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Miracle Mitt Rekindles Long-Lost Love

ORR Youth Baseball Opening Day

By Mick Colageo

Andrew Daniel's Ray Kinsella moment came from his son rather than his father.

Eleven years ago, the Marion resident's son Jackson arrived home from Kindergarten with a flier for youth baseball.

"He wanted to sign up. My youth baseball in the league didn't end well, I didn't enjoy it. I actually hated the game at the end," recalls Daniel, fighting off emotional moments after throwing out the ceremonial "first ball" for Opening Day of Old Rochester Youth Baseball on Saturday morning at Gifford Park.

Daniel was publicly recognized for his 11 years of volunteerism and had just thrown the "first ball" to ORRYB President Mike Duarte when he recalled that baseball hadn't always brought him the joy it has for the past decade.

As a child, baseball in his mind was anything but a field of dreams, more of a stitch in the gut, a bitter loss lacking resolution.

"Not a good relationship with the head coach. It just put a nasty taste in my mouth for the rest of my life, and (when Jackson asked) I was like, 'no, anything but baseball,'" recalled Daniel. "I was struggling between bringing up bad feelings or letting my kid down. And I remember not being able to sleep that night. ... I didn't want to let him down."

After all those years, what he thought had faded from memory was suddenly raw all over again.

"I'm not overly religious, but I needed help with that one," said Daniel, who prayed. "It wasn't like it's the most important decision in the world, but ... it was just a tough thing for me. I said, 'I need a sign.'"

The next day, Daniel got into his white van that he typically parked at the police station, and on his way to work, he spotted something in the middle of Route 105 near the S-shaped curved in the road. Resting on the yellow divider lines: a men's size, black, Easton-brand baseball mitt.

Having pulled over to confirm what his discovery was, Daniel brought the glove to the police station and told them in case anyone reports it missing.

On the Cover: Saturday's chilly start didn't stop players, coaches and attendees from celebrating a pleasant Opening Day for Old Rochester Youth Baseball at Gifford Park in Rochester. The bright sun even inspired this young player to get his game face on ahead of May 4 action. Photo by Mick Colageo

"If not, I'm going to keep it for the time being, and I still have it today," said Daniel, who since that day has brought it to the fields as a coach in T-Ball, farm league, minors and

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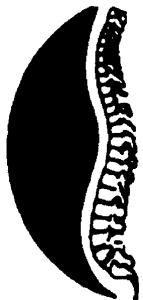
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majors, having guided minor and major league teams to championship finals.

For five years, he spent seven days a week on youth baseball, working on field maintenance when there wasn't a game or a practice.

"I always tell the parents, 'I'm not a professional hitting coach, but I spent an extraordinary amount of money on them for my kid, and I paid really good attention,'" said Daniel, who studied the teaching videos and is trying to save baseball parents some of that money by being a sponge for baseball instruction and paying it all forward.

Freshly retired from his roles in ORRYB, Daniel stills breathes baseball. He now coaches his daughter in softball and is helping coach Babe Ruth League and travel baseball. His son is a freshman playing in the ORR High School program.

Sharing a laugh with his ORRYB maintenance successor Jim Perry, who of course didn't realize what he was getting himself into when he volunteered his own time, Daniel hasn't retired as much as he has redirected his revived passion for America's pastime. All because someone left a baseball glove on his pathway to work.

His ORRYB teams never won the championship. The prize was his opportunity to make baseball a positive experience for all those children. But like Shoeless Joe Jackson tells Kinsella at the end of Field of Dreams, Daniel knows it was he who needed that mitt the most and the second chance that came with it.

"It's the craziest thing," he said, "and it's the biggest blessing."

Little Library Greeted in New Home

Tri-Town Against Racism
By Michael J. DeCicco

On May 4, six-year-old Sippican Elementary School first grader Owen Excellent cut the ribbon to unveil the "Little Free Diversity Library" planted in front of the Rochester Women's Club building as an appreciative crowd applauded a move that took months to come to a successful conclusion.

Speaking from the club building's front steps before the ribbon-cutting, Alison Noyce, president of Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR), the group that donated the little library to Rochester last year only to have it rejected by its original hosts, said she was moved by the large turnout facing her for

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this relocation ceremony. She thanked the Women's Club for providing the space to allow people access to the Little Free Library without any controversy.

"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this incredible space," she said.

New Bedford High School student Elliot Talley then spoke, emphasizing the importance of having books on the subject of diversity available to the general public.

"Not only are these books beneficial to those who are marginalized," he said. "But to those who aren't, it serves as a lesson on the experiences of marginalized people so hopefully they can learn from it and try to understand some of their struggles. These diverse perspectives make people more compassionate."

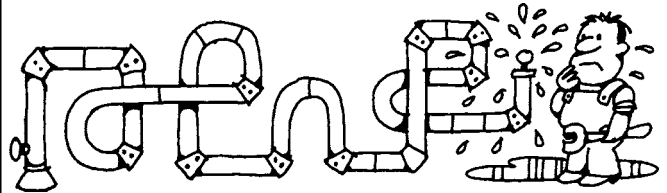
At its first Rochester location, the Joseph A. Plumb Library, the little library drew more criticism than praise from residents proclaiming it was redundant to have it right outside a big public library and that some of its books should not be accessible to children.

In September 2023, the library trustees gave the library back to TTAR, saying they were doing so based merely on the fact the town library controls its own grounds and staff

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The Women's Club reached out to TTAR that December, and TTAR jumped at the chance to relocate the little library to a more suitable site. The Rochester Women's Club is a private organization that owns the building there and leases to the town the space used as the Town Hall Annex.

After Excellence cut the ribbon and the glass door to the mailbox-sized, little library swung open, TTAR Vice President Rhonda Baptiste emerged from the Women's Club building with her homemade "Happy Birthday Abraham" cake decorated with an edible barber's pole and snare drum.

TTAR officials explained the event was also to celebrate the April 29 birthday of a prior champion of compassionate diversity, Abraham Skidmore, a black Mattapoisett barber who decades ago started that town's annual Halloween parade and donated his time and money to many charitable causes and people in need. They noted TTAR soon will dedicate the "Little Free Diversity Library" located at Mattapoisett's Ned's Point in Skidmore's name.

As attendees began sifting through the books the little library contains on race and gay rights, Old Rochester Regional High School senior, town resident and gay rights activist Alia Cusolito was excited to see it open.

"It's important to have access to these types of books," Cusolito said. "When I was growing up, these kinds of books were only available in my own home. My parents were very open to diverse ways of thinking. In school, it wasn't the same story. We didn't hear about people who were different. It's important for people to have access to literature and experiences they may not have access to in their regular lives."

TTAR has planted two other similar little diversity libraries, in Mattapoisett at Ned's Point and in Marion at Old Landing.

Nellie Hoping on Kidney and Career Helping Kids

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Nellie Zygiel has been in and out of the hospital for most of her life and was diagnosed with her third rare disease at the age of 10. Now 20, this Marion native wants

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to work at Boston Children Hospital and give emotional support to kids – remembering how therapy dogs and other supportive hospital staff helped her.

Zygiel, a Fairhaven resident finishing up her sophomore year at UMass Amherst, is faced again with health hurdles and is looking for public support.

“I was told I would need a kidney transplant and because of my age, most likely need multiple in my lifetime,” said Zygiel on her webpage, where she is seeking a donor for a kidney transplant. “Having doctors tell me ‘your body betrayed you’ and ‘to take time to grieve’ was not an easy thing to hear at 19. Naturally, this completely devastated me.”



Ten years ago, Zygiel was diagnosed with vasculitis, her third rare and chronic illness. This left her kidneys permanently damaged. Her health turned the corner until she received bad news last year that she would need a transplant.

During a recent interview, she said the donor list is filling up with people looking to help. She said that due to the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act, medical professionals cannot reveal too much.

“I’m trying to be very hopeful. I have my doubts because it is a scary process,” Zygiel said.

Zygiel was placed on the National Donor List in

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The downside to this is that being on the list comes with a five- to seven-year wait, so most people end up going on dialysis while waiting. "Dialysis takes a complete toll on someone's life," Zygiel said on her web page. "It makes people weaker, tired and depressed. As a 20-year-old college student, that's something I am desperately trying to avoid."

Right now, if Zygiel can get the transplant before dialysis, the future looks bright.

She has a 3.9 grade-point average at UMass and is a member of the Commonwealth Honors College.

She is majoring in psychology and education and hopes to one day be a child life specialist at Boston Children's Hospital and "help them cope when they are in the hospital



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and going through those tough times.”

“I have always wanted to do something with kids and help them out,” she said.

Because she is now over 18, Zygiel is working with a new team of doctors at Beth Israel and is happy with her team. However, she keeps in contact with her former medical team at Boston Children’s Hospital.

She said she remembers support specialists coming in with therapy dogs, cards and games, helping support her emotionally through those long hours in the hospital.

For information about donating or on whether your blood type is compatible with Zygiel’s, log on to KidneyforNellie.org.

The Wanderer Sails On

By Marilou Newell and Connor Gaudet

“Oh yeah, I’m the type of guy that likes to roam around, I’m never in one place, I roam from town to town...”

With the famous rock-and-roll song, “The Wanderer” playing in the background, Mattapoissett Museum Curator Connor Gaudet strolled down the center aisle of the museum to the podium. He began his presentation at the April 24 annual meeting of the Historical Society members. His topic: the Wanderer, the whaling bark that is the featured theme for the museum’s upcoming summer season.

But the history Gaudet intends to share is less a history lesson of the beloved ship and more how it has been cherished through the decades. First, however, a very brief refresher of Wanderer’s history.

In 2018, Seth Mendell, the highly respected historian for all things tri-town, gave a lecture on Wanderer’s history. Mendell wove a true story that included the air at the busy shipyard being scented with pine and tar, the sounds of saws at work and the ringing of nails penetrating wood that would be nearly deafening.

The Wanderer began construction 1877 and was eased into the harbor the following year, April 16, 1878, on a flood tide. It was the last of two ships built in Mattapoissett, Gaudet stated.

It was surprising to learn from Gaudet’s presentation that when the Wanderer was set afloat, the whaling industry was already two decades past its prime. “The distillation of petroleum to create kerosine had been discovered by Dr. Abraham Kessner in 1849. Oil was struck in Titusville,



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"By 1896, that same gallon would cost only 40 cents. By the turn of the century, only a few vessels were still plying the seas for whales, usually with underpaid, green crews from the Azores, Cape Verde or West Indies, who saw the trip as a chance to emigrate to the United States."

Gaudet continued, "When she was built in 1878, the world seemed to be starting a slow transition into a more modern age. It was the year Edison patented the phonograph, and Edward Muybridge produced a series of

stop-motion photographs in order to prove that all four feet of a galloping horse are off the ground at the same time, thus accidentally creating the first known motion picture. By 1915, the New England whaling industry was in such decline that Miss Emily Bourne announced her plan to build and give to the City of New Bedford a museum dedicated to keeping and sharing the history of its whale fishery, lest it be forgotten and slip away into the past. Now, when someone builds a museum to preserve the legacy of the profession you are currently engaged in, it might be time to start looking for other work."

Yet, right up until the day the Wanderer's last moments sitting in salt water came, people wanted it. Gaudet says that the last crew gets a bad rap for losing the ship. "At least four of the 12 men on board had crewed on the Wanderer before. I'm sure with more research we can find the other crew members on other previous voyages. My point is that the crew has gotten a bad rap for losing the ship. I suggest that it was not a 'green crew' that caused her to wreck but one of the worst storms the region had ever seen to date. The Great Gale of 1924 not only wrecked the Wanderer but inflicted enormous damage across Rhode Island and the South Coast of Massachusetts. It was commemorated later that year in a photo booklet documenting the destruction. It was comparable to the Hurricanes of (19)38 and '54."


"On September 30, another storm caused her to finally break up on the rocks she had rested on for 35 days."

As the years went by, the Wanderer has enjoyed notoriety, and people have created souvenirs and a variety of Wanderer-branded items, including the museum, which had ball point pens made from wood salvaged from the ship.

The summer exhibit will feature items created and branded "The Wanderer." Gaudet has a favorite memento, but he's not telling.

"With all the changes that have taken place in this town over the last hundred years since we supposedly 'lost' the Wanderer, one of the biggest constants, when you think about it, has been the overwhelming presence of the Wanderer. On T-shirts, the town seal, stores' names, Christmas ornaments, yearbooks, souvenir spoons and a million other tchotchkes, the Wanderer has transcended the ages, a town mascot for five-plus generations.

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One piece of the Wanderer that remains is a mast, now hanging in the museum's carriage house, where memories permeate the structure. "They call me the Wanderer, yeah the Wanderer, I roam around around around around..."

2024 Town Elections

Editor's Note: The Wanderer has invited candidates in contested races (more candidates on the ballot than seats open) to submit up to 350 words on their candidacy. Below are the Marion Select Board and Marion School Committee candidates who have responded to the Wanderer's invitation. Mattapoisett and Rochester candidates submitting statements will appear in next week's issue.

Marion Select Board

There is one open seat for a three-year term on the Marion Select Board being contested by incumbent Randy Parker and challenger Diane Lopes-Flaherty. The Marion Town Election will be held on Friday, May 17, at the Cushing Community Center.

