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Marion's New DPW Nearing Completion

By Mick Colageo

The new headquarters of the Marion Department of Public Works is nearing completion and will be enclosed for the first time by week's end, according to the town's Facilities Director, Shaun Cormier.

"All the garage doors are getting installed," said Cormier. "The sheetrock is up. Some of the finish HVAC is going in next week, not this week."

Located on the spot originally recommended by former DPW Director Rob Zora, the new building measures 200 feet long, 72 feet wide, approximately 26 feet high, and is divided into three basic segments for operations including vehicle maintenance/wash bay, a mechanics shop, office space and a locker room with showers, along with a large, cold-storage space to protect town vehicles from the elements.

Waiting now on Eversource, the building is still operating on the temporary electricity and lighting that has enabled the building through the winter months.

Vetted by the Planning Board in November 2023, the DPW building began construction a year later with the arrival of Morton Buildings prefabricated materials and the digging of piers to anchor the foundation and connection to water and sewer infrastructure.

"Tractor-trailer trucks, they showed up one after another, all pieces. It's like a giant Erector set," said DPW Director Jody Dickerson. "I still have mine," he joked.

Soon after, the frame went up quickly. Phase 1 was completed in November with the addition of temporary electricity and lighting to aid indoor work in the winter months.

Interior trenching and piping for the basis of the wash bays' radiant heating system under the concrete floor was completed early in winter, and by the end of winter work on office space was well under way.

General contractor South Coast Improvement is scheduled to complete its mission by the end of April,

***On the Cover:** Exterior construction work on the new home for the Marion Department of Public Works at Benson Brook is nearing completion with interior finish, installation of electrical and furnishings, plus exterior landscaping and paving still needed. It is hoped the DPW will be moving into its new headquarters in June. Photo by Mick Colageo.*

which will be handed off to the town for finishing work inside and out.

"A lot of that is town responsibility, just like a lot of the exterior grading is town responsibility," Cormier explained. The Facilities Department is responsible for detailing the inside of the building, and the DPW will iron out the grading, landscaping and paving.

The cost of construction approximates \$6,000,000, and Town Meeting last voted to allocate funds for the project two years ago. By handling as much as it has rather than farm out work, the town has saved over \$500,000, according to Cormier.

Originally designed as a two-building concept not including the salt shed yet to go up near the water tower, the building was redesigned as one building so as to eliminate infrastructural and other redundancies.

The building will be entirely powered and heated by electricity, and the south-facing half of the building's roof is designed to accommodate solar panels.

"That side gets sun, all day," said Cormier.

The salt shed planned for later in the summer is to be located between the building and the water tower at

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Benson Brook. Cormier said that funding for the salt shed is in the procurement stage.

Cormier said the builders have not had to deviate from the design. "It's so simple that there weren't any major changes," he said.

"I'd be happy if I'm in by June," said Dickerson. "Being realistic, spring is our busiest time."

The present DPW site on the opposite side of Route 6 will become the subject of warrant articles for a capital project subject to vote by the Annual Town Meeting. The proposal is to remove the old, wooden buildings and preserve and renovate three of the buildings at the site.

Sippican Students Take Home Science Fair Ribbons

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Lynn Dessert are proud to announce that Sippican Elementary School students pulled off a stellar Sippican Science Fair on Wednesday, March 26.

Enrichment Teacher Chelsey Lawrence organized Sippican's 2025 Science Fair, which included work from 60 participants who entered about 40 projects.

"We had an amazing Science Fair this year," said Lawrence. "It's so fun to see what students are passionate about and choose to study."

Students chose topics, created their projects at home, and presented them during the science fair.

"We had some incredibly high-quality projects this year, and students had fun while also learning a lot," said Lawrence. "In addition to completing the project at home, they also presented what they learned to judges, peers, and parents."

Students had the option to enter individually or as groups, and projects could be an experiment that followed the Scientific Method, an invention that followed the Engineering Design Process, or, for grades 5 and 6, an original coding project.

"Coding is a new category for the Science Fair, and some of the fifth and sixth graders worked incredibly hard to teach themselves and figure out bugs along the way," said Lawrence. "I'm so proud of all of our student participants. We also had an activity station run by Mad Science, which was sponsored by our parent organization VASE, where students could make and fly airplane gliders."

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-First-grade student Jolee Woods won a blue

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ribbon for her project, "How do plant hormones affect plant growth?"

-Second-grade student Sagan Tomasik-Jones won a blue ribbon for her project, "Plants: Which solution is better?"

-Third-grade student Hailey Costa won a blue ribbon for her project, "The Dirt on Soil."

-Fourth-grade students Amelia Whinnem, Zoe Callina, and Neriah Andrews won a blue ribbon for their project, "Filtering Water."

-Fifth-grade students Aidan Zhou, Matthew Oien, and Rowan Farquarson won a blue ribbon for their Coding project, "Tree Hugger AI."

-Sixth-grade student Samuel Becker won a blue ribbon for his project, "Which growing medium helps plants grow best?"

"Our students demonstrated exceptional scientific rigor and creativity at the recent Science Fair," said Assistant Principal Greg Thomas. "The projects showcased a depth of understanding and a commitment to inquiry that surpassed expectations. We are incredibly

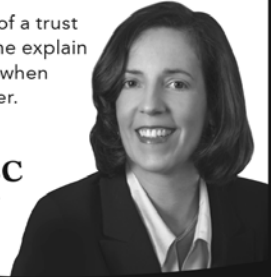
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"Congratulations to all the winners and participants of this year's Sippican Science Fair," said Superintendent Nelson. "Every year, I look forward to seeing our students display their creativity and scientific reasoning. This year's submissions were impressive."

"Our students work very hard on their science projects," said Principal Dessert. "The results of their hard work did not disappoint. I'm already looking forward to next year's Sippican Science Fair."

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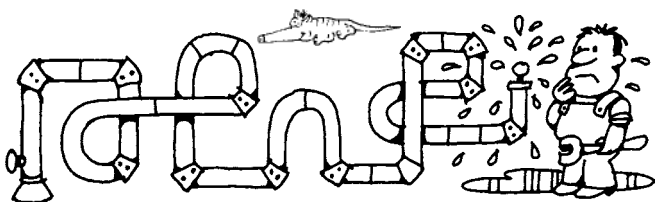
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This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

Easter is fast approaching and with it returns snatches, bits, and pieces of childhood memories.

As a child, it was a day to eat chocolate before breakfast and dress up in new Easter outfits. It was celebrated in a secular fashion; my parents didn't attend any type of organized religion. They did, however, send us to Sunday school. That's where I learned the Lord's Prayer, memorized the order of the books of the Bible, learned about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the King James Bible and practiced sitting like a lady and keeping my white gloves clean. A solid foundation.

Anyway, Ma, aka the Easter Bunny, would always hide the Easter baskets where a small person could find them and after exploring its contents and eating "one small piece of chocolate," we'd dress up.

Those were the days before my brother was born so it was just me and my older sister donning new duds. There we stand, forever frozen in black and white, standing stiffly across the street from our house posing in front of a mound of dirty snow. A big mound, a colossal mound compared to our global warming, no snow winters or springs of today. I remember how cold it was standing there waiting for the shutter to open and close in the Brownie Box camera pointed in our direction.

I worried about getting my new shoes and lace trimmed socks wet. I thought I looked so grand in those shoes even though they pinched and poked at my chubby little feet. None of the new clothing was comfortable, I realized upon much belated reflection. The crunchy slip that pushed the skirt of my new dress out from my freezing legs was very scratchy. It also exposed a lot of leg like a Shirley Temple costume without the music playing in the background (I was probably tap-dancing in my imagination. I loved Shirley).

