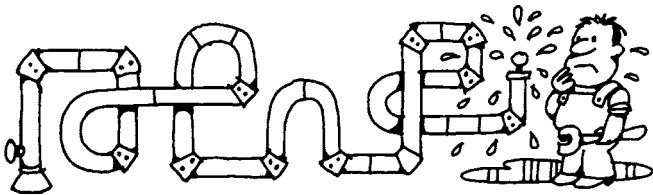
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command of Brigadier General John Sullivan, clearly showing the northern theater is not the general's priority.

The trip was rather uneventful through Connecticut, without many surviving sources. By April 11, Washington had made it to New Haven, just passing the halfway point of the trek. Though it may have been uneventful there, it was not in the south. In North Carolina, the Provincial Congress adopted the Halifax Resolves on April 12. This was the first resolution of its kind and is the first time a governing body in the Thirteen Colonies officially called for independence from the British Crown. It would read, "Resolved that the delegates for this colony in the Continental Congress be empowered to concur with the other delegates of the other colonies in declaring independency, and forming foreign alliances, resolving to this colony the sole, and exclusive right of forming a constitution and laws for this colony, and of appointing delegates from time to time under the direction of a general representation thereof to meet the delegates of the other colonies for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out." With this monumental passage, the path towards independence has been paved.

Landscaping Decisions

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

A workmate asked me recently about landscaping. She wants to change out overgrown shrubs and install a new landscape, and she is intent on doing it her way. Ahh, that speaks to me loudly!

She admitted that she doesn't know lots about horticulture, but she knows what she likes. Wildlife and scent for starters. She is trying to avoid the ubiquitous scenario of foundation plantings that often stretch out in never-ending lines across suburbia. "I look down my street and it's house after house of the same shrubs - carbon copies," she said. Rather than relying on shrubs and low maintenance plantings, her new garden is to be full of perennials and lots of flowers. And especially those that attract birds, butterflies and perfume the air.

Definitely a gardener after my own heart! This is what the garden should stem from. And this is my basis for design: what do you want it to do for you?

Never mind the cookie cutter, same old, tried and true repeats. Originality is what a garden should be - for better, for worse. Amendments are expected along the way. This is not to say that you don't map things out before heading off to the nursery.

Every successful garden should have a plan, whether it's a window box, a vegetable bed or a front-of-the-house border. There are some rules of thumb to follow, but there is a lot of room for creativity.

The main thing in planning a garden plot is that you plan it as you imagine yourself in it. Since it is you who will live with it and walk past it daily and presumably work in it, the decision-making should ultimately be yours. You will be the one looking out the window or walking the garden path. It's only right that

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you shape your small patch on the planet. I understand there are those who do not want to govern such a world and prefer to let a landscaper make their choices. This column is not for them. It's for the person who needs a bit of guidance and who doesn't mind making mistakes.

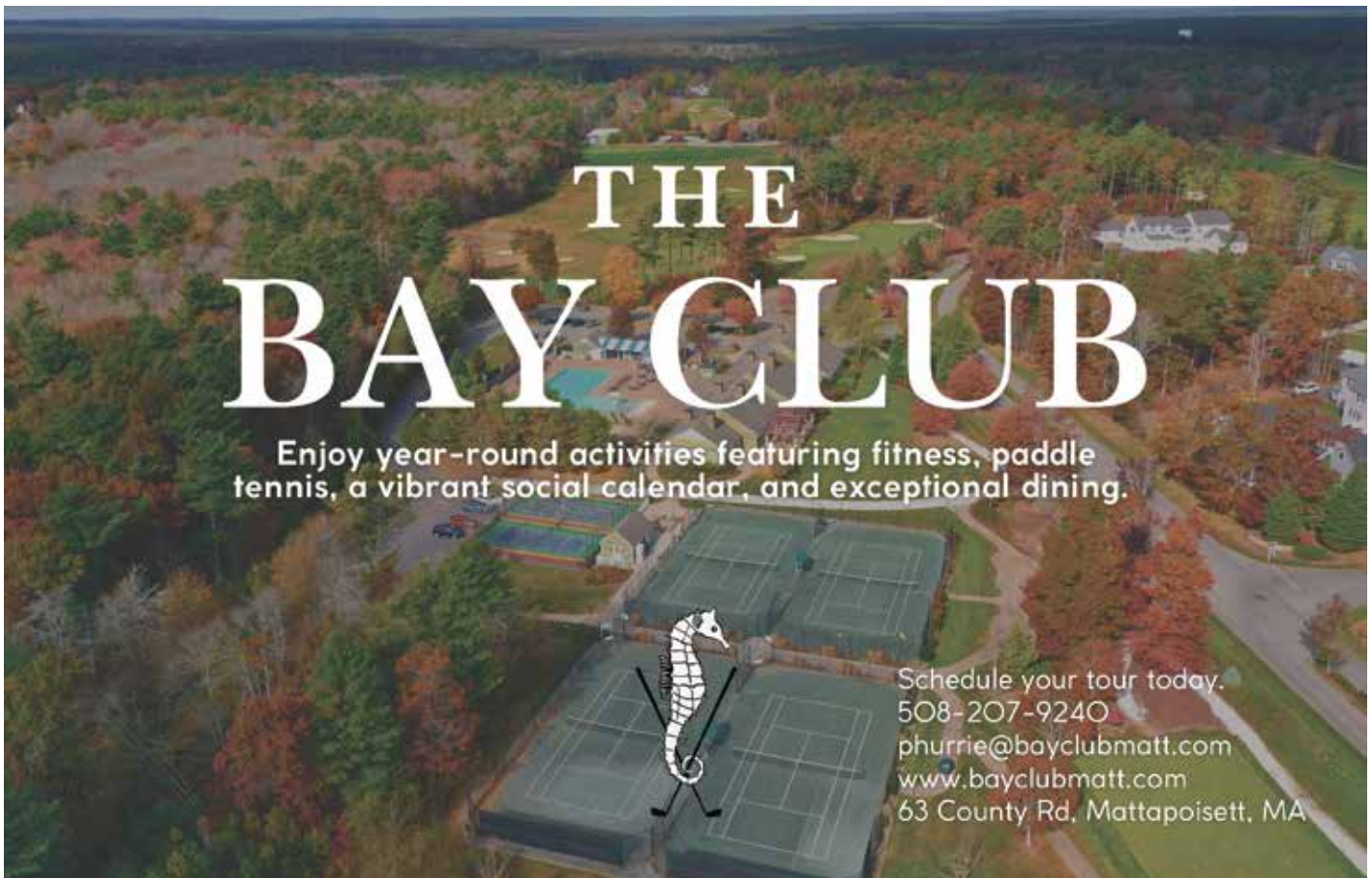
First, define your intentions. What's this garden supposed to say? What is its purpose? Is it to be a floral border - and if so, during which seasons will it be viewed? Do you want to attract wildlife? Or is it a vegetable plot or a formal bed, or perhaps a kitchen garden? A cross between



practical and whimsical? Is it to be low-maintenance or require daily attention?

If you have a blank lot, then you also need to assess it before choosing a location. Look at the existing land features, those that might be played up or obscured. How are vistas beyond your space affected? Since sunlight determines the kinds of plants you grow, examine where it is throughout the course of a day.

"Just as it makes sense to live in a house before undertaking major architectural changes, so it makes sense to live in a yard before turning it into a garden



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to consider structural decisions, to study the light and to discover where you find yourself hanging out," writes Cheryl Merseur in her book, "A Starter Garden: The Guide for the Horticulturally Hapless."

After pinpointing and preparing the site, plants can be selected. This is the fun part, and undoubtedly, you've already been visualizing your garden plants and design. Ms. Merseur compares it to planning a wardrobe.

"The basic items are those that will carry you through most of the year; in plant terms that usually means evergreens. Adding in and around the evergreens, you put in seasonal touches, the shrubs that reach their flowering glory once a year. And as with a wardrobe, you will inevitably make some impulse purchases."

She advises anchoring the garden with several of the same shrubs grouped together. The result will be soothing and harmonizing. "Tempting as it is to buy one of each kind of shrub, you want to avoid having your garden look like a sales rack."

Think about how your selected plants will mingle. If you've established a color scheme in your mind's eye -- such as soft yellows, creamy white with splashes of mauve and lavender -- then test it on paper with colored pencils or watercolors. Computer programs are also available. My friend has one that shows how the scheme will progress into maturity.

Bloom time is another major consideration, along with what happens to the plants in the winter. Nantucket

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Hydrangeas may flaunt their beautiful blue blossoms in the summer, but by winter the shrub is reduced to a mass of sticks and shriveled bouquets.

Ornamentation isn't restricted to the perennial border. You can have as much fun with a vegetable plot. Vegetable gardens can be beautiful if you introduce some patterns with paths and beds. The French are well known for their handsome culinary gardens.

Grouping different bulbs, annuals and perennials within the garden framework of trees and shrubbery is the most creative process of gardening. How will they cohabitate? Will one upstage the other or will they be equals? How would a boxwood look in a rose garden, or the birch tree beside the fringe tree? What is the best partner for a peony, or do they need the stage to themselves? Things often don't turn out the way we plan. The accidental elements of gardening give our outdoor rooms charm and individuality.

One final word - that I learned from the late great horticulturalist Allen Haskell: don't forget the element of time and growth. My friend's landscaper didn't consider this when he installed arborvitae within a small geographic area. And I also stand guilty as when I planted a birch tree many years back. It towered over a rose garden - causing it to go from sunshine to mostly shade in a matter of a few years. Luckily, I'm as adaptable to change as the garden.

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Cherry Trees, Phone Booths and Orangutans By Dick Morgado

The National Cherry Blossom Festival along the Potomac River is back. The magnificent cherry trees are in bloom to announce the arrival of spring. They are early this year, perhaps in anticipation of an influx of tourists eager to see Congress in action, or maybe it is global warming. Who knows?

Once many years ago, I visited Congress in session. I recall watching distinguished politicians, men and women, debating the important issues of the day. "My distinguished friend...", or "The gentleperson from the great state of..." was the order of the day when addressing one another while considering important legislation.

Watching Congress on C-Span now suggests that decorum is rare these days. Perhaps the tourists should just skip visiting Congress and seek out something more pleasurable, like the cherry trees.

By the way, remember "Stumpy"? He/she lives, sort of. Back in 2024, the National Park Service planned on cutting down 300 trees including 158 cherry trees to make way for a new retaining wall along the river so Washington would not become a swamp. (Not sure that



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worked. But I digress, as I often do.) One of those trees was the popular “Stumpy”, long a favorite attraction because, though hollow and half dead, it continued to blossom year after year, attracting tourists from all over the world.

The Park Service promised to take cuttings from old Stumpy and grow new offspring from the famous tree. And they did! (At least one government department keeps promises.) The National Arboretum has successfully grown “baby Stumpies”, clones which are flowering and will be ready to be planted next Spring. The tourists and the birds will be glad about that.

Speaking of birds, do you remember the Bird Call Phones I wrote about last year? Dave Schulman, a violinist and audio producer in Maryland, turned an old phone booth into one that plays bird calls when you dial different numbers. It became very popular and he planned on expanding the idea to other cities. I know this because Mr. Schulman, who apparently reads *The Wanderer*, emailed me to thank me for mentioning his invention. How about that!

Another phone booth of note you may have heard about is the “Call a Boomer” booth installed near the campus of Boston University. The phone is connected to a phone in Reno, Nevada, a popular gambling and casino venue, that sits in the lobby of a senior citizen housing complex. The idea is to encourage “meaningful” communication between generations. Do you think

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college kids are angling to get gambling tips from the senior citizens?

Phoning strangers is not new. In 1948 a phone booth was installed in the middle of the Mohave Desert miles from the nearest paved road. Its purpose was to provide emergency communications for remote miners. After the mines were abandoned, the phone remained operational. A man discovered the phone booth on Google Earth, visited it and published the number. People from all over the world began calling it. Campers began setting up tents, and RVs started to arrive just to talk to anyone who called, and call they did. The number of people eager to talk to somebody...anybody, from somewhere else began to cause serious environmental issues on what



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Speaking of which, did you hear about Punch the monkey? Punch is a Japanese macaque who was abandoned by his mother and was rejected by his troop of fellow monkeys. Zookeepers provided Punch with a large stuffed orangutan that he quickly bonded with and refused to be separated from. This touching tale naturally became a worldwide sensation. The zoo, with increased attention and attendance, began selling Punch merchandise, profiting nicely. Even IKEA, the furniture giant, began selling stuffed toy monkeys with arms wrapped tightly around an orange orangutan toy.