Diane Lopes-Flaherty


My goal is to bring my long history of community service to all residents of our town. My door will be open. Initially, I would support a more practical mechanism to encourage residents' feedback to the town; a review of town roadways for safety and signage, and the impact on residents of the Marion/Wareham bridge replacement. I would explore the feasibility



of a designated truck route through the town to ease road noise and damage in residential areas, and a status report on the proposed New Meadow development as it pertains to aging in place. I was born and raised in Marion, one of nine children. My father, Benjamin "Jimmy" Lopes, was a Marion businessman, cranberry farmer, and special officer with the Marion Police. In my early 20s, I moved to Boston where I raised my three children and pursued a career in public service. I began as a social worker at the Cooper Community Center before serving as a victim-witness advocate under former Middlesex District Attorney Scott Harshbarger. I was later appointed as Neighborhood Services coordinator by Mayor Ray Flynn. The highlight of my career in Boston was to serve as the city's commissioner of Elder Affairs for

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a record 11 years through 1998, becoming the first person of color to lead that office. I returned to Marion in 1999 and continued in public service for another 17 years as consumer mediator for the Attorney General's Southeastern Massachusetts Division in New Bedford, where I received the Robert H. Quinn Award for Excellence before retiring in January 2017. I'm honored to have been recognized by the City of Boston, Boston University Medical Center, NAACP, National Society to Prevent Blindness, Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus, and the Boston Police Department, and to have served on the Board of Directors of the Madison Park Community Center, Boston Police Athletic League, MA/NH Chapter of the national Alzheimer's Association, and the Cape Verdean Festival Association. I'm an avid gardener who

loves this town, its people, and the opportunity to live with my husband Gerald in the home my father built on Point Road.

Randy Parker

Dear Fellow Marion Residents, I am Randy Parker, and I have had the privilege of serving as a member of the Select Board for the past six years. As we approach the upcoming election on May 17, I humbly seek your endorsement for my re-election. Having been an integral part of the Marion community for most of my life, I deliberately chose to raise my children and build my business in this town that I am fortunate and proud to call home. Throughout my tenure on the Select Board, I have embodied a hands-on approach, dedicated to gathering information and conducting thorough research before making decisions. This commitment to diligence has been the cornerstone of my service, and I am proud of the positive impacts we have achieved as a team within our town over the last several years. Some notable achievements include: the renovation of the Town Hall, the implementation of an emergency egress at Sippican School, and securing a School Resource Officer for the Sippican School. Looking ahead, there are several issues facing our town that demand our attention and action including: incorporating the comfort-dog program with the Police Department, reducing the speed limit to 25 in town (Article 32), and construction of the Department of Public Works facility. I firmly believe that I am the best candidate to address these challenges. I am committed to working tirelessly to explore every avenue, gather relevant details, and present the most informed options to our taxpayers. In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for taking the time to consider my candidacy. Whether you wish to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing our town or simply share a cup of tea, I am always available and eager to engage with you. Please feel free to reach out to me at your convenience. Thank you for your support and consideration.



Marion School Committee

There are two open seats for three-year terms on the Marion School Committee being contested by incumbents April Nye and Michelle Smith and challenger Kristina Callina. The Marion Town Election will be held on Friday, May 17, at the Cushing

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April Nye

As I seek re-election for a third term, allow me to reintroduce myself. I hold a Master's Degree in Criminology and Law and graduated from Suffolk University. I worked nearly 20 years for the commonwealth and retired from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department as the Gang Unit program manager, which focused on rehabilitation and victim's rights. When our son went off to Kindergarten, I started volunteering in VASE and eventually would become president of the same and spend the next seven years dedicating myself to the school



community and organization and still contribute now in various ways. I loved volunteering, but knew I also wanted to help and be involved on a different level, so I ran for and was elected in 2018 to the Marion School Committee. Since being elected in 2018, I have dedicated myself to supporting the rights of Sippican School students and their families, working with our faculty and administration to ensure they have what they need to meet our students where they are at, and pride myself on being accessible and transparent to the community of Marion. I have been the chairperson now for three years and know firsthand the importance of cultivating productive relationships with all stakeholders within the school and community, as well as have worked tirelessly to develop positive working relationships with our town Select

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Board, Finance Committee and town administrators and pride myself on having turned what were once contentious relationships into productive ones and appreciate everyone's commitment to our schools. It was my mission in 2018 to bring a School Resource Officer into Sippican and having finally done so in 2023 was a true accomplishment I feel for our students and school community. I am thankful to the voters for supporting the SRO and the added layer of security, as well as knowing the positive impact Community Policing has on children. There is much work to be done at Sippican, and I look forward to continuing this work on behalf of students, their families and the town and hope to have earned your continued support on May 17.

Kristina Callina

My name is Kristina Callina and I am asking Marion voters to elect me on May 17 for Marion School Committee. I am the parent of a third-grader at Sippican and an Old Rochester District alum, and have served the past three years on the Sippican School Council. I hope Marion voters will elect me because I have experiences from my educational background in child development, as a small business owner, data analyst, and as a parent, that I believe can benefit our community. As a developmental psychologist and statistician, I have expertise in social science research design and data analysis and reporting, having worked with institutions such as the United States Military Academy at West Point and the National 4-H Council to study and promote leadership and social-emotional learning among young people. I am looking forward to contributing my unique talents to the Marion School Committee, and to partnering with other School Committee members and the superintendent to serve our children and our community. As a parent, tri-town alum, and community member, I have a personal interest in preserving and improving the quality of our school system, and I believe in quality public education for our current and future students. For instance, while on the Sippican School Council, I provided guidance to the school improvement planning - my hope is to join the School Committee to help set policies and funding strategies to implement those plans. In my professional life, I have successfully partnered with diverse stakeholders across from private, military, and



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non-profit sectors, and I believe strong partnerships are likewise foundational to our school's success. I plan to help strengthen relationships between the School Committee and community stakeholders through transparency and thoughtful communication. I promise to work collaboratively to accomplish the School Committee's goals and to serve our teachers, students, and community. Finally, as a research scientist, I know how to balance rigor and reality, making decisions using best practices, available data, and real-world constraints and opportunities. I love Sippican School and promise to use all available information to vote in the best interest of the students of Marion.

Mattapoisett Voters Hear from Candidates

League of Women Voters South Coast

By Marilou Newell

Old Hammondtown School was the place to be on May 1 when the League of Women Voters of Southcoast held its Candidates Night in anticipation of the May 21 Mattapoisett Town Election.

Starting with a "meet and greet," each candidate was given time to introduce themselves and point to accomplishments, goals and other relevant matters before moving on to offer timed responses to specific questions being asked for those in contested races.

First up was the contested seat for a three-year term on the Select Board. The two candidates are incumbent Jodi Lynn Bauer and former principal assessor Kathleen Costello.

In their opening statements, Bauer pointed to her

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many accomplishments in the community from her 35 years supporting and working for Boys Scouts to sitting on the Tree Committee, Community Preservation Act Committee and her strongly held belief in representing all community members.

Bauer also noted her lifelong residency in Mattapoisett and her passion to serve as the "voice of the people." Bauer said she has demonstrated leadership skills and understands the importance of developing future leaders. She further noted that although it is very difficult, keeping the town budget on track is necessary.

Costello began stating that her family chose Mattapoisett to settle in and raise a family with her children attending local schools. Now some 30 years on and after a decades-long career working in the Assessor's office she held, she has a clear view of the town's finances.

Costello commented on the need for new housing units, which would benefit all taxpayers and her spearheading of PILOT programs (for solar farms) that has earned revenue for the town. She also shared that she is the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers.

Question 1 poised the following to the Select Board candidates: If elected ... how would you address any conflict-of-interest issues that may arise in the course of performing your duties on behalf of the town?

Costello responded, "Recuse yourself," expanding on that core response but returning that main message at upon any situation posing complication or doubt.

Bauer addressed the ethics Foo Par when she failed to recuse herself from salary discussion regarding her son

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Garrett Bauer's position as the elected highway surveyor. She acknowledged her error and said she has "learned from it." She also referenced occasions in which Select Board member Jordan Collyer has recused himself from matters related to the Fire Department, which he serves as a captain.

Question 2: With the debt soon to come off the books for the Old Rochester Regional School District's facilities, including Center and Old Hammondtown schools, what do you envision as a priority for the town for capital expenditures pertaining to these buildings, as well as the library, and how would you propose funding them without overburdening the taxpayers of the town? (ORR had sought a \$12,000,000 debt exclusion from the Tri-Towns that has been pulled from the May 13 town meetings

after Rochester's Select Board and Finance Committee recommended against supporting.)

Bauer responded that large projects would require borrowing, while smaller projects such as renovations to the library building could be funded through free cash.

Costello's response included the need to evaluate projects of which there are many, such as town hall, and that she would work collaboratively with an eye towards sustainable construction.

Question 3: Our coastline and thus our community, is vulnerable because of rising sea levels and increased nitrogen pollution due to warmer temperatures. Do you believe we need to take action to address these issues as a coastal community and if so, what do you recommend?

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Costello pointed to the global problem faced by all people. She said that having worked with FEMA, she grasps the importance of working with government agencies while working on local solutions.

Bauer's questioned the state's position that nitrogen in local harbors is the result of residential septic systems requiring expensive denitrification-technology upgrades and said she would first remove damaging fertilizers from the stormwater system.

Question 4: Road reconstruction on Main and Water streets is an important issue for our town. The February Tree Committee meeting was attended or watched by 200 residents. The 25% DOT design public hearing is delayed and project funding uncertain. Are you in favor of establishing a Road Reconstruction Committee as a means to bring consensus and understanding of the options available to the town?

Given she sits on the Tree Committee, Bauer recused herself from answering the question. However, she encouraged people to attend the June 18 public presentation by MassDOT of the village street reconstruction project.

Costello stated, "If the majority of the town wants it, my opinion doesn't matter."

Closing remarks from Bauer pointed to her work with the Mattapoissett Select Board in hiring municipal employees, pursuing a community garden for all geared towards sustainability, the importance of budget management and her desire to continue in her leadership role for all the people as a "community servant." If re-elected, Bauer said she

would continue to perform with "passion and pride" for Mattapoissett.

Costello said she believes in transparency, collaboration and would use her unique skill sets. She said she is a goal-oriented person, and as a former member of the town's financial team would work towards informed decision-making.

Other contested races find Mattapoissett School Committee member James Muse facing challengers Jack Lebrun and Kathleen McArdle-Leclair with two seats open after Tiffany Reedy did not seek re-election.

LeBrun stated reasons why he should be selected, included his desire to help students staying involved in the school system as he pursues his own educational goals and growing up in the town.

Muse pointed to his 12 years on the School Committee, the importance of parental involvement and the struggles teachers face teaching within prescribed frameworks.

McArdle-Leclair said parents are concerned with grades, especially since COVID-19. She said, as her own children move on to college, she wants to stay involved with the school system.

The other contested race is for the Board of Assessors with Alan Apperson challenging incumbent Leonard Coppola for one open seat. Neither candidate appeared on May 1.

Uncontested races in Mattapoissett are: Trustees of the Public Library, two seats with William Osier and Elizabeth Sylvia both seeking re-election Lizanne Capper Campbell for town moderator, Albert Mennino Jr. for re-election to the Water/Sewer Commission, Garrett Bauer for Highway Surveyor, Thomas Tucker for re-election to the Planning Board, Charles McCullough for re-election to the Mattapoissett Housing Authority and James Pierson and Susan Wilbur for two seats for re-election to the Community Preservation Committee.

The Mattapoissett Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at Old Hammondtown Elementary School.

Stone Spies and Friendly Porches

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

It amazes me that people can live in a town all their lives and miss things that are right under their noses ... or



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Technically, gargoyles are waterspouts designed to drain water away from a wall. Ours are not gargoyles, they are called grotesques. Center School's grotesques are pretty pleasant looking if you ask me. These faces were added when the school was constructed, thanks to a generous gift of Henry Huttleston Rogers who also funded Fairhaven High School, where you can find many more "stone spies," which they are sometimes called.

You may not have noticed the old town water trough on

the south side of Water Street. It once had a pump attached and was the source of fresh water for the villagers and their livestock. It now contains beautiful flowers in the summer.

I am not immune to seeing things every day and paying no attention to them. Porches are a good example. I have been wandering around our village nearly all my life, and I only recently noticed how many porches there are. I counted well over 60 until I lost count. I am easily distracted avoiding the pitfalls along my path. But that's another story for another time.

Front porches are mostly an American phenomenon. They first became popular in the middle of the 19th century. People became more mobile and moved to the suburbs to get away from the grit, noise and bustle of the city.

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breezes off the ocean. Listening to rain hitting the roof while swinging in the iconic porch swing or taking a nap in a hammock listening to your favorite music are just about the best ways I can think of to relax.

Some towns have "Porch Fests" where local musicians perform, and the townsfolk go from porch to porch enjoying the music.

Thinking of porches brings back memories of visiting my mother's cousin Charlie's farm. I would climb the giant weeping willow tree in the yard or play in the haystack. If the silo was empty, I'd jump inside and yell as loud as I could to hear my voice echo. Charlie would let Dad drive the old John Deere tractor with me on his lap, then we would all retreat to the porch where the adults would sit drinking cold beers, while I would enjoy a glass of freshly squeezed lemonade.

I think that when they pass a new zoning law - and you know they will - it ought to require front porches on all houses, retroactively, so you can smile and wave to passersby.

The world would be a better place.

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

Speak Up - I Did Not Hear You

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Hearing loss as we age is universal. In young adults, hearing loss is rare and usually mild, but as we pass 60, it becomes both more common and more severe. Past 80, the vast majority have hearing loss, and it is usually at least moderate.

Most hearing loss is gradual and so often not recognized by the individual. Family are in a better position to notice - they may comment on why you have the TV or car radio up so loud.