Ma. Now as I think about her, I'm amazed that she was able to function at all. Back then, all I knew as a needy child was my neediness, especially for being physically close to my mother. But she must have

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They carried on in true post-WWII style. Ma put Easter Baskets out in the spring, decorated Christmas trees in December, made cakes and celebrated birthdays. They, she, got on with living.

No, there wasn't any Easter day church service attendance for us, but there was a sort of deep sentiment

pulling us all together on special days, days I'm sure were very reverential for my parents as they coped with grief neither fully recovered from.

Although my mother had a sister and brother close by, within easy walking distance, with many



cousins around our ages, we didn't share in a family meal or even a visit. I don't know how we spent the day, but I do recall a traditional meal of baked ham, mashed potatoes, and peas. Assuredly, there was a pie or two from the Cushman Baker.

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The pages were pictures of fluffy bunnies and ducks, floral wrapped crucifixes and eggs waiting for our artistic efforts. I was the type of colorist who outlined all the images in a corresponding color before filling in the images while trying to control a fat crayon with no point on the end (or, maybe we were high from the poison laced coloring pages).

On good Friday, long before it was a day off from school, we gathered up all our artwork and brought them home for display on refrigerators across town. I was very proud of my coloring talent. Decades later, Ma would keep coloring books and crayons at the ready just in case a great-grandchild came to visit. Coloring must be in our blood.

Easter hails new beginnings, the emergence of new life, spring blooms everywhere. For me, it is a time when I remember snuggling up to my mother for warmth and comfort. With her ample arm wrapped around my narrow shoulders, all was well with my soul. I hope during those brief moments she found peace and comfort too.

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Mattapoisett Historical Commission

By Marilou Newell

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The Massachusetts Historical Commission, under whose guidance all local historical commissions are charged, provides cities and towns with directives for archiving local history. One of the single-most important aspects of work performed by local commissions is documenting a town's historical assets. The process of

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Lynn Smiledge has been engaged by the commission, and has for more than a year, been

unearthing Mattapoissett's long history as told by its old buildings and other locations. On March 29 she gave a presentation that thoroughly explained her work thus far. Smiledge discussed how architectural styles date a building while deeds, marriage certificates, and death notices can tell the hidden stories therein.



Smiledge's work is being funded by Mattapoissett's Community Preservation fund as supported by the town at Town Meeting. Phase One is complete; Phase Two is in process and

Phase Three is seeking Community Preservation funding. The full report and presentation is available on the town's website.

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resources is the foundation of community. The goal of the survey was to document representative historic resources from major themes in the development of Mattapoisett including agricultural, maritime, commercial, institutional, and an undocumented resource from an underrepresented community. The survey thoroughly documented 112 properties, which included three area forms and 75 individual resources. Additionally, five properties were recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The inventory forms have been submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission where they are in the process of being scanned and placed on an easily accessible database, MACRIS. (Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System). The forms will also be available in hard copy at the Mattapoisett Public Library and on the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website.

A Historic Property Survey Plan, completed in January of 2023, identified approximately 300 high priority resources. The Historical Commission is currently moving forward with Phase Two of the survey and has contracted with Lynn Smiledge to document an additional 100 resources. The commission has applied for another CPA grant to continue with the next phase of research and documentation. A warrant article for the next phase is planned for the Spring Town meeting in May.

Smiledge has also identified Homestead Court



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and Barlow Cemetery as sites of historic significance. Many throughout the community are aware that the cemetery contains the remains of Revolutionary Soldiers. But the military significance of this neighborhood (Barlow Cemetery and Homestead Court situated close by one another) may not be as evident.

The residential homes were built for the benefit of WWII veterans, and the cemetery is the final resting place for local soldiers who participated in securing independence for our country.

Smiledge notes of the cemetery that while the grounds and fencing are in pretty good condition. The grave markers, headstones and such are in seriously poor condition. They need cleaning and conservation.

The cemetery was deeded in 1789 to Rochester's Second Precinct, aka Mattapoisett.

Architectural features now documented by Smiledge are Cape Cod (1700-1840), Federal (1780-1820), Gothic Revival (1840-1880), Greek Revival (1830-1850), Italianate (1850-1880), Second Empire (1855-1885), Queen Anne (1800-1900), Shingle (1880-1900), and Colonial Revival (1880-1955). She pointed out the addresses of homes, primarily in the village area that feature specific styles.

Here's an idea, why not take the children (or just yourself) on a walking tour uncovering the types of buildings there are in town. Who knows. Maybe one day your homes will be added to the survey.

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Final Recommendation of District

Marion Historic District Study Committee

By Sam Bishop

The presentation of the final recommendation by the Marion Historic District Study Committee for the proposed historic district took place Wednesday, March 26. Chair Will Tift began the presentation by stating the proposed bylaw would likely make it to Town Meeting and that this meeting would be to answer any questions. Tift stated, however, that the proposition is finalized and will have no further revision.

"In all honesty, at this point, it's completed from our point of view," said Tift, adding that this meeting is a state-required, pro forma (of the form) meeting to declare

the completion of the Study Committee's report.

Tift explained the creation of a historic district follows state law Massachusetts General Law, Part I, Title VII, Chapter 40C: Historic Districts. Section 2 of this law states: "The purpose of this chapter is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the commonwealth and its cities and towns or their architecture, and through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places and the encouragement of design compatible therewith." The chair said all state-based historic districts base their existence off this law.

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Tift went on to explain that the proposed bylaw requires a two-thirds vote to pass. He continued, "It requires, very much, the town to do it. The state - and voters at the time - determined that everybody in the town deserves a voice in this, not only the people in the district."

The process of the committee's current work and surveying began in 2023, with Tift saying it was concluded Marion Village has the "most intact historic village on the South Coast." He continued by outlining some aspects of the district, stressing it being limited compared to others in the region. He said, "the bylaw would limit reviews to additions, new construction, and demolition only. All other alterations, including siding, roofing, windows, door trim, mechanical equipment, maintenance, paint colors, all of those things that everybody gets worked up about most are exempt."

The proposed historic district and accompanying bylaw will be voted upon by Marion residents at this year's Town Meeting, May 12, regardless of whether or not the resident would live in the proposed district. The vote requires a two-thirds majority for the bylaw to be added and for the historic district to be created. Additional information can be found on the Marion Historic District Study Committee page of the town's website, marionma.gov.

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The 55th Day for Our Pale Blue Dot

By Sam Bishop

Earth Day is held on April 22 with this year's being the 55th anniversary of the first in 1970. It began during a time of great public protest in this country due to the Vietnam War, the Nixon Presidency, and increasing fears of pollution and climate change.

Earth Day offers us a time to stop and think of our impacts on the planet as a species and as an individual. Everything we do has some effect on the planet and leads to some consumption of its resources. The key is to not over-consume as to have something left for our successors in the future to enjoy. While it's hard to feel you can make a difference and even harder to actually change your habits, it is important at the very least to think about it and be aware of the fragility of our beautiful home.

This year, we are again confronted with the time for thought and discussion. Ultimately, it comes down to "is this planet worth saving?" The obvious answer is "yes!" So then, how will we preserve it?

In 1994, the astrophysicist, author, and TV presenter Carl Sagan wrote the "Pale Blue Dot," a book inspired by and discussing the intense feelings of looking at Earth through the "eyes" of the Voyager I probe about 4,000,000,000 miles away. The picture shows Earth as less than a pixel. A small, seemingly unremarkable blue-ish pinprick. In this book lies possibly Sagan's most profound statement:

Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there - on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds.

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delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand.

