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Sports a Small Slice of Squires' Ambition

By Mick Colageo

A fledgling Division I college sports program can rarely accept a student-athlete's commitment that comes with complications, but Hannah Squires is a rare student-athlete so her request to take two weeks off from the Stonehill University women's hockey team was considered by coach Lee-J Mirasolo as an opportunity for Squires and the Easton-based school.

"She explained the reason to us. We were like, 'yeah, absolutely, you're going to save someone's life,'" said Mirasolo, who was thrown by the sophomore's explanation that she was going to function as a bone-marrow donor for a complete stranger.

The news made the first-year, head coach who had spent years assisting in established programs think about her father and what kind of person it takes to make such a decision. Mirasolo called Squires' action "selfless." For the adventurous Squires, it was an opportunity to participate in a growing field she considers vital to the future of medicine.

"It is very important, like a new field, that's why," said the Mattapoissett resident, who missed two weeks of hockey practice in October to donate stem cells via the Be the Match program. "I was shocked and thrilled to be paired. ... It's really rare. ... It's a life-saving treatment for this guy."

In January, Squires was named one of 18 nominees for the 2024 Hockey Humanitarian Award by The Hockey Humanitarian Award Foundation, a recognition of general community service.



On the Cover: The long-standing harbor master building at Island Wharf in Marion is substantially overshadowed by the new Maritime Center under construction behind it. The new building, located in the northeast corner of the wharf area, is primarily funded by a series of grants from the state's Seaport Economic Council. Photo by Mick Colageo

Many will recall the relentless pursuit of the late Travis Roy, the former Tabor Academy hockey star whose life was forever changed by a catastrophic, spinal-cord injury in his first shift skating for Boston University. For the rest of his life, Roy dedicated his efforts toward stem-cell awareness and fundraising for research. Transparent in his grief of independence lost, Roy channeled his concern toward the many young people returning from the Middle East with combat injuries.

Squires, a healthy student-athlete with ambitions in medicine, points to advanced methods of transferal.

"Instead of going directly into bone marrow, they gave me these shots to get my stem cell," she said, acknowledging debilitating pain and, for a short time, barely being able to walk. "For a few days after, you ... feel like body soreness." Squires also explained that the procedure results in an enlarged spleen. When she rejoined the team, it took three practices before she felt like herself on the ice.

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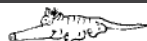
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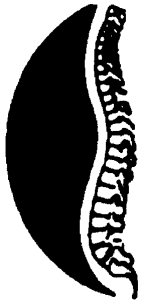
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Small for a college defenseman at 5-foot-4, Squires started in youth hockey in Norfolk as a forward. It wasn't until she was playing in the U12 or 13 division that she was put on defense. She took to it because, as she recalled while skating as a forward in club hockey at high school, "I would never shoot the puck."

After her family moved to Mattapoissett in 2019 and Squires spent middle-school and freshman years at Mount St. Charles (Woonsocket, Rhode Island), Tabor Academy seemed like a natural. But two years in neighboring, Marion proved not to be an ideal fit. Squires' parents had agreed to let her board for her final two years of high school, which she did at Lawrence Academy in Groton, while also skating with the Bay State Breakers U19 team.

Squires thrived northwest of Boston and was ranked Lawrence's top math student. She was part of Lawrence's Cum Laude Society and winner of the Top Rated Student-Athlete Award. Squires was a two-sport captain at Lawrence (ice hockey and field hockey), was a Defensive MVP in ice hockey and an honorable mention by the Independent School League Council. She was selected to participate in USA Hockey's National Player Development Camp.

With a builder's mindset, Squires was excited to take part in Stonehill's ascent to Division I sports competition, so it was only fitting that when her second-year team went through an unusual challenge this past winter, Squires stepped up to help in an unusual capacity. The Skyhawks needed a goaltender. One was injured and the other ill.

"I volunteered," said Squires, who needed to go to the friend of a friend to find goalie gear that would fit her 5-4 frame.

Stonehill won both games against Saint Michael's.

"There was no better person to do it because she is a beloved person on this team," said Mirasolo. "She works her tail off every single day, and she's bought into to what we're trying to teach. ... She's someone who helps push the vision forward because she does those little things day in and day out."

Squires gave up one goal in her first game, a

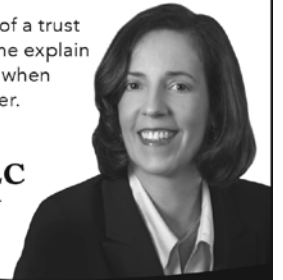
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screen shot from the point that deflected off three skaters. The second game went to overtime, and Stonehill won it, 6-5, on a short-handed goal.

Majoring in Biology, Squires says she is thinking about medical school and leaning towards working in trauma, perhaps becoming a surgeon.

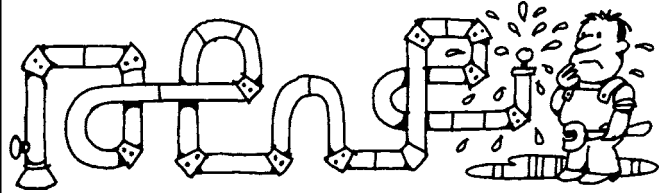
In a new hockey program with its second coach in two years, Squires knows the future is uncertain, especially for a small defenseman in a program bound to attract bigger recruits. But Mirasolo says only Squires' own ambition could come between her and women's hockey at Stonehill.

"The thing is ... I try to remind her that she has already contributed so much to this program. The four points in net (gave Stonehill a) greater seed for playoffs," noted Mirasolo, who insists Squires' outside-the-box leadership is foundational to the program's ability to gain traction and become a success. "Being the legacy ... we have a chance here to make our traditions. We get to determine the path that this group is going to be on and for others to follow."

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Little Library Getting New Home

Tri-Town Against Racism

By Michael J. DeCicco

The regional advocacy group Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) is relocating the mail-box-sized "Little Free Diverse Library" that once stood in front of the Rochester Plumb Library to the Rochester Women's Club building, 37 Marion Road, with a grand unveiling on Saturday, May 4, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Rhonda Baptiste, vice president of TTAR, the group that donated the little library to Rochester last year, is happy the group found a new spot for it after the Rochester library trustees asked it be removed from town grounds last September.

The little library, its glass front exclaiming "Diverse & Anti Racist Books Only," drew more criticism than praise from residents proclaiming it's redundant to have a little library right outside a big library, that it offers messages on issues that not everyone in town agrees with, and that it's not a message that should be accessible to children.

Baptiste said the Women's Club reached out to TTAR soon after the town library's decision. The club came to TTAR, saying it would love to host the little library. The decision to agree to the plan came in December, only three months after the town library's vote to have it removed.

"It's a good, accessible location and a better experience for the user," Baptiste said.

The Rochester Women's Club owns the building at 37 Marion Road and leases to the town the space used as the Town Hall Annex. That's why the privately owned property is a better location for the little library in Rochester, Baptiste said. "It is more accessible, right at the edge of the road, and a more private and desirable experience for the user," she said. "And it will be in a place that is more welcoming and approachable."

Even one of the objectors of the original plan seemed pleased with this one.

"I'm a proponent of private property and being able to do what you wish on your own property so long as it doesn't impede someone else's rights," said resident and Zoning Board of Appeals member Jeff Costa, who had taken issue in a public meeting of the Plumb Library Trustees with the location of the Little Free Diverse Library on the basis that town property should not be a distribution point for content that he asserts is not appropriate for "under-aged members of our community."

Baptiste said the unveiling will also celebrate the April 29 birthday of Abraham Skidmore, the black barber in Mattapoisett who decades ago started that town's annual Halloween Parade. As such, festivities will include a cake and birthday yard games such as Cornhole, Giant Yahtzee and Giant Four-In-One.

TTAR has installed two other Little Free Diverse

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Fighting Fire with Fun

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

What do comedy, firefighting and fighting cancer have in common?

To Freetown and Rochester – that connection is Mark “Larry Legend Lawrence.”

Lawrence has been a firefighter for 12 years. He started in his hometown Rochester as a call firefighter and moved on to neighboring Freetown.

Over the years, he has taken his “natural skill of cracking jokes” to the stage and is raising money for cancer, especially for firefighters who are exposed to toxins and are susceptible to contracting cancer.



According to a written release, New England stand-up comedian Tony V will host the America’s Funniest Firefighter New England Region Finals on May 17 at Florian Hall in Dorchester.

Six firefighters from departments across the area will compete for a \$5,000 grand prize, and a chance to compete to be America’s Funniest Firefighter; all proceeds

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"The standup competition will pair six firefighters with six seasoned comedians from New England. The professional stand-ups will mentor the firehouse favorites as they craft a five-minute comedy set," also according to the release.

"I've always enjoyed making people laugh forever," said Lawrence, who is new to stand-up comedy. "I'm naturally skilled in the art of laughter and the cracking of jokes."

Lawrence said his routine relies on the public perception of firefighting versus the reality of the work.

In a written release, Lawrence further described himself as a "perpetual force of chaotic good, gleefully serving the public at large for a safer, better, brighter, and funnier tomorrow."

Though Lawrence makes light of how the public might misunderstand the life of a firefighter, he takes fighting cancer seriously.

"More needs to be done to prevent cancer – in the fire services especially," Lawrence said. "Our standard equipment is extremely toxic, and the more you wear it, the more you use it, you are more likely to contract some form of cancer."

Lawrence said "upwards of 40 percent of firefighters are diagnosed with cancer at some point."

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Lawrence said his grandfather had cancer, but other than that, there is no history of cancer in his family.

That said, Lawrence was still inspired by a former Rochester firefighter, who helped in the founding of the Brotherhood Ride in Florida, where firefighters take to motorcycles and ride around that state to honor fallen brothers and sisters in the field.

Lawrence said that the winner of the May 17 regional finals will later compete in a “Super Bowl” comedy event that represents comedic firefighters in the United States and Canada. The winner will be crowned as America’s Funniest Firefighter

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Doctors Who Move Away

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

Out of the blue, a friend of mine called me last week. I hadn't heard from him for some time. He had just found out that our mutual doctor was leaving the area and moving to South Carolina. He wanted to know what we could do about it. I suggested we kidnap the turncoat physician.

It seems a lot of doctors are moving out of Massachusetts or retiring. According to the Massachusetts Medical Society, 1 in 4 doctors are planning to actually leave the profession in the next two years. That would be over 8,000 doctors out of the 32,116 that are now practicing.

My guy isn't going to stop doctoring, but why does he want to move away? His reasons are, of course his business, but why on earth would he want to leave our little group of Mattapoissett guys he calls "the Boys"? We're all old and finding a new doctor is going to be traumatic. I for one may need to find a psychiatrist too. And why move to South Carolina? They have funny accents. It is really hot in the summer, and it rarely snows in the winter. (Come to think of it, it rarely snows here anymore.)

They have hurricanes down there, and Kudzu, the vine that "ate the south" which can grow a foot a day. Don't count on having a nice lawn. I'm told they have their fair share of alligators roaming around on the golf courses. Doctors play a lot of golf, right?

I know from experience there is nothing worse than losing a doctor who you like, who you trust, and with whom you have built a rapport. I have had two doctors pass away, two who retired and one who moved away. Now this guy is moving away from me too.

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Another of my doctors gave up his practice on the spot when he received a bill from Medicare for twenty-five cents. The government claimed he over-charged them. The guy had been spending nearly every night late at the office dealing with paperwork, so he had had enough. He told his secretary and his nurse to find new jobs. He was done! Maybe he moved to South Carolina to

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I haven't yet met the guy my doctor recommended to replace him. He is supposed to be a nice fellow, personable and very thorough. The first thing I will ask him is how old he is. If he is old, I'll ask if he likes golf or sailing. That could be a clue if he is planning on retiring soon. When you are as old as I am, to have a young doctor who will likely outlast me is important. I'll be sure to ask if he is planning on moving away.

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



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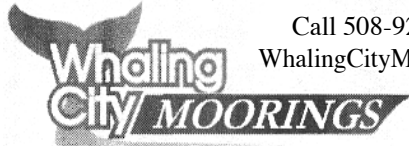
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Sippican Celebrates Vocabulary Day

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Sippican Elementary School Assistant Principal Peter Crisafulli are pleased to share that Sippican Elementary School students participated in the 20th annual Vocabulary Day.

On April 12, students and staff wore costumes or hats they designed to represent a new vocabulary word they had learned during this year. The costumes demonstrated the words the students had learned and included them somewhere on their costumes for others to read.

“The Vocabulary Day costumes are always a fun way to encourage students to show off their creativity and what they’ve learned this year,” said Crisafulli. “The students’ costumes were very creative, and they put on a wonderful vocabulary fashion show.”



That afternoon, a heartwarming school meeting was held, bringing the community together to admire one another’s costumes and enjoy a “fashion show.” Each

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teacher selected two students from their class with the most creative costumes to participate, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared celebration.

The Sippican Elementary's Vocabulary Day began in 2004 and was created by now-retired third-grade teacher Paula McKeen. McKeen was inspired by the children's book "Miss Alaineus" by Debra Frasier, where students dress up as different words and parade around the halls.

"I love to see our student's creativity and how they respond to a request like this. It is not only an engaging activity for all involved but also brings a lot of joy to our schools," said ORR Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Shari Fedorowicz.

"Vocabulary Day is a unique and engaging way to celebrate learning," Nelson said. "It was great to see the students' vocabulary words and how they incorporated them into their costumes. The all-school meeting also allowed students to hear the Festival Band and see their peers be recognized as Character Counts students."