As for the real Punch, he has finally made friends and is living happily, still clinging to his orange friend.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Select Board, MRC Find Common Ground

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board met on Tuesday in the Police Department for their first meeting following their approval last week of the Town Meeting Warrant. On their agenda were various position appointments, new town policy drafts, and a discussion of the proposed and in-progress Marine Resources Commission Charter.

First, the board approved the minutes from their March 24 meeting without discussion.

Next, Cathy Stone, president of Sippican Lands Trust, and John Chester, real estate project manager of Buzzards Bay Coalition, spoke regarding regulations and a land swap from SLT to BBC. The properties in discussion are off Point Road, namely Osprey Marsh, Howland Marsh, and Shaw’s Island. Select Board Chair Randy Parker clarified this land is known for its boardwalk.

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Stone stated a big importance was the groups wanted “double protection” to comprise the properties. The board members approved unanimously and signed off on the transfer.

Next were appointments. Patricia McKim was appointed as a full member of the Marine Resources Commission with a unanimous vote. She was already approved before she could speak. Davis Sanford was appointed as alternative member to the MRC. He said he has been coming to Marion since he was six years old and has lived in town since 2007. He told the board he has attended meetings for around a year. The board approved this appointment unanimously. Next, Tucker Burr was also appointed as an alternative member of the MRC with a unanimous vote.

Retired planner Ann Morgan was appointed as alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a unanimous vote. Dina Nichols stated she’s been on “many boards and commissions over 30 years.” She mentioned she was also a realtor. She was also appointed as an alternate member to the ZBA with a unanimous vote.

Following the rapid appointment approvals, the Select Board moved on to the approval of the draft of the Revocation, Suspension, and Nonrenewal policy. The draft policy focuses on Board of Health licenses. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman said the Board of Health had already looked at it after Select Board Vice Chair



John Hoagland requested. The Revocation Policy was approved by the Select Board.

Next, the Pavement Moratorium Policy had its first read. Chair Parker requested the Planning Board see it. “They ought to know about it,” he said. Member Norm Hils asked if the Department of Public Works had seen it, to which Gorman said they had extensively looked it over. The board tabled the discussion and promised to vote on it at their next meeting following more discussion and inter-department dialogue.

Next, no representative was present from the Buzzards Bay Musicfest Board of Directors. There was confusion on their application, but Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator Donna Hemphill said the

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group wanted to allow attendees to be able to park at the Community Center to be shuttled to the festival. Parker requested more information, although the request was granted so long as the Community Center is notified.

Marine Resources Commission members were present to discuss the MRC Charter. The two town bodies went through the document chronologically, with Parker saying all needed language had been added. In the importance of the charter and putting on paper what responsibilities the MRC has, Hills said, "there's multiple things that say who does what. Hopefully this will codify it."

They discussed membership, clarifying there are seven voting members, two alternates, and two ex-officio who also don't vote.

On to duties, MRC member Scott Cowell said they were to keep the Select Board and other town bodies informed on relevant issues, saying they would be "keeping people apprised of what's going on." Referring to the harbor and responsibilities pertaining to it, Cowell said, "this town has been spoiled by the last four harbormasters," mentioning work often done by them that is beyond their cited responsibilities.

On to the town's future plans, the Select Board and MRC agreed work on the seawall has to be on the master 10-year plan. They also discussed looking into Bird Island maintenance, agreeing it's imperative. Dredging and infrastructure are also important to Cowell and the MRC, with Hoagland saying those projects will have to go to capital planning.

Overall, work on the MRC Charter is ongoing, though they and the Select Board found much common ground at the meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department's conference room.

Means of Balanced Budget Debated

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The once-problematic, proposed town budget for FY27, that Rochester residents will be asked to vote on at the Annual Town Meeting, will be balanced once and for all.

Last week, Town Administrator Cameron Durant informed the Rochester Select Board that the \$27,900,000 town operating budget for the next fiscal year was up against \$29,200,000 in department requests at the same time town revenues were set to be only \$900,000 higher than FY26's \$27,200,000 budget.

On Monday, Durant told the Select Board that the town's FY27 budget proposal is now out of trouble thanks to one-time revenues and recalculating what revenues will be available. "I am happy to announce the budget as presented is now balanced," he said.

He explained one-time funds are a big reason. These include additional monies from the New England

Rodeo's time leasing the 65 Pine Street field and \$100,000 from a school assessment fund that sets aside monies for school budgeting.

Durant is also recalculating projected revenues. He is now counting all local receipt revenues at 90% of expected rather than the previous calculation of 85% of expected. "No other cuts have been made," he said. "Nothing else has changed."

Acting Select Board Chair Paul Ciaburri and member Brad Morse were agreeable to these moves, but reluctantly.

"It's not good using one-time funds this way," Morse said, shaking his head. "We're using one-time funds for things we shouldn't have to."

Durant responded, stating this is the best solution possible for now. He noted the budget is still subject to Finance Committee approval. He noted the Finance Committee will meet next on April 13.

Budget concerns followed the Select Board through other items on the remaining agenda. They were poised to approve new department head contracts for a police lieutenant, the fire chief, the treasurer, and the facilities manager. The board ultimately agreed to Morse's motion that a vote be delayed until after upcoming FY27 school budget meetings.

When Durant reviewed an initial draft of the 2026 Annual Town Meeting warrant, he highlighted articles paying toward school costs, including \$716,000 to pay the town's share of the Old Rochester Regional School District health insurance debt. Rochester resident and retired school superintendent Dr. Kristine Nash was quick to criticize having to pay this debt, saying someone within school-budget circles must be held liable for incurring this debt. "Who do we hold responsible?" she asked.

Durant said this aspect of this debt is being investigated, but the money is still owed. "We have no choice but to pay this obligation," he said.

In other action, the board voted to deactivate the By-Law Review Committee with the option to revive it at a later time. They were responding to a request from Committee Chair Jeffrey Costa to dissolve the panel. Durant argued on Costa's behalf that the panel has had a hard time maintaining a quorum for members. Durant added that a grant from the state agency SRPEDD will allow this organization to help the town with by-law review. Ciaburri suggested making the review panel inactive in case its local members are needed again.

The FY27 budget and a 32-article warrant will be voted on by residents at the Annual Town Meeting on May 18.

The Rochester Select Board did not set its next regular meeting before adjourning.

Enrollment Down, Budgets Up

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

On April 2, the Mattapoisett Select Board met

jointly with the Finance Committee, Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber to discuss the FY27 School Budgets.

The two-hour meeting featured deep dives into funding sources and more than 20 pages of where funds are spent.

Barber reported a proposed FY27 Mattapoissett Schools (elementary) budget of \$9,039,058, an estimated 4.9% increase over the FY26 local budget of \$8,618,094. Barber proceeded to identify some of the “level” operational costs, while explaining the requirements of state law and pay raises resulting from collective bargaining. There are also scenarios of staff replacement in particular teaching positions that mitigate the overall result with new teachers earning less.

The proposed FY27 budget for Mattapoissett’s portion of ORR Schools is \$6,484,945, a 5.75% increase over the FY26 budget to which Select Board Chairman Tyler Macallister expressed concern. He disagreed that the town’s stabilization fund, paid into by the town’s taxpayers, should be sourced to address what he defined as the school district’s problems.

The basic question coming back from elected officials was one that has been asked on an annual basis: If enrollment is trending downward, why are expenses rising?

Mattapoissett’s share of the FY27 Old Colony operating budget is proposed at \$824,922.

“We feel that we have been working within the financial parameters that Mr. (Mike) Lorencio (town administrator) has set for the schools in terms of ultimately reporting to the school committee,” said Nelson, who noted the ORR School Committee’s approval of the proposed ORR Schools budget and the then-upcoming vote of the Mattapoissett School Committee of the town’s elementary-schools budget scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.

Several times during the meeting Finance Committee members returned to the matter of school enrollment and questioned why decreasing enrollment did not equate to a smaller budget. No conclusions were

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forthcoming, but Nelson also referred to an increase in Kindergarten enrollment with 58 new students currently enrolled.

Finance Committee member Paul Amoruso asked if the local schools had given any further consideration to merging Old Hammondtown and Center School and asked the school administrators to come up with a plan for the committee's consideration.

"Just for the record, we fully cooperated with the Collins study when that was initiated by the town several years ago. We provided every bit of information they wanted, we sat in every meeting, every discussion. We held presentations for the public. Very few if any from the public came to hear it," said Nelson, recalling five options

having been presented to the Select Board and School Committee with associated cost estimates. "We're happy to participate in that process again, whatever that may look like ... I want to be clear, the (ORR) administration and the School Committee fully participated."

Lest he sound defensive on the matter, Nelson clarified his response being for the sake of the public record. He later noted that he has ongoing correspondence with Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo and said he wishes to comment on those matters when Lorenzo can be present. (Lorenzo provided some of the financial figures for this article.)

There was pushback from the Select Board regarding the increase in school budgets with Jordan Collyer saying he could not accept the budgets and would not give them an affirmative vote. Aaron Goldberg, a Finance Committee member, said, "We need an honest effort, a hard look..." at the budgets.

Also on the agenda was a previously continued, dangerous dog hearing. After careful consideration by the Select Board over the course of two meetings, it was confirmed via vote that Rocco of Cathaway Road must be leashed at all times by owner Mark Brogoli when in the public, must be remained behind adequate fencing, but does not need to be muzzled.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board did not announce the date of its next meeting.

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Water/Sewer Building Plan Proposed

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

On April 6, the Mattapoissett Planning Board began the Site Plan process for the town's new Water and Sewer headquarters building.

The 16,800 square-foot structure will be constructed on land owned by the town at 15 Industrial Drive. Jon Gregory of Tata & Howard, Inc., the town's consulting engineers for the build, described the project including some of the site's water management. He noted large infiltration basins planned to handle stormwater and that the town is soon scheduled to present the project to the Conservation Commission.

Board member Nathan Ketchel asked several technical questions regarding drainage calculations and associated site conditions. While the board continued to review the plan, it was also determined that the Site Plan Review filing would be continued until May 4.

The board fielded several questions from those attending the meeting on such diverse points as the height of the metal building (30 feet), the construction of a driveway, and the amount of noise expected to be generated from the building once operational (little to none).

Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renaud discussed funding for the project which will come from retained earnings of the Water and Sewer Enterprise fund and the sale of lots in the town, including the Bay Club.

The site itself is 3.4 acres, Renaud stated. Of the timing for construction, Gregory said that bid documents will be released around the September timeframe.

Earlier in the discussion, Renaud said the new facility will give employees showers and restroom facilities for both males and females not currently available at the older building on Mendell Road.

The consolidation of the Water and Sewer personnel and equipment will give the town a singular state-of-the-art headquarters and eliminate the rental payments being made by the town at several locations. Renaud said the estimated cost of the project hovers between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000.



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In other business, the board approved the extension of a private road at 2 White Tail Run, a gravel road with a Fire Department-approved, hammerhead design. The project was represented by Jamie Bissonette of Zenith. The owner is Jason Fredette.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for May 4.

Easing Wetlands Concerns

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Conservation Commission on Tuesday reviewed an important update on two Notices of Intent hearings for High Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High

Street, which propose work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone for a ground-mounted solar array. One NOI is for Lots 4 and 5. A separate NOI was filed for Lots 6, 16, 17, 35, 21, 20, 22, and 35.

Project representative Eric Weinstein explained there are no changes to Site A since the hearing began in March. However, there have been sizable changes to Site B. A proposed access road has been removed from the plan after town officials told the planners that including this access was not necessary. This change, he said, eliminates the wetlands buffer complications and abutters' concerns.

Weinstein said in conclusion that more changes will be made to the plan after he receives the town's peer-engineering review. He requested the hearings be continued to the commission's May 5 meeting. The commission quickly agreed.

Before this result, Rochester Environmental Planner / Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly asked how close the work, as currently proposed, comes to the wetlands. Weinstein said the work will affect the wetlands buffer zone but will not have a direct impact on the wetlands.

Rochester resident Kelly Barratt told the commission she is sponsoring a Citizens Petition article for the May 18 Annual Town Meeting that adds to the town's existing solar bylaw and in effect works against more solar farms being approved in town. "We're just not

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happy to see so many solar sites come to town," she said. "We support wildlife, we support our town character." Specifically, she said after hearing, the petition seeks to prevent large clear-cutting of trees to create a solar installation.

In other action, the commission instructed Chair Christopher Gerrior to draft a letter telling town officials that the board needs a full-time conservation agent. This move responds to recent word that Kelly is being reduced to part-time at 24 hours per week as a cost-saving move for FY27. Kelly's work is too vital to commission operations for her hours to be reduced, board members agreed.

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The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be held on April 21 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Major Site Plan Review for 14 Barnabas

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday and began with a Pre-Submission Conference with Sippican Holdings, LLC for development at 14 Barnabas Road.