Age-related hearing loss is almost always worse at higher frequencies. Because women have higher-pitched voices than men, this is a possible explanation for the "selective hearing loss" that lets men hear their buddies talk football while claiming to not hear their wives ask them to do something.

Hearing loss can have a major negative effect on quality of life. You miss out on conversations, feel "left out," and may begin skipping events. Those with risk of dementia may

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experience a more rapid decline in mental acuity because of lack of interaction with others.

If this is a possible issue, get your hearing checked. The best way to do it is with an audiologist, who will have you in a sound-deadened room with headphones and will check the hearing in each ear at different frequencies. Most health insurance plans will pay for this. A fallback is an online hearing test you can do for free. Not as accurate, but very convenient.

If your hearing loss is more than minor, you ought to get hearing aids of some sort. Traditionally, you could only get hearing aids from an audiologist, and they were very expensive. Starting in 2022, hearing aids became available over-the-counter, and so price options have expanded.

Price is important, because Medicare does not cover hearing aids, though some Medicare Advantage plans offer partial coverage, and for those under 65, many commercial plans also do.

How expensive? I went to a national chain site, and the audiologist was recommending a set that went for over \$8,000.

If price is no object, go to an audiologist and you will get custom programming of the devices and free adjustment and tuning. A good option for those without insurance coverage but who want hand-holding during the process is to go to Costco (or another big-box store), where you will get similar technology at about half the price, albeit with less customization.

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Stretch Code Stays for Now

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

Action on Article 31 of the warrant for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting asking Marion voters if the town should opt out of the state's Stretch (building) Code and effectively resign from its membership in the state's Green Communities program will be postponed indefinitely after the Select Board determined Tuesday night that there is much more to be learned on both sides of the debate less than a week from Town Meeting.

The Town House Annex conference room was packed with citizens, including three members of the town's Energy Management Committee that spearheads Marion's participation in the incentive-based, state program that since 2018 has yielded \$548,975 in grant funding with an application due to be submitted on Friday for \$262,000 in municipal, energy-saving projects.

The motivation for the town to reconsider its participation stems from changes that are making the Stretch Code more stringent. Marion Building Commissioner Bob Grillo explained that it was his duty to bring the matter to the Select Board's attention to ensure the town understands the laws he will be obligated to enforce.

Opinions were many on the floor, and EMC member Bill Saltonstall told the crowd he opposes the article "because it's misleading and confusing."

The note on the warrant that the Finance Committee withholds recommendation due to no financial impact is "simply not true," said Saltonstall, asserting that an approval at Town Meeting would prevent the town from substantial state grants and Eversource energy savings.

Lisa Sullivan, the regional coordinator for the Green Communities program, was in attendance to field questions and offer clarifications to the board and residents.

Those against the article appeal to Marion's 24% energy reduction since joining Green Communities in 2018 and assert that if the article is approved, the town may never be able to get its municipal projects completed.

There was plenty of support for objections to the article, each greeted with a round of applause.

Christian Ingerslev, the chairman of the EMC, said

will almost certainly have to use a vendor who is on their list, so check before you see anyone.

Finally, if you have no insurance coverage and are on a limited budget, buy an over-the-counter device. The New York Times Wirecutter, Consumers Reports and Forbes have all published good reviews of these products, so browse them first. Recommended products came as low as \$800 per set.

If the budget is really tight, get a "PSAP," a personal sound amplifying product. These have only volume controls and are clearly not perfect for anyone, but can be bought on Amazon or at Walmart for as little as \$50! Using one of these devices is much better than constantly saying "what."

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that while disadvantages of the Stretch Code include higher construction costs due to stricter requirements than the base code, up-front costs can be reduced via the MassSave program and competitive grants that can offset third-party costs.

Ingerslev also said that while the Stretch Code can add layers of complexity, additional time and the need for professional expertise and can be particularly onerous with older buildings, the code brings better energy efficiency, HVAC performance and sealing of buildings.

From an environmental standpoint, greenhouse gases are lowered, helping combat the effects of climate change and offering better indoor-air quality, supporting the state's broader goals for stewardship of the environment.

"Marion should be a forward-looking town," he said, adding his recommendation to vote no and to keep the Stretch Code and the town's Green Communities designation.

Select Board member Randy Parker said the key to supporting a move out of Green Communities is, "what we adopted in 2018 is not what we're going to be presented."

Parker said it is important that residents understand that the question was asked in 2018 if the Stretch Code would affect existing dwellings and "the answer was no." That's what Parker understood would be changing until Sullivan laid out some thresholds that she believes have far less potential to trigger the updated Stretch Code than what Parker believed coming into the meeting.

During the discussion, Parker had also addressed concerns about the town's historical district. Longtime resident Chris Washburn, also an electrician, said he has seen many homes in Marion and that if the Stretch Code is applied, many would become teardowns and the town would lose its character.

Grillo wanted to make sure the town understands that with changes in the Home Energy Rating System (HERS), the Stretch Code has effectively become the Base Code. Sullivan found herself correcting conclusions being drawn by residents regarding the interpretations of how HERS ratings will affect their home projects.

Select Board member Norm Hills suggested that such a trend is not new and continues. Parker, however, disagreed in the newness of its application limits.

Resident Shaun Walsh identified a fear of the unknown in the room and a "real lack of information about this, and that tells you that this article should not pass."

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Walsh asked what percentage of building permits issued by the town over the last five years would have triggered the new Stretch Code. Sullivan estimated that the answer is probably closer to 5% than 50%.

Hills said he dug through the last three years and pulled 27 building permits ... all big houses, he said, and concluded that "this code, I don't think, would impact that."

Margie Baldwin said, "The reason the state did this is climate. Some of us have to take our lumps ... yes, it hurts some pockets, but ... this is something that's real. ... We have to face reality."

Select Board Chairman Toby Burr asked Sullivan and Grillo if they knew what the ramifications are for the construction of sports facilities like ice rinks and bubbles.

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Resident Catherine Collings said that rebates have come slowly from MassSave.

Resident Chris Collings suggested that although an excess of \$500,000 in grant funding sounds impressive, the figure represents a miniscule fraction of the town's annual operational budget and therefore would be better realized within the budgetary process so as to escape the hooks that come with the grants.

Resident Tucker Burr questioned if the state puts more money into the Green Communities bucket or if grant applications become more competitive.

Sullivan said Green Communities started with \$10,000,000 and has been doubled. There are 295 municipalities among the state's 351 communities, four of

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which joined over the last year. Citing the requirements on its already-expensive plans for a new fire station and police headquarters expansion, the Town of Rochester recently became the only town to ever opt out of the program.

As more residents acknowledged a need for more education on the subject, Parker changed his stance and supported holding Article 31 with the stipulation that the town host Green Communities for three informational meetings in a larger space with the possibility of bringing the article back to a special fall town meeting.


"This isn't going away," he said before making his motion. Hills and Toby Burr agreed, bringing applause from a gathering that Town Administrator Geoff Gorman had to ask to disperse so that the board could conduct the rest of its



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agenda.

Early in the meeting, Police Chief Richard Nighelli appeared before the board to request three appointments to his staff, beginning with Assistant Harbormaster Andrew Miller. The board approved and also approved the appointments of full-time patrol officers Patrick Adams and Mark Norman.

Since 2020, Miller had become a regular on the Harbormaster's staff and, under police reform, was required to leave the department to pursue state certification as a police officer so he could join Adam Murphy's core with Deputy Harbormaster Dave Wilson.

Miller is a 2018 ORRHS graduate and Massachusetts Maritime Academy and will join the Harbormaster Department effective Sunday, May 12.

Marion Fire Ladder truck No. 1 will be junked at a profit of \$10,000. With its replacement due in the fall, the town has arranged for support from surrounding departments, including Wareham and Onset.

Kelli McSweeney was appointed to the Music Hall Advisory Committee.

The board granted Tri-County Music Association a Special One-Day Alcohol Beverage License for a June 9 scholarship fundraiser, band concert and 250-guest event from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Tabor Academy Alumni tent.

The board granted Tabor Academy a performance time extension to 11:30 pm for live music for the dinner/dance, part of the school's Reunion Weekend June 7-9.

The board also approved: Annual Water Restrictions from June 15 to September 15, a Mobile Home and Trailer Permit at 507 Delano Road, the town's Water & Sewer Abatement Policy and Water/Sewer commitments for final readings of \$329.58 (April 12) and \$304.36 (April 23).

The board disapproved a Water/Sewer Abatement of \$2,226.73 requested at 44 Rocky Knook Lane.

In his Town Administrator's Report, Gorman noted major events coming up such as the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 13, at 6:45 pm at Sippican Elementary School, the Annual Town Election to be held on Friday, May 17, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Cushing Community Center on Route 6 and the town's Annual Memorial Day Remembrance ceremonies to begin with a 9:00 am procession from the Music Hall up Front Street to Old Landing, where the observance will be completed.

Independence Day Parade applications are available at marionma.gov and at the Marion Town House.

Gorman said that after a \$10,000 donation from Tabor Academy, the Fireworks Committee is still \$7,000 of its \$40,000 goal and has until June 16 to raise the money to hold the event scheduled for July 6 (rain date July 7).

The Annual Town Party scheduled for August 24 at 4:00 pm at Silvershell Beach is also soliciting donations.

Disagreement Holds up Search Committee
Rochester Select Board
By Michael J. DeCicco

After an objection over who the board is not choosing to appoint, Rochester's Select Board Monday had to delay for two weeks its action to form a Town Administrator Search Committee and find a replacement for Glenn Cannon, who

is leaving the town position after the May 13 Annual Town Meeting.

Select Board member Brad Morse motioned that the committee to find Cannon's replacement will consist of himself, Financial Director and soon-to-be Interim Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar, former Town Clerk Paul Dawson, Finance Committee Chairman Kris Stoltenberg and resident John Egger.

Personnel Board Chairperson Kristen Nash objected to the reason she could not also be appointed. Cannon said Town Counsel has informed him it is because she is a member of the Personnel panel. "You would have to resign from the Personnel Board," he said.

Nash fought back, arguing the language in the town's Personnel Bylaw does not exclude members of boards that run for a short term, then are disbanded, such as is the case with the Personnel Board. "It is discriminatory," she said. "It is ludicrous. I don't think that what you are doing here is the intent of that bylaw."

Nash asked the board to seek a written opinion from Town Counsel on the issue. Select Board Chairman Paul Ciaburri motioned to seek that opinion before voting the actual appointments. Morse insisted that his motion to appoint his original five names remain in play. The two board members ultimately approved continuing the appointments to the May 20 meeting; board member Adam Murphy was not in attendance.

Cannon, who became the Rochester town administrator in March 2022, is leaving the position on May 14 to accept

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In other action, the board approved and signed the contract for Rochester Police Lieutenant Donald Kemmett to become interim police chief for a time to expire when a permanent chief is hired. The previous chief, Robert Small, announced his retirement last month, effective June 28.

The Select Board approved a one-year extension of the Regional Old Colony Communications Center contract that places the town's public-safety-dispatching services in Duxbury.

The Select Board awarded Citations in Recognition of Residents to Pat Joy and Roxanne Costa for saving a fellow senior's life through CPR at the Senior Center on April 18. The board said later that a larger ceremony honoring the two

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The Select Board continued until June 3 its public hearings to approve installation of an Eversource utility pole and a new manhole cover on Rounseville Road and a new Verizon utility pole for 198 Clapp Road.

The board approved the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) agreement that will allow the town to apply for ARPA grants. It then approved Financial Director Suzanne Szyndlar as the grant process's authorized reporter and town Treasurer Ashling McLoughlin as authorized representative.

Cannon announced that the state has now approved the Special Town Meeting article passed in January that will allow Scott Weigel to continue as fire chief beyond the mandatory retirement age of 65. Cannon has said the chief wishes to stay on to see the completion of the Public Safety Facility project. The article reads that he may not stay in the position past age 67.

The Rochester Select Board will meet next at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 13, at 7:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School and reconvene for its regular meeting on Monday, May 20, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

Fieldstone Expansion Approved

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

At the conclusion of Monday night's three-hour, 26-minute public meeting, the details of agreed-upon

conditions still needed assembly for the purposes of Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee's written decision. But the Marion Planning Board unanimously voted to approve the proposed expansion of Fieldstone Farms Market at 806 Mill Street (Route 6).

After Representative Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering finished an itemized summary of the applicant's responses to SITEC's lengthy site-plan review, Fieldstone owner Arnie Johnson was given the green light to begin the project that will raze a house, combine that adjacent lot with the one where his store sits and expand the store.

Several abutters attended the continued public hearing, airing their concerns over issues related to wetlands, buffers, people walking through abutting yards to get to the store and lighting of the parking lot.

Except for Ben and Angie Hack's request for a fence to push foot traffic around their 29 Olde Sheepfield Road property – the board prefers a natural buffer – Johnson's plans and revisions seemed to address the vast majority of concerns except one.

After Johnson stressed with abutters that no trees are coming down on their side of the store and that "we're adding a considerable amount of vegetation to augment what's there," 25 Olde Sheepfield Road resident Dina Nichols asserted that the expansion will bring down residential home values abutting the store.

In acknowledging that the board was not hearing a "use" issue, Nichols noted that the Approval Not Required combination of lots to facilitate the expansion subtracts a house from Marion at a time when multiple boards and committees are working to create more housing so seniors can age in place and the town can attract more young families.

"Once that happens, that larger home, the home in front of that one, that lot someday, that's going to be commercial," said Nichols. "I'm in real estate. If their home's a little run down, they're going to be saying, 'we're next.' As neighbors, we want extra attention. I can guarantee you that is what is going to happen down there."