It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to

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Boucher Earns Her Place on Mat By Mick Colageo

High school girls who compete in boys' sports are necessarily treated differently, and as a result they can miss out on the camaraderie so essential to the experience. At the end of her first winter of wrestling, Mila Boucher is grateful for the manner in which the Middleborough High

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School wrestling team made her feel included.

"It just happened," Mila said of the tight connection she has made with her teammates. "They kind of started to include me within the first week, and we all just got really close as the season went on because it's such a tight-knit sport. You have to be close with everyone, just to have fun. I feel like we just got close from all the shared experiences, and competing and going to meets and practicing six days a week."

Mia's mother Kristen Boucher called the team "an amazing group of kids."

In addition to its 26-2 dual-meet season and repeat as South Shore League champion, qualifying eight wrestlers for the MIAA Division 2 state tournament, Middleborough High School was recognized by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association for its sportsmanship.

"Mila had no problem fitting in with the team. We had a great group of kids this season with excellent captains, evident in the Division 2 Team Sportsmanship awards the team received this season,"



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said Middleborough wrestling coach Derek Seibert.

It also helped that Mila has proven herself a tough out when wrestling against girls and boys, earning respect from opponents and teammates alike. "One hundred percent," she confirmed.

Having started out at eight years old with training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu at her parents' New Bedford-based studio, Mila describes Jiu Jitsu as "a ground-based, grappling martial art ... like wrestling but more like on the ground, on your back."

Mila built her skills in that discipline, only last fall taking the opportunity to see how it would all transfer into varsity wrestling.

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attends Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School in North Rochester, but Old Colony does not have wrestling as a varsity sport. Thanks to a cooperative arrangement, Old Colony students can try out for the Middleborough High School wrestling team.

Mila is the only girl on the team, but her first wrestling opponent was another girl because the season kicked off with a tournament that allowed Middleborough coach Derek Seibert to match her up with some caution. Wrestling against boys is something that has required mental as well as physical toughness.

"It was a little challenging because I have to remember that I can't match strength, but I still do my best," said Mila. "I also try not to get hurt at the same time, because I tend to be stubborn and not want to lose, and it can get me into trouble where I do get hurt. But it feels really good when I do win."

Most of Mila's 26 victories (against nine losses) in her first season of wrestling came against boys. In the postseason, Mila became the first student in Old Colony's history to place (finishing fourth) in the MIAA Division 2 state meet and first to place in the MIAA All-State meet (finishing fifth).

"I am a firm believer that Jiu Jitsu benefits wrestling and vice versa," said Seibert. "There are a few positions that emphasize different things, but overall having a grappling background coming into wrestling is a big advantage. We have five athletes from Old Colony on

our team who come from a Jiu Jitsu background, and all had great seasons for us."

Mila's successes as a freshman helped her become one of Middleboro's eight South Shore League All-Stars. With only three months of wrestling under her belt, it would seem the sky is the limit for Mila, but she is committed to the process.

"I have a lot to learn, for sure," she said. "I did not know what I was doing this season. ... I was just going with what felt right and hoping I wouldn't get called for doing anything illegal. ... It got better as it went on. ... I got called twice for a Full Nelson."

Mila began learning how to wrestle under MIAA rules in October. The adaptation came with restrictions, as in, not every technique or move in Jiu Jitsu is allowed in high school wrestling.

"It took me a couple of weeks to figure out the rules," said Mila, noting that submission holds are not allowed. "There was a kid that tapped."

At the height of intense competition, Mila found it initially challenging to avoid her Jiu Jitsu instincts, but she learned the ropes of wrestling as she went.

At 5-foot-3 and a natural 120 pounds, wrestling against competitive high school boys can present a difficult matchup in terms of strength, Mila started wrestling in the 120-pound class but did what most high school wrestlers do. She cut weight to 113 pounds to wrestle in the lighter class but can still compete at 120 as needed.

"I don't think 120 is too much of a jump when it's in the girls' division, but when I'm wrestling boys it's definitely a jump," said Mila.

Jiu Jitsu has weight classes but does not come with the typical requirement that competitors cut weight. That's the part of high school wrestling that Mila wishes she could do without.

"I hate it so much, it's awful," she repeats for emphasis.

"She's been 'hangry' all season," said Kristen.

Hydration before weigh-in is tricky because of the obvious need measured against the pure weight of water.

"It's so difficult trying to find a balance where I have a little bit of energy to still wrestle but also staying on weight. Sometimes, unfortunately, weight comes before energy," Mila said. "My teammates are cutting four pounds in an hour, and I just can't do that."

After deciding last year that splitting time in high school between academics and a practicum was more appealing than full-time classwork, Mila matriculated to Old Colony with a concentration in automotive. Despite her skills in Jiu Jitsu, high school wrestling brought its own set of challenges.

"I was humbled a lot of the time. A lot of things I thought I could win I didn't, and it was humbling," Mila said of her freshman season. "I learned a lot of perseverance and not giving up when it got hard, because there were many times where it got very difficult."

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Seibert sees great things ahead for Mila.

"I think she'll get very good. She has a great support system and great work ethic. She's very coachable," he said. "Girl's wrestling is the fastest-growing high school sport in the country over the past few years, and many college programs are being added every year so there are definitely some big, long-term goals."

Now that high school wrestling is over for 2024-25, Mila will continue with Jiu Jitsu.

On the March 22-23 weekend, Mila placed third in her bracket in the International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation's largest tournament in North America. She says that Jiu Jitsu attracts people of all ages including senior citizens. Mila's sister Aja, 11, participates in Jiu Jitsu classes.

Wrestling, however, remains a secondary sport along the South Coast.

"I wish more schools (had wrestling), but so many people quit early on in the season, not many people stick around," said Mila. "A lot of people sign up, not a lot of people actually do it."

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for April

By Sam Bishop

April sees the heavens light up with the continuing nova light explosion and a meteor shower.

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The star T Coronae Borealis, nicknamed "Blaze Star," is once again going nova, or exploding with light and radiation. The star system is about 3,000 light years away and is actually two stars: a white dwarf and a red giant. The stars appear to explode, or "flare" around every 80 years due to regular bursts of material from the smaller star. Rather than a supernova, this event is referred to as a "recurrent nova." The current nova is visible to the naked eye from now until around August and appears similar to the North Star (Polaris).

April's full moon is referred to as the "Pink Moon," named after flowers that bloom in spring. It will occur on April 13. Other self-evident names are Breaking Ice Moon and Budding Moon. Due to the moon nearing its farthest point from earth in its orbit, this full moon is actually a "Micro Pink Moon."

Mercury will be visible around this time and will be most visible on April 21 due to it being the farthest from the sun in its orbit. Mercury, Venus and Saturn will be near each other in the sky and visible in the morning, before sunrise.

The second major meteor shower of the year, the Lyrid Meteor Shower, will peak April 22 and April

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23. There will be between 15 and 20 meteors per hour during this time. It will be visible in most of the sky but is concentrated in the East, near the star Vega.

Earth Day is April 22, and if the long tradition of turning down/off lights is continued, it will make it easier to view these astronomic sights! Happy and lucky stargazing to you.

Old Colony, ORR Present Budgets

Rochester Finance Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Finance Committee started and ended its meeting Monday with presentations of the FY26 school budgets that will be decided on at the May 19 Annual Town Meeting.

The request for Rochester's portion of the FY26 Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School budget will be \$1,844,044. Superintendent Aaron Polansky shared via a written presentation on the numbers for the next fiscal year that this is only a 1.19% increase for member towns over FY25. He and Business Manager Sarah Griffith said the increase was caused by a 2.93% surge in insurance costs, the addition of \$45,000 for an assistant to the director of Technology, and a \$20,000 stipend for the vocational director (in lieu of a full-time co-op coordinator). To achieve the minimal increase, Polansky said, the \$110,000 request for this coordinator was withdrawn, \$51,353 of long-term debt was retired, a vocational instructor position was cut saving another \$98,000, and the \$75,000 cost of a ballot-vote question was moved from stabilization.