Marion Trio Accepted into Order

Troop 31 in Rochester would like to congratulate Marion residents Bryan Correia, Iain McManus and Cole Gretton for their recent acceptance into the Order of the Arrow (OA). OA is a service fraternity associated with the Boy Scouts of America and promotes community and camping-service projects that support the BSA

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having spent a night in reflective solitude, all of which reinforces the values of the program based on the legend and lore of the Lenne Lenape or Delaware Indians.

The boys spent the weekend working on improvements to the waterfront area at Camp Norse Cub Scout camp in Kingston. They are now eligible to move on to a further level of recognition known as Brotherhood, which was completed this same weekend by Cole's father, Kevin Gretton, a scout leader and mentor of Troop 31.

All three of the boys have been friends and brothers in Scouting since attending Sippican Elementary School, are now sophomores at Old Rochester Regional High School and are on track to reach the rank of Eagle Scout within the next two years.

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Mattapoissett Museum & Boston University's Student-run PR agency

By Max Shapiro

In January, the Mattapoissett Museum began its collaboration with PRLab at Boston University.

Established in 1978, PRLab is the oldest student-run public relations agency in the country. The organization provides Boston University graduate and undergraduate students with "hands-on public relations experience that empowers them to push boundaries and produce results for brands and clients nationwide," as written on its website.

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The agency works with a wide variety of clients, from local nonprofits like Aaron's Presents to well-known chains like Ben & Jerry's. PRLab's services are primarily carried out by students enrolled in the CM580 course at the Boston University College of Communications. Most students act as account executives, with a select few taking on administrative roles. Each semester, the class is split into teams and assigned clients.

I, along with my fellow account executives Molly Richendrfer, Noemie Zazueta and Rokii Tan, was assigned to the Mattapoisett Museum, a small local museum in a small town. Nearly all of the historical artifacts it houses are treasures donated by or acquired from community members over generations. They often represent memories or experiences that the donors cherish. Our primary contact has been Tobe Berkovitz, a member of the museum's communications committee and former Boston University professor. Having worked with PRLab faculty in the past, he recommended this partnership.

"The Mattapoisett Museum team has been such a pleasure to work with this semester. They've been so supportive and encouraging of us," Richendrfer said. "Tobe, Jenn and David are always willing to give us advice, feedback and anything else we may need to be successful in our work together." She has found our client to be "understanding of our lives and work capabilities as students."

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museum’s brand in preparation for its 2024 summer season. The goal was to establish a consistent voice and brand identity across all channels of communication, reinforcing this place’s identity as not just a museum, but a central hub for the community where people of all ages can come together for memorable experiences.

We created a comprehensive brand kit, which provides a template for logos, graphics, color schemes and typefaces that will be used in promotional materials. Additionally, we engaged in media outreach efforts to garner coverage from different local outlets. One result of our efforts is that the museum’s upcoming unveiling ceremony for its model of the bark *Wanderer* will receive coverage on a travel blog, called *Backyard Roadtrips*, in the



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form of both a written piece and a podcast episode. Our team also produced a variety of predrafted posts for the Mattapoisett Museum’s Facebook and Instagram accounts and organized those posts into a calendar. This ensures that our client will have a consistent stream of content throughout the entirety of the museum’s 2024 season.

As students, PRLab has provided our team and me with valuable hands-on experience that will help prepare us for careers in this field. “PRLab is a great organization because it lets us do real work for real clients in an environment that is still very conducive to learning,” Richendrfer said. “No matter how much practice you do in school, it’s always different having your work actually mean something to a client rather than just turning it in for a grade.”

Berkovitz hopes to continue working with PRLab on future projects. “PRLab offers professional quality work,” he said. “They’ve developed first-rate content and ideas to help the museum achieve its objectives—all of the work has gone beyond our expectations.” He believes the tools our team provided will have a long-term, positive impact on the Mattapoisett Museum’s brand.

For more information on PRLab, visit prlabbu.com

Grant Funds Marion Stroke Awareness Programs

Marion Fire Chief Brian Jackvony and Town Administrator Geoff Gorman are pleased to announce that the town’s Fire Department has been awarded a Stroke Public Awareness Grant from Borderland Partners LLC. As part of the program, the department encourages residents to attend upcoming stroke awareness events, beginning on May 1.

The grant is a collaboration between Public Health, the Community EMS program and the Council on Aging. It is an initiative to support providers and conduct stroke-related public awareness activities within the Marion community, with a goal of reaching those who are at a higher risk for stroke.

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having a stroke and ways to decrease the risk of stroke.

The project includes an ongoing awareness campaign of four events from May through the end of June.

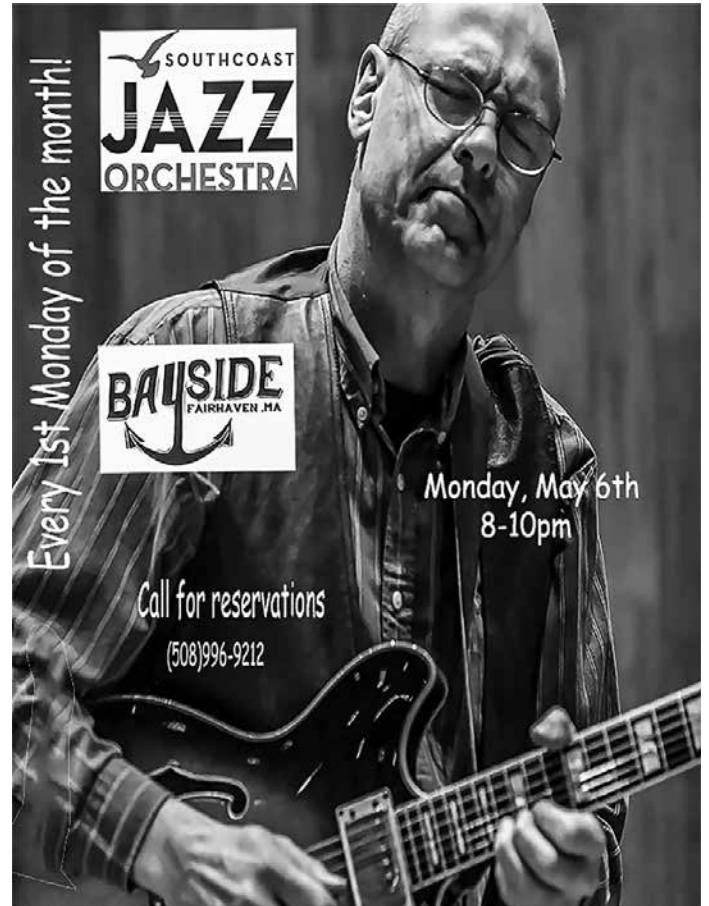
The first event will be held on May 1 at the Community Center. Participants are invited to join community leaders and stakeholders for a walk to promote healthy living and spread messages related to stroke awareness. Signs posted along the walking path will inform participants of symptoms, risk factors, and ways to decrease the risk of stroke.

Attendees can enjoy musical entertainment throughout the event. Southcoast Health will provide cholesterol and diabetic health screenings as well as blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. There will be literature related to stroke awareness available, courtesy of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Participants will receive a T-shirt, healthy snacks and a water bottle and can enter a raffle for the chance to win stroke healthy meal cookbooks and a Fitbit.

The second event will be on May 13 prior to the Annual Town Meeting. The Marion Fire Department and Marion Board of Health will host a table for individuals to ask questions about stroke risk concerns, signs and symptoms, preventative lifestyle behaviors and receive stroke education literature.

On May 16, the Marion Council on Aging will host a lunch-and-learn event providing attendees with a



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healthy stroke diet meal. Following lunch, the Board of Health and Marion Fire EMS will deliver a presentation educating members of the community on the signs and symptoms of stroke, what to do if they suspect a stroke and risk factors associated with stroke.

"On behalf of the department, I would like to thank Borderland Partners LLC for this generous grant," said Jackvony. "We look forward to hosting and being part of these events to increase stroke awareness and provide educational opportunities for our community members."

The Marion Fire Department, Board of Health and Council on Aging will also host a weekly 30-minute walk to promote healthy activity and exercise.

The final event will take place on June 29 at the Town's Touch a Truck event. The Marion Fire Department and the Marion Board of Health will host a table to disseminate stroke education and awareness materials and provide wellness checks.

Attendees will receive educational literature, magnets and stroke-awareness water bottles during each event. Every event also includes a table for blood pressure and blood sugar screening.

Residents presenting with elevated blood pressure will receive automatic blood pressure cuffs to monitor their blood pressure and will be asked to follow up with their primary care physician.

ORR's Request Gets Mixed Reviews

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

There is disagreement between elected officials in the Tri-Towns as to the efficiency with which the Old Rochester Regional School District has explained its request for a \$12,000,000 debt exclusion for the purpose of capital expenditures on school buildings over the next two decades.

The warrant article common to Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester annual town meetings (all to be held on Monday, May 13) has been presented in three major projects to upgrade 99 HVAC units, replace 60 exterior doors on the junior and senior high school buildings and install a new public-address system that would allow unified communications.

Article 17, one of 46 on the Marion Annual Town Meeting warrant, was discussed during an April 25 meeting of the Marion Select Board to review the warrant for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting.

The loan proposed by ORR would also fund upgrades to the school buildings' hot water systems, upgrade paving and curbs, improve the gymnasium and restrooms and provide LED lighting to the high school athletic fields.

"ORR did a great job presenting, we should have that available to the public," suggested Marion Select Board member Randy Parker, crediting ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson during the warrant review held at the Music Hall.

Town Administrator Geoff Gorman agreed with Parker and indicated he would also seek to post information on the new Department of Public Works facility and the proposed patrol-boat replacement at marionma.gov.

Resident Steve Nojeim addressed the meeting, seeking clarification on the ramifications of the Rochester Select Board's April 22 decision not to recommend the article.

"It is problematic ... all three towns have to agree," said Gorman, noting that since the article is asking voters to approve a debt exclusion, a yes verdict will only

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make it a ballot question at the Town Elections on Friday, May 17.

Last week, the Rochester Select Board acknowledged the buildings' needs but stopped short of recommending the article while requesting greater detail in the expense information provided.

The Marion Select Board and Finance Committee both recommend a FY25 operating budget of \$28,837,711, which represents a 4.72% increase over the FY24 budget of \$27,536,903. After transfers from existing funds, the actual amount voters will be asked to appropriate is \$27,124,757.

But there remains fundamental disagreement between the Select Board and Finance Committee over how to fund the harbormaster's proposed, \$800,000 patrol-boat replacement.

Articles 16 and 16A will give Marion voters the option of buying a new patrol boat outright, splitting the purchase between two \$400,000 appropriations from both the Waterways Account and free cash, or funding the purchase entirely on debt, the principal and interest to be paid out of the Waterways Account (which derives its revenue from harbor-related fees).

While some citizens attending the April 25 warrant review consider the avoidance of a loan to be prudent, they also expressed dismay as to the lack of a Finance Committee representative to explain the committee's position recommending a loan.

In recent weeks, Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad sought to add the debt-option article (16A) to the warrant after insisting that a \$400,000 appropriation from free cash would break a promise he says the town made to taxpayers that they would not be asked to pay for the boat.

In his comments to the April 25 warrant-review meeting, Gorman explained that he and Finance Director Heather O'Brien had been tasked with finding the most fiscally sound method of financing the patrol boat, producing Article 16 (the split).

Gorman further argued that since statewide police reform, the work of the Harbormaster Department significantly exceeds provisions of service to harbor ratepayers and now extends to the general public as an



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arm of the town's Police Department. Thusly, he inferred, it has become appropriate for taxpayers to share in a burden, the services of which are no longer exclusive to boaters.

"They are really police officers on the water, same training, same accountability," said Gorman. "(The harbormaster) doesn't provide safety just for people who pay mooring fees. I respect the difference of opinion from the Finance Committee; that's where we stand."

None of the stakeholders have argued that the 27-foot Boston Whaler purchased in 2006 and upfitted as a patrol boat is not well beyond its 15-year lifecycle, only how to fund its replacement. The request is for a 33-foot boat with built-in, firefighting capabilities.

Article 16, which will ask voters to authorize a split in the boat's funding between free cash and the Waterways Account, has been recommended by the Select Board but not the Finance Committee, the latter of which authorizes Article 16A buying the boat 100% on debt to be exclusively funded out of the Waterways Account.

Citing the \$800,000 expense, resident Bob Partridge suggested that the town's Marine Resources Commission and the harbormaster research available boats from federal government or the Coast Guard. Gorman explained that being a government-bid boat, the town is without such an option but that the town will continue to work diligently to find grant funding.

Parker expressed optimism regarding grant



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funding. "We feel good about it," he said. Gorman added that Harbormaster Adam Murphy has a "spectacular relationship" with the state Seaport Economic Council (which largely funded the new Maritime Center under construction at Island Wharf).

Article 31 is another bone of contention within the town, as voters will be asked to authorize deletion of Chapter 120 of the Marion Code, the Stretch Energy Code.

According to Energy Management Committee member Bill Saltonstall, cancellation of the town's stretch code would disqualify Marion from receiving Green Communities grant funding. Saltonstall told the April 25 warrant-review meeting that the town has already received \$540,000 in related grant funding, and he questioned how the Finance Committee could possibly determine that such a decision would have no financial impact on the town.

EMC Chairman Christian Ingerslev stated that while the Stretch Code is not a prerequisite to a Green Communities designation by the state, becoming more energy efficient is. He also noted that an important change in the Stretch Code is a refocus away from reducing energy in buildings onto fossil fuels.

Regional Green Communities representative Lisa Sullivan will address the Select Board during its May 7 meeting. If Marion leaves Green Communities, it would become only the second municipality ever to do so, joining Rochester.

As of April 24, 295 of the state's 351 municipalities hold a Green Communities designation.