Adding that Marion's Master Plan does not list Fieldstone's location as a priority area for business, Nichols asked the board to, "please be very considerate to the impact, not just now but years down the road. ... Be extra generous."

The comments were triggered by the applicant's request not to have to list the trees in the back of the Fieldstone property on the site plan when they are all staying in place. Madden openly considered the abutters' request punitive. Johnson called it "wasteful."

Johnson, who regularly vets proposals in Rochester as the chairman of that town's Planning Board, has repeatedly told abutters in this case that he wants to be a good neighbor and do the right thing. He reiterated that stance when board member Eileen Marum brought to his attention the environmental ramifications of using salt to melt ice in his parking lot.

The one major disagreement that Madden took with SITEC's site-plan review was its recommendation that parking spaces on the site be reduced from the proposed 44 to 35. In the applicant's opinion, there is nothing to gain by



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making such a change.

Johnson also noted that while he originally planned not to light the expanded parking lot, in deference to SITEC's comment G.A.F. Engineering has added two lighting poles in the northeasterly side of the site that will be 20 feet high and Dark Sky compliant. They will be shut off before the outside ice-cream window closes, but those employees will be instructed to park out front.

Issues regarding dumpster service were raised, and Johnson said a recent change in vendors has interrupted progress he has been making. Services such as dumpster removal/replacement and deliveries will be relegated to between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm (dumpster) and 7:00 pm (deliveries). The monthly service of vacuuming the parking

lot cannot happen when vehicles are present, so that matter remained murky.

Member Andrew Daniel's motion to close the public hearing at 9:58 pm was not supported; the hearing was closed at 10:17 and the vote taken at 10:26 pm.

A public hearing that results into a Special Permit granted to Providence resident Ever Ortiz to conduct an auto-sales business in limited size at 13 Washburn Lane turned into a forum to air concerns about dangerous driving conditions especially where the road meets Front Street near Route 195.

"You are taking your life into your hands by pulling out of that road," said resident Michele L. Wilson, adding she has lost an axel and two tires driving 10 miles per hour

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on Washburn Lane. Wilson said she chose to live near the park for its conservation area and recreational activities such as little league, horse shows and dog walking. But existing signs there, she says, "make it absolutely impossible to see left or right."

Ortiz intends not to showcase vehicles but to act as a finder and negotiator, doing all his preparation work far away from the site. He told the board, on the advice of a friend, that he find a place where there is a noticeable lack of car dealerships.

It was discussed how car flippers typically keep a small inventory, but Ortiz's business will be conducted online until it's time to close a deal. The Planning Board stipulated that Ortiz have no more than two vehicles he is selling on the site at the same time. The Board of Health had already ruled that no washing of vehicles is allowed at the site.

There are two available parking spaces for the business, and board members were challenged to determine how that can accommodate a buyer, Ortiz, and the vehicle being purchased.

Board member Ryan Burke made sure Ortiz understands that the Special Permit approved by the board on this night would require updating should the business update to change or expand its operations. "The Special Permit will be based on what you put on the application," said Burke.

Member Alanna Nelson asked Ortiz about a growth plan for his business.

"This is just the start," he said. "Maybe find a different place, something bigger ... a body shop. For now, I just want to start with this."

Frank McNamee, a 35-year resident, supported Ortiz's plan.

"All the comments about how dangerous (that intersection is) are true. What this gentleman is proposing is low impact compared to what could be there. If he's sincere, and that's all he plans to do, I think Marion should support what he plans to do." McNamee said. "I'm sorry, people thought I would oppose this, but I am not."

Board member Jon Henry identified himself as an abutter, noting the importance of signage and strongly suggested a traffic study be done. Having served 35 years on the Marion Fire Department, Henry said he saw some of the worst car accidents there, calling the area "very dangerous."

Henry was the lone dissenting vote, while Burke abstained. The Special Permit was granted Ortiz.

After a presentation by Eydie Soares Matteos in a public hearing, a Special Permit was granted to Healing Villa Company LLC to conduct business at 163 Front Street.

Motivated by her father's dealing with cancer, Soares Matteos said she has been practicing two years.

"I realized I was good at it," said Soares Matteos, who identified her calling. "When you walk into my space, it feels like home." His goal is to promote a healthier lifestyle, helping people from children to the aged. "My oldest client is 95."

Soares Matteos also sells Cape Verdean jewelry and shares profits with local athletic programs.

Parking is in the back, and Soares Matteos said little is



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Marum said her presentation was "done very well" and that she enjoyed reading Soares Matteos' mission statement, calling it, "very thoughtful."

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station.

Differing Opinions on Citizen's Petition

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The May 6 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board found two members speaking candidly about Article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant – creation of a committee brought via a citizen's petition, inspired by the Tree Committee's desire for influence on the project design.

The village streets reconstruction project was slated to be funded by the TIP program established by the Department of Transportation, the same agency that funded the boardwalk bike path known as Phase 1b.

Representing the Friends of Mattapoisett Village Roads was Bonne DeSousa. She said she wanted to share why the petition was being brought before Town Meeting and to how the Planning Board and other boards and committees will be asked to take a seat if the article passes Town Meeting muster.

DeSousa explained that about six people with a like mind to gain full participation on plans to reconstruct the village roads wrote the petition after receiving sufficient signatures verified by the town clerk's office. She said the petition, if passed, would allow for the creation of a new committee comprised of one member each from the Planning Board, Select Board, Community Preservation Committee and the Tree Committee. There would also be three at-large members, two with unspecified construction backgrounds. The committee would be fully engaged in all aspects of the project, including keeping taxpayers fully informed.

DeSousa emphasized that the petition and committee is not solely for further study of the number of trees that would require removal but also the complete design, including the need for ADA-compliant sidewalks.

After DeSousa asked if the board members had any questions, a member of the public asked for the opportunity to speak. Deborah Abelha, 6 Stoney Hill Road, said that the

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Tree Committee, with which she had dealt regarding trees on her own property, is "an advisory committee" and, as such, has in her opinion overstepped its bounds.

Regarding the village roads project, Abelha held that there is a number of projects facing the town and that another committee would only add another layer. She questioned why the petition was being brought before the Planning Board. Board member William Wennerberg explained it was for information only.

DeSousa said it won't be a building committee, it will provide a platform for public engagement and that the Select Board would hold executive power. "This is a citizen petition not coming from the Tree Committee," DeSousa said.

Wennerberg said many town agencies are already involved. He went on to say he was 100% opposed to establishing another committee, calling it "redundant." He said the Select Board has held loads of meetings.

Planning Board member John Mathieu said he agreed with Wennerberg, stating that Select Board members are elected to conduct the business of the people. "We are already five years into this project," he said.

Earlier in the evening, the Planning Board approved a Definitive Subdivision Plan for 112 Mattapoissett Neck Road, represented by Andy Stackpole of Field Engineering. The plan calls for two new lots with one remaining unbuildable and another already developed.

Two Form A applications submitted were approved for Colin Labrie, 7 Hollywoods Road, for the subdivision of three parcels.



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Donna L. Hubbard, 77, of Marion died Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at St. Luke's Hospital after a long illness.

She was raised in Mattapoisett and lived in town for most of her life.

Donna spent much of her time lovingly caring for her son, Paul, until his passing in 2009. She enjoyed having a

good time with family and friends, shopping, and having her glass of sangria when she went out.

She is survived by loving family members and friends and was predeceased by her only child, Paul M. Hubbard.

Her Funeral Service will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 10 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours are omitted. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Rev. Lisabeth Brimm passed away peacefully at McCarthy Care Center in East Sandwich, MA on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

Liz was the devoted life partner of 31 years to Carol M. Wester of Mattapoisett, MA.

Liz was born in Shawnee, OK to Preston and Lou Brimm, and had two beloved brothers, Patrick, and Michael, all of whom pre-deceased her. She is also pre-deceased by her much beloved Service Dog, and loving canine companion of 12 years, Ava.

Liz was a scholar, an accomplished woman, a self-made person, and always saw the best in everyone, and in every situation.

She graduated from Colorado College, having attended on a full academic Boettcher scholarship, where she was very active in social and women's rights causes. She also graduated from Andover Newton Yale Theological School, and took great pride in this, fulfilling a life-long dream of serving God, and helping others to enjoy God's presence and blessings.

Liz also had long and distinguished careers in software and hardware computer sales for major national companies, insurance sales, and served as a financial advisor for Edward Jones. She was the Protestant Chaplain for the Wrentham Developmental Center for several years, and proudly served people with intellectual disabilities. She most recently served as a Pulpit Supply minister at many area churches, and temporary pastor at the West Congregational Church in Taunton, which she enjoyed tremendously. She was also an active member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and North Congregational Church in Middleborough.

Liz leaves behind her beloved companion Carol, as well as many dear friends, including Rev. Dale Thackery

of Marion, Rev. Aimee Dion of Pocasset, and Havens Levitt of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She also leaves her extended family members, Barbara and Douglas Bingham of Raynham, Janice Wester and Grace Trivers of Chelmsford, Andrew, Molly, and Colby Januse of Fall River, Martha Januse and Zelia Costa of Taunton, Treesie Allen of Dallas, Texas, Michael Martin and Amy Peterson of Fairhaven, and Grace Resendes of New Bedford.

In honor of Liz, please perform an act of kindness, say a prayer, treasure the people you love, pet a dog, and see the miracle in every day. Donations may be kindly made to the any animal protective agency of your choice.

A Memorial Service will be held for Liz on Saturday, May 11th at 2 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. Friends are invited to arrive at the funeral home at 1:30 pm. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



William (Bill, Wild Bill) D. Titcomb of Marion, MA, passed away at the age of 83 on April 30, 2024. William was born in Keene, NH, graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1958, and graduated from the New Bedford Institute of Technology in 1962. William served in the United States Marine Corps as a 1st Lieutenant, was a

Veteran of the Vietnam War, and a proud member of the VFW, Post 2425. After serving his country, he became known as Mr. Titcomb (Mr. T) and was an elementary school teacher for the Town of Wareham for 37 years. In addition, he coached several sports at the high school level for both the boys and girls teams. Mr. Titcomb was the first coach ever of the Wareham hockey team and the Wareham tennis team. He also coached girls basketball, and girls soccer. Bill was also a local cable television celebrity. His channel 8 television shows included: The Knowledge Bowl, Let's Play Tennis, Let's Play Golf, Wild Bill's Woodworking, and Wild Bill's Wildflower Painting.

In his spare time, Wild Bill enjoyed playing tennis, golf, fishing, sailing, skiing, ice skating, playing hockey, painting, carpentry, eating breakfast with his high school buddies, and riding around in his pickup truck. He was a tennis champion at the Sippican Tennis Club (STC) in Men's Doubles, Men's Singles, and Mixed Doubles. He also ran Sunday Morning Men's Doubles at the STC for approximately 25 years. He was a member of Little Marion Golf Course for almost 4 decades and hit 6 Hole-in-Ones. He caught thousands of fish, and sailed the southwest winds in Buzzards Bay from May to October for 30 years. When the seasons changed, he would primarily transition to hockey. He played on Saturday mornings in Hockey Unlimited, and achieved one of his many goals in life by playing a shift at the age of 80 at the Gallo Ice Arena in Bourne, MA.

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Lastly, a Form C application submitted by David Duchaine for property located off Ocean Drive was approved.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm.

Town Collaborating with Coalition on Bogs
Mattapoissett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

On May 7, Mattapoissett Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King read into the minutes a letter from the Select Board regarding its decision to seek professional advice regarding any possible contamination of soils at The Bogs.

The Bogs, located off Acushnet Road, are former agricultural bogs which had been farmed for decades. When the land became available for purchase, the Buzzards Bay Coalition spearheaded an effort to restore the acreage and conserve it for passive recreational uses.

Massive earthmoving activities and former manmade waterways were being reconfigured when winter storms overtopped the stormwater system, allowing soils from the site to migrate off site. At commission meetings, the red flag went up that possibly contaminated soils had left the site, soils containing legacy chemicals used in the cranberry industry. Therefore, the commission asked the Select Board for guidance on the issue of chemicals, while it placed an Enforcement Order on the work taking place.

Now the commission has its answer. The Select

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Board letter in essence stated that the town is working collaboratively with the BBC in engaging a third party to analyze the situation. In the meantime, work has continued at The Bogs, and BBC team member Sara Quintal said, "We are about 90-percent done."

But what about that Enforcement Order?

After some discussion, the commission asked for two weeks, time that will be used to confirm that the lifting of the Enforcement Order doesn't somehow limit the independent study about to get underway. All were in agreement.

In business handled earlier in the meeting, abutters located at 36 and 40 Water Street joined in two Request for Determination of Applicability filings in order to replace storm damage to seaward-facing properties. Craters and

OBITUARIES

William was predeceased by his father Millard, his mother Carolyn, his Aunt Jane and her husband Donald Welch, and his cousins David and Kenny Welch. He is survived by his wife Sharon (Marion, MA), his brother Peter (Supply, NC), sister-in-law Nancy Surpenant (Little Compton, RI) and her husband Gerald, his two sons Timothy (Cary, NC) and his wife Nancy, Joshua (Cambridge, MA) and his wife Cathey, his 5 grandchildren: Anna, Jack, Rory, Axel, and Ellis. He is also survived by four nieces (Sarah, Kim, Julie, and Jessica), and nephew Little Pete. He is also remembered by his cousin David's partner Margo Melnicove of Wayland, MA.

In honor of Wild Bill's wishes, due to his zest for life, there will be no funeral services. Instead, the family will hold a Celebration of Life party in the summer of 2024, where there will be plenty of champagne and cheap beer to drink for all.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.warehamvillagefuneralhome.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.