Steve Gioiosa of SITEC Engineering was representative to the holdings company, describing work on the lot that was once a part of the Lockheed Martin complex. He stated, "the current owners are looking to repurpose the existing building. We're not looking to expand the building but repurpose it for residential purposes."

Gioiosa added that 50% to 60% of the acquired office space has already been leased out, though the owner has not been successful in leasing out the lot in question as office space and instead is seeking a residential use as a "commercial rental property."

Planning Board Clerk Eileen Marum asked the first question, clarifying that the development would have 49 residential units but asking "would these be apartments or condos?" to which Gioiosa stated they

would be apartments and also saying the owner/ developer, Sippican Holdings, LLC, would be responsible for snow removal, parking facility upkeep, infrastructure like sidewalk and road work, landscaping, and other general maintenance.

There were also concerns over traffic impact, as each residential unit may require two parking spaces. A traffic study was conducted, noting minimal impact. The representative also noted the property's former use as an industrial contractor office faced the same original concern.

There were other questions and concerns from members of the public, including a push for a definitive decision on the use of the property to be decided by Town Meeting. Ultimately, the board unanimously decided to conduct a Major Site Plan Review.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department's conference room.

Island Wharf in Harbor Management Plan

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Marine Resources Commission met on Wednesday, April 1 in the Maritime Center for a list of action items that, along with approving minutes of prior meetings, handled the vacant harbormaster position, town kayak racks, the Harbor Management Plan, and Island Wharf.

The commission quickly discussed the open harbormaster position, mentioning the need for someone experienced. "We're in a very different position than we've been in almost 20 years in terms of filling the position. We don't have any kind of succession. we don't have an assistant moving up or someone who has been groomed to move up, so we're starting fresh," Chair Vincent J. Malkoski, Jr. said.

The MRC then moved to discuss kayak rack regulations, which it was initially noted should have both the direction and eventual oversight of the harbormaster and their department. It was stated the difference between kayaks and paddleboards should be explicated outlined, and both water "crafts" follow generally the same rules, aside from positioning of their respective rack posts. There will be a \$15 fee for a rack slot and a \$5 renewal fee for existing approved residents.

Commission members also highlighted other powers to be taken up by the harbormaster, such as the officer having the authority to dispose of kayaks left behind or left by violators without a valid pass. Other potential kayak-related incidents were discussed, such as what to do when someone else has their kayak in your spot or whether non-residents should be offered some usability, with the commission agreeing more work and discussion is required to hash out and formulate the policy, with the chair stating the need for some facets of the policy to be simplified.

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The MRC then moved on to discuss the Harbor Management Plan, which will also contain provisions for kayak/board racks.

Chair Malkoski mentioned he had received Select Board Vice Chair John Hoagland's recommendations regarding Island Wharf and parking on the property. Malkoski noted the importance of a plan being discussed and devised for parking at the wharf, and the lot as a whole. The MRC discussed recommendations that parking for commercial vehicles and trailers be allowed with permit only (from October 15 to June 15), through harbormaster coordination. Should that be the case, the MRC also discussed proposals to move the bandstand to Silvershell Beach to allow Island Wharf to be maintained as parking for town access.

Commission members discussed commercial parking on the grass, with the chair saying, "the idea that you can never put stuff on the grass is just not a reality."

They noted the difficulty is getting all the major town parties to agree, though Malkoski said he "absolutely" wants Island Wharf parking regulations to be included in the Harbor Management Plan.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm in the Maritime Center.

The first Public Meeting to go over the Marion Harbor Management Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall.



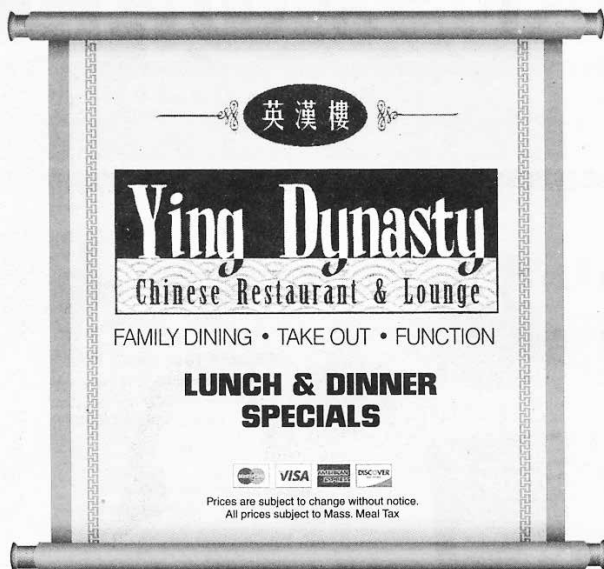
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Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's baseball team played at Wareham (0-1) on April 3 and won 8-3. Starting pitcher Tanner Wright-Teixeira had an impressive performance, going for six innings, striking out eight, and only allowing one earned run. Junior Nolin Vieira had a big day at the plate, going 3-for-4, all doubles, with two runs batted in. The Bulldogs are off to an impressive start on the season and took a 3-0 record into Wednesday's game at Apponequet.

Boys Lacrosse

The Bulldogs traveled to Fairhaven on April 1 and won 6-3, bringing their record to 1-1 on the young season. Seniors Tucker Roy and Chase Almeida were named the players of the game. Their next game is scheduled at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on Friday, April 10.

ORRJH Inaugural 'Wellness Morning'

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Principal Silas Coellner and Assistant Principal Kelly Chouinard are pleased to share that Old Rochester Regional Junior High School held its first Wellness Morning on Tuesday, March 24, in a school-wide event that focused on fostering resiliency and healthy decision-making, featuring stress management activities including stretching, breathing exercises, and social-emotional "recharge stations." The school plans to make this an annual event.

"Our goal for Wellness Morning was to ensure that every student feels seen, supported and connected," said Director of Guidance and Student Services Christina Costello Cioffi. "Wellness Morning reinforced that our well-being is not just something we



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talk about - it's a skill set we can actively develop, practice and strengthen over time. We are really encouraged by the impact of this year's event and hope to continue growing Wellness Morning into an annual tradition. I'd like to recognize our Counseling Team for their leadership in helping bring Wellness Morning from an idea to a successful event. I'd also like to thank our teachers and counselors for facilitating stations, as our students wouldn't have had such a positive experience without their support and enthusiasm."

During the morning, seventh-grade students took part in an annual SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) screening, facilitated by the nurse's office and guidance office, focusing on healthy decision-making and awareness. Eighth graders participated in SOS, which stands for Signs of Suicide, an activity that emphasized help-seeking skills and mental health awareness.

At the same time, students rotated through a series of wellness stations led by school staff, including the following activities:

Connection and Kindness Lab - This station offered a social-emotional "recharge" by allowing students to build community through low-stakes, positive interactions. Students participated in a short gratitude-based project, creating thank you notes and letters for people who support them, such as a parent, guardian, teacher, coach or other trusted adult. The goal was to strengthen connection and build empathy, helping students reflect on the positive relationships in their lives during a high-pressure developmental stage.

Creative Expression Station - This station provided a low-key calming space for students to reset through art. Students were able to choose from options such as mandala coloring, free drawing, word art, mini vision boards, affirmation posters and more. The focus was not so much on building artistic skills but on using creativity as a healthy way to unwind, relax, express feelings and take a mental break.

Yoga/Movement stretches - This station offered students a chance for a physical reset for the school day, helping students release tension from sitting at desks so



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much and spending time on digital devices. Through guided, athletic stretching, this station encouraged self-regulation and mindfulness, giving students a quick, healthy way to manage stress and return to learning with improved focus.

Healthy Competition - Designed to provide students with an opportunity to engage in healthy competition in a fun, low-pressure environment. Students were able to play non-technology games that encouraged communication and connection with one another. The focus was on building positive relationships while practicing teamwork and good sportsmanship. Wellness Morning builds on the work of the District Wellness Committee, in keeping with the District Wellness Program Policy implemented by the Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55. This committee, which meets at least four times per year, works to assess the implementation of the District Wellness Policy and to promote it, along with overall student and staff wellness.

"We're very proud to be able to hold our inaugural Wellness Morning, showing our students how important it is to cultivate wellness and maintain a healthy mind," said Assistant Principal Kelly Chouinard. "This event was spearheaded by our Director of Guidance Christina Costello Cioffi. Without her leadership this event would not have been as successful as it was. We hope this becomes an annual tradition here, providing our students with tools that they can put to use in their daily lives, empowering them to take charge of their mental health and prioritize wellness in what can be such a busy, stressful world."

"Wellness Morning showed our students that we care about them and their well-being," said Principal Coellner. "It was such a great event. We look forward to our next Wellness Morning and to otherwise continue stressing the important help-seeking and self-regulation tools that we learned on this day. We want our students to know when to seek help when they feel overwhelmed and that support is available for them."

"This event underscores how seriously we take health and wellness in our school system," said

Superintendent Nelson. "Thank you to all of our staff and teachers who helped implement and facilitate this event. It was a great success, and we look forward to repeating it."

OCRVTHS Learn CPR Through Partnership With RFD

Nearly 150 Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School freshmen recently learned CPR through training provided by the Rochester Fire Department, giving students life-saving skills they could use in an emergency.

A total of 148 freshmen participated in the annual training, which is built into the school's curriculum to ensure every student learns the fundamentals of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Firefighters from the Rochester Fire Department worked with students to demonstrate CPR techniques and provide practical instruction designed to prepare them to respond during medical emergencies.

"This training gives students real skills that could help them save a life in an emergency," said Superintendent Aaron Polansky. "We're grateful for our continued partnership with the Rochester Fire Department and their commitment to making sure our students are prepared to help others."



Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

Re "Town Meeting Warrant Closed" (news article, The Wanderer, April 2):

The Island Wharf green space is not an incidental parcel of land; it is protected ground, bound by a clear and enduring legal and moral commitment. The 1901 Deed to the Town of Marion explicitly mandates that this land be used "for public purposes only and not for commercial purposes." That language is neither vague nor optional. It is a binding covenant that defines the character and limits of how this land must be treated.

For generations, this grassy area has been understood and used as a Town Park. That understanding is not merely tradition; it is reinforced in official policy. The recently approved Marion Open Space and Recreation Plan formally recognizes Island Wharf as part of the town's open space and recreation inventory. By definition and by law, this land is intended for passive public use, not commercial exploitation.

And yet, over time, that protected green space has been steadily diminished. A bandstand was installed. A paved parking area was carved out. MS4 stormwater swales were added. A new Harbormaster building was constructed. While each of these changes may have offered some public benefit, together they have eroded the very open space the deed was meant to preserve. The cumulative effect is undeniable: the green space has been shrinking, piece by piece.

Now, what remains is under direct threat. The use of this land as a parking lot for non-residents and as overflow workspace for commercial operations is not a minor encroachment; it is a direct violation of the deed's covenants and a fundamental breach of the land's intended purpose. This is not open space. It is a misuse.

The consequences are not only legal; they are physical and immediate. With each passing season, cars, boat trailers, commercial trucks, and heavy equipment

encroach further onto the grass. The land is compacted, damaged, and stripped of its ability to serve as a place for passive recreation. At the same time, the presence of heavy machinery in what should be a public park creates an obvious and unacceptable risk to public safety. Parkland should never double as an industrial staging ground.

The events of Tuesday, March 31, 2026, make this situation even more troubling. During the Select Board meeting to close the Town Meeting Warrant for May 11, Articles 2 through 30 were approved with little deliberation. But when Article 31, concerning the transfer of this very parcel of land, was reached, the process broke down. This article directly involved land governed by the 1901 deed, land that must remain dedicated to public, non-commercial use.

When Mr. Hills proposed transferring the land to the Parks Department, an action that would have reinforced its status as protected parkland, Mr. Parker immediately rejected the proposal. His response was swift and unequivocal: "I don't support that." He then moved to remove the article from the Warrant entirely. Only Mr. Hills voted to preserve the article and allow the issue to be decided by the residents of Marion.

That decision did more than halt a proposal; it denied the public their rightful voice. Removing the article from the Warrant effectively stripped Marion residents of the opportunity to vote on the future of land



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that belongs to them and is legally designated for their benefit. This is not representative governance; it is the suppression of public participation in a matter of public trust.

The facts are clear. The intent of the 1901 deed is clear. The ongoing damage to the land is visible and accelerating. Allowing commercial use and vehicle storage on this parkland is not only unlawful; it is a betrayal of the town's obligations and its shared heritage.

Island Wharf must be protected, restored, and respected as the public park it was always meant to be. Anything less is a failure to uphold both the law and the responsibility entrusted to the Town of Marion over a century ago.