Article 46 of the Marion warrant is a Citizen's Petition requesting the town repair and keep clean its storm-drain system, pumping catch basins when full to prevent flooding on private properties. The article also requests the town investigate the source of excess water flooding the Ichabod Lane neighborhood.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 pm at the Town House Annex building.

Cannon Taking Career to Carver

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Roughly one year after settling in as Rochester's

new town administrator, the Select Board will launch a search for its next town administrator after the members accepted Glenn Cannon's letter of resignation during Monday's public meeting at the Senior Center.

Cannon's resignation is effective on Monday, May 13, the date of Rochester's Annual Town Meeting. After officially becoming town administrator in March 2022, Cannon announced he is leaving the position to accept the same job for the neighboring town of Carver effective Tuesday, May 14.

"It is a bittersweet moment for me," Cannon said after the vote. "I have this new opportunity in Carver. But I've thoroughly enjoyed working for the town of Rochester."

The Select Board then appointed Finance Director and former Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar as interim town administrator until a new full-time town administrator is hired.

Following this vote, the board made immediate to plans to find that candidate. Select Board member Adam Murphy announced the town needs a citizen to serve on the Town Administrator Search Committee that the board is forming. He said residents interested in serving should email Town Hall (at GCannon@townofrochester.com).

Szyndlar, who had split her duties between that of town administrator and town accountant, took on the new position of finance director upon Cannon's March 2022 hiring. She has since announced that FY25 will be her final year serving the town with a plan to retire on June 30, 2025.

Keeping to the theme of personnel changes, the board appointed Rochester Police Lieutenant Donald Kemmett as interim police chief. It then announced an update to the search to find the full-time replacement for Chief Robert Small, who last month announced his retirement effective June 28.

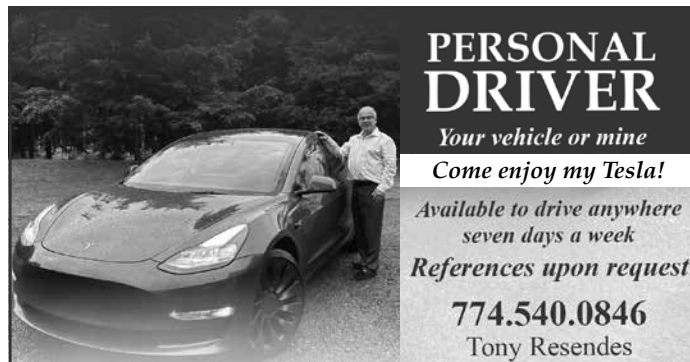
Murphy said the town's posting to fill the position has already attracted eight interested applicants. The next steps will occur after the application deadline is reached on May 24.

In other action, the Select Board approved and signed the 21-article warrant for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting without further comment. Town Moderator David Arancio said he was present for this vote, should there be anything the board wanted to go over with him. Chairman Paul Ciaburri said no. "Now the warrant is officially in your hands," he told Arancio.

There was no further discussion of the \$12,000,000 debt exclusion request made by the Old Rochester Regional School District to make capital improvements around the school campus that in its last meeting, the board voted to not recommend to Town Meeting voters.

The Select Board approved raising the part-time Police Officers' pay to \$25.40 per hour effective May 12. The officers' prior pay rate was \$21 per hour.

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The board approved allocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, \$11,600 for a consultant firm to conduct a search for the new police chief and \$6,000 for a firm to conduct a police sergeant assessment.

The Rochester Select Board will meet next on Monday, May 6, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

Officials Support Warrant

Mattapoissett Select Board and Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

On April 25, a joint meeting of the Mattapoissett Select Board and Finance Committee was held. Taking each of the 23 articles now officially to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on May 13 at 6:30 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium, the two boards reviewed each article, determining whether or not to support them.

There were no surprises. After a winter spent in deep financial investigation and consideration of revenue versus expenses, the collective members were prepared.

Article 1, Elected Officers' Compensation, includes proposed, modest increases for those elected to office. Town Moderator \$296 represents a proposed \$6 increase, Select Board chairman, at \$6,065, is up from \$5,945, while Select Board members are proposed \$5,465 up from \$5,358, and assessors \$5,465 up from \$5,358.

The town clerk's proposed increase is from \$75,000 to \$77,500, and the highway surveyor from \$87,500 to \$89,500.

Board of Health members currently receive \$692, and the proposed increase is \$706. Mattapoissett School Committee members, at \$692 in FY24, rise to a proposed \$706, and Water/Sewer commissioners from \$692 to \$706.

The Tree warden currently receives \$10,500 and is proposed an increase up to \$10,710. And, last but not least, the herring inspector, currently at \$988, will rise to \$1,010 – all, if approved by Town Meeting, were supported by the Finance Committee and the Select Board.

Article 2 General Operating Budget was supported by the committee and board, with the operating budget at \$33,900,405, up by \$1,494,731 a 4.6% increase.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo explained the contributing factors to expense increases.

He cited retirement contribution \$163,028, health insurance \$101,171, lease obligations \$86,440, trash and recycling curbside pick-up \$126,660, trash and recycling disposal \$216,643. Other expenses include a new hire for the Highway Department (full-time mechanic/laborer) at \$40,000, a Council on Aging, full-time outreach



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coordinator at \$20,167, library director increase of \$9,000 and \$12,000 for state limit library supplies. And lastly, \$30,060 for computer technology.

Calling it a balanced budget, Lorenzo said that anticipated revenue is \$33,953,511.

Article 3, Appropriation for OPEB Liabilities, is proposed in the amount of \$229,100 to meet the town's obligation.

Article 4, Departmental Revolving Fund Authorization, will set spending limits as follows: \$5,000 Public Health Nursing Services; Heritage Days \$10,000, Local Cultural Council \$15,000, Wood Waste Recycling \$10,000, Community Farmers' Market \$7,500, Library Fines \$10,000, Private Road Maintenance \$25,000, Fire Alarm Bylaw Penalties \$10,000 and Public Access Channels \$200,000.

Article 5, Establish a Roadway Design and Construction Revolving Account, Article 7, Cyclical Annual Property Revaluation/Town Mapping \$50,000 and Article 8, Cyclical Annual OPEB Actuarial Report \$4,500, were all supported, as were Article 9 Personnel Schedules and Article 10 the Capital Planning Report.

Article 11 contains the proposed Capital Expenses, all supported by the board and committee: Ambulance Replacement \$360,000, Ambulance Power Stretcher \$40,000, Fire Helmet Replacement \$11,000, Fire Hose Replacement \$18,000, Ford pick-up Replacement \$75,000, Annual Road Replacement \$300,000 and Paging Servers (each) \$32,900 for Center and Old Hammondtown schools.

Continuing on Capital Expenses: Police UTV \$25,000 (to be shared with Waterfront), Replacement Pump on Forestry 1 \$8,000, Repair and Paint Town Hall \$50,000, Back Building Exhaust Fan (Highway Department) \$10,000, Water Heater Replacement (Old


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The Waterfront Enterprise Fund seeks \$25,000 for police and Marine UTA (shared with Police Department), \$25,000 for Docks and Floats and \$10,000 for Pump Out Engine equipment.

There was no motion taken for Article 12, Old Rochester Regional Debt Authorization for Capital Improvements \$12,000,000, by the Select Board, but the Finance Committee voted to support the article.

Article 13, Water/Sewer Building (new) Industrial Drive \$4,700,000, was supported by both the Finance Committee and the Select Board. Lorenzo stated that the lion's share of monies needed for a new Water/Sewer headquarters building will come from grants and real estate sales.

Article 14, Allocation of Revenues Community Preservation Act, followed by Article 15, CPA Funding Mattapoissett Historical Commission \$30,000, were both supported. The grant money will be used to continue the work of data collection and retention per the state regulations for historic resources.

Water and Sewer Reserve accounts (Articles 16 and 17) are both seeking \$10,000 from retained earnings for unforeseen expenses.

Article 18, Oakland Street Sewer Supplemental Funding, asked Town Meeting to appropriate \$120,000 to repair the failing sewer main that services a large area.

Article 19 requests a title change from Highway Surveyor to Highway Superintendent, and Article 20 is an amendment change to the Finance Committee bylaws that would allow appointed members to reside in any location in town regardless of former north, east and west requirements.

Article 21, Amendment to By-laws for House Numbering, and Article 22, Public Works Improvement, were both supported by the Select Board.

Article 23 is a citizen's petition for the

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establishment of a Road Reconstruction Committee, borne of concerns expressed by members of the Mattapoissett Tree Committee that plans for roadway reconstruction as drafted by engineering firm VHB to meet requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (a primary source of funding for the project) dictate cutting down more than 25 mature trees in the village area. Tree Committee Chairman Sandy Hering and others put forward the article to have a bigger decision-making voice in the proposed layout.

The Monday, May 13, Annual Town Meeting Warrant is available at Mattapoissett Town Hall or on the town's website, mattapoissett.net.

New Library Director Named

Mattapoissett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

Distances vanish with today's computer programs that allow meetings to take place with participants thousands of miles apart. And so it was on April 24 when the Mattapoissett Select Board met (remotely) with Colleen Tierney, finalist for the vacant position of Mattapoissett Free Public Library.

After the interview, the board recessed to Executive Session where they voted to offer the position to Tierney. On April 29, Town Administrator Mike Lorencio confirmed an offer was made and accepted.

During the interview process, Tierney discussed



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her decades-long career primarily in Texas where she currently resides and presently holds the position of director of Library Services in the city of Kyle.

In that role, Tierney noted leadership skills demonstrated with the implemented teams within the library system, professional development of staff members, partnership with the Friends of Kyle Library, research of a book mobile for better service to the community and books sales. She stated that she is responsible for 13 staff members.

Tierney's stated leadership strengths include courageous communication, empathetic listening, growth mindset, and equity-and-inclusion dialogue.

Regarding fiscal matters, the candidate pointed to working with city council to remove fines, budget development to create new positions, instituting a team culture, collaboration with the Library Advisory Board to revise collections and develop policy that could withstand rising book challenges and collaboration with the city's Diversity and Inclusion Commission to develop programs and resources that meet the needs of a growing and diverse community.

Of Mattapoisett's library, Tierney said the biggest opportunity she believes is "space." With a finite amount of room within the structure and volume of materials available to check out, she believes there is opportunity to review those materials. She also commented that given the town's population, there are opportunities to bring

generations closer to learn from one another.

The board members gave the candidate a bit of caution, saying she has "big shoes to fill" given that the last two directors were excellent stewards of an asset the town cherishes – its library.

Tierney was asked why she wanted to move north, what was her reason. She responded that having gone to school in Rhode Island and New York (BA from Providence College in Social Science and a masters from Syracuse University in Library and Information Studies), she had always planned to move north. She said her children are grown and the time is right for her to make a career and location move.

When asked how much time she would need to make the move to Mattapoisett, Tierney responded, "I'm ready now."

FinCom Wants More Detail in ORR Article

Rochester Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Rochester Finance Committee has doubled down on the Select Board's rejection of the Old Rochester School District's \$12,000,000 debt-exclusion request that will appear on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 13, at Rochester Memorial School.

In the previous hour before the Finance Committee's public meeting on Monday night at Town Hall, the Select Board had just signed the warrant at the Senior Center nearby and handed it over to Town Moderator David Arancio, who also serves on the town's Finance Committee.

So when Arancio joined fellow Finance Committee members Peter Armanetti, Jim Austin and Chairman Kris Stoltenberg at Town Hall for their 7:00 pm meeting, the four poured over the 14 articles of the 21-article draft warrant relevant to the committee.

None of the members were comfortable recommending Article 14, which states: "To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$12,000,000 debt authorized by the Old Rochester Regional School District to pay costs of making various capital improvements and repairs to

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the District's Junior / Senior High School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and further, to see if the Town will vote to make any such approval contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion pursuant to (General Law Chapter) 59, (Section) 21C, or to take any other action relative thereto."

Finance Director (and newly appointed Interim Town Administrator) Suzanne Szyndlar described ORR's proposal as "seed money before the circuit breaker comes in the following year."

Stoltenberg said that when ORR Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber presented on ORR's capital needs two weeks ago, the request was news to him, so he started asking questions.

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"The answers were on the vague side," said Stoltenberg, realizing that the Select Board members shared similar reactions. "This is a huge number under any circumstance. This is an important initiative that they want. 'Hey, we're looking for \$12,000,000 and we're going to put this on an override.' That's a big deal. There are no hard numbers in there."

Stoltenberg said taking the critical stance makes him feel badly.

"We want to support the schools, but ... if we have fiduciary responsibility to voters, then I don't see how we can recommend this," he said. "I'm a big supporter of the schools, and I realize if something does break down. ... Plan B is, when it breaks, come to us and

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we'll deal with it."

Arancio shared the concern that the town could be seen by its insurance carrier as negligent should its recommendation to voters be identified in the report of a future facilities failure.

"We have a very good relationship with the School Committee. ... When I started you could cut the tension with a knife because the three towns didn't work together. If this is something they really need, ... I don't think this is going away," said Arancio. "I believe the rollout could have been better."

ORR's presentations on the request have divided the needs of the high school and junior high buildings into three major projects: upgrading 99 HVAC units, replacing 60 exterior doors and a new public-address system that would link the two schools' communications. Other projects include bathrooms and new LED lighting at the high school athletic fields.

Armanetti compared the request to the process the town navigated to complete upgrades to Rochester Memorial School, saying the ORR presentation "was not as robust and transparent as I would like it to be. ... This is an increase of \$400,000 a year coming on. ... It's not even close to the same. When we did RMS, every single cent was transparent."