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Thursday May 9, 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 America's Funniest Firefighter Contestant - Mark Lawrence
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 11:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
 11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 11:30 AM Paltrocst with Darren Paltowitz
 12:00 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 - Suzy Titus
 3:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Brand - 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 Girls Lacrosse vs Plymouth North
 11:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Reenactments

Friday May 10, 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 Paltrocst with Darren Paltowitz
 4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
 5:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset Berkley
 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 America's Funniest Firefighter Contestant - Mark Lawrence
 10:30 PM David Poyant Artist Interview
 11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Political Polarization

Saturday May 11, 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 - Suzy Titus
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 3:30 PM South Coast Matters
 4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 4:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs GNBV
 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 David Poyant Artist Interview
 10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 12, 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 Mattapoisset 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 Paltrocst 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 13, 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 Sippican Historical Society - Tremont Advent Christian Camp

Tuesday May 14, 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 Sippican Historical Society - The Revolutionary Temper with Robert Darnton

Wednesday May 15, 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 Mattapoisset 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 Mattapoisset 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 Paltrocst 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 Sippican Historical Society - Cape Verde through my Lens with Rick DaSilva

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
 7:30 AM RMS Kindergarten Info Session
 8:30 AM ORR/JHS Spring Concert
 9:30 AM ORR Music Tribute
 10:30 AM ORR/JHS Guppy Tank
 11:00 AM ORR/JHS Drama - Alien Invasion!
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 12:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
 2:00 PM ORR Class Olympics
 2:30 PM OCTI Welding Class Graduation
 3:00 PM Gun Safety Forum at GNBV
 5:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Somerset Berkley
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 6:30 PM FORM Instrumental Concert
 7:30 PM FORM Choral Concert
 9:00 PM Old Colony Football vs Narragansett
 11:00 PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven

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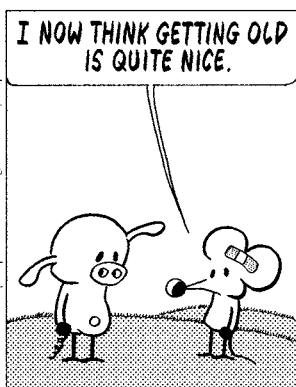
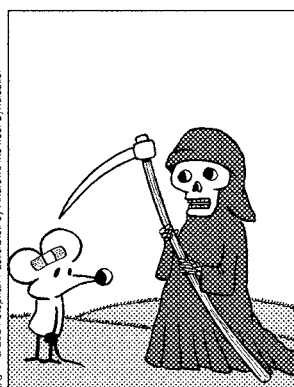
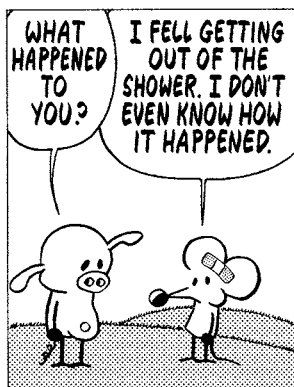
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
 10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
 11:00 AM Marion Planning Board
 1:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
 1:30 PM Marion School Committee
 2:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
 3:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
 4:30 PM Marion Board of Health
 5:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
 6:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
 8:00 PM ORR School Committee
 10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
 11:30 PM Marion Town Warrant Review

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other landscape damages wrought by winter storms created a hazard especially for small children, it was noted. The two filings received positive determinations.

Receiving negative determinations for RDA filings were: Devin Sprague, 3 Byrne Avenue, for the removal of invasive brush and trees; Chase Wingate, 42 River Road, for a one-story addition in the 100-foot buffer zone; Wayne Tirrell, 16 Winnatuxett Beach Road, for improvements to a patio and 15 Seamarsh Way Family Trust, 15 Seamarsh Way, for landscape repairs after winter storms.

Also receiving a Negative determination was a RDA filed by Raymond Silveira, 0 Foster Street, for the confirmation of wetland boundaries that were completed by Environmental Consulting and Restoration, presented by Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering and verified by Mattapoisett Environmental Agent Samantha Carew. Neighbors' concerns

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Opening Day of Old Rochester Youth Baseball brought out the crowds to hail the march from the Dexter Lane fields over to Gifford Park for ceremonies, including recognition for 12-year-old players entering their final year of little league. Andrew Daniel (red jacket) was honored by Old Rochester Youth Baseball President Mike Duarte for his 11 years of volunteerism, including coaching and field maintenance during Opening Day ceremonies held May 4 at Gifford Park. Photos by Mick Colage



Ruth A. Griffin shared this photo of the Bay from Point Connett.

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over possible development of the properties was not heard, given the limited scope of the filing.

The last RDA heard was filed by Richard and Darla Tenglin, 96 Aucoot Road, for a septic repair.

Notice of Intent filings were up next. A NOI filed by Lawrence and Charlotte Oliveira for landscape repairs due to storm damage was conditioned, as was a NOI filed by William Mansfield for roadway improvements to Harbor Acres Lane.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission was not scheduled at adjournment.

Houseboat Site Given Go-Ahead

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester’s Conservation Commission Tuesday approved and signed the Order of Conditions for previously unpermitted work at 532 Snipatuit Road.

That work will remove an existing houseboat and dock from the edge of the pond within a wetlands buffer zone, including demolition of an existing house and construct a new, single-family home with associated site work, a new septic system and upgraded gravel-base driveway and stone cover.

In a previous meeting, the commission noted the plan’s Notice of Intent application was sparked by the board’s Enforcement Order against previous unpermitted, cleanup work there months ago. The applicant’s engineering consultant, Rick Charon, admitted then that there was a

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The walls of the Mattapoisett Library reverberated on May 4 with the songs of Johnny Cash as interpreted by Matt York. Sponsored by the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, York played and sang a selection of Cash's classic tunes. Photos by Marilou Newell



The annual spring yard sale hosted by the Mattapoisett Woman's Club was a smashing success on May 4. Photos by Marilou Newell



Tri-Town Against Racism celebrated the unveiling of its Rochester-based, Little Free Diverse Library on May 4 on the grounds of the privately owned Women's Center on Marion Road. Photos by Mike DeCicco



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variety of wetlands designations on the property, but there was also a variety of measures being planned to address them all.

Tuesday, Charon acknowledged, "you got our attention with your (Enforcement Order) letter. We needed to excavate there so (applicant Walter P. Faria) can a build house for his daughter."

Before motioning for the board to accept the OOC as written, acting Chairman Ben Bailey noted the enforcement letter will be attached to one of the conditions within the order, and Charon said he understood.

The plan that was specified in a previous ConCom meeting will include removing an old rotting house, replacing an "inadequate" driveway with a new one and at the pond area, building a siltation containment system and containment buoys.

In other action, the commission agreed to prepare and file a Notice of Intent for its plan to clear the sometimes-clogged, herring-run area from Hartley Farm Pond to the start of the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race.

In March, the commission met over a Zoom call with Brad Chase of Massachusetts Marine Fisheries as a follow-up to the commission members' February 10 site visit of the herring-run area. The commission's conclusion after that tour was that "mat of vegetation" might soon impede the herring run there.

Town Herring Inspector David Watling Tuesday described a more recent site visit he and ConCom members conducted with Chase. "We all agreed the work should be done," Watling said. "The question is how and when."

The commissioners agreed that testing the waterway conditions will be the next step before settling on how to fix the problem. Bailey suggested planting measurement sticks in the waterway after the boat race when the water level is rather low to conduct that test.

"We might find the vegetation is the problem, not the soil beneath it," Commissioner Michael Gifford said.

Gifford explained later that the options for fixing the problem area include dredging manually to open up a new channel or machine-dredging, using Plymouth County equipment that won't be available to them right away. First, he said, the town must determine the conditions of the river bottom through measurement sticks, weights or manually wading through it.

In other business, the commission continued its Notice of Intent public hearing for 0 Bishop Road, the construction of a single-family home with on-site septic system within a wetlands buffer zone, until its next meeting on May 21.

The board approved a requested extension of the Order of Conditions for Plumb Corner for housing lots located on Rounseville Road until 2025.

The Conservation Commission will meet next on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

ORR Girls Tennis Rolls

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls' tennis team edged a 5-1 Bishop Stang squad on May 3 by a 3-2 score to maintain a perfect 9-0 on the season with seven matches left to play in the schedule. The players of the match were Neva Matos and Mari Sudofsky. The Bulldogs are scheduled to host 9-1 Wareham on Thursday, May 9, at their Mattapoisett courts.

Boys Tennis

ORR defeated Bourne 5-0 on May 2, improving to 6-3, and the Bulldogs stay hot on a three-match winning streak. Their next match is on Friday, May 10, at Dighton-Rehoboth (4-3).

Girls Lacrosse

ORR dominated Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, winning 17-1 when the team met on May 1. The victory



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By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Fall Guy*. Starring Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt. Directed by David Leitch. Running time 126 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

Ryan Gosling is an affable presence. He's hard to dislike, but in recent years he seems to have dialed down any urgency or passion in his acting (except for his big "I'm Just Ken" number in *Barbie* and on the Oscars). He just wants to keep himself amused, and that's what he does in *The Fall Guy*. We don't necessarily want anything more from him in this role; there's no need for him to revisit the early drama of *The Believer* or *Half Nelson*. This is meant to be a big-budget based-on-TV wedge of cheese that gets the job done and keeps us feeling secure that it's going to stay steadfastly vanilla and mainstream. It's the sort of glitzy, unchallenging blockbuster that used to open on Memorial Day in the late '80s, and would have made more money then.

Gosling drives this contraption smoothly, but the movie pays a price for his noncommittal vibe. For one thing, it rubs off on Emily Blunt, who plays a cinematographer turned director, Jody Moreno, who's supposed to be and feel a bit in over her head. As her debut, she's helming a megabudget sci-fi thing involving cowboys and aliens, she's working with a highly unreliable star (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), and she's still sore over her breakup with Colt Seavers (Gosling), a master stuntman who usually doubles for that star. The script pushes Jody and Colt back together, and their response is all glib banter and "funny" scenes like the one where she makes him get flung into a rock over and over. Nothing of importance seems to have been lost, or be rekindled, between them.

Colt has been offline for about a year following a stunt mishap wherein he broke his back (one reason it isn't too funny when he keeps getting launched into that rock and his back takes the brunt of the hit). A lot of that time in the wilderness, we gather, is down to Colt's feelings of shame about the injury and inability to face Jody, who was there when it happened. But we don't feel this any more than we feel Jody's anger at Colt for his ghosting her for a year. There's a similar dynamic in *Grosse Pointe Blank* between John Cusack and Minnie Driver, but hangdog Cusack hooked us into his grief over the relationship and for the version of himself capable of



simple love, and Driver sure as hell made us feel her rage and her revived feelings for him and her rage about *that*. Maybe director David Leitch and credited writer Drew Pearce should've given that film a look.

The stunts, when they come, are crunchy and elaborate. Leitch is a former stuntman and stunt coordinator himself, and knows the life. But *The Fall Guy* is no *Hooper*, much less *The Stunt Man*. There's a bit of standard Hollywood japery about tough-talking but sissy movie stars, and Hannah Waddington steals the movie without much effort as a Diet Coke-addicted producer who covers her anxiety with rictus grins meant to be reassuring. That this producer essentially turns into an empty noisemaker in scenes that could be lifted out of her own cheese epics is the sort of depressing meta comedy the film passes off as satire. But there's a purity to the stunts, realized practically whenever possible, that lifts the movie somewhat. The fight choreography seems more on-point than the many chases, which never quite impress us because they feel, well, like *stunts*.

Colt has a cracking, wild-ass moment when he swings from skid to skid on a helicopter in chaotic flight, like a kid swinging from bar to bar on a jungle gym. But otherwise the stunts announce themselves too lazily, sometimes with characters batting the same banter back and forth in mid-air that they do on the ground. If the people onscreen don't take their situations or love lives or anything else very seriously, why should we? *The Fall Guy* was never going to be high drama, nor should it be, but even as a fizzy action-comedy it should have some *stakes*. What does it mean, really, that the movie Jody has been thirsting to make for years, and the one for which Colt and many other stunt performers risk their lives, looks like a big stupid Comic-Con Hall H hype bomb? Are her dreams being ridiculed, or is the movie saying that so much of her time spent on Hollywood sets has cheapened her dreams? A goofball amusement like *The Fall Guy* shouldn't leave us asking ourselves disheartening questions like this.

improved the Bulldogs to 8-3 going into Wednesday's match at Seekonk (2-9).

Boys Lacrosse

The Bulldogs played Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on May 1 and won 15-1. The win evened ORR's record at 5-5 on the season. Henry Cooney was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs were scheduled to host Seekonk (8-4) on Wednesday.

Desousa, Cougars Battle for W's

Old Colony Sports Roundup

By Logan Hamlet

On April 30, the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School girls' softball team lost to Bourne, 11-6, in Rochester.

Kayleigh Desousa pitched seven innings, only allowing 3 hits and striking out 12 batters. At the plate, Desousa went 1-for-3 with a run scored and a run batted in. Patty Spillane went 1-for-3 with a double, a stolen base and 2 RBI's. Hunter DeSouza went 1-for-1 with a double and 2 RBI's. Leah Robitaille went 1-for-3 with 1 RBI and 1 stolen base.

On May 1, the Cougars hosted Cape Cod Tech and won 19-2, as Sharon Delancey earned the victory on the mound. Delancey and Desousa combined for a no-hitter. Desousa pitched three innings with 5 strikeouts. Emma Yelle made an over-the-head, running catch in the fifth inning to help preserve the no-hitter.