Sincerely,

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

OCRVTHS Students Advance to NASA HUNCH Culinary Finals

Students in the culinary program at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, calling themselves the "Cosmic Chefs," have advanced to the finals of the NASA HUNCH Culinary Challenge and are preparing to travel to Johnson Space Center in Houston to present a dish designed for astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

The team is one of 10 schools nationwide selected to compete in the final round of the competition, which challenges students to design nutritious, shelf-stable meals suitable for space travel. The program is part of the NASA HUNCH Program, an educational initiative that allows students to contribute real-world solutions for the nation's space program.

The team - seniors Ryan Eby, Leah Hollenbeck, Justin Ielo and Anthony Rampino, and juniors Elena Tan and Scarlet Savaria - developed Chicken Vindaloo Tacos, a unique, space-ready take on a taco inspired by Indian flavors.

The chicken is marinated in apple cider vinegar, garlic, ginger, paprika, cayenne, turmeric and black pepper, with toasted spices including cumin, coriander and cinnamon. To complement the flavors, the dish includes onions, bell pepper, low-sodium chicken broth, lemon juice and bay leaves, garnished with fresh cilantro, shredded red cabbage and a Greek yogurt crema.

The recipe is designed with space physiology in mind. In microgravity, the body experiences slower digestion, fluid shifts and changes in blood vessels. High fiber, limited sodium and reduced saturated fats help maintain digestion, reduce fluid retention and support cardiovascular health for astronauts.

To qualify for the national competition, students first completed a research paper examining the effects of space travel on the human body and how food must be processed and prepared for space environments. They then developed two recipes and conducted a full

nutritional analysis before submitting their work to the Johnson Space Center Food Lab. After a preliminary evaluation round, their project was selected among the highest-scoring entries in the country.

"This project challenges students to think far beyond a traditional kitchen," said culinary instructor Ashley Ulett, who oversees the school's NASA HUNCH culinary team. "They are researching the science behind space travel, developing recipes that meet strict nutritional standards and learning how food innovation plays a role in supporting astronauts during long missions."

Elena, Leah, Ryan and Scarlett will travel to Houston in late April to present and prepare their dish for judges at Johnson Space Center. The experience allows them to work alongside industry professionals while showcasing their culinary skills on a national stage.

"Opportunities like this show the power of vocational education," said Superintendent Aaron Polansky. "Our students are combining culinary training with science and research while tackling a challenge connected to the work of NASA. Their success speaks to the strength of our culinary program and the dedication of the teachers who prepare students for careers in the industry."

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, **April 13**, at 6:30 pm, at the Ponderosa Sportsman's Club in Acushnet.

Anne Manning Martin will be the guest speaker. She is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor and has joined the Mike Kennealy ticket. She has thirty-four years of law enforcement experience. She is a fiscal conservative and has a long history of public service. The public is invited to attend.

The Wonderful World of Warblers

Discover the wonderful world of warblers on Wednesday, **April 22** at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street. Warblers are among the most beautiful birds but also challenging to identify. We'll explore the fascinating world of these tiny migrants, from their amazing colors to their complex songs, behaviors, and habitats.

Learn practical tips for identifying warblers in the field, including how to recognize key visual field marks, understand habitat preferences, and distinguish similar-looking species. We'll also dive into the art of birding by ear, helping you decode their songs.

Go to www.nbcbird.com to see all upcoming bird walks. All events are free and open to the public. Please register for a bird walk by emailing jmbarrett426@gmail.com or calling 774-207-8515 Justin Barrett.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Tag Sale

Bargain hunters and community members alike are invited to attend the Mattapoissett Woman's Club Tag Sale on Saturday, **May 2**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The event will take place at Reynard Hall, located within the Congregational Church in Mattapoissett.

Browse our many tables filled with fun and amazing items you're unlikely to find anywhere else. Proceeds from the tag sale benefit the Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarship Fund. Cash or check is preferred and no early birds, please.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the objectives and mission of the organization. For more information or questions please contact info@mattapoissettwomensclub.org.

Mattapoissett Democrats Candidates' Night

On Wednesday **April 29** from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee will host a Candidates' Night in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoissett Free Public Library.

All candidates for any elected position in our upcoming Municipal Election on May 19, 2026, will be extended an invitation and provided an opportunity to give a brief opening statement to the public and answer questions of attendees.

The uncontested race candidates (Mattapoissett School Committee, ORR School Committee, etc.) will proceed first and then the contested races for the Select Board, Library Board of Trustees, and Board of Health will be the last of our presentation.

Please come with a neighbor, family member or friend and bring any questions you might have for the candidates or just listen in. For more information, please reach out to William Morse, Chair, mattapoissettdtc@gmail.com.

Poet, Ann Wallace, to Speak at Sippican Woman's Club

The Sippican Woman's Club is especially pleased to announce that in observance of National Poetry Month,

their April speaker will be Ann Wallace, Poet Laureate Emeritus of Jersey City, and author of recently published *Keeping Room*, her third book of poetry. The title of her presentation is "Writing My Way Through," regarding her own redemptive experiences of coping, by means of the writing process, with ovarian cancer, multiple sclerosis and Long Covid, as well as loss and grief. Hope, love, and strength, often found through nature, are the take-aways from her work. Her books will be available for purchase.

Wallace grew up in Marion, graduated from ORR, received her undergraduate degree in art from Drew University, her Master's in Women's Studies from Rutgers, and her Doctorate in English Literature from The City University of New York. She is Professor of English at New Jersey City University. A lover of nature and gardening, she is also a host and producer of a monthly podcast for The Native Plant Society of New Jersey called "The Wild Story: A Podcast of Poetry and Plants."

The program, to be held at the Club's home, Handy's Tavern, 152 Front St., on Friday, **April 10**, will begin at 7:00 pm, preceded by a light supper at 6:00 pm. Guests are very welcome.

ORRJH Students Perform in SMMEA Junior District Festival

After two days spent learning and rehearsing new music, 20 Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (ORRJHS) students took to the stage at the Southeastern

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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse
9:30 AM Mattapoissett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers
10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
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 Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! with David Green
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Sea Turtles in Massachusetts
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday April 10, 2026
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition

11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
6:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday April 11, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Studies
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation with...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday April 12, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral
8:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
9:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday April 13, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern Mass
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday April 14, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
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
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
6:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday April 15, 2026

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

8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
3:30 PM The Mattapoissett Rail Trail
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:00 PM Marion Art Center
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Pete on the Street
6:30 PM World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Gustav Holst
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
10:30 PM Classic Movies

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7:30 AM Marion Marine Resources
9:00 AM Marion Special Town Meeting
9:30 AM Marion Finance Committee
11:00 AM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
1:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
1:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
2:30 PM Marion Board of Health
4:00 PM Marion Stewards of Community Open Space
5:00 PM Marion School Committee Budget Hearing
5:30 PM Marion School Committee
6:30 PM ORR School Committee Budget Hearing
7:30 PM ORR School Committee
9:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
11:00 PM Marion Planning Board

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester Select Board
9:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Rochester Select Board and RMS School Committee
1:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
2:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
7:00 PM Rochester Select Board and RMS School Committee
9:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 PM Rochester Select and Finance Joint Meeting
11:00 PM Rochester Planning Board

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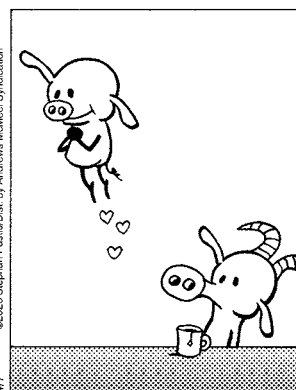
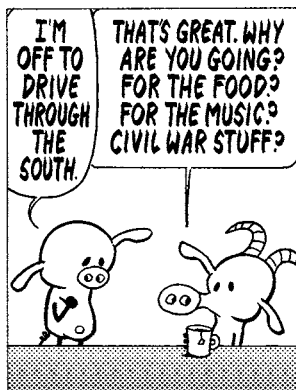
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8:00 AM ORR School Committee
9:30 AM Old Colony New Building Update
11:00 AM ORRJHS Drama Club - Romeo and Winifred
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Apponequet
2:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs West Bridgewater
3:30 PM Senior Superlatives
4:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bridgewater-Raynham
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM FORM Instrumental Concert
8:30 PM FORM Choral Concert
10:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral
11:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs New Bedford

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Massachusetts Music Educators Association (SEMMEA) Junior District Festival.

Old Rochester musicians joined students from across southeastern Massachusetts for festival auditions in December, and qualifying performers gathered again on March 6 and 7 for two days of intensive music rehearsals in chorus, band or orchestra before performing in the concert.



“We are incredibly proud of these 20 talented musicians for their remarkable achievement in being accepted to the SEMMEA Junior District Festival,” said ORRJHS Music Teacher Richard Laprise. “This accomplishment speaks to their dedication and all of their hard work. Having such a large group represent our school this year demonstrates the strength of our music program and the commitment of our students to excellence.”

“The SEMMEA Junior District Festival pushes students to learn new music quickly and perform with peers they’ve just met,” said Principal Silas Coellner. “It has been inspiring to watch our students work together, rise to the challenge and perform so beautifully. We are proud they represented Old Rochester so well on stage.”

The following seventh grade students performed at the Junior District Festival: Aja Boucher, Olivia Carrillo, Andrew Cody, Penelope Conley, Cadence Cordeiro, Emily Gherard, Tobias Revell, Aubrey Rivera, Emma Souza, Aaron Tanga, and Charles Whinnem.

The following eighth grade students performed at the festival: Zachary Bellefeuille, Anthony Biscaia, Logan

Bradshaw, John Eilertsen, Hannah Gomes, Griffin Hagan, Bridget Lee, Sophia Meleo, and Sophia Wilson. “We are thrilled that such a large number of Old Rochester students performed in the SEMMEA Junior District Festival,” said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. “Their commitment to this festival, from the time they first auditioned in December to the moment they stepped off the stage in March, has been very impressive.”

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OBITUARIES



Rose (Converse) Morgan of Wenham, formerly of Ipswich and Marion, died peacefully on March 22nd, two weeks before her 90th birthday.

Born in Boston on April 6th, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Rose Bullock Converse and Roger Wolcott Converse. She was raised in Brookline and spent her summers in Marion, where she developed a lifelong love of sailing and raced in Sippican Harbor.

Rosie attended The Park School, The Winsor School, and St. Timothy's School, and graduated from Smith College in 1958.

In 1959, she married Hewitt "Cub" Morgan, Jr. The couple settled in Ipswich, where they raised their three daughters. Rosie was active in her community and supported numerous nonprofit and educational organizations. She served as a board member of the Ipswich YMCA and the United Way of the North Shore.

She was an accomplished golfer and tennis player, with her name appearing on championship boards at Essex County Club in Manchester and The Kittansett Club in Marion. She recorded three holes-in-one.

Rosie was known for her warmth, competitive spirit, and genuine interest in others. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and was a constant presence at her family's activities and sporting events.

She is survived by her daughters, Wendy Morgan Richardson and her husband, Peter, of Wenham, and Laura Kemper Morgan of Marion; her son-in-law, David Daignault of Redding, CT; her sister, Christina Jackson and her husband, Patrick, of Yarmouth, ME; her grandchildren, Elizabeth R. MacLaughlin (Ben), Christopher Richardson (Henrietta), Andrew Richardson (Megan), Maximilian and Casey Daignault; her great-grandchildren, Bo, Peter, and Miles MacLaughlin, and James Richardson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the wife of the late Hewitt "Cub" Morgan, Jr.; the mother of the late Rose "Posie" Bullock Morgan; and the sister of the late Roger, Costello, and Chandler Converse, and Vera Converse Gibbons.

In accordance with Rose's wishes, her funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Posie Morgan Scholarship Fund, New Pond Farm Education Center, 101 Marchant Road, Redding, CT 06896. Arrangements by the Campbell Funeral Home, 6 High Street, Ipswich. Condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com.



Rosamond J. (Cameron) Pierce, 92, of Mattapoisett, MA died March 19, 2026 at Tobey Hospital following a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Victor M. Pierce, to whom she was married for 64 years. Born and raised in Arlington, MA, the daughter of the late Forrest A. and Edith M. (Davis) Cameron, she spent her summers at her beloved Pease's Point in Mattapoisett, where she met her future husband, Victor.

Roz was a graduate of Arlington High School (Class of 1950) and attended the University of New Hampshire (Class of 1955) where she pursued a degree in education and was a member of the field hockey team. She spent much of her adult life raising her family alongside her husband in Felton, DE. As a stay-at-home mother, she devoted herself to the wellbeing of her three children and menagerie of pets. She was the best chauffeur and loudest cheerleader for each of her children as they pursued their interests in academics, sports, and music.