A citizen attending the meeting whose identification was not requested by the committee said Article 14 has been written in a manner that would create a fund where there is no obligation on the part of the ORR School District to spend the money on any particular item.

"And that would be without any further review by Rochester's Finance Committee, (Select Board) or voters. To create that kind of a slush fund would be irresponsible," he said. "We the citizens look to the Finance Committee more than any other (government body) ... It's a blank check. I would urge you to do what our Select Board did unanimously, which is vote to not recommend this. To pay it back would be approximately another \$7,000,000 of interest so it would be \$19,000,000. This group spends a lot of time thinking about how to spend 20 grand. ... It's a wish list is all it is, and it's subject to change."

Szyndlar indicated that the ORR School Committee is the responsible party in carrying through the request to its intentions and that "all articles are (written) very similarly to this."

"I don't think they would necessarily spend it willy-nilly," said Stoltenberg, who outlined three scenarios for the Finance Committee's consumption: to recommend supporting the request, to recommend against it or to offer no recommendation.

Armanetti motioned to not recommend in its current form. Austin had entertained more neutral thoughts such as those articulated by Stoltenberg but saw no path toward a recommendation and agreed with Armanetti's motion to not recommend the article.

"I believe that we push things away all the time. My recommendation is to not recommend, (it's) poorly written. Not that it doesn't need to be done," said Arancio. "Take the school out of it. We would never take out \$12,000,000 for a road improvement."

The committee voted unanimously not to recommend the article.

Articles 2-15 all received Finance Committee approval, including a \$26,022,613 FY25 Operating Budget. The FY24 appropriated Operating Budget is \$25,075,010.

Stoltenberg, who is not seeking re-election to the committee, accepted his nomination to the search committee that will henceforth seek to replace Town Administrator Glenn Cannon, who will take on the same job in Carver on May 14.

The next meeting of the Rochester Finance Committee is scheduled for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 13, at Rochester Memorial School.

SOA Considered Small but Significant

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

In addressing the Old Rochester School Committee on April 11, Old Rochester Regional Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Shari Fedorowicz was careful to explain that the Student Opportunity Act is not to be confused with ORR's School Improvement plan, otherwise known as Vision 2028.

Nonetheless, Fedorowicz was enthused to recommend that the Tri-Town's \$28,000 slice of state funding for this program, based on ORR's relatively small population, be accepted by the school committee. The money committed by the state for this purpose translates to approximately \$30 per student.

The committee approved the allocation by the state to fund ORR's compliance with the Student Opportunity Act for the 2024-25 school year.

The SOA, Fedorowicz explained, is basically a commitment the school makes to ensure that every student can access an education. She called it "a subset of the district initiative and uses evidence-based programs



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or 'EBP's' focusing on our high-needs students."

High-needs students fall into three broad categories: students with disabilities, students in low-income homes and English-language learners.

The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) reviews public schools' SOA's annually. Taking feedback from stakeholders outside the school committee and in the community, the SOA is developed and after gaining the approval of the school committee on April 11, still requires a final approval by DESE.

ESE's Individual Education Plan (IEP) Improvement Project did not require a vote of the committee. Transferring to the new plan will be a gradual process, explained ORR Director of Student Services Kristine Lincoln.

Committee member Jim Muse called identifying the necessary details of an IEP for each student "an enormous task" and added he hopes for more of an emphasis on family education, especially before the process begins and also as it is being rolled out. "And that can't happen until the staff is educated," Muse said, stressing the importance of families' input.

Also on the April 11 agenda was the annual public hearing that once again determined that ORR will remain a School Choice district for the 2024-25 school year.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson explained

that students enrolled at ORR via School Choice are entitled to remain in the system.

Historically, ORR averages 125 students in the program that includes students ages 7-22. As of April 11 for Grades 7 to 12-plus, ORR has 119 students enrolled in School Choice and is anticipating 101 for the 2024-25 school year based on impending graduations.

With that, Nelson recommended ORR maintain its 125-student cap per established policy. In further breakdown, Nelson recommended ORR cap Grade 7 at 12 new School Choice students, capping Grade 8 at 13 new School Choice students and capping Grade 9 at 10 new enrollees.

Selecting students is based on a lottery of applications. The order in which names are pulled from a basket establishes a waitlist for that school year.

Also approved on April 11: a \$500 donation from the Emma Whittaker Scholarship Fund in the ORR student's memory to a member of the 2024 graduating class; \$2,000 from the Mattapoissett Land Trust to support the June 3 Grade 7 whale-watch trip and a donation to improve a 2-foot-diameter plaque honoring a group of volunteers on their 50th anniversary.

The Superintendent's Evaluation will be conducted over the next couple of months. Nelson reported on the process so far. By the end of April, committee members were to have in their possession a progress update on the four superintendent's goals. After

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subcommittee meetings, the School Committee at large will prepare feedback and in June prepare to share it with the public.

In his report, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber told the committee there is approximately \$117,000 remaining in unencumbered funds in the FY24 Operating Budget.

In her report, Chairperson Michelle Smith said she was pleased to note an 8-1 vote would authorize the ORR District to request a total of \$12,000,000 from the Tri-Towns in a debt exclusion for the purpose of upgrades to the school buildings.

The Rochester Select Board and Finance Committee voted in recent public meetings to recommend the town's residents vote against the request at the May 13 Annual Town Meeting. While the presentation made by ORR representatives has received positive feedback in other member towns, Rochester officials stated that the article as written lacks sufficient detail. Joe Pires cast the lone dissenting vote when the matter was taken up by the ORR School Committee.

The ORR School Committee planned to reconvene on Wednesday, May 1, for an executive session and to discuss the status of the request.

In his report to the April 11 meeting, Nelson credited the Tri-Towns' three public-health nurses for their work supporting a mental-health event sponsored by the ORR District. He also said the recent solar eclipse was a huge event thanks to the ability to purchase special glasses that students were able to wear upon deboarding school buses and looking into the sky.

In her report, Fedorowicz said that the final Professional Development Day will be held on June 5, when committee member (and retired Mattapoissett Schools Principal) Rose Bowman will address the faculty. Fedorowicz credited the student musicians and teachers for their work on putting on a successful jazz concert.

ORR High School Principal Mike Devoll opened the meeting by honoring three students: three-time Special Olympics bowling champion Michael Hogan; Tyler Young, who set an ORR school record for the 1,000-meter run indoors at 2: and Wesner Archelus, the

MIAA Division 4 champion in the 55-meter hurdles. Devoll said ORR plans to install a wall of recognition for school record holders across all ORR sports.

In his report to the committee, Devoll updated the committee on the spitting incident involving an ORR player that occurred in March during the MIAA boys' state basketball tournament. Devoll said the student took full responsibility for his actions and was removed from the team. ORR reported the incident to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and abided by school disciplinary policies.

Under the recommendation of the MIAA, Devoll said he, Nelson and Athletic Director Chris Carrig will participate May 3-4 in a training event titled, "Addressing Hate in School Sports." The event, led by Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, will feature training against bias and discrimination in sports. There will also be a follow-up visit by Northeastern representatives to ORR.

During Open Comment, Liz DeCarlo thanked the administration for its initiative in taking the training being provided by Northeastern. DeCarlo stressed the importance of taking the benefits of the training beyond the campus and into the community.

Carol Chouinard of Rochester objected to what she said is an emerging media-driven narrative about ORR that she considers inaccurate and unfair. Saying the committee has not heard the entire story of what transpired at the basketball game referenced by Devoll, Chouinard noted that the superintendent and principal were among the people in attendance and would not have allowed the things for which ORR personnel has been accused.

The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled with the Joint School Committee on Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 pm at the ORR Junior High Media Room and will be accessible live via Zoom.

Lacrosse Squads Net Victories

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys' and girls' lacrosse teams were victorious in recent action.

The ORR boys' lacrosse team defeated a 7-3 Fairhaven by a 6-5 scored on April 26 in Mattapoissett, where Brady Reardon earned player of the game recognition. ORR's record improved to 5-3 after the win with a May 1 road game scheduled at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech (0-6).

Girls Lacrosse

The Bulldogs faced defeated Fairhaven, 11-7, on April 26. Lulu Johnson was named the player of the game, as ORR's record moved to 7-2 with GNB Voc-Tech (4-2) scheduled to visit Mattapoissett on May 1.

Baseball

The Bulldogs lost 6-0 to Somerset Berkley on

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April 26 and were slated to travel to Swansea on May 1 for a game at Joseph Case High School (4-6).

Girls Tennis

ORR shut out strong competition in 7-2 Apponequet, winning 5-0 on April 26. Neva Matos was named the player of the match. The Bulldogs' record stayed perfect at 6-0. Their next match will be on Thursday, May 2, at Bourne (3-3).

Rebuilding Cougars Look to Leaders

Old Colony Sports Roundup

By Logan Hamlet and Brianna Mello

As the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School girls' varsity softball season begins, the fans and families of Old Colony are compelled to see the upcoming season underway.

Last year, the team's win-loss ratio was 8 wins, 10 losses. However, with a young team and only three returning players on the roster this year, the hope for the team is to improve that record.

The returning starters, who have been reported to be as "solid as they come," are junior Patty Spillane, junior Kayleigh DeSousa and senior Lindsey Bacchiocchi, the latter referred to as "a big weapon" by Coach Brandon Mendez.

With these three returning players leading the way, the team goal is to gain experience and improve their skills in order to make it into the Mayflower Athletic

Conference playoffs.

Boys Lacrosse

On April 22, the Cougars played South Shore at home and lost 9-8. Stu Burnham and Brody Darling both scored 3 goals, and Mason Belanger scored 2. On April 24, Old Colony went up against Tri-County away from home and won by a score of 14-1. The top three scorers were Luke Meelia with 5 goals and 2 assists, Burnham with 4 goals and 4 assists and Belanger with 2 goals and 1 assist.

The Cougars complete a busy week that began with games against Blue Hills and South Shore with a visit from Upper Cape Tech on Friday, May 3, at 6:00 pm.

Letters to the Editor

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Outgoing President of the Sippican Woman's Club, Kathy Tibbetts displaying a framed picture of the Club's clubhouse a/k/a "Handy's Tavern", 152 Front Street, Marion. The picture is a gift of appreciation from the membership for Kathy's guidance and support in serving as the club's President for the past two terms. Priscilla Bradley was elected President at the Club's Annual Meeting held on April 26, 2024 at The Bay Club. Photo courtesy Deborah Bush

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Settled Pastor Michael Frady shared his first sermon on New Beginnings April 28 at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Photo by Jen Shepley

Tri-Town Against Racism held the latest in a series of Community Conversations on April 27 at the Friends Meeting House in Mattapoisett. Residents and organization leaders discussed the lingering challenge of incidents of racism in the social lives of school children. Photos by Mick Colageo

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Heritage Waterfront. She sent us this letter for publication. It reflects the sentiments of our family.
Kevin and Laura McLean

I am Olivia McLean, and if I may take a respectful seat beside the Lorax, I'd like to also speak for the trees.

I'm typing this from my apartment, on a busy street alongside a bustling city square near the center of Paris. This is the fourth city I've called home in the past 15 years after London, New York, Los Angeles and Boston. And as I type out these cities and think of my collective dwellings, I have memories past and present of metros and museums, long days at the office and longer evenings at the afterwork milieu, and, inevitably, some sort of unfortunate apartment infestation of rodents or insects.

I've never had the good fortune, or substantial bank account balance, to live within proximity to a major park in any of these world capitals - which is the case for most city dwellers. Rather, my tree-lined, garden-strolling memories rest in my heart and hometown of Mattapoisett Massachusetts. During my trips home I indulge in walking barefoot in the grass or arranging a fresh bouquet of flowers from my parent's garden - meditating on the sights, sounds, smells and sensations that substantially support the mantra 'there's no place like home.'

A proposal to remove generations-old trees from the heart of Mattapoisett's village is an atrocity. Ever a cinematic mind, I think of the dramatically depressing village transformations in such films as It's A Wonderful

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Life or Back to the Future 2 both with infamous scenes of the film's protagonists discovering drastic destruction to their hometowns.

The removal of these trees would be the tip of the iceberg of more ominous changes to come for Mattapoissett village - if anything we should be looking at incentives to introduce more nature to our beautiful town, to plant more trees and preserve the precious natural landscape as best we can. Each tree has a memory for someone in this village. Removing them is taking away our only permanent living population of this lovely town we are extremely fortunate to call our home.

Rochester Board of Health

H5N1 or "Bird Flu" is a naturally occurring virus

among wild aquatic birds, also known as wild waterfowl, throughout the world and can infect domestic poultry like chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Infected birds may or may not become sick but can infect other fowl. The virus is shed through saliva, nasal secretions and feces. It is often present in natural water sources frequented by wild waterfowl. Domestic poultry may become infected with H5N1 when natural water sources are frequented and when in contact with wild waterfowl.

Recently, there was a H5N1 case involving livestock and one person. The person's only symptom was conjunctivitis and that person worked closely with the infected livestock. According to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the threat to people is low.

OBITUARIES



Richard R. Langhoff, 88, of Mattapoissett died April 25, 2024 unexpectedly at Tobey Hospital.

He was the husband of Ilona B. (Gorun) Langhoff.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, son of the late Florence V. (Smiechowski) Krauterbluth, step-son of the late Paul J. Krauterbluth and son of the late Rudolph Langhoff, he lived briefly in Chula Vista, CA and Acushnet before moving to Mattapoissett in 1970.

He was a 1953 graduate of Langley High School in Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh, School of Engineering, class of 1964.

Mr. Langhoff was a Vietnam Era veteran, and trained primarily as a U.S. Air Force pilot through the Aviation Cadet program in class 58-C/D. He held a commercial pilot's license with an instrument rating at the time of his death. He was a very close friend and served in flight crew with the late David E. Frawley, Jr. of Mattapoissett.