Offensively, Desousa went 3-for-4 with 3 doubles, 4 RBI's and 3 stolen bases. Lindsey Bacchiocchi went 2-for-3 with 3 RBI's and 4 stolen bases. Spillane went 2-for-3 with 3 RBI's and 1 stolen base. Faith Young went 3-for-4 with a double and 4 RBI's. Robitaille went 2-for-2 with 1 RBI.

On May 2, the Cougars finished their week at home with a 14-10 loss to visiting Norfolk Aggie. Desousa pitched seven innings, striking out 8 batters. At the plate, Spillane went 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and 2 RBI's. Desousa went 2-for-4 with a double and 3 RBI's. Yelle went 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and a triple. Bacchiocchi went 2-for-3 with 1 RBI and a stolen base.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editors:

Having read the letter/opinion of Eileen Marum of the Marion Planning Board in the most recent Wanderer, I am compelled to respond. Since when does a woman, working in any position to enhance the quality of life for the people of Marion have to endure the bullying of the verbally abusive, ill-mannered, boorish, peckish behavior of her male colleagues? There should be an outcry from the town over the dearth of noblesse oblige at these meetings. Consider this as one such outcry.

Ms. Marum has a large constituency which has put her on the Board for the last eight years. When the Planning Board members attempt to silence her, they attempt to silence her constituents who vote consistently. The Board members should be careful of suppressing opinions because it might lead to suppression of votes. Nota Bene: not a good idea for longevity on the Board. Her constituents vote in, and vote out.

The question begging to be queried is where was the Chair when all of this bullying was happening? The first role

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights April 28-May 4

- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Lewis St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Animal control
- Front St – Vandalism/past
- Mill St – Road hazard
- I195 West – MV collision
- County Rd – Assist municipal agency
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious MV
- Cove Cir – Burglar alarm
- Front St – MV collision
- Gifford's Corner Rd – Health/welfare
- Village Dr – Suspicious MV
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General service
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Family disturbance
- Washburn Park Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Maple Ave – Health/welfare
- Front St – General service
- Point Rd – MV stop
- Briggs Ln – EMS/Medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights April 28-May 4

- Mendell Rd – General service
- North St – MV violations
- Woodlawn Ave – Animal control
- Richard III's Ln – General service
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Upland Way – Animal control
- Barstow St – MV lockout
- Angelica Ave – Assist other agency
- High Ridge Dr – Summons service
- Meadowbrook Ln – Restraining order
- County Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – MV crash
- Homestead Ct – 911 call
- Wildwood Ter – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Harassing phone calls
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Suspicious persons
- Church St – General service
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Angelica Ave – Officer wanted
- Reservation Rd – Assist citizen
- Water St – MV crash
- Long Plain Rd – Assist citizen
- North St – MV violations
- Beaver Path – 911 abandoned
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- I195 West – MV crash
- Upland Way – Medical assist

ROCHESTER

Log highlights April 28-May 4

- Marion Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – MV stop
- Dexter Ln – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Stevens Rd - Investigation
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Animal control
- Boxturtle Dr – 911 call
- Perrys Ln – Parking complaint
- North Ave – MV stop
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General services
- North Ave – Burglar alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy - Larceny
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV lockout
- Neck Rd – MV stop
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – Disabled MV
- Clapp Rd – MV stop
- Dexter Ln – Traffic control
- Snipatuit Rd - Medical
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Earls Ct – Inside smoke
- Neck Rd – MV stop

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 13: Minestrone soup, American chop suey, broccoli, whole wheat roll, pears
Tuesday, May 14: Cheese Florentine omelet, hash browns, Florentine tomatoes, whole wheat bread, orange juice
Wednesday, May 15: Chicken Marsala, penne pasta, brussels sprouts, oatmeal roll, banana pudding, diet: sugar free banana pudding
Thursday, May 16: Hot dog, mustard & relish, baked beans, cabbage & carrots, hotdog roll, peaches
Friday, May 17: Teriyaki salmon, fluffy white rice, peas, multigrain roll, pineapple

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 13: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, May 14: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm pretzel
Wednesday, May 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, Jones low salt

sausage links
Thursday, May 16: Chicken & broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, May 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 13: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, May 14: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm pretzel
Wednesday, May 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, Jones low salt sausage links
Thursday, May 16: Chicken & broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, May 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 13: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce &

tomato, pickle
Tuesday, May 14: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm pretzel
Wednesday, May 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, Jones low salt sausage links
Thursday, May 16: Chicken & broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, May 17: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

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Monday, May 13: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
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Wednesday, May 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, Jones low salt sausage links
Thursday, May 16: Chicken & broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, May 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad,

assorted salad dressing
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Monday, May 13: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, May 14: Loaded tater tot nachos served with warm pretzel
Wednesday, May 15: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, Jones low salt sausage links
Thursday, May 16: Chicken & broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, May 17: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, May 13: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & biscuit
Tuesday, May 14: Mini corn dogs, fries & baked beans
Wednesday, May 15: Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread
Thursday, May 16: Loaded buffalo chicken tater tots
Friday, May 17: Assorted pizza

of the Chair is to ensure each member has the opportunity to speak her truth, quietly and clearly, and in turn, listen to the voices/opinions of other members of the Board. The second role is to admonish, if necessary, those loud, aggressive persons who are in breach of decorum because they are vexatious to the spirit of collegiality, and the continuation of the task at hand. The third role is to remove from the assembly any person who continues exhibiting behaviors which impede the progress of the agenda, and the cohesion of the group. Why were those steps not taken by the Chair?

Certainly, a public apology is due Ms. Marum, for without one, tacit permission is being given to continue the outrageous behavior reported from the last meeting of the Planning Board.

Is the Town Administrator taking note? Perhaps it is time for some sensitivity training for all members of all Boards. Without doubt, an investigation by the Administrator, or his Proxy should proceed immediately so that the breach of decorum never happens again.

Diane V. Owens, Marion

Dear Editor

As the Mattapoisett representative on the ORR Facilities Subcommittee for four years, with over 20 years of engineering experience, I must address a critical matter concerning our district schools and community. Our recent subcommittee meetings rigorously reviewed a bond proposal for essential repairs and maintenance of school infrastructure, particularly focusing on HVAC systems crucial for optimal learning environments.

Six exhaustive meetings, including facility tours, meticulously scrutinized every detail of the proposed improvements, emphasizing transparency and accessibility of information with a breakdown of evaluated systems available via the School Committee Website. The proactive nature of this bond is paramount, aiming to address aging infrastructure before costly emergencies disrupt education and strain finances.

Consider the scenario of a sudden HVAC system failure during the school year, a critical component of health and safety – the repercussions would extend far beyond mere inconvenience. Lost learning days for our students and the logistical challenges faced by parents in arranging alternative childcare options serve as stark reminders of the urgency of



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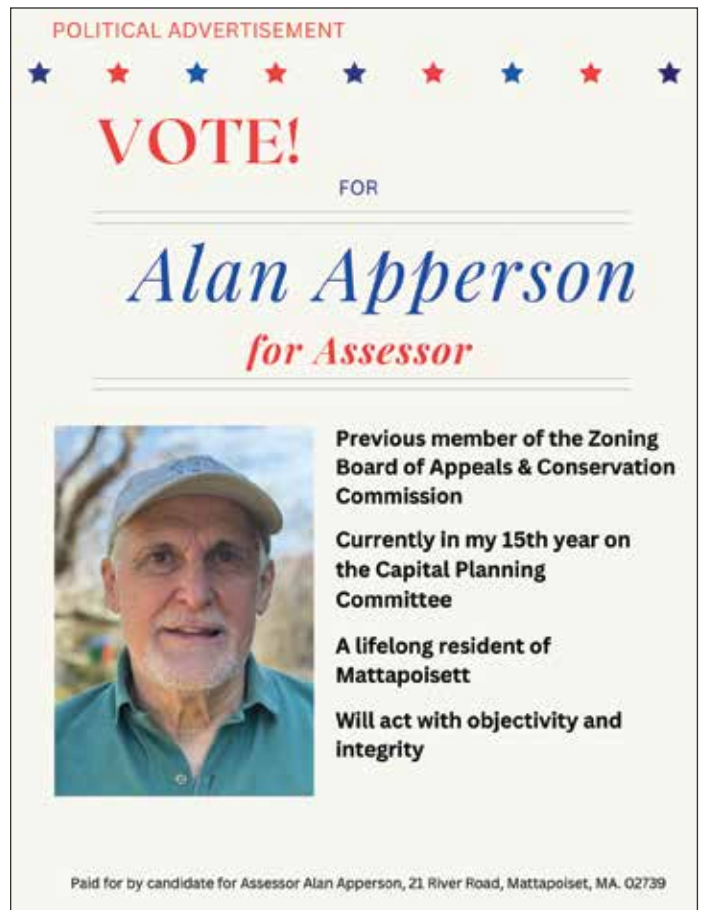
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our proactive approach.

Regrettably, there have been instances of misinformation circulating within our community. This challenge was further compounded by a lack of representation at the recent Mattapoisett select board meeting, as I was not invited to attend to discuss this matter. Open communication and collaboration are vital in matters that impact our community, and it is disheartening to witness a lack of inclusion in such discussions. As your representative, I am committed to providing truthful, accurate information and welcome any concerns or questions directly.

Frances-Feliz Kearns

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- 31 Parceled out
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- 34 Shout of discovery
- 35 Having two hues
- 37 "It could go either way"
- 39 Rival of Delta or United
- 41 Urgent
- 42 Fire residue
- 46 Taxpayer's ID
- 48 Dedicates
- 50 Fender guitar, for short

- 52 Ltd. cousin
- 53 Pot toppers
- 55 Edits for publication
- 57 Conflict
- 59 Sad paper notices
- 61 Say a different way
- 63 Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa
- 64 Gets broader
- 66 "No outlet" street
- 68 Always, in music scores
- 69 Keyboard instrument
- 71 One of three womb-sharers
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- 74 Charges for not paying on time
- 76 Decongestant brand
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- 89 Relax after working hard
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- 97 Second-to-last king of Egypt
- 100 Greeting sent online
- 102 Emily Dickinson's "Much Madness is — Sense"
- 103 Tropical rabbit lookalike
- 104 Shrink back
- 106 Brings about
- 107 Finger-paint
- 108 The Northwest's "City of Trees"
- 111 Like many allergy sprays
- 112 Robbie Knieval's father
- 113 Remark from the sharp-eared
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- 115 Actress Russo
- 116 Deck crew officer, in brief

- 117 Puts in order
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 - 3 Perfect choices to fill positions
 - 4 Stereotypical setting for a brawl
 - 5 Having a right (to)
 - 6 In prison, informally
 - 7 Vardalos of "Connie and Carla"
 - 8 Toddler bed attachment
 - 9 Like a truck ascending a steep hill, gear-wise
 - 10 Silly, like a honking bird
 - 11 The two dots in "naïve" or "Brontë"
 - 12 Fly-catching warblers
 - 13 Shakespeare work part
 - 14 Imitated a cat
 - 15 Small restaurants

- 16 Lauder of fragrances
- 17 Lois' partner
- 18 Its capital is Nairobi
- 21 Aspiring doc's major
- 27 Person stashing stuff
- 30 In the buff
- 32 Cracked, as a cryptogram
- 36 Info group to be input
- 38 "Dagnabbit!"
- 40 Bee-luring fluids
- 43 Chief female officers in sacred rites
- 44 Gets bigger
- 45 First division of a 13-Down
- 46 Sparse start of some rounds of applause
- 47 Utter with a hissing sound
- 49 Arena relative
- 51 Crafts' counterparts
- 54 Apple's Jobs
- 56 Pop in a blended family
- 58 Egypt's Nasser
- 60 Detects like a dog
- 62 Intertwined

- 65 Crystal ball gazer, e.g.
- 67 Neutralized, as a bomb
- 70 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist Charles
- 72 Planes' first fliers, often
- 75 Operations
- 77 Infer (from)
- 81 Like a district bishop's jurisdiction
- 83 Faith
- 86 Difficulty
- 88 Finisher just under the winner
- 90 Beach footwear
- 92 Overalls for hitting the slopes
- 93 Sci-fi automatons
- 95 Grand home
- 96 Purloined
- 97 Soundboard control knob
- 98 Mojave plant
- 99 Northern French city
- 101 Inflicted upon
- 105 Actor Bert
- 109 "Well well!"
- 110 Fedora, e.g.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to do a bit more investigating before making a career move. You do best when you come armed with the facts. Meanwhile, a personal matter still needs tending to.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity plus your good business sense once more combine to give you an important advantage in a difficult workplace situation. Also, an ally proves their loyalty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid rushing into something just because it offers a break from your usual routine. Take things a step at a time to be sure that you're moving in the right direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Bouncing back from a disappointing incident isn't easy, but you should find a welcome turn of events emerging by midweek. Spend the weekend with someone special.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An incomplete project needs your attention before someone else takes it over and uses it to their advantage. There'll be lots of time for fun and games once you get it done.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Doubts involving a potential career change need to be resolved quickly so that they don't get in the way when you feel like you're finally ready to make the big move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Looking to blame someone for a workplace problem could backfire if it turns out that you've got the wrong "culprit." Best to get more facts before acting on your assumptions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Patience might still be called for until you're sure that you finally have the full story, which could have eluded you up until now. Also, a trusted associate could offer valuable guidance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Reflect on your recent behavior to see if you could have caused the coolness that you might now be sensing from a loved one. If so, apologize and set things straight.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Easing up on your social activities allows you to focus more of your energies on a long-neglected personal matter. You can get back into party mode by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute with a colleague can be resolved peacefully once you both agree to be more flexible about the positions you've taken and allow the space for more open-minded discussions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Volunteering to take on added responsibilities could be a risky way to impress the powers that be. Only do it if you're sure that you won't be swept away by the extra workload.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of self-awareness allows you to make bold moves with confidence and security.