Finance Committee member David Arancio asked about the future financial impact of Old Colony's plans for a new building. Polansky responded that this project is in the planning stages, and the school is actively

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keeping member towns informed. The project's progress is posted on the school website. The school will hold an Informational Breakfast on April 15 for member town clerks and town administrators, he said, wherein each town may bring along up to four guests such as Select Board and Finance Committee members as well, and he will bring a formal presentation to Rochester officials at a later time.

Polansky said he knows the results will be a big ask when the plan gets to the schematic stage. "But we want to be completely transparent and open," he said. "Look at our chronological order of everything that's been done so far on our website."

Next, the Finance Committee approved increasing

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the town's Cost of Living Increase factor for FY26 salaries to 2.5%. Finance Director Suzanne Szyndlar said this would have an impact of adding \$75,000 to the town budget.

The panel then re-voted FY26 budget allocations for several town departments, highlighted by the most contentious of these items. Town Administrator Cameron Durant recommended the committee transfer \$4,500 from the general fund to the Town Administrator's account. He explained an assistant in his department, Emily Harding, is already doing a lot of extra work for Town Clerk Marjorie Barrows, and this would be a stipend to compensate Harding for her time with those duties.

The board approved this motion, but not before

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Arancio objected that the town clerk should be present for her perspective on this move. It allows the town administrator to act as town clerk, he said. "This muddies the waters a little, and is not as clean as it is being projected," Arancio added.

Durant noted that Town Counsel has signed off on this approach. "There's no more affordable way to do this," he said. "We have to put at least a Band-Aid on this problem."

Szyndlar noted Harding is already handling tax bills and other such duties. "It is in her job description," she said. "This is like a pay increase, pay for training."

The committee finished its business Monday with Old Rochester Regional School District and Rochester Memorial School budget presentations from Superintendent Michael Nelson and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howard Barber.

Nelson started his RMS budget presentation by noting the town school gets a minimal amount of state aid, and special education is one of its biggest budget drivers. Its FY25 Sped account is \$250,000 in the negative. State aid for FY26 is an increase of \$27,900, or 2.3 percent above FY25. His budget solutions for FY26 include no new programs and not rehiring to replace some retirees. The approved budget for FY26 is \$7,251,822, a net increase of \$78,418 or 1.093% over last year.

The Old Rochester Regional School District's

assessment against Rochester for FY26 will be \$5,671,113 for the operating budget, \$33,395 for capital stabilization, and \$19,075 for Capital BAN debt. The committee's final vote of the night was to approve the \$5,671,113 assessment figure for the Town Meeting Warrant.

The Finance Committee's next meeting will be on Zoom on Monday, April 7 to discuss revisions of the FY26 Fire Department budget.

New Associate Member Considered

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

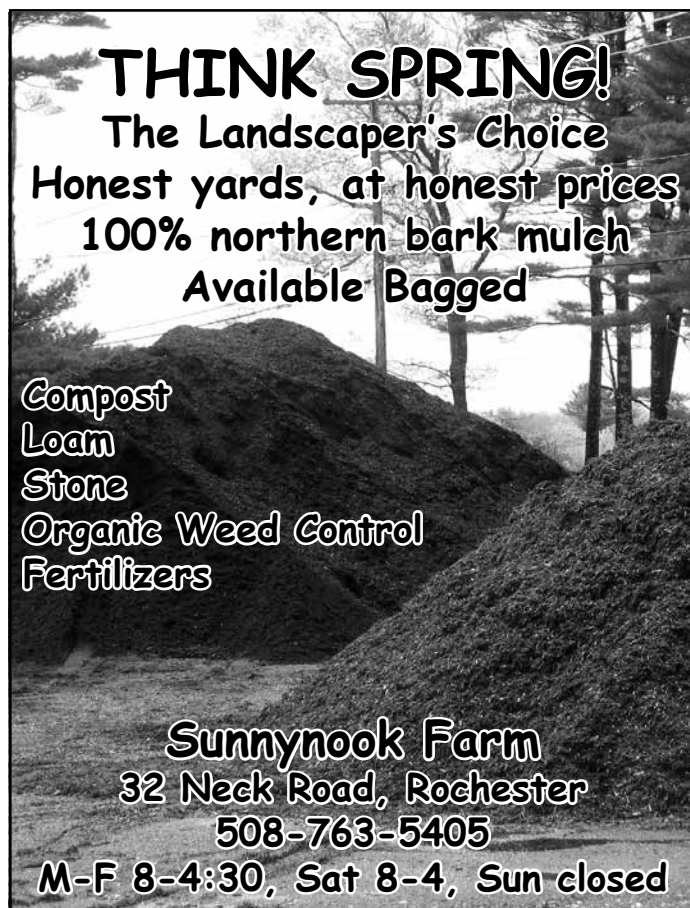
The Marion Conservation Commission met Wednesday, March 26 and began with two continued hearings.

Kevin Medeiros of 0 Cross Neck Road (number of address would be assigned after construction) was seeking a Notice of Intent for the construction of a new single-family dwelling. The public hearing's constant was not present, though after no questioning, the hearing was closed unanimously.

The next item was another continued hearing, this for Albert Fox of 173 Front Street for a Notice of Intent for the repairs of stone foundations of an existing pier construction. Ben Foley appeared on behalf of the applicant, stating the hearing was originally continued while awaiting comments from inspectors. Due to their being "no adverse effects" cited, the hearing was closed unanimously.

This meeting's two actions items were both for certificates of compliance for Cary LeBlanc for 17 Reservation Way. The certificate regards shrubs, bushes, and rocks demarcating the border between the lawn and the nearby wetland. The work was deemed compliant, and the certificate was approved unanimously. The second certificate request was also approved, though it regarded a breezeway addition to the house.

Tom Drechsler, retired engineer, was considered as an associate member to the commission and spoke in support of himself. Drechsler stated he has been a resident of Marion for about a year and would like to "engage and contribute some of [his] time to the community." His



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Parking on Pearl Street between Hammond Street and Church Street will be temporarily prohibited. Affected residents may park at the **Center School Tennis Courts** or **Saint Anthony's Church** during this time.

Intermittent Parking Ban

The parking ban may be lifted and reinstated as needed to facilitate different phases of the project. Residents will be notified in advance of any changes.

Traffic Management

Detail officers will be present throughout the entire project to ensure safety and assist with traffic control.

Questions or Concerns?

Please contact the **Highway Department** at **508-758-4181** for any inquiries.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

stated interests are in soil work and gardening. While he admitted these skills may not be needed, he stated he offers a unique skill set to the commission as well as the time and drive to learn. The commission said they would refer him to the Select Board for approval.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

New Handout For Applicants

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday approved a new neighbor for Lloyd's Market, with a plan to build a shed and remove a tree at 10 Hartley Road next to the store.

The commission rendered a Negative Determination of Applicability to wetlands protection bylaws for applicant Daniel Sullivan's proposal to clear approximately 400 square feet of briers and brush at the address and place a small shed there. Conservation Agent Merillee Kelly started the conversation by noting the site 25-30 feet from wetlands. When Sullivan asked if he could also remove a green elm that is close to the road, commission member Michael Gifford explained the more important issue with a tree removal is with what equipment is used near the wetlands. The machinery should not contain fuels that would contaminate the soil.

Sullivan agreed to follow this condition.