He began his work career as a technician at Westinghouse Electric's Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory. At Bettis, he worked his way through college, but interrupted his education and joined the U.S. Air Force. Upon graduation with a BS in Metallurgical Engineering, he worked as a metallurgist for a number of companies in Pennsylvania, California, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He retired from Raytheon's Integrated Defense Systems, Portsmouth, RI as a Principal Systems Engineer in 2002. He also was a Professional Engineer in Massachusetts. In retirement, he was a licensed school bus driver, and driver for the Mattapoissett Council on Aging.

Mr. Langhoff was a member of (ASM), and later the (ASMINT) at Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

He was an accomplished author of over 800 company proprietary technical reports, seven technical publications, and one U.S. Patent including two disclosures.

He was a former Vice-President, President of the St. Anthony's Church Couple's Club in Mattapoissett, and served

as a Lector for 39 years and infrequent Usher since building the "New" St. Anthony's Church in 1974.

He was a Lifetime Volunteer Flight Crew member of the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation. Mattapoissett Machacacm Club, and an over 35 year member of the American Legion, Florence Eastman Post 280 where he served as Chaplain.

He had an extreme love for sports cars with the owning of a prize winning 1958 Triumph TR3-A roadster. He loved to exercise and was very active in bicycling until 2024 when his health declined. He had a lifelong passion for amateur astronomy and combined that passion with his interest in photography for the capture of many deep sky astrographs. He was the owner of an eight inch diameter Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at his passing. He also was a passionate football fan, and particularly enjoyed his beloved "Pittsburgh Steelers" and his alma mater "Pitt Panthers."

Survivors include his wife; a son, David Langhoff and his wife Trudy of Maynard, MA; a daughter, Kristen Henriques and her husband Scott of Fairhaven; a step-brother, Joel Langhoff of Lake Jackson, TX; a half-sister, Janet Hitz and her husband John of Graysville, PA; 4 grandchildren, Gretchen, Caleb, Ingrid and Katherine; 4 nieces and nephews, Bradley Langhoff, Robert Langhoff and Kendyl Warren; and Jonathan Hitz and his wife Caroline.

He was the brother of the late Ronnie Langhoff and the step-brother-in-law of the late Elaine Langhoff.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, April 30th at St. Joseph's Church, 74 Spring St., Fairhaven. Burial followed in Cushing Cemetery. Visiting hours were omitted. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoissett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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

Protective actions include avoiding contact with suspected sick wild waterfowl and domestic poultry and observe them only from a distance, keep backyard domestic poultry away from wild waterfowl and natural water sources frequented by wild waterfowl and implement biosecurity plans. If you find a dead bird (wild waterfowl or domestic poultry), avoid contact. To report dead wild waterfowl or domestic poultry, call 617-626-1795 or online at mass.gov/reportbirds. Other types of birds, like songbirds and backyard birds, are rarely affected and should only be reported if there are 10 or more dead birds.

Symptoms in wild waterfowl and domestic poultry include sudden death without clinical signs, incoordination, diarrhea, lack of energy or appetite, decreased egg production, purple discoloration of wattles, comb and legs, nasal discharge, coughing and sneezing.

It is safe to eat properly handled and cooked poultry in the United States. There are recommendations regarding other products from other animals that may be infected with H5N1 available online at CDC.gov. H5N1 can be found in products such as raw milk. Pasteurized milk is safe to consume.

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Thursday May 2, 2024

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 A Conversation With...
9:30 AM Pete on the Street
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
12:00 PM Paltoarcast with Darren Paltowitz
12:30 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse
3:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - A Presidential Portrait
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Southcoast Green Team - Recycle Events
10:30 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Game
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday May 3, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck

McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltoarcast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball Div. 3 MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM SouthCoast Green Team Recycle Events
10:30 PM David Poyant Artist Interview
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday May 4, 2024

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - A Presidential Portrait
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
9:30 PM Sippican Week Interviews
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 5, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM Paltoarcast with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
9:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Tremont Advent Christian Camp
9:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday May 6, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM The Collective Chat

3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Presidential Portrait
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday May 7, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Tremont Advent Christian Camp
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Importance of Being Earnest
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday May 8, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review

Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
3:45 PM Sippican Week Interviews
4:00 PM Paltoarcast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Tremont Advent Christian Camp
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Presidential Portrait
9:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
10:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

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

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
12:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
1:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
2:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
3:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
4:30 PM Rochester School Committee
6:00 PM ORR School Committee
8:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
9:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
10:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
11:00 PM Rochester Planning Board

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM ORR School Committee
10:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee
11:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
2:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police
3:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Fairhaven
4:30 PM Old Colony Skills USA Awards Ceremony
5:00 PM Old Colony National Honor Society Ceremony
5:30 PM Old Colony Robotics Competition
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM FORM Instrumental Concert
8:00 PM FORM Choral Concert
10:00 PM Old Colony Drama - Aladdin
11:39 PM Cable History of Old Colony RVTHS

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Rochester Council on Aging Candidate's Forum

It has been a tradition for the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) to hold a candidate's forum during an election year. In keeping with tradition, we will be holding a forum for candidates on Wednesday, **May 15** from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Rochester Senior Center located at 67 Dexter Lane. Each of the candidates for town offices in Rochester will be given up to four minutes to address the audience. We hope that you will choose to join us for what should be an informative evening for our town's voters.

Birding Walk with Land Trust & Bird Club

It's that time of year. Join the Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Nasketucket Bird Club for a fun and educational birding walk. This birding walk will be led by Justin Barrett of the Nasketucket Bird Club. It will be a lovely, relaxed morning in nature and an opportunity to learn about local wildlife. Justin will lead us through the MLT's Brandt Island Cove trails.

The walk will take place on Sunday **May 5** from 8:30-10:00 am, starting from the MLT kiosk at Anchorage Way. Bring your binoculars and dress appropriately for the outdoors, including sturdy footwear and long pants. This is a free event open to all, no matter your birding ability. Hope to see you there. Email manager@matlandtrust.org with any questions.

May Programs in the Children's Room

Spring is in full bloom, and the Mattapoissett Children's Room in the Library has fun for everyone.

Did April Showers not bring enough flowers for you? On Tuesday, **May 7** at 4 pm, join us for Drop-in Wildflower Seed Balls. We will be creating balls of wildflower seeds you can toss onto bare patches of soil and watch beauty grow. Fun for all ages. No registration required.

On Thursday, **May 16** at 3:30 pm, join us to Paint Gnomes for Your Garden. This is a fun kids activity to encourage kids to garden and play outside. All ages welcome. Visit our website to register.

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Toddlers and their grown ups are welcome to join us for Paper Plate Flower Painting for Toddlers on Saturday, **May 25** at 10:30 am. Get ready to let your kiddo's imagination run wild and to whip up some gorgeous flowers using basic supplies. For ages 2 and up. No registration required, while supplies last.

On Thursday, **May 30** at 3:30 pm, join us for the Spaghetti Tower Marshmallow Challenge. Ever wonder about the skyscraper potential of uncooked spaghetti,

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MOVIE REVIEW

Family Affair

By Rob Gonsalves
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Humane. Starring Peter Gallagher and Jay Baruchel. Directed by Caitlin Cronenberg. Running time: 93 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now available on home streaming media.

Here's a cheerful premise: Our future will be so grim that people deemed by the government to be a drain on resources will be obliged to step up for euthanasia. That concept powered the 2022 Japanese film *Plan 75*, and it provides some electricity — some — to the dystopian thriller *Humane*, directed by Caitlin Cronenberg from a script by Michael Sparaga. In a few years (presumably), the deteriorating climate will result in a serious shortage of water and other natural resources, so the government makes a deal: At least one adult from every family must agree to die. Their survivors will get a decent chunk of change. They will pass into the great unknown mystery knowing they sacrificed (or *were* sacrificed) for the greater good.

The world-building in *Humane* doesn't concern itself very much with some questions we may have (will birth control be mandated?). We see a few snippets of news on TV, some featuring Jared York (Jay Baruchel), an anthropologist working with the government on this morbid endeavor. Jared's rich, famous father, anchorman Charles York (Peter Gallagher), has called Jared and his three other grown children to his home for dinner. When everyone — including addict Noah (Sebastian Chacon), embattled CEO Rachel (Emily Hampshire) and her teen daughter Mia (Sirena Gulamgaus), and aspiring actress Ashley (Alanna Bale) — has gathered, Charles drops the news: he and his wife Dawn (Uni Park) have decided to volunteer themselves for the cause — to “enlist.”

Charles is out of the picture in half an hour or so. His wife gets cold feet and flees, complicating matters greatly: the people who arrive to administer the enlistment, led by the amiable Bob (Enrico Colantoni), have to take a second body to replace Dawn. So the grown kids fight (often physically) over which of them is going to provide that body. So *Humane* becomes a one-location thriller (it could be



adapted to the stage with little trouble) in which four characters with varying degrees of pain in their lives try to defend their continued existence. That could be boring, but Cronenberg keeps things short and briskly paced, with a mitigating sense of humor — bleak humor, to be sure, but enough to humanize the brittle, often objectionable characters.

Humane doesn't seem to aspire to more than that; the world is narrowed down to one well-appointed home and one set of siblings squabbling. So it becomes an actors' showcase, though the drama often devolves into stabbing, strangling, and gunplay. None of these people seem especially capable of fratricide, though I guess part of the satirical point is that these pampered bourgeois kids, who have grown up and into their own self-abusive flaws, turn easily and coldly to violence. I almost would rather have followed Bob and his partner from house to house, seen what they see — kind of the inverse of *Asphalt City*, in which a couple of guys go door to door saving lives, not taking them.

But this is the *Humane* we got, and for what it is it's crisply rendered. Of the three filmmaking children of Canadian master David Cronenberg (who contributes an aural cameo here), Caitlin seems to have inherited the old man's dark sense of comedy, while Cassandra (based on her 2013 short *Candy*) got his erotic aesthetic and Brandon (judging by the two of his films I've managed to sit through) got his fixation on body horror. Put them all together and you have David, I suppose, just as combining the Corleone sons gets you Vito. Caitlin Cronenberg has an easy way with actors; her style is smooth, not off-putting or confusing. I'd like to see her write her own script next time, though, follow her own muse.

marshmallows, tape and string? Come join the ultimate tower-building showdown and see who can reach for the stars. The tallest tower creators will snag a shiny prize. For ages 6 and up. Visit our website to register.

Storytimes will continue throughout the month of May before taking a break in June. Stop in at 10:30 am on Thursday mornings for Spring Storytime for all ages and 10:30 am on Friday mornings for Baby Storytime recommended for ages 0 to 24 months.

All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at mkskaar@sailsinc.org. You can also find more information on our website at MattapoisettLibrary.org.

Rochester Friends of Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will be holding a Book Sale on Friday, **May 17** from 12 noon to 5pm and Saturday, **May 18** from 10 am to 2 pm. The Plumb Memorial Library is located at 17 Constitution Way in Rochester. Weather permitting, the sale will take place outside near the Gazebo. Otherwise, the sale will be held in the Library's Program Room downstairs.

The Library is offering bargain prices on books, games and puzzles. The Plumb Library Youth Group will also be holding a Bake Sale on Saturday.

Book donations are being accepted during Library open hours. Please do not place donations in the book drop.

Proceeds from the Book Sale help fund Library programs. We hope to see you there and appreciate support from the community.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

In L.C. Humphries's papers that we have at the museum there is an entire section devoted to alewives (herring). The arrival of alewives in the springs of the 1700 and 1800's was eagerly awaited. They were both a welcome food source and for some a money maker.

In preparation for their arrival, all mills were required to draw down their mill ponds on April 10



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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Mattapoissett Library Quahog readers program held an awards and pizza party to celebrate the participants. Photo courtesy Michael Sites



The Mattapoissett Sustainability Partnership celebrated Earth Day with a hearty troupe of local citizens, who cleaned up the town despite the raw weather on Saturday. The Lucci family, including dad Rob and children (pictured with "Mother Earth" Phoebe VanInwegen of Marion) Brooke, Philip, Georgia and Violet in the stroller, pitched in from the post office on Route 6 and back down to Water Street. Photo by Susan Pizzolato



Jen Shepley shared this image of the full moon over Marion Harbor.

On April 25, Mattapoissett Police Officer Alberto Cardoso was surrounded by family, friends, school officials and others as he was sworn in to the rank of sergeant. Chief Jason King, pictured with Cardoso and Lieutenant Justin King, said that Cardoso's career is marked by a commitment to service and dedication. Since 2013 when he returned to area from Florida where he had served as a deputy sheriff in Manatee County, King stated that Cardoso, "... has consistently demonstrated his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty." In 2020 Cardoso became the school resource officer, "fostering positive relationships with students and faculty." Photo by Marilou Newell



Dakota, Lynne and Drew Nahigyan, below, were dressed for the rain and used recycled bags to clean up a street in the eastern part of town.

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

so the alewives could reach Snipatuit Pond in North Rochester to spawn. In the distant past, the fish followed the Taunton River to the Nemaset River to Sampson Pond then Rockshire Pond into Quitticus Pond and then into a small stream that crossed N. Rochester Rd. and finally into Snipatuit Pond near the old Gerrish Farm.

Prior to 1798, the Mattapoissett River ran through a swamp and was impassable for the fish, but around that time the river was cleared enough to let small herring, about the size of a finger, to get through and make their way to the ocean. Those alewives would stay there for three years, and the ones not eaten by predators would go back up the river to spawn in Snipatuit Pond, their birthplace.