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To the Editor;

Residents of Mattapoissett will be asked to vote for or against a Road Reconstruction Committee at Town Meeting on May 13th. A Committee is the way to resolve the current concerns about the project, especially since the project has been pushed out to 2027 and because trees, infrastructure and taxes are at stake.

The Committee will hold public meetings and ensure that public questions are responded to. The reason for this committee is to make sure the end product of this Road Reconstruction meets the resident's goals without surprises. A committee with relevant industry and committee experience will bring a 1) balanced perspective to decision making, 2) understanding of design and construction 3) thorough reviews of options and alternatives before it is too late to make changes. It just makes sense to have a representative local committee meeting regularly and overseeing the future use and character of our main public roads in the Village.

We encourage you to read more about the petition on our Facebook page: Friends of Mattapoissett Village Roads, where you will find frequently asked questions and the comments of our citizens. And most importantly, please be present at Town Meeting to cast your vote on this important issue.

Bonne DeSousa, Mattapoissett
Sandra Hering, Mattapoissett

To the Editor;

The Mattapoissett Annual Town Meeting is Monday May 13 at 6:30pm at ORR High School auditorium. I am asking that all residents and taxpayers to please attend the Annual Town Meeting. A citizen's petition Article 23 will be on the warrant. This Article 23, not supported by the Mattapoissett Planning Board is for the establishment of another advisory committee over the infrastructure project in the center of town. The state and federal government is giving the Town of Mattapoissett \$16 million dollars to complete this project. This new advisory group is forming out of concerns by an existing advisory committee (not elected by the taxpayers or residents) The Mattapoissett Tree Committee, over 28 trees in the center of town having to be cut down. Yes, 28 trees will be cut down and that is sad, but 38 trees will be planted. And yes they will be initially smaller than their predecessors but they will grow. The trees that were planted years ago were the wrong species for an urban environment. Those trees were planted in most cases before sidewalks, sewer, asphalt roads and drainage. Many of these trees are destroying or damaging curbing, raising or overtaking and destroying sidewalks. This project was started many years ago after it was voted on at a Mattapoissett Annual Town Meeting and passed by residents and taxpayers. At that time the project was estimated to cost \$4 million dollars. Now, that project will cost \$16 million dollars. We have elected town officials meeting with DOT, the state, the federal government, utilities, and VHB engineering and discussing and managing the project. We are the only town in this area currently with a balanced budget and a surplus. Why not trust those same elected officials on this project. If Article 23 passes the \$16

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million dollars that is being given to the town could be in jeopardy. If we lose the monies for this project, then the costs will be borne the taxpayers. The town will have to borrow the monies needed and pay that back with interest. It is fiscally irresponsible to pass those costs, \$16 million on to the taxpayers and to some that the burden would be too much. This project will address sidewalks, curbing, repairing roads, drainage and runoff into the bay. Let us remember that sidewalks need to be ADA compliant and accessible for all. That all residents and taxpayers matter and have the right to access the center of town where a school, library, town hall, churches, post office, restaurants, shops, beach and wharf is located. Please attend and let your voice be heard. We need all your votes so Article 23 does not pass.

Thank you for your interest and consideration,
Deborah Abelha, Mattapoissett

Rochester Land Trust

The Rochester Land Trust will Celebrate Moms by hosting a Mother's Day Walk on Sunday, **May 12** at 2 pm at the Church's Wildlife Preserve. located across the street from 194 Marion Road, Route 105, in Rochester.

We will first gather around the new pollinator garden, enjoy a refreshing glass of lemonade and then take a short walk through the woods, identifying migratory songbirds using the Merlin ID app from Cornell Ornithology.

The Trust will have a small gift for all attending mothers. No rain date, shine only. For more information call 706-675-5263.

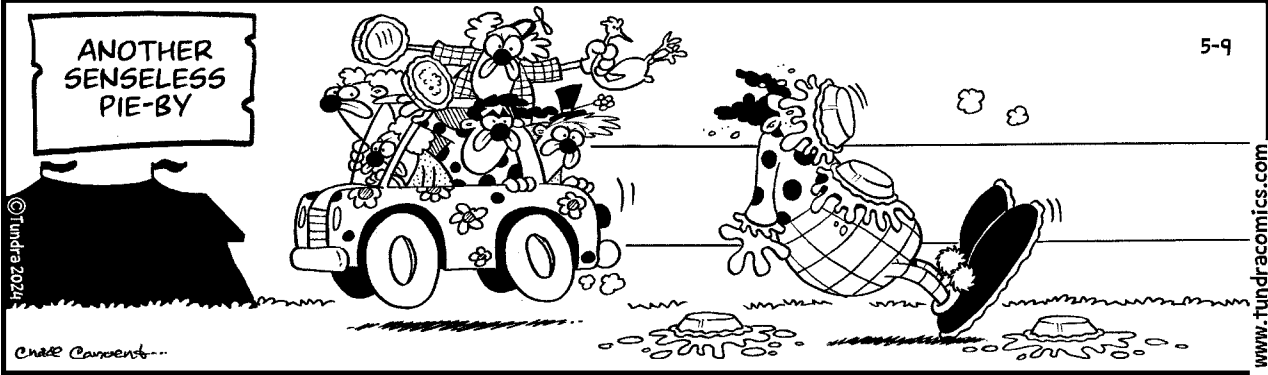
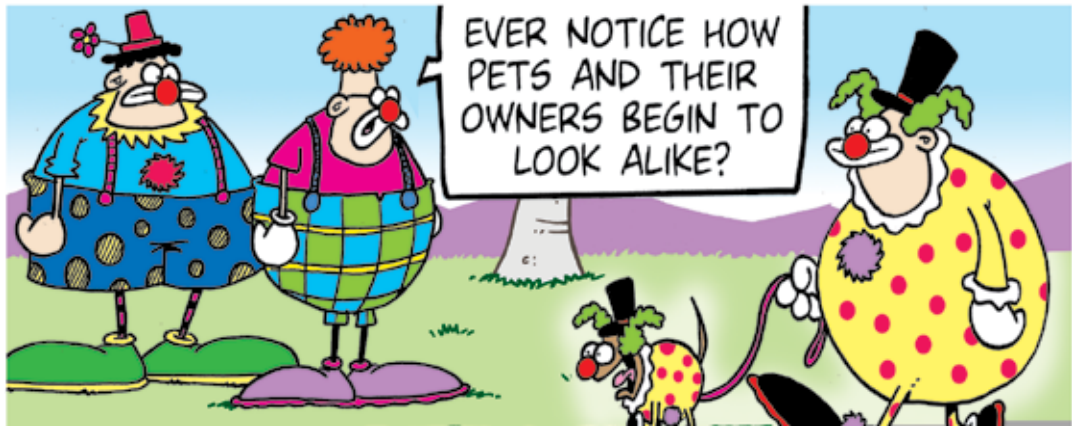
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Mattapoissett Congregational Church Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church Memorials and Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners of our 2024 scholarship awards. We had applications from 16 area students, all with impressive scholastic achievements.

Rylie Coughlin, a student at Old Rochester Regional High School, is the recipient of the \$2,500 Dagmar Coquillette Scholarship; **Jaymison Gunschel**, a student at Old Rochester Regional High School, is the recipient of the \$2,500 Memorial Scholarship.

We have also awarded a \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship to **Sophia Meninno**, a student at Bishop Stang.

Sustainability Partnership of Mattapoissett

What good are bees and why should we save them? The Sustainability Partnership of the Mattapoissett Public Library will showcase Dr. Robert Gegeer, an assistant professor in the Department of Biology at UMass Dartmouth to answer those questions and more on Wednesday, **May 15** from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the Mattapoissett Library Meeting Room.

Dr. Gegeer will share his knowledge and expertise on pollinators and the importance of these creatures while answering mystifying questions about plant pollinators, their secret lives and the fundamental role pollination systems play in supporting agriculture and wildlife diversity. Dr. Gegeer will conclude his talk with an overview of citizen science efforts to support bee conservation efforts.

Robert Gegeer received his PhD from Western University in Canada and was a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Neurobiology at UMass Medical School.

For more information regarding Dr. Gegeer's program, contact Pat Cole at 508-965-7099.

Clue on Stage

Old Colony's production of Clue on stage will be this weekend and next weekend. **May 10** at 7:00 pm, **May 11** at 3:00 and 7:00 pm, **May 17** at 7:00 pm, **May 18** at 2:00 pm and **May 19** at 2:00 pm.

There are two separate casts for this play. Cast one is this weekend and cast 2 is next weekend.

There will also be raffle baskets, a concession stand and a 50/50 raffle at all shows. All proceeds benefit the Old Colony Theater Company.

Marion Historical Commission

This information is provided to explain and clarify the Historical Commission's role in local development and preservation activity. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about the Marion Historical Commission:

Why are you allowing so many historic buildings to be torn down and replaced by such big new buildings?

The Marion Historical Commission is an advisory board and has no control over what gets demolished and what gets built in its place. This type of Design Review process would only be possible if a Local Historic District ordinance is approved by the Town. (A separate study committee is currently exploring this option.)

What determines if a building is historic or not?



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For the past five years, the MHC has been working with our preservation consultants to identify and survey all historic buildings in the town. As a general rule, historic buildings are over 50 years old and add to the architectural and visual character that defines the town. They may also play a role in understanding the historical development of the town over the past two centuries. The survey is about 80% complete at this time.

Upon completion, survey forms are sent to property owners so they can become aware of the historic and architectural significance of their properties. The forms are also available for review at the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Sippican Historical Society.

How can we keep historic properties from being torn down?

Some towns have instituted a Demolition Delay ordinance which requires a 12-18 month delay and due diligence procedure to try to find new uses for such buildings. This a possible option for Marion voters to consider in the future; creation of a Local Historic District could also help prevent demolition within the boundaries of the established district.

What does the Historical Commission do to help owners renovate their buildings in a historically sensitive way?



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<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> <hr/> <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, Susan Akin, Chairperson Anthony Tranfaglia, Co Chair Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 5/2, 5/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>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> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Notice of Intent submitted by Mark E. Whalen, Birchwood Street, Assessors Map 14B, Lot 56 in Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and garage with septic system on a parcel of land that's located in a mapped FEMA Flood Zone VE. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Washington Island View LLC.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to construct house additions and in-ground swimming pool together with associated site work.</p> <p>All of the proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 17 & 20) and within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank. The property is located at 2 Ocean View Avenue which is further identified as Lot #140 on Assessors Map</p>	<p>#14A.</p> <p>The property is located at 2 Ocean View Avenue which is further identified as Lot #140 on Assessors Map #14A. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent submitted by Mary Ricks, for construction of two private, recreational pickle ball courts, associated site work and landscaping at 131 Allen's Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 43A on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Natashja Molina at nmolina@marionma.gov the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 5/9</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by David Johnson, for backyard grading and reconstruction of existing deck at 2 Sassamon Trail.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 131 on Marion Assessors' Map 18. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Natashja Molina at nmolina@marionma.gov the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. 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The Commission is available to offer individual guidance and connect owners with historic resource information prepared by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Service and other preservation organizations. Links are provided on this webpage. The Sippican Historical Society bookstore also has a number of books that promote architectural history education and adaptive reuse.

How can we promote more awareness of Marion's historic and architectural charm?

In addition to the ongoing efforts of the separate Marion Village Local Historic District Study Committee to evaluate options for creating a local historic district, our intent is to soon begin nominating properties and districts identified in our historic survey for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This honorary designation recognizes the importance of individual buildings or districts without imposing any design review procedures or limitations on construction. More information on the benefits of National Register listing will be offered at community forums as we proceed with this effort over the next year.

How can I learn more about the Historical Commission's work?

Check out our webpage on the Town of Marion website: www.marionma.gov/524/Historical-Commission. It has lots of interesting maps, historic inventory forms and links to technical preservation resources.

Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoissett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thursday, **May 16** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett. Our guest speaker this month is Jackie Eckert, spokesperson for the new local organization called Tri- Town for Protecting Children. The topic of discussion will be preserving and protecting the innocence of our children in our public schools and in our community. Speaker to begin at 7:00 pm.

There will be light snacks, cash bar and good conversation. Please join us or if you have any questions, contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee at PCMattyGOP@proton.me.

Academic Achievements

Kim Mitchell of Mattapoissett, a graduate student in Stonehill College's Master of Science in Marketing program, was recently honored with a certificate of achievement at the 2024 Scholars Celebration

Luke Couto, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2024 from Mattapoissett, was recently honored at the institution's Student Life Awards

Kennedy Zussy achieved honors for the third term at Old Rochester Regional High School.

ORR Quintet Named SCC Academic All-Stars

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and ORRHS Principal Mike Devoll recognized five ORR High School seniors, Theo Jacobsen, Brenna O'Donnell,

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The site is further identified as Lot 68B on Marion Assessors' Map 11. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair

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

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:35 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent submitted by Silvershell, LLC, for proposed construction of a single-family dwelling at Lewis Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 98A on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair

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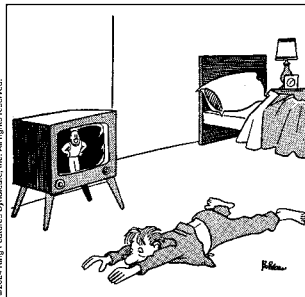
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"I am incredibly proud of our students, who I know will achieve great things after graduation," Nelson said. "Their distinctions were highly deserved, and it is a

privilege to have such outstanding individuals represent Old Rochester Regional High School and watch them receive this recognition."