She later returned to education as a para-professional at Lake Forest High School, where she worked in the classroom for many years. She was an active member of the UCC-affiliated People's Church in Dover, DE and of the Dover Century Club as well as several book clubs - she was an avid reader. She also loved to travel and visited many locations throughout North America, Europe, and Asia with Victor. While Roz loved to explore the world, she was never happier than when spending her summers at Pease's Point. Surrounded by family and neighbours who became family, she was a founding member of the Eight O'Clock Swim Club and an enthusiastic member of the Five O'Clock Beach Club; there was nothing better than closing out the day with good friends, good conversation, and toes in the sand.

Roz leaves behind her children Andrea Pierce of Camden, DE, Pamela Pierce and her husband Thomas Jackivicz of Mattapoisett, MA, and Scott Pierce and his wife Nicole of Rehoboth Beach, DE. She was the much-loved grandmother of Kara, Aidan, Charlie, Cameron, and Katie Jackivicz of Mattapoisett, and Sloan and Emmett Pierce of Rehoboth Beach. She was predeceased by her sisters Harriet West of Milford, NH and Miriam Janet Pease of Port Charlotte, FL.

A celebration of Roz's life is planned for July 2026 in Mattapoisett, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Mattapoisett Land Trust or to your local animal rescue.

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districts organizes honor ensemble festivals and general music events. A percentage of students who participate in district festivals are eligible to audition for All-State honors ensembles.

Cushing Cemetery Meeting

Cushing Cemetery is holding a meeting on **April 18** at 10:00 am downstairs in the conference room at the town library. All Board members and Trustees are asked to attend. This meeting is opened to the public. Hope to see you there.

Marion Democratic Town Committee Sponsors ORR Essay Contest

ORR juniors and seniors have been invited to enter an essay contest addressing "What Is Democracy?" for three cash prizes. The contest, which is sponsored by the Marion Democratic Town Committee (MDTC), is under the guidance of ORR social studies teacher Dr. Erich Carroll. The students are required to cite one primary source and two secondary sources and include a bibliography. Essays must be submitted by **April 17**. Winners will be announced by the end of April.

The essay contest will be one agenda item at the monthly meeting of the MDTC at 5:30 pm, **April 16**, in the Community Room of the Marion Police Station. Among other discussion items will be the group's plans for their annual Damien's Food Pantry drive. All Marion

Democrats are welcome to attend.

Marion Candidates' Night

The League of Women Voters of the South Coast invites you to Candidates' Night on Thursday, **April 23**, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room at Sippican School. Please plan to arrive by 6:45 pm and kindly leave all campaign materials outside the school. Attorney Jack Eklund will serve as the moderator.

All candidates for Town Offices have been invited. The evening will feature two engaging components:

Meeting the Candidates: Unopposed candidates will have five minutes to introduce themselves. This is a chance to clearly present qualifications, explain suitability for the role, and demonstrate understanding of the position's responsibilities. Please note audience questions will not be included in this portion.

Issues Forum: Candidates in contested races will begin with a two-minute opening statement outlining their qualifications and perspectives. The forum will follow League of Women Voters guidelines, including no "empty chair" or proxy representation. Audience members will have the opportunity to submit written questions for these candidates, encouraging thoughtful discussion on key issues.

To confirm your participation, please email Chair Eileen J. Marum at u_emarum@umassd.edu by Friday,

OBITUARIES



Richard P. Schaefer, age 85, passed away peacefully with his daughters by his side on April 3, 2026, at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, MA, following complications related to a fall. He was born on March 12, 1941 to Harold and Anne Schaefer of Hartsdale, NY. Richard was a 1959 graduate of Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, NY, and a 1963 graduate of Tufts University. Richard served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1964-65 on the USS Henley out of Norfolk, VA. He went on to earn his JD from Fordham Law School in 1968 and his LLM in taxation from Boston University in 1978.

Richard practiced law and thrived in his work, establishing the firm Schaefer & Kunz in the early '90's, and later merging to form Titus, Ryan, Schaefer & Kunz. He loved calling Marion, MA home for more than 50 years, embracing everything the town had to offer - its beauty, its community, and the deep friendships he formed there. He was an active participant in local affairs, contributing his time to many organizations. For decades he helped to organize the town's annual Salvation Army holiday fundraising campaign, enlisting as bell ringers friends and family, including his grandsons. He also served on the boards of the Marion Art Center; the Sip-

pican Lands Trust; and Community Boating Center of New Bedford, among other organizations. He was an engaged member of the Beverly Yacht Club and the Kittansett Club, and was happiest when on his Grand Banks trawler, the Al-ibi, exploring Buzzards Bay and beyond with his first mate, and wife of 59 years, Loretta (Lori).

Richard was predeceased by Lori and his daughter Elizabeth. He is survived by daughters Catherine Schaefer Nellis (Barrington, RI), and Christine Gleason (Madison, CT), along with sons-in-law Doug Shattuck (Catherine) and Joshua Gleason (Christine), and grandsons Eli, Theo, James and Andrew, who brought him great joy. A celebration of Richard's life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to Community Nurse, 62 Center Street, Fairhaven, or at www.communitynurse.com, or the Community Boating Center of New Bedford, MA at www.communityboating.org.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights March 29 – April 4

- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Riverview Ln – EMS/medical
- Parkway Ln – Smoke investigation
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Crapo St – General service
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Barnabas Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Road hazard
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St - Fraud
- River Rd – Parking enforcement
- Delano Rd – Suspicious person
- Reservation Way – Health/welfare
- Mill St - Medical
- Mill St – General service
- Dexter Rd – Paper service
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Olde Meadow Rd – EMS/medical
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Animal cruelty
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Green St - Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – Parking enforcement

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 29 – April 4

- Antassawamock Rd – 911 call
- Shaw St – 911 call
- County Rd – Property lost
- Brandt Island Rd – MV violations
- Meadowbrook Ln – 911 call
- North St – MV crash
- Eldorado Dr – MV violations
- Cedar Point Ave – General service
- Fairhaven Rd - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Melissa Anne Ln – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- 195 East – Assist other agency
- Hillside Av e- MV violations
- Reservation Rd – Shellfish violations
- Driscoll Ln – Medical assist
- Fieldstone Dr – General service
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Juvenile offenses
- Pine Wood Way – Health/welfare
- Dyar Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Aucoot Rd - Disturbance
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV violations
- Oakland St – Juvenile offenses
- Long Plain Rd – 911 abandoned
- Fairhaven Rd - MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 29 – April 4

- Forbes Rd – Well-being check
- Bates Rd – General services
- North Ave – General services
- Alley Rd – 911 call
- North Ave – MV collision
- Elizabeth Dr – Animal control
- North Ave – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cromwell Ln – Medical alarm
- Marys Pond Rd – Parking complaint
- Marys Pond Rd – Noise complaint
- Pine St - Medical
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Braley Hill Rd – Animal control
- Sarabeth Ln - Threats
- Braley Hill Rd – Well-being check
- High St – Carbon monoxide alarm
- County Rd – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – Lost animal
- Pine St – Community policing
- Sarabeth Ln - Harassment
- Featherbed Ln – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – Fire alarm
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Forster Rd – Suspicious activity

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 13: Honey mustard chicken, butternut squash, green peas, Hawaiian roll, banana

Tuesday, April 14: BBQ jerk salmon, white rice, green beans & red peppers, wheat bread, pound cake, diet: fruit

Wednesday, April 15: Beef teriyaki, lo mein noodles, corn w/peppers, wheat roll, pear fruit cup

Thursday, April 16: Baked ham w/maple brown sugar glaze, potatoes au gratin, green beans & red peppers, dinner roll, chocolate chip cookies

Friday, April 17: Meatloaf w/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, orange

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, April 13: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 14: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, April 15: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, April 16: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, garlic breadstick

Friday, April 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 13: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 14: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, April 15: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, April 16: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, garlic breadstick

Friday, April 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, April 13: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 14: Tyson popcorn chicken,

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

Wednesday, April 15: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, April 16: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, garlic breadstick

Friday, April 17: Hot buffalo chicken dip served w/whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, April 13: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 14: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, April 15: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, April 16: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, garlic breadstick

Friday, April 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, April 13: Meatball sub, savory green beans, oven baked potato wedges

Tuesday, April 14: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll

Wednesday, April 15: Wacky waffles, maple syrup, potato smiles, assorted yogurt cup

Thursday, April 16: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, garlic breadstick

Friday, April 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, April 13: General TSO's chicken bowl & dinner roll

Tuesday, April 14: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce & baked beans

Wednesday, April 15: School Lunch Passport – flavors of fun Wednesday

Thursday, April 16: Meatball sub, green beans & fries

Friday, April 17: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

April 17. Your timely response is greatly appreciated and helps ensure a well-organized and productive event.

The League of Women Voters and its Education Fund are strictly nonpartisan and do not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

We look forward to an informative and engaging evening of civic dialogue.

Earth Day Clean Up

The Rochester Women's Club will hold an Earth Day Clean Up on April 25 from 9am to 1:00 pm. Pick up your garbage bags and gloves at the Rochester Women's Club, 37 Marion Road, Rochester and name the street or place you are cleaning up trash.

MLT Spring Break Activities

The Mattapoissett Land Trust has announced its schedule of Staycation Family Activities for the upcoming school break during the week of April 19 to April 25. All activities are free of charge and offer local families an opportunity to explore MLT properties and connect with nature. To find Staycation Family Activities, visit the MLT website mattlandtrust.org and explore the Family Activities link on the left side of the page.

Starry Night is an opportunity for people of all ages to gaze at the night sky on the evening of Sunday, **April 19**, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Grace Meadow-Santos Farm Preserve located off Aucoot Road at the end of

Bowman Road in the eastern part of Mattapoissett.

This evening will provide opportunities to observe a crescent Moon, Jupiter, Venus, and possibly a comet. The event will feature speakers and telescopes provided by guest astronomers from Skyscrapers, Inc. Amateur Astronomical Society of Rhode Island. There will be cocoa and crafts for children. Plenty of parking will be available near 15 Bowman Road. Arrive as early as 7:30 pm for parking, crafts, and to watch setup. In the event of cancelation, a weather notice will be posted on the MLT website by 5:00 pm.

Throughout the week families can enjoy nature-themed Scavenger Hunts at three MLT properties: Munn Preserve on Mattapoissett Neck Road near the stone pillars demarking the Antassawamock private community, Dexter (Tub) Mill Park, and Dunseith Gardens. Our new Scavenger Hunts have a list of items to find, and individual finds can be documented with photos.

Scavenger Hunt Guides may be downloaded for:

Dunseith Gardens at bit.ly/Dunseith_spring.

Dexter (Tub) Mill at bit.ly/DexterMill_spring.

Munn Preserve at bit.ly/munn_spring.

Participants are encouraged to take a picture of those items they find interesting and send photos to photos@landtrust.org.