Herring were an important food source in early Rochester and residents were eager for April 15 and the annual run of herring. Each household was allowed one barrel of 400 fish and 10 shad. Family names would be posted on a list in three spots; at the tower on the Mattapoissett Weir, Church's Mill and at Crapo's Weir on Snipatuit Rd.

The alewives were tasty and much in demand.

The town made money because those receiving a barrel of the fish needed to pay for the cost of counting, packing and delivering the fish. Often families that moved from Rochester sold their rights to the alewives, sometimes for as much as a dollar- a big sum of money at the time.



After the first run, fishing was allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On the rest of the days, the alewives were allowed to pass into Snipatuit Pond to spawn. This guaranteed plenty of fish for the future.

One man, Charles C. Ricketson, bought up as many herring rights as he could and had a booming business selling smoked herring to customers in New Bedford. Humphrey explains how Ricketson prepared the

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights April 21-April 27

- Jenney Ln – EMS/medical
- Dexter Ln – General service
- Mill St – Found property
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Parkway Ln – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General service
- Front St – MV collision
- County Rd – Burglar alarm
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Road hazard
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Front St – Parking enforcement
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – Suspicious MV
- Beach St – Suspicious person
- Delano Rd – Paper service
- Pinewood Dr – General service
- Front St – Suspicious person
- Shermans Way – General service
- Cranberry way – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St – Message delivery

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights April 21-April 27

- Aucoot Rd – Suspicious MV
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Bowman Rd – Suspicious MV
- Aucoot Rd – Medical alarm
- Acushnet Rd – Summons service
- Cannon St – Medical assist
- County Rd - Vandalism
- Barstow St – Follow up
- Pine Island Rd – Medical assist
- Perkins Ln – MV lockout
- Chapel Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – Restraining order
- Pleasant View Ave – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Depot St – 911 call
- Reservation Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd – General service
- Pigwacket Ln – Burglar alarm
- Holly Woods Rd - Complaint
- Water St – Parking complaint
- Upland Way – Assist citizen
- Birchwood St - Complaint
- Upland Way - Disturbance
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Mechanic St – Health/welfare
- Richard III's Ln – General service
- Church St – Suspicious persons
- Water St – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights April 21-April 27

- Dexter Ln - Harassment
- Mendell Rd – MV lockout
- Bennett Rd – Noise complaint
- Bindas Way – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Suspicious activity
- Alley Rd – Burglar alarm
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- Pierce St – Animal control
- North Ave – MV stop/arrest
- Walnut Plain Rd – Medical alarm
- Dexter Ln – Well being check
- Dexter Ln - Larceny
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Mendell Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – MV collision
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Snipatuit Rd – Well being check
- Thistle Ln – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – Parking complaint
- Rounseville Rd – Follow up
- Hartley Rd – Follow up
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Hartley Rd – Follow up
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd – Illegal dumping
- Hartley Rd – Follow up
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – General services

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 6: Macaroni & cheese, escaloped tomatoes, dinner roll, tropical fruit

Tuesday, May 7: Mexican chicken, Spanish rice, mixed vegetables, oatmeal roll, pineapple

Wednesday, May 8: Vegetable soup, beef stroganoff w/egg noodles, green beans, fruit loaf, banana

Thursday, May 9: Chicken cordon blue, roasted potatoes California blend, snowflake roll, strawberry shortcake

Friday, May 10: Pork lo mein, Asian blend vegetables, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 6: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, May 7: Teriyaki chicken & rice bowl: sweet & savory teriyaki chicken over a bed of brown rice; topped w/ sauteed onions & peppers, diced tomato, savory black beans, shredded lettuce & cheese. Served w/a warm tortilla wrap

Wednesday, May 8: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, tator tots, low salt sausage patty

Thursday, May 9: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 10: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 6: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, May 7: Teriyaki chicken & rice bowl: sweet & savory teriyaki chicken over a bed of brown rice; topped w/ sauteed onions & peppers, diced tomato, savory black beans, shredded lettuce & cheese. Served w/a warm tortilla wrap

Wednesday, May 8: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, tator tots, low salt sausage patty

Thursday, May 9: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 10: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 6: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, May 7: Teriyaki chicken & rice bowl: sweet & savory teriyaki chicken over a bed of brown rice; topped w/

sauteed onions & peppers, diced tomato, savory black beans, shredded lettuce & cheese. Served w/a warm tortilla wrap

Wednesday, May 8: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, tator tots, low salt sausage patty

Thursday, May 9: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 10: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce, savory green beans

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 6: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, May 7: Teriyaki chicken & rice bowl: sweet & savory teriyaki chicken over a bed of brown rice; topped w/ sauteed onions & peppers, diced tomato, savory black beans, shredded lettuce & cheese. Served w/a warm tortilla wrap

Wednesday, May 8: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, tator tots, low salt sausage patty

Thursday, May 9: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 10: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, May 6: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, May 7: Teriyaki chicken & rice bowl: sweet & savory teriyaki chicken over a bed of brown rice; topped w/ sauteed onions & peppers, diced tomato, savory black beans, shredded lettuce & cheese. Served w/a warm tortilla wrap

Wednesday, May 8: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, tator tots, low salt sausage patty

Thursday, May 9: American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 10: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, May 6: Steak & cheese sub, peppers, onions & mushrooms

Tuesday, May 7: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread

Wednesday, May 8: Grilled cheese & chili

Thursday, May 9: Build a baked potato

Friday, May 10: Assorted pizza

fish for sale. The herring were strung on a stick with their backs up. The eyes were carefully picked off (I guess no one wanted their food staring at them). With 12 fish to a stick, carefully spaced so none were touching, the sticks were put on racks and smoked. He worked both day and night preparing and packing the fish.

The picture here shows the equipment box belonging to Alewives Anonymous members as they prepare to set up the fish counter at the sluiceway at Snipatuit Pond. Today, with our warmer winters the herring arrive earlier; this year on March 15. The counter keeps track of the number of alewives as they pass into and out of Snipatuit. This year because of the high-water levels, some were able to sneak past the counter until adjustments were made.

There are no longer the many thousands of herring that surged up the river a hundred or more years ago and residents no longer line up to get their barrels of fish, but they are still a crucial part of the ecosystem. They provide a window into the health of our waterways and need protection. As Art Benner, President of the Alewives Anonymous, pointed out, herring are born to be eaten by bigger fish, mammals and birds. Most importantly, they are the main food source of the endangered roseate terns that nest on Bird Island.

Providence Poets to Read at the Mattapoissett Library

Award-winning Providence poets Karen Donovan and Catherine Imbriglio will read from their poetry on Saturday, **May 18** at 2 pm, as part of the Purrington Series sponsored by the Mattapoissett Library Trust.

Karen Donovan's latest collection of poems, *Monad+Monadnock*, was published by Wet Cement Press. Her book *Planet Parable* (Etruscan Press) appears in the innovative multi-author volume *Trio* along with complete books by the poets Diane Raptosh and Daneen Wardrop. Her other books of poems are *Your Enzymes Are Calling the Ancients* (Persea Books), which won the Lexi Rudnitsky / Editor's Choice Award, and *Fugitive Red* (University of Massachusetts Press), which won the Juniper Prize. She is also the author of *Aard-vark*

to *Axolotl* (Etruscan Press), a collection of tiny stories and essays illustrated with engravings from a vintage Webster's dictionary. She has new work in the 2022 anthology *Dreaming Awake: New Contemporary Prose Poetry from the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom*. From 1985 to 2005 she co-edited ¶: A Magazine of Paragraphs, a print journal of very short prose.

Catherine Imbriglio is the author of two books of poetry, *Parts of the Mass* (Burning Deck), which received the Norma Farber First Book Award from the Poetry Society of America and *Intimacy* (Center for Literary Publishing), which received the Colorado Prize in Poetry. Her poetry and criticism have appeared in *After Spicer* (John Vincent, ed.), *American Letters & Commentary*, *Aufgabe*, *A Broken Thing: Poets on the Line*, *Conjunctions*, *Contemporary Literature*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Epoch*, *Green Mountains Review*, *New American Writing*, *Pleiades*, *Poetry International*, *The Pact*, *West Branch* and elsewhere. A selection of her poetry was anthologized in the *Iowa Anthology of New American Poetries*, ed. Reginald Shepherd (University of Iowa Press). She is a senior editor in poetry for *Tupelo Quarterly*.

Both poets will have poetry books available for purchase and signing following the reading. Light refreshments will be served.

The event was rescheduled from an April date when a power failure occurred in Mattapoissett, and the



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- 7 Butcher's cleaver
- 14 Winter melon variety
- 20 Replacing, with "of"
- 21 Privy person
- 22 Ill-willed sorts
- 23 Arranged cheddar brands in order of sharpness?
- 25 Arctic jacket
- 26 Capitol fig.
- 27 Collectible toon frame
- 28 Per each unit
- 29 Set to move forward, as a car
- 30 Boldly courageous after January 1?
- 34 Second shoot of a scene
- 37 Nevertheless
- 38 "— -daisy!"
- 39 Paleolithic period
- 41 Letter-shaped track in metalworking
- 43 Attach, as to a lapel

- 48 Pre-TiVo machine
- 49 — Lanka
- 50 Comparable in humility to one particular sorority member?
- 53 Quick glance
- 55 Not durable
- 57 Groups of four
- 58 Underscore
- 61 Law school beginner
- 62 Think up
- 64 Big Steinway played by your father's father?
- 69 Condo policy about animals
- 70 Dime, e.g.
- 71 Passover feasts
- 73 Canonized seventh-cen. pope
- 76 Hotel bar
- 78 Tug sharply
- 79 Wrapping a wound on the noggin?
- 82 Sit-up targets
- 85 Chou En- —
- 86 2003 #1 hit for OutKast
- 87 Artist's stand

- 88 Raconteur's offering
- 90 "... and — it all over again!"
- 91 Young boy
- 93 Complained petulantly
- 94 Lion's hunting recollections?
- 102 River in central Jersey
- 103 Certain shade provider
- 104 Certain shade provider
- 105 Chinese chairman
- 108 More asinine
- 109 Reversible fabric used during operations?
- 113 Rich, filled pastry
- 114 Daughter on "Bewitched"
- 115 And others, to Caesar
- 116 Rages
- 117 — & Gamble
- 118 Confirm officially

DOWN

- 1 Large trucks
- 2 Apropos of

- 3 Ladd or Alda
- 4 Pot cover
- 5 Petit four and Sally Lunn
- 6 Piercing spot,
- 7 Prefix with air
- 8 Coop up
- 9 Fireplace receptacle
- 10 Secure with string, say
- 11 Skilled
- 12 Ballot marks
- 13 Afore
- 14 Lon of old horror films
- 15 Classic root beer brand
- 16 Raconteur's offering
- 17 Eagle's nest
- 18 Cry to a prima donna
- 19 Interrogator
- 24 Part of REO
- 29 Put into office
- 30 Ex-veep Quayle
- 31 "Science Guy" Bill
- 32 Island dance
- 33 Heroic poetry
- 34 Answers an evite, e.g.
- 35 "And so on and so on": Abbr.
- 36 Bullfight hero
- 40 PC image file

- 41 High-voltage transformer
- 42 Cloudland
- 43 Peppermint — (York treat)
- 44 "Bring it on!"
- 45 Nuggets' org.
- 46 Unusual
- 47 "Stillmatic" rapper
- 50 Prized Chinese vases
- 51 The "E" of FEMA; Abbr.
- 52 Big jumps
- 54 Eisenhower's successor
- 56 Politico Trent
- 59 Floor-scrubbing robot brand
- 60 Old photo tint
- 62 Carding at a club, e.g.
- 63 "Well, shoot!"
- 65 Held back
- 66 Adjective follower, often
- 67 Comedian Kevin
- 68 Very fancy
- 72 Did the slopes
- 73 "Quit talking!"
- 74 No-frills shirt
- 75 Set (down)

- 76 Bigger than med.
- 77 Suffix with Ecuador
- 80 Groove for receiving the end of a board
- 81 Not worth — (valueless)
- 83 Perplex
- 84 Structured frameworks
- 88 Big fuss
- 89 Belittle, informally
- 90 Ill-fated flier of myth
- 91 Actor Joseph Gordon- —
- 92 "Cocoon" co-star Don
- 94 Bluenoses
- 95 Charged toward
- 96 Poet's Muse
- 97 Casual eatery
- 98 Best players
- 99 — -Croatian
- 100 Sorcery
- 101 Family mem.
- 105 African nation
- 106 "Not likely!"
- 107 Thumbs-up
- 109 Motor oil additive brand
- 110 Nasser's fed.
- 111 River of Bern
- 112 Yoga surface

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're doing better on a flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show that you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your personal aspect continues to dominate this week, but try to make time to deal with important career-linked matters as well. A change of plans might occur by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Excuses are not really needed for much of the confusion occurring this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A surprising (but pleasant) recent turn of events continues to develop positive aspects. But be prepared for a bit of a jolt on another issue that needs attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss might bring you the attention that you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? Better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With education continuing to be a strong factor this week, this could be the time to start learning some new skills that can later be applied to a bid for a potential career move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might do well to reconsider some of your current priorities before you get so deeply involved in one project that you neglect meeting the deadline on another.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With an important decision looming, you need to be careful about the information you're getting. Half-truths are essentially useless. Get the full story before you act.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting a workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A flexible position on a workplace matter could be the best course to follow during the next several days. A personal issue also benefits from an open-minded approach.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Involving too many people in your workplace problem can backfire. Remember: Allegiances can shift. Ask trusted colleagues for advice, but don't ask them to take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before submitting your suggestions, take more time to sharpen the points that you want to make. The clearer the presentation, the more of a chance it has to get approved when submitted.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your clear sense of who you are gives you the confidence you need for tackling difficult situations.