The commission also approved the first draft of a handout that future permit applicants and abutters will receive, detailing what the Conservation Commission does and does not have jurisdiction over. Commission Member Ben Bailey said the board has wasted its meeting time in the past when residents bring up project issues and concerns that the board has no control over. A one-piece document detailing the board's key duties will help solve this problem. "You don't talk about perc tests or septic systems," he said. "That's not jurisdiction."

Commission Chair Christopher Gerrior added that the handout, which is being drafted by Kelly, should detail the 'performance standards' an applicant must follow to work within a wetlands zone. "I always try to help people understand how things work in this town," he said.

Bailey added that this list will offer those details. "In black and white," he said. "And it will be a living document that can be changed."

In other action, the board continued until its next meeting a Notice of Intent hearing for a plan to install a new private well, construct a rear deck and clear brush and deadwood within a wetlands buffer zone at 57 Gifford Lane.

The board voted to not pursue an offer to buy 0 Walnut Plain Road, which is being converted from Chapter 61B forest and horticultural land protection for residential use.

The board approved a cost of \$65 for Kelly to attend a MACC Fundamental Unit 22 workshop.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be on April 15 at 7:00 pm, at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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CPAC Completes Grant Reviews

Mattapoisett Community Preservation

By Marilou Newell

The March 31 meeting of the Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee was held to finalize their 2025 grant reviews and to discuss possible allocation of funds to a housing category.

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Chairman Chuck McCullough said that the category for housing had been rather stagnant for a number of years, and even though area-wide discussions over the lack of housing, especially any that might be defined as affordable, took place, little had been done to move the needle on housing units.

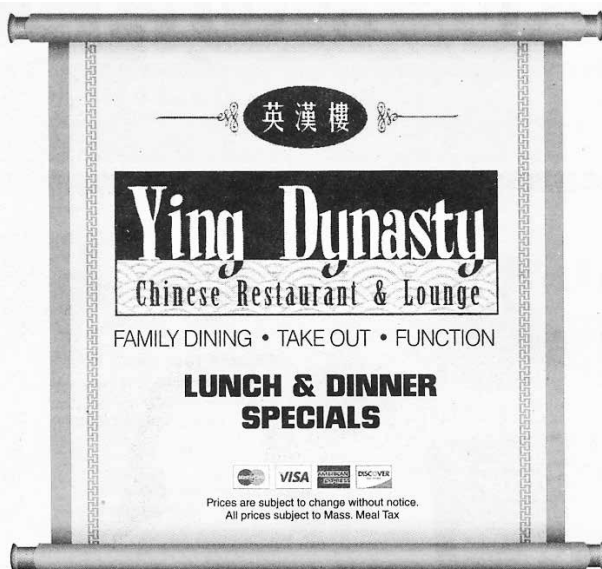
He suggested to the committee that the sum of \$250,000 be moved from undesignated funds to housing funds. The committee voted in the affirmative. The total now allocated for housing-related grant requests now stands at \$161,404.67. Town Meeting must approve the transfer of monies from undesignated to housing.

McCullough had prepared a spreadsheet capturing all money now being held in various

Community Preservation funds. Those are Open Space and Recreation \$55,459.00, Historic \$30,159.00, and undesignated \$1,085,606.20 (before possible transfer as previously noted).

Grant applications total \$113,044. The applications are: Mattapoisett Museum Carriage Shed ADA access being requested under the Historic category \$45,000; Hammond Cemetery restoration \$10,000; Historical Survey Phase 3 \$30,000; Florence Eastman American Legion Post renovations \$10,544; and, Old Hammondtown School Community Garden (requested by the Marion Institute) \$17,500.

All grant applications must receive Town Meeting support to be funded.



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Mattapoisett's Spring Town Meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 6:30 pm.

Clerical Error Delay

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

A clerical error on a public hearing notice has forced the delay in the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on a house renovation plan at 142 Sarah Sherman Road and handed a difficult decision to applicant Erin Denham.

The Zoning Board on March 27 opened the hearing on the request by Denham and fellow applicant Janice Mello for a variance to extend the home at 142 Sarah Sherman Road 10 feet into the side yard setback to add new office space. However, the board had to halt the proceedings quickly after realizing the published hearing notice read was a variance request for bylaw section 20.40 E2, the section regulating accessory dwellings. Zoning Board members said it should read as a variance for the section on side lot setbacks, 20.40 D1.

The board gave Denham the choice of withdrawing the application 'without prejudice' so the hearing could be advertised with the correct wording or continuing the hearing to a future meeting. Denham asked what the differences between her two options are. Board Chair David Arancio said that with a continuance, she would not have to pay to redo the abutters' list notifications or re-advertise. This will be a good option only if Town Council returns his call to say the section being sited does not need to be changed, he said. Otherwise, withdrawing and refileing the application would be the expensive option.

Denham opted for the continuance. She asked whether the town could assist her with re-advertising the hearing without cost should that become necessary. Arancio answered only that this question would have to be asked of the Town Administrator. The hearing was then continued April 10.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at 7:15 pm at 1 Constitution Way.

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FCCR Holy Week Worship Opportunities

First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester, is pleased to announce its Holy Week schedule. We invite you to come and worship with us. Our gatherings will also be livestreamed on our website, www.rochestercongregational.com.

April 13 at 10:00 am – Palm Sunday. Our pastor, Rev. Colby Olson, will share a joy-filled message, and palms will be distributed after the worship gathering.

April 17 at 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday. This somber service includes Communion, Scripture reading, and the gradual extinguishing of lights in the Sanctuary to impress upon the hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice. Since this is such a solemn service, we ask that attendees enter and exit in silence.

April 18 at 7:00 pm – Good Friday. This Good Friday gathering will include Communion and a special message of reflection.

April 20 – Resurrection Sunday. Our sunrise gathering begins at 7:30 am on the Church Green and will be followed by a free Easter breakfast in our Fellowship



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Hall. An Easter worship gathering will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am during which we will celebrate that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is alive. So that we can adequately prepare for the free breakfast, we ask that you call the church office at 508-763-4314 by April 13 to let us know you're coming.

MCC Celebrates Holy Week

The public is invited to join us as we observe Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday, **April 13** at 10:00 am. Palm Sunday is a Christian celebration that marks the beginning of the Holy Week leading to Easter Sunday. It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem when people laid down palms and branches before him as a sign of honor.

Maundy Thursday will be observed on **April 17** to recognize Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. An evening service of scripture and hymns will be held at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

On Sunday, **April 20**, we will observe Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead with 2 services: a 7:00 am sunrise service at Shipyard Park along the waterfront and a family service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

We hope you will join us. All are welcome at Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett.

Celebrate Spring with MLT

Be a Worm, a Bird or a Flower: Celebrate Spring with MLT and storyteller Jackson Gillman on Saturday, **April 5** at 11:00 am Mattapoisett Land Trust invites you to bring the kids to "Spring into Action and Song" with Stand-Up Chameleon Jackson Gillman. This is the second show in this quarterly series Celebrate the Seasons in Song & Story and will be held at Dunseith Gardens 36 North Street, Mattapoisett. Come celebrate spring in all of its flowery, song-filled wonder. Everyone becomes worms, flowers, birds, sun, rain and more in this playful romp. This is a free rain or shine event.

Two other seasonal concerts will follow: Summer at the Beach in July, and Awesome Autumn in October.

Cushing Cemetery Meeting

Cushing Cemetery is holding its bi-annual meeting Saturday, **April 26** at 10:00 am in the Marine Room at the library. All cemetery members and trustees are urged to attend. The public is also invited.

Spring Sings & Strings at the MAC

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present two concerts to celebrate Spring.