Storywalks are available throughout the week at Grace Meadow and Dunseith Gardens. Nature Bingo Cards are available for Betsey's Meadow bit.ly/bingo_

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- 9 Pop's Easton
- 15 Koranic faith
- 20 Make hostile
- 21 "Omoo" writer Melville
- 22 Cheese, in Chihuahua
- 23 Instruments such as maracas and congas
- 25 Slow-moving mollusk
- 26 "Little" girl in "Hairspray"
- 27 Comment just after waking
- 28 Certain Fed
- 30 "Nuts!"
- 31 Angsty rock subgenre
- 33 Loose-skinned citrus fruit
- 38 Upper-left PC key
- 41 Anxious condition, for short
- 43 Tranquility
- 44 City in Ohio
- 45 Famed ethnic fighters
- 49 Uncool character
- 51 Big melees
- 52 Pop's Celine
- 53 See 130-Across
- 54 Gas brand in Canada
- 58 Speller's clarifying words
- 59 Mrs., in Essen
- 60 Rembrandt, Vermeer or Hals
- 64 Hush-hush
- 66 Horse father
- 67 Like galaxies and up
- 68 "Well now!"
- 70 Alternative to Kool-Aid or Hi-C
- 74 One or more
- 75 Israelites' Promised Land
- 77 Makes illegal
- 78 To a great degree
- 80 The Bollywood film industry
- 83 "Ask — questions ..."
- 84 Self-motivation mantra
- 87 Snow vehicle
- 88 Bumped into
- 89 "Je t'—" ("I love you," in Paris)
- 90 Tranquility
- 91 Skip off to the altar
- 94 Adar, Nisan and Tishri
- 97 Flax-colored

- 100 Precious
- 101 Pine- (disinfectant)
- 102 Match unit
- 103 5 and 10, but not V and X
- 108 Rejections
- 110 Short note
- 111 Bandleader Amaz
- 112 LAX listings
- 114 Gp. for people 50 and up
- 118 Intermingle
- 120 Apt directive for solvers of this puzzle
- 125 Debate topic
- 126 "Pata Pata" singer
- Makeba
- 127 Frat party dispensers
- 128 Make fun of
- 129 Mystery
- 130 With 53-Across, section of the northern Atlantic

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- 1 Indonesian island
- 2 Mongolia's — Bator
- 3 Baptism or matrimony
- 4 Expropriate
- 5 Rustic hotel
- 6 Pudding thickener
- 7 Bullet point
- 8 Blood fluid
- 9 Mu — shrimp
- 10 "— So Fine"
- 11 Lifesaving sites, in brief
- 12 Political exile
- 13 2020 U.S. Open winner Osaka
- 14 Former U.N. chief Kofi
- 15 Mensa stats
- 16 Most fancy duds
- 17 Found out, to Brits
- 18 Italian cheese
- 19 Liquefied by heat
- 24 IRS hiree
- 29 Central point
- 32 Cuts, as a lawn
- 34 Sign gas
- 35 — es Salaam, Tanzania
- 36 Pack-carrying equine
- 37 Actress Issa or Charlotte
- 38 Blogger Klein
- 39 "Je —" ("I am," in Paris)
- 40 Decorative enamelware
- 42 "Celebrity Rehab" host
- 46 — Reader (magazine)
- 47 Rodeo lasso
- 48 Debt note
- 49 Jan. preceder
- 50 Infant's cry
- 53 Stair part
- 55 Lost tabbies
- 56 Oscar winner Penn
- 57 Paris airport
- 59 Swiss money
- 60 Entertainer Ross or Rigg
- 61 Banquet liquid holders
- 62 PC shortcut
- 63 Tennis' Arthur
- 65 Indian tea
- 66 Old Thailand
- 68 Folkie Phil
- 69 Hard rain
- 71 "Likely story!"
- 72 "I volunteer!"
- 73 "I haven't gotten word yet"
- 76 Extra benefit
- 79 Legal claim on property
- 81 Little demon
- 82 Originally named
- 83 Former space station
- 85 Nagging pain
- 86 Bird's refuge
- 89 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit song)
- 90 Sport played on horseback
- 92 Maui gift
- 93 Like much music of the '90s
- 94 Bit of a giggle
- 95 Corn serving
- 96 Godzilla or Grendel
- 97 Stratagem
- 98 Ultimatum ending
- 99 City near San Diego
- 100 Mendeleev who created the periodic table
- 104 Self-description after a lifestyle change
- 105 Runner Bolt
- 106 Zodiac lion
- 107 Ticket ends
- 109 Decaf brand
- 113 General site
- 115 A long time
- 116 Floor decor
- 117 Mexican money
- 119 Inferior grade
- 121 Smoked thing, for short
- 122 Ormelet meat
- 123 Sumac of song
- 124 Assoc.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Changes in the workplace might be daunting for some, but you love challenges and will do just fine with this one. Remember to work with facts, not rumors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you need some emotional reassurances, an almost-forgotten friendly gesture gets repaid in the most wonderful way. More good news follows!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have a chance to restart a stalled personal relationship. Meanwhile, a workplace change bodes well for new opportunities, but you need more facts before you can act.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Talk to your longtime friends about why they're not in sync with your new pal. You might learn some startling facts. Additionally, a difficult workplace situation eases.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What seems to be a golden opportunity is naturally attractive to LEOs, but be careful that it's not just a lot of surface glitter. You need to ask more questions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There are still some problems with getting decisions made on your workplace project. Talk to a supervisor about possible ways to break the impasse.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family matter could become more complicated and reach an apparent dead end. Don't give up on trying to find a solution. Work patiently with everyone involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You'll soon hear more about an offer that could change the direction of your career. Meanwhile, enjoy the newly positive on-the-job environment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect a favorable reply to a workplace request. On the home front, a full explanation helps you sort out a long-standing personal problem.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A serious matter needs focused consideration. Watch that your sometimes-capricious nature doesn't create any unnecessary distractions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You win added support for your determination to turn a bad situation into a good one. One new ally arrives from a most unexpected source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Family and friends need to be told about a decision that you're about to make. Be prepared to offer a full explanation when asked. Hold nothing back.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a fighter and a lover. You are a natural leader with a strong, no-nonsense sense of justice that makes people respect you.

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betseysmeadow and Munro Preserve.

On Tuesday, **April 21**, 10:00 am to 11:00 am, young children are invited to Wiggle Worm Story Time. at Dunseith Gardens to hear "Carl and the Meaning of Life" and other stories. Readings by MLT members Jocelyn Mitchell Chin and Bethany Couto will be followed by a walk to observe signs of spring, find some worms, and plant a marigold to bring home.

On Saturday, **April 25**, at 1:00 pm, Gary Johnson will conduct a Vernal Pool Walk at the Woodcock Preserve. This mature forest, located near 32 Long Plain Road, is home to one of the largest vernal pools in the area. Off-street parking is available in the area marked with a Buzzards Bay Coalition/Mattapoissett Land Trust sign. For a map of this location, please go to: bit.ly/woodcockmap_MLT.

The MLT is pleased to be partnering with the Mattapoissett Free Public Library on these projects. Themed MOBY backpacks, designed for many different nature adventures, are available in the library's Children's Department. Brochures, Scavenger Hunts, maps, and MLT Trail Passports can be picked up at the library also. Books about trails, trees, animals, and birds as well as trekking poles, binoculars, telescopes, gardening supplies, GoPro Hero 7 camera kit, and more items are available at the library to check out. For more information, see: mattapoissettlibrary.org/explore-the-outdoors.



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ORRHS Wins at Congressional Art Competition

Old Rochester Regional High School is proud to announce that several of its talented art students have been recognized in the prestigious 9th Congressional District Art Competition.

The following students were selected by the judges to receive awards:

Mixed Media: 2nd Place: Lauren Serpa, 3rd Place: Jocelyn Yurof

Drawing: 1st Place: Ian Hartwig

The public is warmly invited to view their award-winning work, along with artwork from other high school

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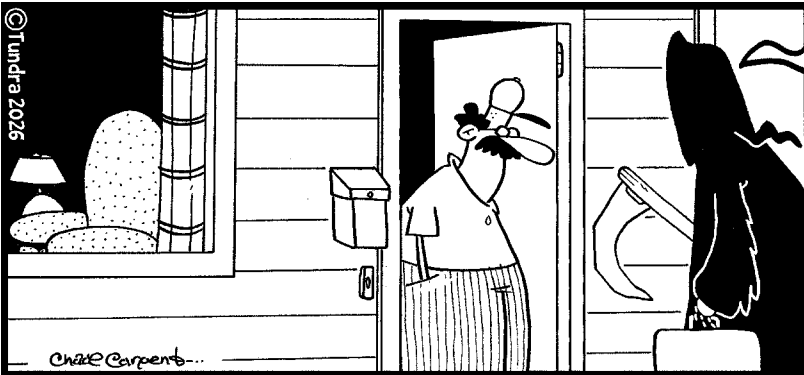
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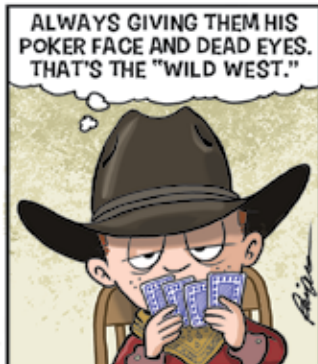
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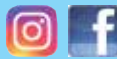
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students across the region, at the exhibition's opening reception. The event will take place on Friday, April 10, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Plymouth Center for the Arts.



and is showcased at these events."

Awards will be presented during the reception. Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll welcome the community to join them in congratulating these students and in celebrating the arts in the Old Rochester Regional community.

"We are all very proud of the effort and talents of Ian, Jocelyn and Lauren," said Principal Devoll. "Congratulations to them and all of our artists. Our art program provides wonderful opportunities to our students to showcase their talent."

"Congratulations to our truly talented artists," said Superintendent Nelson. "We always look forward to the impressive works of art produced by our students for the prestigious Congressional District Art Competition. It's always impressive to see the high-caliber combination of skill and creativity that comes out of our arts program

Schools Host Mattapoisett Art Show
 Student artwork filled the halls of Center School on March 31 as families and educators gathered for the Mattapoisett Art Show.

The event showcased artwork from students at Center School and Old Hammondtown School. The building was transformed into a gallery featuring drawings, paintings and sculptures created throughout the school year.

Students selected the pieces displayed in the show from the portfolios they have been building since September, giving them the opportunity to curate

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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for April 14, 2026, at 6:45 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Salty Dog Ventures, LLC, dba Salty Dog Tavern, 33 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Requesting an All-Alcohol License, Common Victualler's License and Entertainment License.</p> <p>Manager on record to be Tracey White R. Tyler Macallister, Chair Jodi L. Bauer, Vice Chairperson, Jordan Collyer, Clerk 4/2, 4/9</p>	<p>Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 4/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT MATTAPOISETT SELF STORAGE, Inc. NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION</p> <p>Mattapoisett Self Storage Operator's Sale for non-payment of Storage Charges pursuant to the power of sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4. The following property will be sold at Public Auction at 12:30 pm on April 30, 2026, on the premises of Mattapoisett Self Storage, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques, miscellany held for: Richard Lynch, Unit O-R015. Sale per order of Mattapoisett Self Storage. Tel: 508-758-4311. Terms: Cash. Units sold by the entirety. Sale is subject to postponement and/or cancellation. www.StorageAuctionSolutions.com Lic # 350. 4/9, 4/16</p>	<p>pre-existing non-conforming and does not increase the non-conformity.</p> <p>CASE #1590 – Petition of Shelly A. & Vincent J. Mondo III RE: 26 Sagamore Road Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 54 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the Zoning District W30. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 59737, Page 39. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to construct an attached 2-car garage with a great room above to service the existing dwelling, seeking relief from the side and front yard setbacks. 4/9, 4/16</p>
<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #842</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 23, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of John and Jessica Peters, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1c of the zoning by-law to allow the renovation and expansion of an existing residence.</p> <p>The property, located at 20 South Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as lot 146. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 4/2, 4/9</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm. * The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 16, 2026 *</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to be Owners of Checks Issued by the Town of Mattapoisett Which Have Not Been Cashied and are Deemed Abandoned</p> <p>Information about each check may be obtained by a person expressing an interest in the check by addressing an inquiry in writing to: Office of the Treasurer Attention: Cassandra Robert P. O. Box 433 Mattapoisett, MA 02739 crobert@mattapoisett.gov</p>
<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #843</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, April 23, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of the Marion Art Center, for a Variance from section 230-5.2 of the zoning by-law to allow renovations/additions to existing building to exceed 40% of ground area coverage.</p> <p>The property, located at 80 Pleasant Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 15 as Lot 77. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 4/2, 4/9</p>	<p>Continuance of CASE 1586 – Petition of Patrick M. & Sharon J. Costello RE: 41 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 17, Lot 103 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR-45. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 25419, Page 118. The property contains a lot of 64,329 sq. ft. and is partially developed with a single-family dwelling. The property has 223.95' of frontage along Fairhaven Road (Rt. 6) and 147.44 of frontage along Wildwood Terrace. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to redivide the property to construct a house on the northerly portion abutting Wildwood Terrace. The Lot Division Plan depicts two lots, Lot#1 with 19,270 sq. ft. and 147.44 of frontage along Wildwood Terrace, and Lot #2 with 45,059 sq. ft. of lot area and 223.95 of frontage along Fairhaven Road. It should be noted that per the Plan, the existing house and deck will be demolished, and a new dwelling will be constructed in the same general location.</p>	<p>Advance Auto Parts Bass Reddy Rooter Brian Kelly Busconi John Deenie Pacik Giuliano MFA Stained & Fused Glass Derose Dolores A Derose Donna Marie Earl W. Miranda Eilertsen Alex John Emma Whittaker Gabrielle Almeida Gingras Marianne Grant John J Jr & Josephine M Jacqueline Senev Jeanne Larock Joseph McGrath Lavine Scott Marc Nadeau McPartland Patricia A Mello Peter A Michelle Skaar Porter James R Richard McCarthy Rooney Ryan Adair Safe Road Services LLC Samuel Horton Weckesser Nicholas Paul William Hastings William Joseph Osborne 4/9</p>
<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Town of Rochester, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA, 02770, for Snipatuit Pond. The proposed work includes the use of a Harvester to cut and remove invasive aquatic weeds in Snipatuit Pond which will then be hauled off and composted. A follow up may be needed for spot treatments of small areas with herbicide. The applicant's representative is Cameron Durant, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA, 02770.</p> <p>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/88219377093 Meeting ID: 882 1937 7093</p>	<p>CASE #1588 – Petition of Marcus Baptiste, Charlotte Oliveira Revocable Trust RE: 17 Shore View Ave. Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 12.0, Lot 41.0 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District W30. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 53317, Page 270. The applicant is seeking a Variance to allow the building of a single-family home in contradiction of the setback requirement of the W30 zoning district.</p> <p>CASE #1589 – Petition of Neil & Cynthia Musante RE: 4 Dyar Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 12A, Lot 28A on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the Zoning District W30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 58013, Page 92. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to reconstruct the roof over the existing garage entrance, creating an overhang that encroaches closer (Approx. 1.5 Feet) to the street setback. The existing structure is</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Paul Medeiros, for the removal of trees at 115 Quails Crossing Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 86 on Marion Assessors' Map 23. Plans are available</p> <p> Continued on page 40</p>

their own work and share it with family, friends and classmates.