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Peter B. Hodges Memorial Scholarship

Lynne Foley, President of The Mattapoissett Lions Club, one of 48,000 Lions Clubs around the world, is pleased to announce that **Hunter Bishop and Jaymison Gunschel**, both seniors at Old Rochester Regional High School, **Lillian Manning** a senior at Bishop Stang High School, and **Brooklyn Bindas**, a senior at Wareham High School, are recipients of Mattapoissett Lions Club's 2024 Peter B. Hodges Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 each. All are recognized as the result of their outstanding community service, academic achievements and career goals.

Funds for this award are raised through the efforts of Mattapoissett Lions Club at the annual Harbor Days Arts and Craft Festival and other events held throughout the year.

For information on how to join the Mattapoissett Lions Club, please go to www.mattapoissettlionsclub.org.

Events at the Rochester Historical Museum

On **May 15** at 7:00 pm at the Museum, 355 County Rd., we will be honoring the Woodchoppers, a musical group that formed in the 1950's and performed for the next 45 yrs. The original members were Arthur Lionberger, Olive Winslow Cal Daggett and Jeanette Pajunen. They played at many Grange and Brotherhood events and were always willing to entertain at area nursing homes and impromptu venues. This will be an evening of songs and stories and a look at one of the ways people were entertained in the past which ties into our upcoming exhibit: Past Pastimes- how we have entertained ourselves for the last 337 years.

The Tribute band will be made up of some of the children of the original members.

As always, refreshments and conversation will follow. We hope to see you there.

We're calling all kids to circle **June 22 and 23**, to come to the Fair at The Rochester Historical Museum. You'll have a chance to play colonial games, march like a Revolutionary soldier, tie knots like a privateer, search

for treasure and much more. Look forward for more info soon.

Marion Garden Group

The Marion Garden Group is hosting its biannual plant sale on Saturday, **May 11**, at Marion's Bicentennial Park. The sale runs from 9 am to noon. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Members have been digging, splitting and repotting a wide selection of beautiful perennial plants, herbs and shrubs that have thrived in their local gardens. "I love this event because it helps us share our amazing gardens, both personal and public, with the residents of our special town and the towns around us. It truly is a community beautification event." added Joanne Petrie, cochair of the plant sale.

The plant sale has been a popular event for the past ten years. Each time selling out quickly. Suzy Taylor, MGG President had this to add, "About 10 years ago I purchased a 100-year-old daylily from the MGG sale that was donated by a local gardener. I still have that plant and it has continued to thrive and produce many more plants - how cool is that." More recently, "My first experience with Marion Garden Group was at the plant sale in 2020. I was fortunate to purchase one of Chrissy Maier's heirloom cherry tomato plants. That one plant provided me with hundreds of delicious tomatoes, said Errin Chapin, co-chair.



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All plans referred to are on file in the Assessor's Office.</p> <p>78 WAREHAM ROAD LLC, Land located at WAREHAM ST in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 3.810 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000700024, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 540/6 96. For FY-2023 Billed \$5,253.64 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$590.73 Tax Due \$4,553.69. *****</p> <p>78 WAREHAM ROAD LLC, LAND located at 3 BOURNHURST RD in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 3.300 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000700025, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 540/6 96. For FY-2023 Billed \$4,723.03 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$852.55 Tax Due \$5,585.58. *****</p> <p>78 WAREHAM ROAD LLC, LAND located at WAREHAM ST in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 4.700 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000700027, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 540/6 96. 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For FY-2023 Billed \$2,543.78 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$138.26 Tax Due \$1,107.03. *****</p> <p>EWELL WESLEY J & GREENE W TRUSTEES, CROSS NECK REALTY TRUST, LAND located at DELANO RD in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 30,665,000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 000500028, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 0LCC7/9760. For FY-2023 Billed \$191.63 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$34.95 Tax Due \$236.58. *****</p> <p>LUND PAUL A, LAND located at DELANO RD in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 199,000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 005A00081, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 02790/0025. For FY-2023 Billed \$11.33 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$97 Tax Due \$17.41. 4/25, 5/2</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1209</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of East Over Farm LLC, C/O Tess & Erik Hedblom, for property located at 131 Hiller Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 11, Lot 8, who are appealing a Notice of Violation/Cease and Desist order issued by the Town of Rochester Building Commissioner on March 26, 2024, for the use of an office for activities and businesses that are not allowed in a Residential/Agricultural district in violation of Chapter 20.40 Section E, permitted uses, of the Rochester Zoning By-Law.</p> <p>The public hearing will be held on May 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 5/2, 5/9</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Application and Petition. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. This meeting is IN PERSON. CONTINUANCE:</p> <p>Case #1535: Application of: Robert & Lisa Barboza, 28 Greengate, Plymouth, MA 02360-3174 RE: 5&7 Shoreview Avenue. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2. as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to Demolish existing ground level cottage for the purpose of constructing a 3-story single family dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 12, Lot 26 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 16, 2024.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely,</p>	<p>Susan Akin, Chairperson Anthony Tranfaglia, Co Chair Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 5/2, 5/9</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 20, 2024 at 7:05 pm to consider the request of Sperry Fabric Architecture Inc. c/o Matt Sperry for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1 and Section 230-9.4 of the Code of the Town of Marion for the proposed building for commercial use related to the current commercial use of the site.</p> <p>The property is located at 19 Marconi Lane, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 24, Lot 13V, zoned Limited Industrial.</p> <p>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House at 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Danyca Filiatreault for the remote participation information: dfiliatreault@marionma.gov during normal business hours.</p> <p>Tucker Burr, Chair Andrew Daniel, Vice-Chair 5/2, 5/9</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 20, 2024, at 7:10 pm to consider the request of the Sippican Holdings LLC, for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1 of the Code of the Town of Marion for proposed self-storage facility.</p> <p>The property is located at 13 Barnabas Road, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 24, Lot 10B, zoned Limited Industrial and Water Supply Protection District.</p> <p>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Danyca Filiatreault for the remote participation information: dfiliatreault@marionma.gov during normal business hours.</p> <p>Tucker Burr, Chair Andrew Daniel, Vice-Chair 5/2, 5/9</p> <p>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>

This year the sale will have two guest appearances. Marion native Kitty DeGroot who will be on hand to discuss all things beekeeping. The Marion Institute will be on site to discuss their initiatives and give out their famous plant seed pods.

The Marion Garden Group's mission is to help in the beautification of the town of Marion. Towards that end, the Group designs, plants and maintains the window boxes and planters throughout the village. They have also established and continue to care for many garden beds throughout the town.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the mission contributing to the beautification of the town of Marion.

Marion Town Meeting and Election

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday **May 13** followed by the Town Election on Friday **May 17**. If you wish to vote at the town meeting OR the election, you must register to vote by Friday **May 3**. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 5:00 on that day, or you have until 11:59 pm to register to vote online (www.sec.state.ma.us).

If you received a postcard from the Secretary of the Commonwealth titled "I Want to Vote" and checked the "All Elections" box, you will be receiving a ballot from the Town as we are required by law to provide it unless you specifically requested not to receive one. The ballots were mailed on Thursday April 24.

We are offering in-person Early Voting during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's office beginning Monday **May 6** through Wednesday **May 15**. Voting at the Community Center on **May 17** will be held from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. There is a sample ballot on the Town Website: www.marionma.gov

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-748-3502 or email Lmagauran@marionma.gov.

Town-wide Cleanup is a Wash

The Sustainability Partnership celebrated Earth Day with a hearty troupe of local citizens who cleaned up the town despite the raw weather on Saturday, April 20. Even though it started out foggy and drizzly, eighteen groups of people showed up at the Mattapoissett Free Library, took bags, gloves and grabbers and walked around town picking up trash. The weather quickly deteriorated, but volunteers didn't seem to notice the pouring rain. One woman gathered four 50-lb bags of trash just from walking from the library to Route 6.

The Lucci family, including dad Rob, and children Brooke, Philip, Georgia and Violet in the stroller, pitched in from the post office on Route 6 and back down to Water Street.

Dakota, Lynne and Drew Nahigyan were dressed for the rain and used recycled bags to clean up a street in the eastern part of town.

Four board members representing the Friends of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail, Jenn Wong, Liz DiCarlo, Dick Grahm and Ann Bryant, all pitched in and covered a large area that is enjoyed by many.

According to Ann Bryant, "In spite of the weather, it was a productive morning. Our original intention was to help the Town clean up the rail trail every spring, but when we saw that the Sustainability Committee was organizing a town-wide effort, we decided to hop on board. It's always a positive experience when joining a community event for a common cause."

The Sustainability Partnership thanks everyone who participated and donated to the cause.

Want to help make a difference in the well being of your community? – get involved. The group meets regularly at the Mattapoissett Library, and the next meeting is **May 4**.

Shoot for Eagle Golf Outing

BSA Troop 31 of Rochester is excited to announce its 2nd Annual Shoot for Eagle Golf Outing. The event will be held Thursday **August 22** at Poquoy Brook Golf Club in Lakeville. Individuals or businesses who would like to sign up to play or to sponsor can do so at www.RochesterTroop31Golf.com. There is an early bird special running through **May 31** for registrants.

Event day check in will be at 8 am, play will begin at 9:00 and includes a cart, bagged lunch and a buffet

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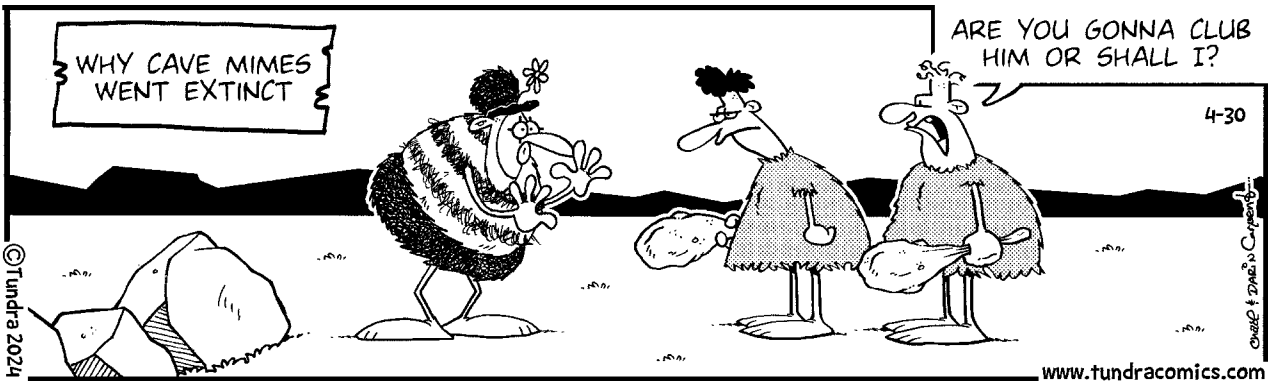
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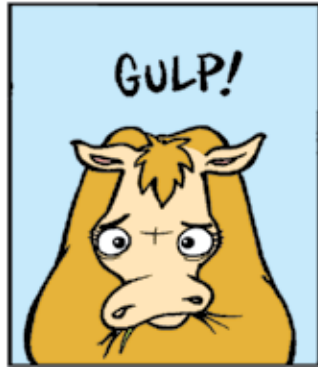


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following the event. Businesses sponsorships range from hole sponsorship to various other packages.

For those who don't golf, you can sign up to join up for the buffet or take a chance on our raffles, and as always, fun and shenanigans. For further information, contact Scott at sorlowski@apexengcoinc.com.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church's New Pastor

On April 28, the Mattapoisett Congregational Church welcomed their new settled pastor, Rev. Michael Frady.

Ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ in 2012 and a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, Reverend Frady will be the church's 29th settled pastor.

He was particularly drawn to MCC because he senses the congregation to be a caring community of authentic, active Disciples of Christ.

Please join the congregation on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am to welcome Pastor Michael into the special community of Mattapoisett. Sunday School and childcare provided during service and fellowship following the service.

Book (re)Marks: What's up this month at Plumb?

Welcome to Book (re)Marks, all the info you need about what's happening at the Library this month. Did you know that May is Mystery Month? Come check out our display of thrillers, suspense novels, cozy mysteries, who-done-its and more.

The Friends of the Library will be holding their Spring Book Sale from 12 to 5 pm on Friday **May 17** and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday **May 18**, outside near the Gazebo, or in the Library Program Room if the weather doesn't cooperate. Prices start at just \$0.50 and there will be a \$10 "fill a bag" deal. The Library Youth Group will also be holding a Bake Sale during the Book Sale on Saturday, with a selection of delicious homemade goodies being sold by donation.

Save the Date. Local author Richard Cutler will be




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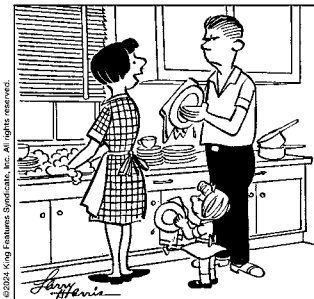
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TODAY'S WORD



"Everyone knows the families are the ones that do things together."

presenting a discussion on Sci-Fi Writing at 12:30 pm on Saturday, **May 25**. Mr. Cutler has written and published a number of science fiction novels and will talk about the importance of the genre. He will also have books for sale and signing (cash or check only). Registration is required via the Events Calendar on our website, space is limited.

The COA Book Club will meet at 1 pm on Tuesday **May 21** to discuss “Circe” by Madeline Miller. Books & Babble Book Club will be discussing “West with Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge at 6:30 pm on Thursday **May 30**. Books for both clubs are available for pickup at the Library or on the Libby app.