Aoife Clancy was born and raised in Co Tipperary Ireland and grew up in a family steeped in music. Her father Bobby Clancy was a member of the group "The Clancy Brothers" and at an early age introduced her to

old ballads and traditional Irish songs.

Aoife will be joining the MAC for an evening of music & song on **April 18** at 7:00 pm at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. The cost for members is \$20 and for non-members \$25. Tickets, information and reservations at marionartcenter.org/events.

Unplugged: 2025 is starting up again on **May 9** with two sets by memorable duo Marcus Monteiro & Donn Legge. New seating times for the popular show are 7:00 to 8:00 pm and 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The cost for members is \$15 and for non-members is \$20.

Donn Legge (guitar) is a busy performer on the South Coast of Massachusetts. He can be seen playing with Blues Train, South Coast Jazz Orchestra, Patrice Tiedmann's Seaglass Theater, Dori Rubbicco, NB Rude Boys, and Kareem Sanjaghi on Cape Cod. Saxophonist Marcus Monteiro continues to impress his audience with intensity, interpretation, and consummate improvisational skills.

Friends of the Mattapoisett Library to Host Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Spring Book Sale on Friday, **April 12**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will also be accepting book donations on Thursday, April 10, and Friday, **April 11**, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success.

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

"We encourage everyone to stop by, browse, and find some great reads," said Frances-Feliz Kearns, Acting Secretary of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library. "Your support helps sustain the library's many wonderful



TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Fourth-grade students Amelia Whinnem, Zoe Callina, and Neriah Andrews won a blue ribbon for their project, "Filtering Water" at the Sippican Science Fair on Wednesday, March 26. Photos Courtesy Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55



Second-grade student Sagan Tomasik-Jones won a blue ribbon for her project, "Plants: Which solution is better?"



Sixth-grade student Samuel Becker won a blue ribbon for his project, "Which growing medium helps plants grow best?"



The Marion Department of Public Works will be moving this year into a new facility nearing its completion at Benson Brook. The project is coming in under budget. Photos by Mick Colageo.



Fifth-grade students Aidan Zhou, Matthew Oien, and Rowan Farquarson won a blue ribbon for their Coding project, "Tree Hugger AI."



Ruth Grffin shared this photo she took of the water from Bay Road at Point Connett.



Photo by Jennifer Shepley

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

programs."

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

Four Bridges Bluegrass Band

The Mattapoissett Museum, 5 Church St, Mattapoissett, will again be rocking, this time with Four Bridges Bluegrass Band on **April 26** at 6:00 pm This New England-based bluegrass band has performed together since 2013. From fast-paced, hard-hitting bluegrass to sultry and down-home country music, Four Bridges encompasses a wide range of traditional sounds that burn with their own vibe. They'll have you dancing, crying, hootin', and hollerin'. After years of performing together at countless venues, weddings, celebrations, and tours, they are well-seasoned musicians and know how to bring it.



The Four Bridges Bluegrass Band consists of Jeremy Place, Benjamin Marshall, Nelson Hiller and Sal Salco. Jeremy Place, from Middleboro, plays the



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Thursday April 3, 2025

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 Marion Harbormaster Building Open House
9:30 AM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
11:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peter Dean
3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Beau Port
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM 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 Evening Conversation with Senator Mike Rodrigues
11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Tremont Advent Christian Camp

Friday April 4, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Land Trust
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM A Conversation With...
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocass with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
5:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act
8:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs St. Marys
9:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball MIAA State Finals vs Norwell
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Hurricane

Saturday April 5, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Cape Conversations
11:00 AM Science 360
11:30 AM Health Source
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Peter Dean
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Revolutionary War Veterans Ceremony
5:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act
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 Mattapoisett Land Trust
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday April 6, 2025

6:00 AM Health Source

6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM MAC Arts in the Park
11:00 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
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 Paltrocass with Darren Paltrowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series: Mehetabel Chandler Colt
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 Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
10:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday April 7, 2025

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 Tri-Town Holiday Events
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 Deutsche Welle - Shift
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Hurricane
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs St. Marys
7:45 PM ORR Boys Basketball MIAA State Finals vs Norwell
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday April 8, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM 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 - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
5:00 PM Tri-Town Holiday Events
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond with Peter Balzarini
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday April 9, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 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
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs St. Marys
4:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball MIAA State Finals vs Norwell
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Series - Notre Dame
8:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
9:30 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Monomoy
11:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bourne

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Planning Board
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion School Committee
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
6:00 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
7:00 PM Marion Historic District Study Committee
10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
11:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission

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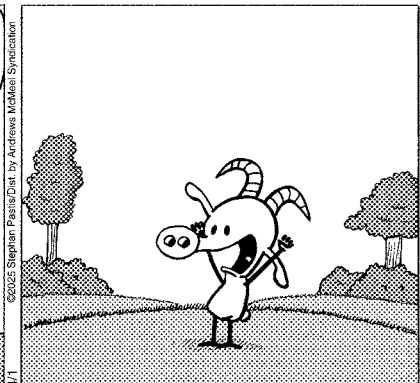
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
10:00 AM Rochester School Committee
12:00 PM ORR School Committee
1:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
7:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
8:00 PM Rochester School Committee
10:00 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee
10:00 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Bowman
11:00 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Triton
2:00 PM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR
3:00 PM Old Colony National Honor Society
3:30 PM ORR Theater Class
4:30 PM ORR Senior Assembly
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Class Olympics
8:00 PM The Harvard Krokodiloes at ORR
9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Apponequet
10:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony
11:30 PM ORR FORM Brunch

MATTAPoisETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 38

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



mandolin, guitar, banjo, and vocals. By day, Jeremy is a music educator. At night, he's an avid songwriter.

Benjamin Marshall, a Rhode Islander, plays the banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle, vocals & bass. He admires and respects the bluegrass icons, and that sound is very much a part of Ben's musical chemistry.

Sal Salco, also a Rhode Islander, plays the mandolin, and vocals and is the President of the Rhode Island Bluegrass Alliance. He has played with Four Bridges many, many times over the years and recently officially joined the band as a touring member.

Nelson Hiller, Mattapoisett's own, plays bass, mandolin, guitar, and vocals.

A talented and prolific songwriter, Nelson is blessed with a sharp wit and an ear for good music.

Mattapoisett Road Race College Stipends

July 4 will be here before we know it and so will the 53rd running of the Mattapoisett Road Race, "4 on the 4th". Begun in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Since then, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more

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than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students. The online application can be accessed via a QR code available at the high school guidance office. The application deadline is **May 15**.

April at the Rochester Historical Museum

Winter is over and spring is here so the Historical Society will once again have meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Rd., Rochester. Meetings will start at 7:00 Pm and be followed by refreshments and conversation.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, **April 16** at 7:00 pm. As a finale of sorts for our current exhibit, we

OBITUARIES



Patricia "Pat" McPartland, age 74, passed away on March 17, 2025 peacefully at home. She was born in Passaic, New Jersey. Pat lived a remarkable life defined by intellectual curiosity, professional achievement, and a profound commitment to personal and spiritual growth.

A lifelong learner, Pat was committed to education and public health.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Missouri, followed by a Master's Degree in Preventative Medicine from Ohio State University. Her academic journey culminated with a Doctorate in Education from Columbia University - a testament to her unwavering dedication to learning and helping others.

She retired as the Director of the Adult Education Program at Upper Cape Tech. Over the course of her career, she published 32 articles in the field of public health and presented 40 academic papers at national and international conferences, establishing herself as a respected voice in the academic community.