"The Mattapoissett Art Show was an opportunity for our school community to gather and enjoy the projects our students have worked so hard on," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "Students from Center School and Old Hammondtown School were able to see what their peers have been creating in art class and may even have gained inspiration for their next project."

The show included several special features, including a science and art collection focused on birds and terrapins with science teacher Ben Squire. Other highlights included an abstract sculpture wall and a faux-tile wall inspired by traditional Portuguese azulejos, featuring local shellfish in shades of blue and white.

Students in Project GROW, led by teacher Jane Kendall, also contributed artwork inspired by well-known artists from across art history, including Michelangelo, Georges Seurat, Pablo Picasso, Berthe Morisot, Georges Braque, Alexander Calder, Jackson Pollock and Marcel Duchamp.

"It was so special to see our Mattapoissett school community come together once again for such an incredible art show," said Old Hammondtown School Principal Stephanie Wells. "Our students put so much effort into their work, and having every student represented made it a truly inclusive and celebratory event."

"We would like to thank our art teacher, Greta Anderson, and science specialist Ben Squire for their outstanding collaboration in blending art and science to spark curiosity and encourage a wide range of student interests," said Center School Principal Linda Ashley.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Sharlene Fedorowicz also recognized the work that went into the event.

"Greta's dedication to her students brings excitement and curiosity into the classroom," Dr. Fedorowicz said. "We appreciate all that she does to inspire creativity and support our students."

School leaders also thanked the Mattapoissett PTA and parent volunteers who helped frame, label and display student artwork for the event.

The Noah Curtis Greany Foundation

The Noah Curtis Greany foundation is launching their first scholarship awards for the graduating class of 2026. This scholarship honors the life and spirit of Noah Curtis Greany - a humble, kind, and inspiring young man whose joy for life and infectious optimism made everyone around him feel seen, valued and loved. Through support for youth sports programs, educational scholarships, and cancer research, driven by Noah's childhood dream to cure cancer, the foundation wants to carry forward his legacy of kindness, joy, and the belief that every person matters. This scholarship seeks to recognize graduating high school seniors who embody these same qualities

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through their character, actions and impact on others. There will be five awards of \$2,000 each. The application deadline is **May 1**.

Applicants must align with one of the following criteria. Applicants may be a graduating high school senior from the Tri-Town of Marion, Mattapoissett or Rochester who attends any surrounding high school. Applicants may be graduating high school seniors from Tabor Academy. Applicants may be a graduating high school senior from Boston Collegiate Charter School, Community Academy of Science and Health or Dr. Albert D. Holland School of Technology. Applicants may be a graduating high school senior attending Northeastern University from the Tri-Town or any South Boston/Dorchester High School. All applicants must be pursuing post-secondary education including college, university, trade school or other accredited programs.

More details about the application and submission instructions can be found at thencgfoundation.org.

Mattapoissett Yacht Club News

There's a lot going on at MYC starting with our Annual Spring Fling on **April 18**, at our newly opened clubhouse. Members and their guests are invited. Food will be catered by "On The Go". A visit to our Social Activities page on our newly designed website has all the details on this event plus many others.

MYC Event Highlights:

April 17 and 18, Goodspeed work weekend at the MBY Yard Lot. 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

April 18, Spring Fling Party. Food and drinks from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

May 1, Membership package distribution: including membership cards, Fob access cards, and locker assignments. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

May 2, Advisory Board Meeting at the clubhouse. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

May 30, Race Committee and Skippers meeting at the Clubhouse.

June 2. First Tuesday Night Race for Ensigns and ORR 420s.

June 3, First Wednesday Night PHRF races.

June 5, Red Sox vs Yankees game on the big screen - at the Clubhouse - Host Bill Foley. Food and drinks.

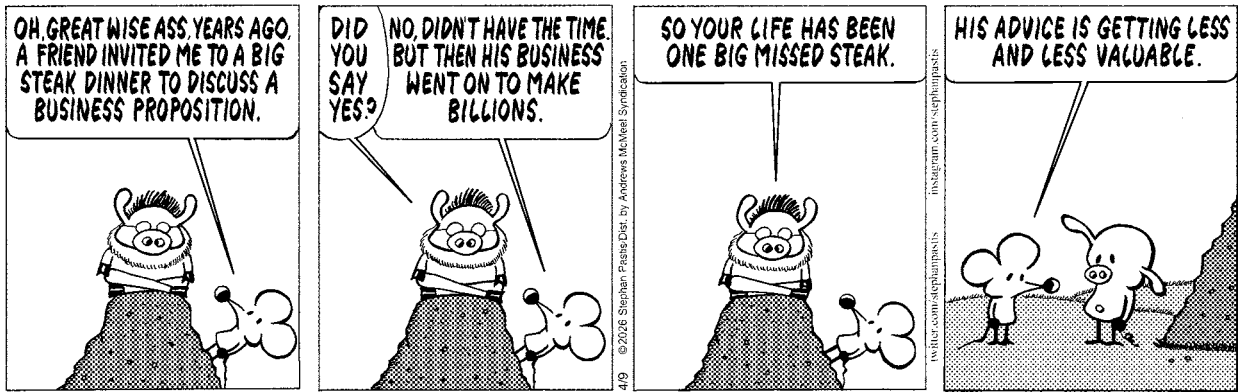
Beginning Friday, June 5, the MYC clubhouse will host a uniquely themed event every Friday night, offering members an opportunity to enjoy something different each week. If you have an event you would like to host, please sign up through the Friday Night Activity on the Social Activities page on our website.

June 6, Spring Round The Bay Race

This is the first race in the Buzzards Bay PHRF Series Trophy. This approximately 26 mile round the bay race is a staggered start, There is a spinnaker division and a non-spinnaker division. Also, this year we will have a

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<p>at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esyvlvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, Section 81Q, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 to consider the following amendments to the Town of Rochester Rules and Regulations Governing The Subdivision of Land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Chapter 8.3 Modifications to Approval: by adding new language to incorporate language of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 97 to outline the process for a conversion of conservation, recreation, or open space parcels within a subdivision. <p>A copy of the text is available at the Planning Department located at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84986545854 Meeting ID: 849 8654 5854 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/9, 4/16</p> <hr/>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER TOWN ADMINISTRATOR PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The Town of Rochester, Massachusetts, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30B, invites sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Fiber Loop Construction & IT Improvements Project (Re-Bid).</p> <p>This solicitation is a re-issuance of a prior Request for Proposals. The Town has elected to re-bid the project in the best interest of the Town to revise the structure of the procurement and allow for separate proposals and awards by project component.</p> <p>The project is divided into two components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component A: Fiber Loop Construction Component B: Technology Infrastructure Improvements <p>Proposers may submit a proposal for one component, or both components. The Town reserves the right to award contracts for each component separately, to different vendors, or to a single vendor for both components, as determined to be in the best interest of the Town.</p> <p>Proposal and other procurement documents for this Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available beginning Tuesday, April 6, 2026, at 10:00 am, and may be obtained at: Town Administrator's Office 1 Constitution Way Rochester, MA 02770</p> <p>Sealed proposals clearly marked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Fiber Loop Construction & IT Improvements – 	<p>Re-Bid (Component A)" and/or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Fiber Loop Construction & IT Improvements – Re-Bid (Component B)" <p>must be received at the Town Administrator's Office, Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 no later than April 29, 2026, at 10:00 am.</p> <p>Price proposals must be enclosed in a separate sealed envelope within the proposal envelope and clearly marked as directed in the RFP.</p> <p>All proposals submitted must be in conformity with all applicable statutes and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.</p> <p>The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; to waive minor informalities; and to award contracts by component or in whole, or to cancel this RFP if it is in the best interest of the Town.</p> <p>Wages are subject to minimum wage rates as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards pursuant to M.G.L. c.149, §§26-27H. The schedule of wage rates applicable to this contract is included in the bidding documents. The successful proposer(s) will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance demonstrating coverage as specified in the RFP and furnish a Payment Bond in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the contract total. 4/9</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Place your classified ads 24 hours a day - 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>

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ArtWeek SouthCoast at the MAC

ArtWeek SouthCoast returns to the Marion Art Center (the MAC) with six events during the regional festival scheduled **May 8 to May 17**. ArtWeek SouthCoast celebrates the arts by connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural events in communities across the region, from Fall River to Wareham. The MAC's ArtWeek SouthCoast events are hands-on, interactive, and offered at low cost or for free. View all ArtWeek at the MAC events at marionartcenter.org/artweek.

MTPI Presents "The Attorney-in-Fact" - MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator presents The Attorney-in-Fact, an original play by Philip Ardell, directed by Tony Ferreira, with support from WatermelonAlligator Theater Company. The MTPI program mentors emerging playwrights through the completion of their play. Mentors for the 2025-2026 MTPI season are Tony Ferreira and Harvey Ussach.

Familiar themes emerge in this story about 82-year-old Milt and his son Tommy: relationships between aging parents and their adult children, navigating medical systems, and discovering new, unexpected ways to rely on others.

Following each performance, there will be a talkback with the playwright, creative team, and cast. Performances are on Friday, **May 8**, 7:30 pm, Saturday, **May 9**, 7:30 pm and Sunday, **May 10**, 2:00 pm in the MAC Theater at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Tickets can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek.

Spin Into Spring. Community Bike Tune-up - Is your bike ready for the Tour de Crème or even just an enjoyable summer of getting back and forth to Silvershell Beach? If it needs a little attention after the long winter, bring it to the MAC.

On Saturday, **May 9** between 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, we'll have experts on hand who can look your bike over and give it some TLC in the form of a brake adjustment, chain lubrication or – in the event of more serious issues – provide advice about repairs that should be addressed before hitting the road. Free, but advance booking is suggested as the event fills up fast. Held at the MAC - 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Book at marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek.

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in awareness, voice, movement, and the senses. Come ready to move, play, and ask questions—because in improv, anything can happen.

The class is held on Wednesday, **May 13**, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Register at marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek. The cost for MAC Members is \$25 and for nonmembers, \$30.

Unplugged in the MAC Gallery with Matt Richard & Paul Del Nero - Experience an intimate concert in our upstairs gallery at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Featured artists include Paul Del Nero on bass and Matt Richard on piano. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this "unplugged" performance featuring mainly acoustic sound. There are two one-hour shows - one at 7:00 pm and one at 8:30 pm on Friday, **May 15**. Tickets are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers. Seats are limited and sell out quickly. They can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek.

Poetry Reading and Tea with Ann E. Wallace and Elizabeth Sylvia: Join poets Ann E. Wallace and Elizabeth Sylvia for a reading of their new collections, where home, garden, and the natural world illuminate resilience, grief, and renewal. From intimate domestic spaces to verdant gardens across time and place, their work offers insight, tenderness, and the quiet power of nature. Coffee, tea,



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

Reading Sam Bishop's articles detailing Gen. Washington's correspondence, sent me looking through the book "Mattapoisett and old Rochester", a couple of copies of which are at the Rochester Historical Museum and also at the Plumb Library.