We also have 4 book clubs for kids. BookBuds meet the first Friday at 4 pm and 5 pm and Saturday at 10 am and 11 am of the month. There are groups for kids from ages 6-teen. See our Events Calendar for more info.

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Maybe your creative outlet involves pen and paper? Join our Writer’s Group the third Thursday of every month to keep those ideas flowing. Open to anyone 18+. Next meeting is 6:30 pm on **May 16**.

The Board of Library Trustees is meeting at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, **May 14**. This meeting is open to the public and the agenda is posted here: www.townofrochester.mass.com/node/425/agenda

Looking for a fun, money-saving activity to do with friends or family? Check out our selection of Museum and Zoo Passes. Available passes are: Buttonwood Park Zoo, Heritage Museum & Gardens, Maplewood Enrichment Center, the Newport Art Museum, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts--Boston, and MA State Parks.

ArtWeek at the MAC

ArtWeek SouthCoast returns to the Marion Art Center (the MAC) with six events during the regional festival scheduled **May 9 to 19**. ArtWeek SouthCoast is a 10-day event celebrating the arts in our communities 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 MAC events at marionartcenter.org/artweek.

The MAC will kick off the festival with the MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator 2023-2024, performance of *All the Frozen Ones* written by this year’s playwright Stella Ferra. The play is directed by Kate Fishman and stars actors Zara Lemieux and Garrett Olson. After cryogenically freezing his wife who’s inherited her mother’s degenerative disease, Robert decides to unfreeze her on the eve of his 59th birthday. He is haunted by her illness that led her to be frozen, their now 30-year age gap, and a mysterious knocking sound — What happens when

Marian thaws? Performances on **May 9, 10, 11**, curtain at 7:30 pm in the MAC Theatre. Tickets are \$8 per person.

Hands on: Spin Into Spring. Community Bike Tune-up, **May 11**, 10:00-12:00 pm. Is your bike summer-ready? If it needs a little attention after the long winter, bring it to the MAC. 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 – they can provide advice about repairs that should be addressed before hitting the road. Coffee and donuts are available as are games to keep the kids busy while the work progresses. Patrons can take advantage of the plant sale being held by the Marion Garden Group across the street in Bicentennial Park as well as the book sale at the Elizabeth Taber Library while they wait. Please note that our bike repair volunteers will not be prepared to replace broken spokes, brake pads or provide other parts. Free, but requires registration.

Take a journey: Annawon Weedon: Historical Journey of Mashpee Wampanoag, **May 11**, 1:00-2:30 pm, First Congregational Church Community Center, Marion. Annawon Weedon is an activist, storyteller, dancer and tribal mentor of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Join us as Annawon shares his cultural knowledge through an interactive solo performance. Travel back through time to the first encounter, learn about the myriad contributions Native peoples have made throughout history, and witness indigenous dance, language, and storytelling.

NOTICE, MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing will be conducted on 5/13/2024—5/24/2024.

Flushing will begin 5/13/2024 at 7:30 pm and go on until 3:00 am in the Acushnet Rd. and North St. / Crystal spring Rd areas.

Night flushing will also be conducted on 5/20/2024 from 7:30 pm to 3:00 am in the Center of Town along with the Acushnet Rd /Park St/Mendell Rd area.

Daily flushing will be conducted the entire time between 5/13/24--- 5/24/24, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. (Signage will be placed on the roads that are being flushed daily) **some Hydrants may continue to run into the evenings to address any discolored water concerns.**

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

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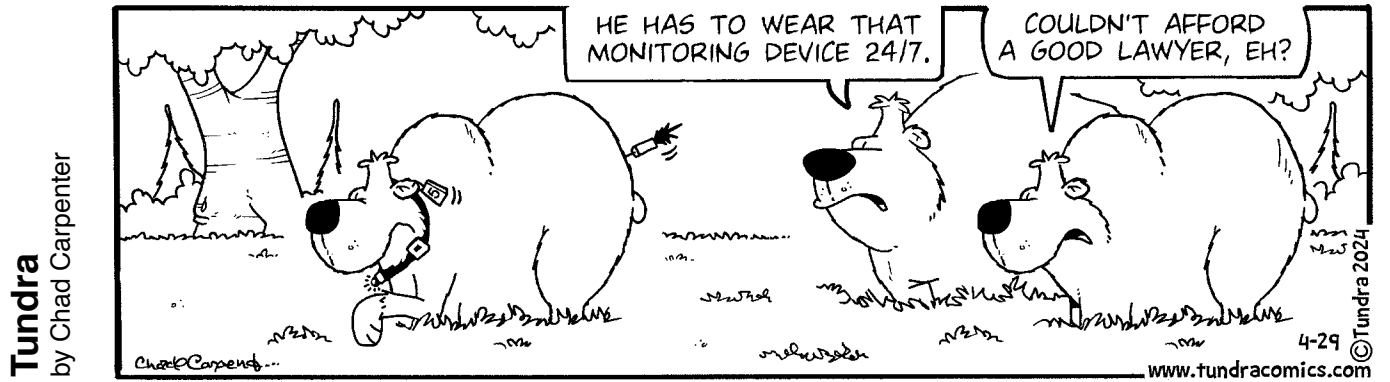
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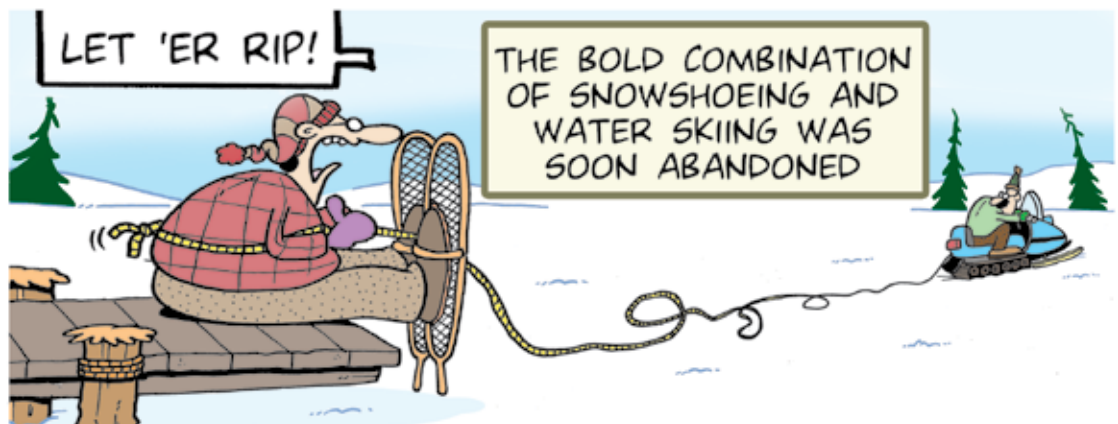


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Attend a Paint and Sip Workshop with artist Barbara Healy on Saturday, **May 18**, 1:00-3:00 pm on the lawn at the Marion Art Center. Paint your own version of a beautiful sailboat scene in this fun workshop with artist Barbara Healy. We'll paint together using water-based acrylics on canvas.

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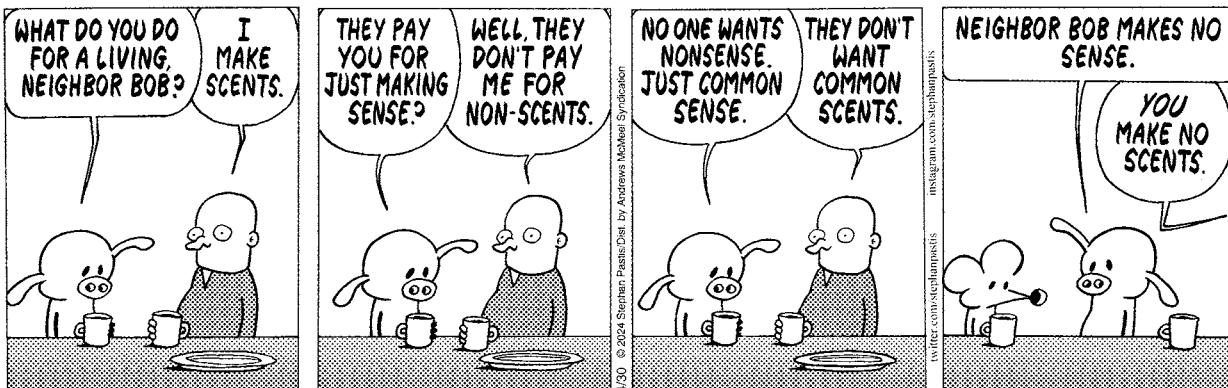
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Thursday	May 2	3:05	3:40	9:32	9:47
Friday	May 3	4:08	4:44	10:31	11:06
Saturday	May 4	5:13	5:45	11:18	
Sunday	May 5	6:13	6:41	12:06	12:00
Monday	May 6	7:07	7:32	12:59	12:42
Tuesday	May 7	7:58	8:22	1:51	1:26
Wednesday	May 8	8:48	9:10	2:43	2:10
Thursday	May 9	9:37	10:00	3:32	2:57
Friday	May 10	10:27	10:50	4:17	3:43
Saturday	May 11	11:18	11:42	4:59	4:29
Sunday	May 12		12:12	5:42	5:16
Monday	May 13	12:37	1:07	6:32	6:07
Tuesday	May 14	1:32	2:02	7:48	7:11
Wednesday	May 15	2:25	2:55	9:04	8:38
Thursday	May 16	3:17	3:49	9:51	10:00
Friday	May 17	4:10	4:44	10:27	10:55
Saturday	May 18	5:04	5:34	11:00	11:40
Sunday	May 19	5:52	6:18	11:33	

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	May 7th
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Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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- 3. Entrap; 4. Tirade

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Sudoku Answer

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8	6	9	1	5	3	4	7	2
2	3	7	4	6	8	1	5	9
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of Oats
12 oz. Selected Variety
Cereal
\$3.99



Nature Valley
7.4-8.98 oz.
Selected Variety
Granola Bars
\$3.99



Progresso
15 oz. Selected Variety
Bread Crumbs..... **\$2.79**

Velveeta
12 oz. Deluxe Dinner
Shells & Cheese..... **\$3.49**

McIlhenney
2 oz. Original
Tabasco Sauce..... **\$1.79**

Bonne Maman
13 oz. Selected Variety
Preserves..... **\$5.49**

Lotus 8.8 oz.
Biscoff Cookies..... **\$3.99**

Just Iced Tea
16 oz. Selected Variety
Organic Tea Drinks..... **2/\$5**

Gatorade
28 oz. Selected Variety
Sports Drinks..... Must Buy 2! **2/\$5**

Stonyfield
10 oz. Selected Variety
Organic Smoothies..... **2/\$4**

Friendly's
48 oz. Selected Variety
Ice Cream..... **\$4.99**

MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Fresh
Pork
Tenderloins
\$3.99
lb



Bell & Evans Bone-In
Chicken Breasts..... **\$4.99**
lb



al fresco 11 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Chicken Sausage..... **\$5.99**

Boar's Head 16 oz. Pkg.
Imported Bacon..... **\$9.99**



Boar's Head
Cracked Peppermill
Turkey Breast..... **\$12.99**
lb



Boar's Head 6 oz. Pkg.
Sliced Pepperoni..... **\$3.49**



Boar's Head
8 oz. Pkg. Imported
Gouda Cheese..... **\$6.99**



Store Made
Tuna Salad..... **\$11.99**
lb

Store Packaged
Egg Salad..... **\$10.19**
lb

Store Packaged
Red Bliss Potato Salad..... **\$6.49**
lb

Point Reyes 6 oz. Pkg. Original
Blue Cheese Wedge..... **\$10.99**

WINE

Inama
750 ml Bottle
Imported from Italy!
Vin Soave
\$15.99
Reg. Price - \$17.99



Bogle 750 ml Bottle
Domestic. California
**Cabernet
Sauvignon**
\$10.99
Reg. Price - \$12.99



BAKERY

Store Baked
Fresh. Packaged
Cinnamon Rolls..... **\$2.49**

Store Made. Loaf
Garlic Bread..... **\$3.49**

CHEF PREPARED

Festive!
Mexican Lasagna..... **\$12.99**
ea

Delicious & Made Fresh Daily!
Spicy Peanut Noodles..... **\$10.99**
lb

Homemade Savory Pies to Go!
Chicken Pot Pie..... **\$12.99** Small **\$18.99** Large

Shepherd's Pie..... **\$12.99** Small **\$17.99** Large

GARDEN CENTER

6 Pack
Annuals..... **\$2.99**
ea

48 Plants - Mix & Match!
Annual Flats..... **\$19.99**
ea

6 Inch Pot - Assorted Colors!
Pansies..... **\$4.99**
ea

Cold Season - 6 Pack
Vegetables & Herbs..... **\$2.99**
ea

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, May 3rd — Thursday, May 9th, 2024

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus Boneless Ribeye Steak
\$18⁹⁹ lb



Friends' Store Baked Turkey Breast
\$9⁹⁹ lb



Dunkin' 10 ct. Selected Variety K-Cups
\$7⁹⁹



Stonyfield 32 oz. Selected Variety Organic Yogurt
\$4⁴⁹



Tropicana 52 oz. Selected Variety Orange Juice
\$4⁵⁹



Häagen-Dazs 14 oz. Sorbet or Selected Variety Ice Cream
\$4⁴⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



Pint Strawberries..... **\$3⁹⁹**

Fresh, Seedless Watermelon Quarters **99¢ lb**

Fresh Florida Bi-Colored Corn..... **4/\$5**



First of the Season! Vidalia Onions..... **\$1⁴⁹ lb**

Vine-Ripened Cluster Tomatoes..... **\$1⁹⁹ lb**

Fresh Seedless Cucumbers **2/\$3**

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