Her intellectual achievements were matched only by her deep spiritual wisdom and openness to growth. Pat was an active member of Toastmasters, where she honed her gift

for thoughtful communication. She was a beloved member of Unity on Cape Cod. Her exploration of the mind-body connection led her to collaborate with Dr. Joe Dispenza's organization, participating in research on the effects of meditation and spirituality on health. More than her professional and academic achievements, Pat will be remembered for the way she made people feel. She inspired all who knew her with her deeply spiritual optimism, always choosing love over fear. Her kindness, wisdom, and joy, left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

She is survived by her sister Mary Ellen Stiehl and her nephew William Stiehl of New Jersey.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held at Unity on Cape Cod on Saturday May 31st, at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Unity on Cape Cod, 147 Walton Ave. Hyannis, MA 02601. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saunderdwyer.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.



MOVIE REVIEW

Play Ball

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Eephus*.** Starring Keith William Richards and Stephen Radochia. Directed by Carson Lund. Running time: 98 minutes. No MPAA rating, but a bit of R-rated language. Now playing in theaters.

An eephus pitch, I am informed, not being a baseball fan, is a type of pitch that arcs high and seems to travel slow but doesn't. It's a trick pitch meant to fake out a batter, and the legendary pitcher Bill "Spaceman" Lee, who appears in the movie *Eephus*, used to incorporate it into his arsenal. (His version was dubbed the Leephus or Space Ball.) It's an appropriate title for this gem of a film, which also appears to run slow and yet starts to go too fast, heading, over the course of 90 minutes or so in our time but late morning to early evening in the characters' experience, towards an ending that's an end to a lot of things we've been led to care about.

Eephus has a solid story but little plot. That is to say, nothing much "happens" — and we relax into our seats knowing nothing cheesy or dramatically manufactured is going to happen — but the story we're being told doesn't require big events. We don't learn a whole lot about the men on the field, either, except in asides or brief interludes. When the men talk to each other, they don't wax poetic or elegiac. They talk like guys trying somewhat inarticulately to avoid something sad. These men, members of the local rec baseball teams Adler's Paint and the Riverdogs, have been playing at Soldier's Field in Douglas, Massachusetts since forever. But soon the field will be razed to put up a public school.

The men don't show much sentiment — it comes out in indirect, sometimes angry ways — or much resentment. No evil landlord has bought the place to tack up another Starbucks. The director and co-writer Carson Lund seems to have drafted a list of all the weak, clichéd things that could have happened in the film and then crossed them all out with extreme prejudice. What's left is a mix of older and younger guys playing this one last game in a space that means a lot to them. In a way the story and its style are almost zen. I could tell you who wins the game, and



you would forget ten minutes into the film because it doesn't matter. Some of the men are tired or old or pained; they drive themselves forward anyway, not out of rancor towards the other team but because of the circumstance.

A few baseball legends are quoted here, the most relevant quote coming, of course, from Yogi Berra: "It gets late early out here." The game in *Eephus* takes place in October, when daylight takes down its shingle earlier, and we can literally see the lights going out on this game, this place and all its memories, its pleasant ghosts of past afternoons buzzing on the radio; going out on this chapter in the men's lives. They may play ball elsewhere, but it won't be the same. I should reiterate that I'm a general sports agnostic, and *Eephus* engaged and moved me, and may do likewise for you. I was reminded of the Canadian hockey comedy series *Shoresy*, which is "about" the sport but also takes in everything important around the game. This is true of any good sports story.

The actors here are working actors, not stars; some have shown up in a lot of indie films but appear to us here as simply the men they're playing. (Bill Lee, as a mystery man named Lee, shows up to fill in when a team's pitcher has to cut out to attend his niece's baptism, then disappears into the ether again. Ol' Spaceman is the star and guiding ethos of the film if there is any.) Some of the men are high-strung due to the import of the occasion, others are mellow or reflective or just drunk. *Eephus* is set in the mid-'90s, though you'd probably have to read up on it or pay very close attention to pick up that detail at all; nobody talks about then-current events. It seems to unfold in a time that seems to us much easier, less fraught with all kinds of peril. Carson Lund sweeps the table of everything except these guys getting together one last time, and we viewers fill in the rest.

are planning a games night with a chance to play some of the historic games in the display, from Chinese Checkers, the Marble Game, Dominoes, Parcheesi to building something with Lincoln Logs or calling up the spirits with the Ouija Board.

If you have a favorite game from your past, feel free to bring it along. Anyone who is still planning to pay their dues for 2025 can do that on the 16th.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

My Grandmother was born in 1894 and grew up in Roxbury, a section of Boston, which is very different today than it was then. Her father had come to the United States from Ireland by way of Canada. Once here, he went from operating a tea cart to owning a brick-and-mortar store.

My grandmother graduated from Bridgewater Normal School in 1914 and upon graduation, she and her friend, Emily Ward, decided they wanted to both teach school and to travel. The traveling part was quite adventuresome for two young ladies in the early 1900's.

In those days the Department of Education for Massachusetts had a large ledger in their office in which all the teaching vacancies in the state were listed. Teachers interested in a job could make an appointment to look for a potential opening. My grandmother (Marion

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights March 23 - March 29

- Spring St - Health/welfare
- Main St - Parking enforcement
- Ichabod Ln - EMS/medical
- Ryders Ln - General service
- Mill St - Paper service
- County Rd - Fraud
- Converse Rd - Health/welfare
- Cottage St - Animal complaint
- Lewis St - Burglar alarm
- Front St - Suspicious person
- Pleasant St - MV collision
- Field Stone Ln - Animal complaint
- Spring St - Office wanted
- Spring St - General service
- Mill St - Officer wanted
- County Rd - MV collision
- Front St - MV collision
- Delano Rd - Lost property
- Wareham Rd - Officer wanted
- Point Rd - Follow up investigation
- Mill St - Parking enforcement
- Route 195 West - MV collision
- Spring St - Animal complaint
- Vine St - EMS/medical
- Doran Way - Suspicious MV
- Delano Rd - Brush fire
- Front St - Health/welfare
- Dexter Rd - EMS/medical
- Converse Rd - General service

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 23 - March 29

- Lebaron Way - Medical assist
- County Rd - Threats
- Route 195 East - Assist other
- Marion Rd - Follow up investigation
- County Rd - Larceny/forgery/fraud
- North St - General service
- Fairhaven Rd - MV violations
- Route 195 West - 911 call
- Channing Rd - Animal control
- Water St - General service
- Mechanic St - Animal control
- North St - Sex offenses
- North St - Follow up investigation
- Fairhaven Rd - Medical assist
- Beaver Path - Health/welfare
- River Rd - Animal control
- Knollwood Dr - Follow up
- Industrial Dr - Follow up investigation
- Pine Island Rd - 911 call
- Harbor HB Rd - 911 call
- Meadowbrook Ln - Restraining order
- Neds Point Rd - Vandalism
- Holly Ln - Animal control
- Church St Ext - General service
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd - Medical
- Aucoot Rd - Burglar alarm
- Hitching Post Rd - Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd - General service
- North St - MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 23 - March 29

- Maxim Rd - General services
- Braley Hill Rd - MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy - MV collision
- New Bedford Rd - Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln - Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln - Inside investigation
- New Bedford Rd - Animal control
- Bernards Way - Burglar alarm
- County Rd - MV stop/citation
- Mayflower Ln - General services
- Marion Rd - MV stop/citation
- Clapp Rd - Outside investigation
- Ryder Rd - Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy - 911 call
- North Ave - MV stop/verbal warning
- Woodland Rd - Medical
- Marys Pond Rd - Erratic MV
- High St - Harassment
- Snipatuit Rd - Noise complaint
- Marys Pond Rd - Noise complaint
- Sarah Sherman Rd - Animal control
- Pine St - Structure fire
- Snipatuit Rd - Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd - Fraud
- Hathaway Pond Cir - Fire alarm
- Forbes Rd - Suspicious activity
- Cushman Rd - Animal control
- Alley Rd - Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy - Suspicious activity