As mentioned previously, Rochester, more than any other Plymouth County town, was quick to fall in with the requests of the Boston Committee in their pursuit for independence and to join in on actions against the British. Town Meeting was aware early on of the pending



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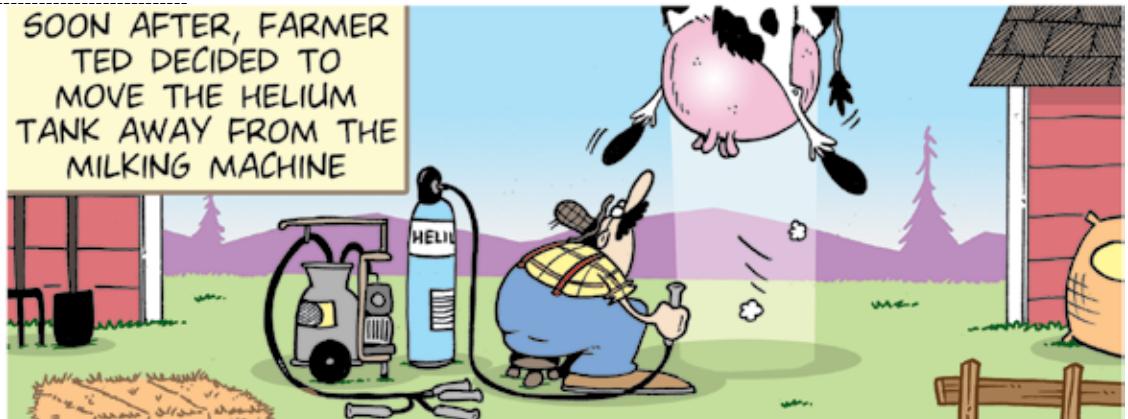
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All of the expenditures and planning were done by a town that voted in May of 1776, "that when the Honourable Congress shall think best to Declare themselves Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain that we will Defend them with our Lives and Fortunes".

Happenings at the Rochester Historical Museum

Coming soon will be our first Rochester Historical Society meeting of 2026 at the Historical Museum at 355 County Road, Rochester at 7:00 pm on **April 15**. After a short business meeting, Mac Phinney and Howie Smith will present a program on their research on where and when Wareham men fought in the Revolution. This will be very similar to Rochester men as the two towns were very close both geographically and historically. Mac will also share how genealogy provided information on his 7-times great grandfather, John Gault, a Revolutionary



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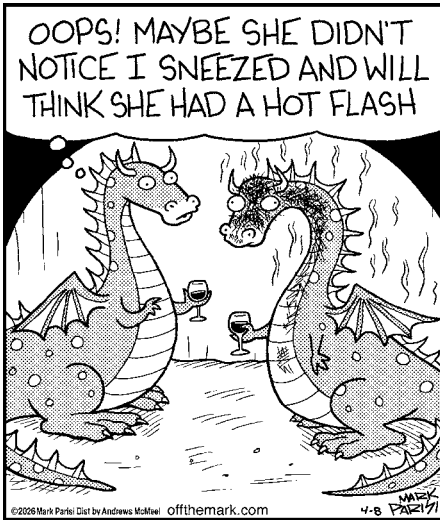
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War Veteran.

In addition, there will be information that has been sent to me by Cornelia Dougall on the genealogical background of William Sherman, one of the Revolutionary soldiers from Rochester who is buried in the Rochester Center Cemetery.

Children's Department at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library

Voting Week for the Quahog Reading Program runs through Sunday, **April 12**. Readers who finished all 5 books in at least one group are invited to vote for their favorite book. Readers will receive one ballot for each group they completed. After voting, readers are encouraged to come back to the Children's Desk and sign up for the Quahog Readers' Pizza Party, where the winning books and winners of the prizes will be announced.

Family Storytimes are happening every Thursday at 10:30 am, except for April 23, until May 14, where they will take a short recess.

Baby Storytimes are happening every Friday at 10:30 am, except for April 24, until May 15, where they will take a short recess.

Children who are crawlers through Pre-K are welcome to our Drop-In Play Group every Tuesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Children ages 5-10 are invited to Drop-In Play Club every Thursday from 3-4pm. Adult caretakers must stay with their young ones for the duration of the program - it's a Drop-in Play Group, not Drop off.

More information about all of our upcoming programs is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

On Tuesday, **April 14** at 1:00 pm, The Banned Book Club will discuss *The Yellow Wallpaper* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Pick up copies of this short story at the circulation desk to participate in this discussion.

On Wednesday, **April 22** at 11:00 am the Readers' Advisory Group will meet for the first time to discuss new reads and popular titles. A great group for readers of all kinds. If you like getting reading recommendations from fellow book lovers, this is a great place to start.

Friday Fiber Arts Club continues to meet weekly on Fridays at 10:30 am. Open to all.

Starting to plan ahead for April Vacation? Keep the Library in mind. We're hosting Little Sparks Theater on Wednesday, **April 22** at 11:00 am for Big Kid Creative Drama - an engaging and highly interactive drama program for kids ages 6-8/grades 1-3. On Friday, April 24, we're running our very own escape room. Sign up for a timeslot to Escape the Library. Both programs require registration and more information can be found at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events

Tickets are available for the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library's Afternoon Tea Fundraiser. Performer Sheryl Faye returns in "Liberty and Legacy" as Abigail Adams on **April 12** at the Marion Music Hall. Doors will open at 2:30 pm, Tea service starts at 3:00 pm. Finger sandwiches, scones, and desserts will be served. Tickets can be purchased for \$45 at the library, or online at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/friends-of-the-elizabeth-taber-library.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

Annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser

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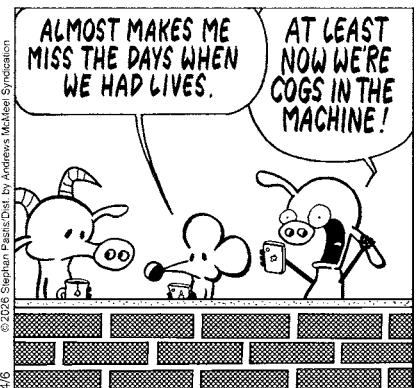
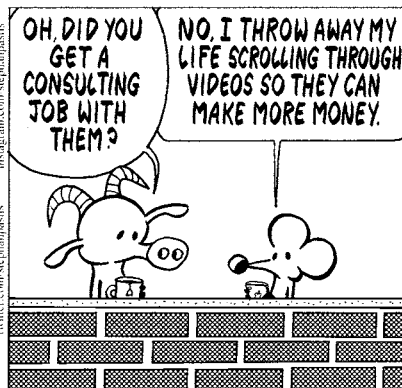
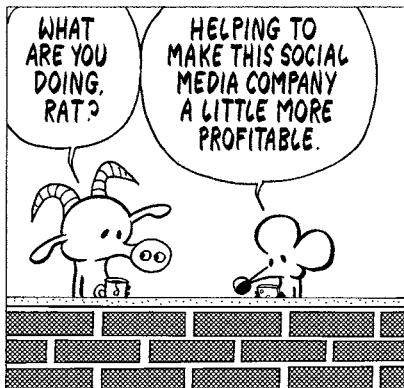
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
 by Stephan Pastis



tickets in the library or online. Book Clubs are encouraged to purchase a table to sit together! Ticket sales end on Friday, April 10. *If you purchase tickets online, there is an additional convenience fee (\$3.00).

To purchase online tickets, please navigate to the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library page on the library website: elizabethtaberlibrary.org/friends-of-the-elizabeth-taber-library/.

Mattapoissett Road Race College Stipends

July 4 will be here before we know it and so will the 54th running of the Mattapoissett Road Race, "4 on the 4th." Begun in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Since then, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family.

Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students. The online application can be accessed via a QR code available at the high school guidance office. The application deadline is May 18.

Four Bridges at the Mattapoissett Museum

Four Bridges, a New England-based bluegrass band, will be returning to the Mattapoissett Museum on Saturday, **April 11** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$18.00 for Museum Members and \$20 for the general public. They can be ordered from the Museum's website www.mattapoissettmuseum.org/events or will be available at the door if available.

Four Bridges Bluegrass Band has performed together since 2013. From fast-paced, hard-hitting bluegrass to sultry and down-home country music, they encompass a wide range of traditional sounds that burn with their own vibe. They'll have you dancing, crying, hootin', and hollerin'. After years of performing together at countless venues, weddings, celebrations, and tours.



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Friends of the Mattapoissett Library to Host Spring Book Sale

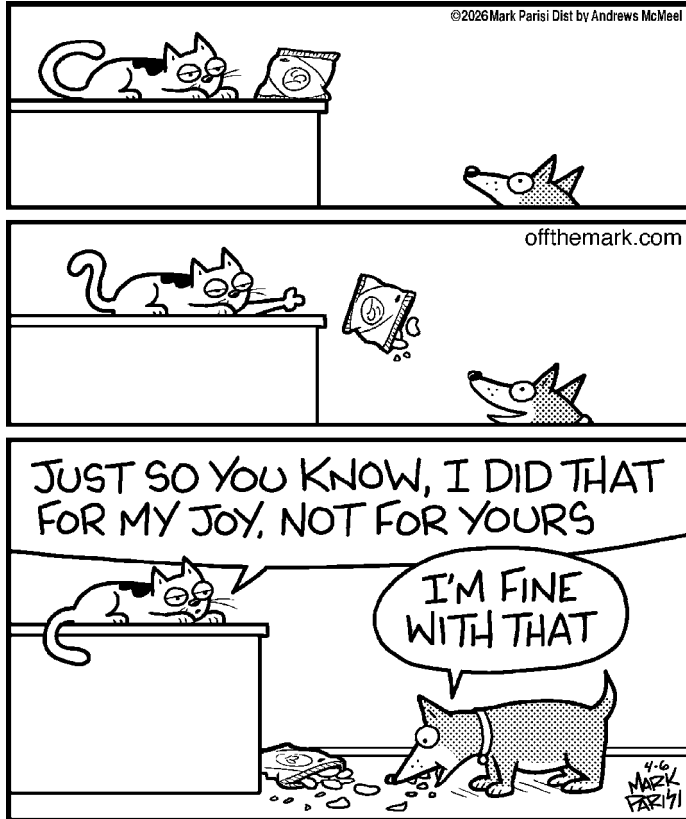
The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Spring Book Sale on Saturday **April 11**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library will also be accepting book donations on Thursday, **April 9 and 10**, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success. In addition, donations of jewelry will also be accepted in preparation for the annual winter jewelry sale.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library, funding programs, events, and resources that enrich the Mattapoissett community.

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library at friendsofmattapoissettlibrary@gmail.com.

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Friday	April 10	2:16	2:48	8:45	8:34
Saturday	April 11	3:11	3:44	10:03	9:59
Sunday	April 12	4:11	4:45	10:52	11:03
Monday	April 6	11:37	11:53	4:58	4:50
Tuesday	April 7		12:20	5:36	5:30
Wednesday	April 8	12:37	1:07	6:20	6:16
Thursday	April 9	1:25	1:56	7:19	7:15
Friday	April 10	2:16	2:48	8:45	8:34
Saturday	April 11	3:11	3:44	10:03	9:59
Sunday	April 12	4:11	4:45	10:52	11:03
Monday	April 13	5:12	5:41	11:30	11:54
Tuesday	April 14	6:06	6:31		12:05
Wednesday	April 15	6:54	7:17	12:40	12:42
Thursday	April 16	7:41	8:02	1:26	1:20
Friday	April 17	8:28	8:48	2:13	2:02
Saturday	April 18	9:16	9:36	3:01	2:46
Sunday	April 19	10:06	10:27	3:49	3:32
Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	April 10th		April 17th	
	New Moon	April 17th		April 24th	
	First Quarter	April 24th		May 1st	
	Full Moon	May 1st			

I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

B	U	R	S	I	T	I	S	S	H	E	E	N	A	I	S	L	A	M	
A	L	I	E	N	A	T	E	H	E	R	M	A	N	Q	U	E	S	O	
L	A	T	I	N	P	E	R	C	U	S	S	I	O	N	S	N	A	I	L
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E	S	C	O	C	D	E	A	S	E	D	A	Y	T	O	N				
Z	U	L	U	W	A	R	R	I	O	R	S	D	W	E	E	B			
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G	O	L	D	E	N	D	E	A	R	S	O	L	S	E	T				
A	R	A	B	I	C	N	U	M	E	R	A	L	S	N	O	S			
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B	L	E	N	D	W	A	T	C	H	Y	O	U	R	T	O	N	G	U	E
I	S	S	U	E	M	I	R	I	A	M	B	E	E	R	K	E	G	S	
T	E	A	S	E	E	N	I	G	M	A	S	A	R	G	A	S	S	O	

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Asylum; 2. Hybrid
3. Absurd; 4. Mourn

Today's Word
BUY-BUY

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

8.9-11.2 oz. Selected Variety
General Mills
Cheerios Cereal
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Kellogg's
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24 oz. Selected Variety
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2/\$6

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Near East
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9 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
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WINE

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Reg. - \$15.99

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Boar's Head
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Deli Fresh
Friends' Packaged
Greek Pasta Salad
\$8.99 lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Chicken Salad
\$11.99 lb

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Kalkuana
Cheese Log
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