ORR 2022 graduate and

keynote speaker Edward Gonet IV spoke to students about his experiences since graduating. The former Academic All-Star quoted Mahatma Gandhi, telling those in attendance, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

SCC schools annually recognize the top five students of the graduating class with the Academic All-Star Award. The chosen students reflect each of the National Honor Society's four pillars – Service, Character, Scholarship and Citizenship – and have positively impacted their schools and community.

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Alia Cusolito - Alia is a member of the ORRHS Drama Club, National Honor Society, Knit and Crochet Club and Acapella, serving in leadership positions in the ORR Music Appreciation Club and as the GSA Club President. Alia is a tireless champion for advocacy. As co-president of the nonprofit Queer Youth Assemble, Alia led the National March for Queer and Trans Youth Autonomy in Washington D.C. Alia collaborated on research with Harvard graduate students about Massachusetts high schoolers' perceptions of gender-neutral bathrooms. Alia is the recipient of the 2022 Advancing Equity and Justice Award from the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ+ Youth, an independent state agency. Alia will be attending Smith College in the fall to study public policy.

Jacob Hadley - Jacob has served as co-captain of the debate team his junior and senior years, captain of the varsity boys tennis team, four-year student council treasurer, vice president of the National Honor Society and as the ORR Boy's State representative. Jacob also founded and served as president of the ORR Science Olympiad and organized six trips to competitions, including two state championships. Jacob led a research project with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on the effect of COVID-19 on antibiotic resistance in Massachusetts hospitals and published the study in a scientific journal. Jacob also worked as a biochemistry lab researcher at UMass Dartmouth on developing new treatments for HIV using biotech. Jacob has earned his AP Capstone certificate and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. Jacob will attend Brown University and pursue a concentration in Biomedical Engineering.

Ava McLeod - Ava is president of ORRHS's Environmental Club. Under Ava's leadership, students have been working with the Mattapoissett Land Trust to begin removing an invasive plant species from campus. Ava has served as a member of ORR's Student Council for the past four years, as president of the class and as a class senator.

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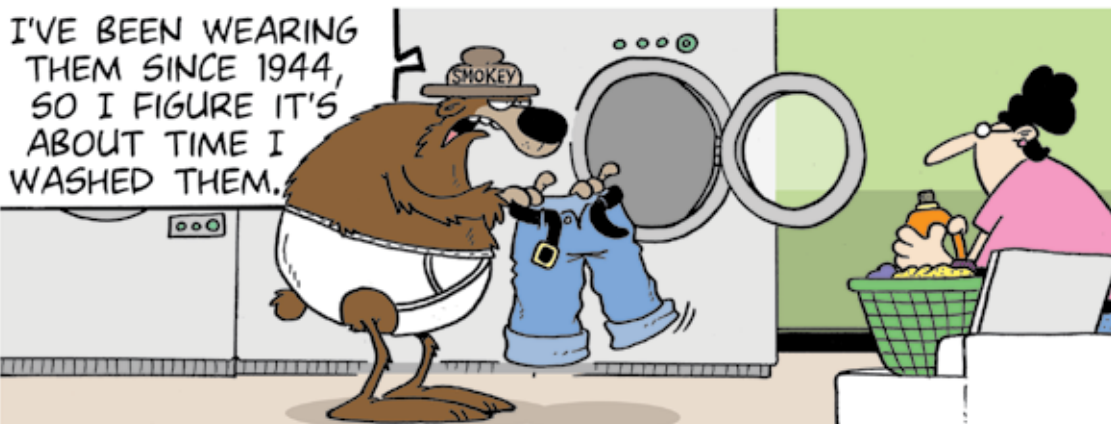


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As a member of our Community Service Learning Club, Ava has also worked with Damien's Pantry and the Mattapoisett Town Library. Ava plans to attend Bristol Community College in the fall and study Biology.

Brenna O'Donnell - Brenna is a member of Drama Club, Tea Club, DnD Club and Latin Club. Brenna is also the co-founder of Climbing Club. During her junior year, Brenna represented ORR at Girl's State. Brenna earned two silver medals and one gold medal on the National Latin Exam. Brenna plans to attend Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering in the fall to study General Engineering with a concentration in Robotics.

Theo Jacobsen - Theo is an AP Scholar with distinction and is a four-year participant in both DECA and Debate club, having qualified for the state-level competition all four years. In this past debate season, Theo's team achieved second place in the league, tying the first-place team in speaker points. Theo has taken on many leadership roles, including V.P. of Finance for DECA, Debate Team Captain, and Treasurer of the Old Rochester National Honors Society chapter. Theo will attend Tufts University and study Biochemistry.

Writers Workshop Redux

This is a place to share ideas and your work, whether you are a writer or just have stories that want to be told. We meet every fourth Friday, from 10:15 am until 12:15 pm, at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, in the basement Community Room. Bring a piece of writing to share aloud or just come to listen at first...memoir, poetry, fiction, essay. Bring what moves you. No need to bring copies. Share your voice in a supportive setting. If you have a story inside you, we want to hear.


Director of the Mattapoisett Library

The Town of Mattapoisett and the Library Trustees announced today that Colleen Tierney will be the next Director of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Her first day as Director will be Wednesday, May 8.

Colleen is coming to Mattapoisett from Texas where she has many years of experience working in school and public libraries, most recently serving as Director of Library Services in the Kyle Public Library in Kyle, Texas. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from Providence College and a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University.

"The Library Trustees are absolutely delighted that Colleen has accepted this position" states Ruth Jolliffe, acting chair of the Library Trustees. "She is well prepared to continue the tradition of strong library directors leading the Mattapoisett Free Public Library." Ms. Jolliffe added, "We are very grateful to Susan Pizzolato for her willingness to serve as interim director during our search for a new director, and we are very grateful to the Select Board for their prompt action in hiring Ms. Tierney."

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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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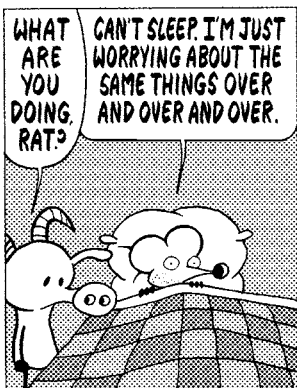
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
 by Stephan Pastis



register. This is all about having fun, empowering each other and enjoying Mattapoisett's beautiful scenery, but there's also a bit of friendly competition. The top three finishers of each age category will be awarded medals. Don't forget our special stroller division. We're Running Like a Mother this **May 12**.

Run Like a Mother 5K is an organization created by Mattapoisett mother of four, Jennifer Pease who found mental and physical strength through running, especially with her fellow mom friends in Mattapoisett. On their early morning runs (because that's how you Run Like a Mother), they'd brainstorm how to share this passion with others while supporting new mothers on their postpartum journey - a cause dear to all of their hearts. The hope is that this will become a cherished tradition in Mattapoisett each Mother's Day while making a real difference in the lives of others.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

Lawrence Clifford (better known as L.C.) Humphrey was an interesting man. I have mentioned him many times as his papers tell us a lot about the people and events in Rochester's past. He is, of course, interesting in his own right.

Born in 1864 into a farm family, he worked on the farm from boyhood and took it over as an adult. It was a large and prosperous farm of 200 acres. They grew corn among other things, had an orchard, a dairy with cows and also chickens and sheep.

Humphrey wasn't only a farmer. He stayed in school to the age of 20 which was a long time for a boy in the 1800's. At one stage of his life, he was a lawyer, and he was Town Assessor for 33 years. From the mid-1800's until his death in 1954, he was present for just about anything of note that happened in town.

A paragraph in his papers, however, shows his true love was farming. At one time his interviewer asked about people and events during his life that stood out in his memory. There were quite a few, but his memory of a visit by two ladies caught my attention. The "very English ladies"

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were driving by "in an auto" sometime in the 1940's. They stopped and asked to look at his sheep roaming through the orchard. Noticing a few starlings flying around, they told him that they had an English herd of sheep imported to New York City several years previously and that they were told



that English shepherds relied on starlings to clean the sheep of ticks. He agreed and said that he had seen "over five birds at a time running one sheep for ticks".

The picture shows Mr. Humphrey with his sheep. I wonder if the ladies' visit stuck with him over the years because it reminded him of his many years of farming or because he had a hard time picturing a herd of sheep in New York City. It gave me a new appreciation for starlings.

On a separate note, if anyone has any pictures or memories of "Donkey baseball and basketball" in Rochester, I would appreciate you sharing them with me. I can be reached at eshbach2@aol.com or 617-750-2818 or items could be mailed to PO 322, Rochester, MA 02770 and we could copy them and return them if necessary.

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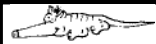


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Friday	May 10	10:27	10:50	4:17	3:43
Saturday	May 11	11:18	11:42	4:59	4:29
Sunday	May 12		12:12	5:42	5:16
Monday	May 13	12:37	1:07	6:32	6:07
Tuesday	May 14	1:32	2:02	7:48	7:11
Wednesday	May 15	2:25	2:55	9:04	8:38
Thursday	May 16	3:17	3:49	9:51	10:00
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	
Monday	May 20	6:34	6:56	12:21	12:07
Tuesday	May 21	7:13	7:32	1:01	12:43
Wednesday	May 22	7:52	8:08	1:42	1:20
Thursday	May 23	8:31	8:47	2:23	1:58
Friday	May 24	9:13	9:28	3:04	2:39
Saturday	May 25	9:57	10:13	3:44	3:22
Sunday	May 26	10:44	11:01	4:23	4:05

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	Full Moon	May 23rd
	Last Quarter	May 30th
	New Moon	June 6th



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In the May 2, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 3

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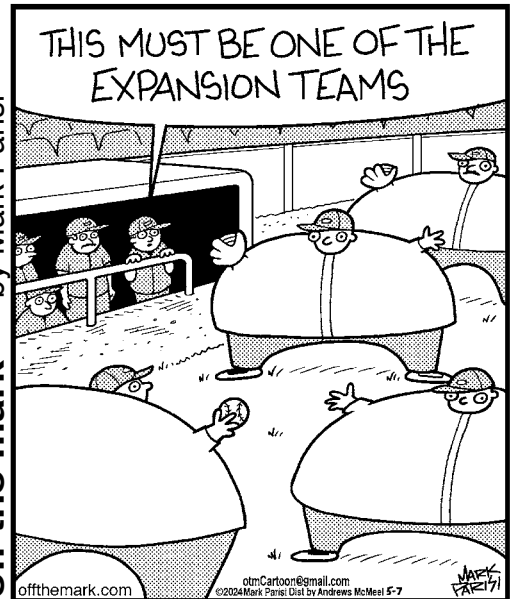
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Today's Word PUSHUPS

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Gluten Free Pasta

Snack Factory
7.2 oz. Selected Variety **\$3.49**

Pretzel Crisps

Stauffer's
14 oz. **\$2.99**

Ginger Snaps

MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Fresh. Boneless
Center Cut Pork Chops
\$4.99 lb

Bell & Evans Boneless
Chicken Thighs..... **\$5.49 lb**

Boar's Head Deli Sliced
Maple Glazed Honey Coat Ham..... **\$9.99 lb**

Boar's Head Deli Sliced
Vermont Cheddar Cheese..... **\$7.99 lb**

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

Hummus

Boar's Head 8 oz. Pkg.
Havarti Cheese..... **\$5.99**

Store Made
Macaroni Salad..... **\$8.99 lb**

Store Packaged
BBQ Baked Beans **\$6.09 lb**

Store Packaged
Seafood Salad **\$10.99 lb**

Allen's
Rotisserie Chickens..... **\$9.99 ea**

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

La Bree's Bakery 10 oz. Pkg.
Mini Cupcakes **\$4.99**

Superior on Main
8 oz. Pkg.
Black & White Cookies..... **\$3.99**

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 ea	\$18.99 ea
Shepherd's Pie	\$12.99 ea	\$17.99 ea

GARDEN CENTER

6 Pack
Annuals or Flats - \$19.99 **\$2.99 ea.**

4.25 Inch Pots - Beautiful Colors!
Bartlett Geraniums 3/\$15 or **\$5.99 ea.**

Full Tray
Bartlett Geraniums **\$45**

All 6 Pack - Great Selection!
Veggies & Herbs or Flats - \$19.99 **\$2.99 ea.**



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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, May 10th — Thursday, May 16th, 2024

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus Spoon Roast **\$8⁹⁹** lb



Friends' Store Baked Roast Beef **\$15⁴⁹** lb



Spindrift 8 Pack, 12 oz. Cans Selected Variety Sparkling Water **\$5⁹⁹** Plus Dep



Skippy 16.3 oz. Selected Variety Peanut Butter **2/\$5**



Food Club 16 oz. Selected Variety Butter Quarters **\$3⁹⁹**



Outshine 16.5-18 oz. Selected Variety Fruit Bars **\$4²⁹**



QUALITY PRODUCE



New Crop, California Cherries..... **\$4⁹⁹** lb

Pint, New Crop, Georgia Blueberries..... **\$3⁹⁹**

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



California Broccoli Crowns..... **\$1⁹⁹** lb

Fresh Hot House Tomatoes..... **\$1⁶⁹** lb

Crisp Seedless Cucumbers..... **\$1⁶⁹** ea

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!