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 7: Pulled pork tacos w/ lime wedge, brown rice, black beans, corn & peppers, mini tortillas (2), orange
Tuesday, April 8: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach & peppers, wheat roll, pudding, diet: fruit
Wednesday, April 9: Caprese salad, shrimp scampi, whole grain pasta, carrots, dinner roll, applesauce
Thursday, April 10: Tomato bruschetta, chicken, roasted potatoes, green peas, wheat bread, banana loaf
Friday, April 11: Bean chili with sweet potatoes, shredded cheese, Cali blend vegetables, whole grain cornbread, mixed fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, April 7: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedge
Tuesday, April 8: Chicken fajita rice bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad, warm tortilla
Wednesday, April 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, April 10: Spaghetti with

meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli
Friday, April 11: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 7: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedge
Tuesday, April 8: Chicken fajita rice bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad, warm tortilla
Wednesday, April 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, April 10: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli
Friday, April 11: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, April 7: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedge
Tuesday, April 8: Chicken fajita rice

bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad, warm tortilla
Wednesday, April 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, April 10: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli
Friday, April 11: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, April 7: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedge
Tuesday, April 8: Chicken fajita rice bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad, warm tortilla
Wednesday, April 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, April 10: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli
Friday, April 11: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, April 7: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, pickle, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedge
Tuesday, April 8: Chicken fajita rice bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad, warm tortilla
Wednesday, April 9: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, April 10: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, steamed broccoli
Friday, April 11: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, April 7: Build your own beef tacos: salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans in a taco shell or over rice
Tuesday, April 8: Macaroni & cheese or buffalo mac & cheese
Wednesday, April 9: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies
Thursday, April 10: BBQ chicken bacon ranch flat bread
Friday, April 11: Assorted pizza



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Frazer) and her friend, Emily, found that the town of Rochester had two openings in the elementary school. They moved to Rochester and began their teaching careers. They taught here in town for two years, 1915 and 1916, while boarding in area homes.

True to their travel plans, they then accepted teaching positions in Danvers, MA. The picture with this article shows Marion Frazer when she was teaching 5th grade there.

However, her traveling plans never made it any further than Danvers.

While living in Rochester, she had met and was being courted by James Hartley. He did not let distance interrupt his plans and was willing to make the trek from Rochester to Danvers and back. On one return trip from Danvers, he fell asleep at the wheel and collided with a telephone pole. Fortunately, he wasn't seriously hurt and my Grandmother always said that she decided she should accept his proposal of marriage before he did himself in.

They were married in June of 1917, lived first in New Bedford and then bought a home in Rochester. She had two children, was actively involved in town and particularly in the Grange and taught school for almost 50 years. Both in Rochester and surrounding towns.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



On April 1, Old Hammonctown School art teacher Greta Anderson along with the student artists participating in the Arbor Day Poster Contest gathered to receive awards. The participants this year included those students whose submissions were recognized for special merit. The students who won were First Place winner Beatrix Apperson and Second Place winner MJ Gendreau. Each winner received a gift certificate to a local eatery. Other entries of special merit were Most Inspirational by Brooke Mello, Most Creative by Colton Costa, Best Botanical Accuracy by Micah Kratochvil, and Lila Anderson for Best Word Artistry. Apperson entry is now with the Arbor Day state committee where it will compete for first place standing at the state level. Arbor Day activities include public participation activities such as the poster contest, needed to qualify for Tree City designation for the town. Photos by Marilou Newell.



Elder law attorney Brandon Walecka presented a lively session on charitable giving in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. A healthy crowd attended, asking questions and better informed about leaving a legacy that follows one's personal philanthropic goals. Pastor Michael Frady and the Finance Committee plan to hold future events in 2025 about tax-favorable gifting strategies available to the charitably inclined. Photo courtesy Jennifer Shepley.



Raccoon photographed in Robert Pina's backyard on Point Road in Marion

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

Library and are instrumental in keeping programming for all ages coming to the Library. They help fund our Summer Reading Program, bring guest speakers to the building, subscribe to BookPage (a monthly book review publication free for patrons to take), and help stock our Library of Things collection. They are always looking for new members and many hands make light work.

The Friends will also be holding a Clothing & Book Drive in conjunction with Savers of New Bedford from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Saturday **May 10**. A U-haul truck will be in the Library's parking lot on New Bedford Rd., just drive up and load in your donations. Savers will accept only resale quality clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, soft household goods such as curtains, bedding, and throw pillows, small kitchen items, and books. Please bag the soft goods and box the books separately. All proceeds from this drive and the book sale directly benefit the Friends.

The Library needs Trustees and Friends Board Members. If you're interested in the inner workings of your Library, please contact Kristen Cardoso, Director, for more information about possible openings on both boards. Trustee candidates will need to take out nomination papers from Town Hall to get on the spring Town Election ballot.

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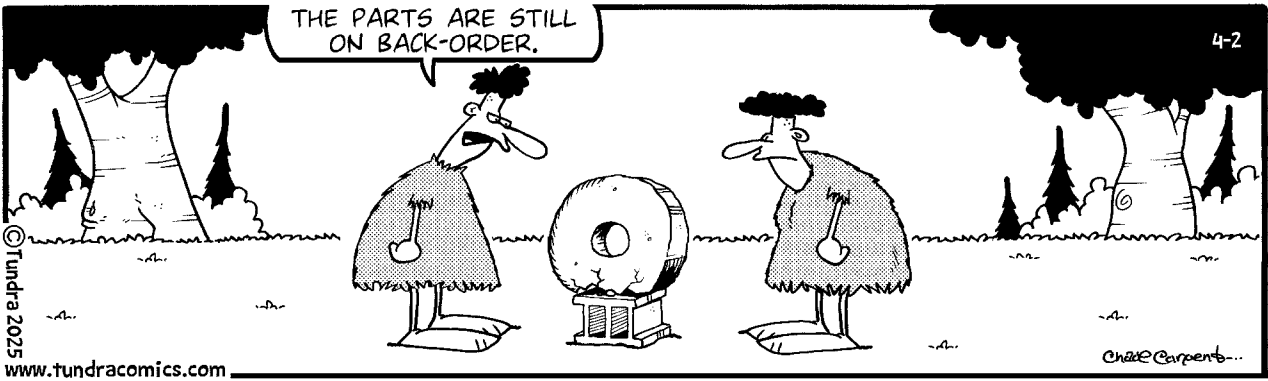


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Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

During Saturdays in April the Elizabeth Taber Library will be hosting Basket Weaving workshops with artist Patty Benson of the New Bedford Arts and Cultural Emporium. Workshops will take place in the Elizabeth Taber Library's new event space. Each session in April will have participants creating a completed basket. There are currently limited spaces still available for the final Wine Basket weaving class scheduled for **April 26** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. To register please call or contact the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. This series is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library commissioners.

The Seed Library is back. Visit the library to check out free seed packets for your garden and browse our collection of gardening and back yard homesteading books.

Messy Mornings are back on Thursday Mornings beginning at 10:30 am. Messy mornings with Miss Macy are a great way for young kids to explore some messy creative craft projects. Dress for a mess. No sign up required.

New Preschool story times, Mondays at 1:30 pm. No sign up required

Tickets are on Sale for An Afternoon Tea, at the Marion Music Hall April 13th at 3pm. This event is a fundraiser by the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library and all proceeds will benefit the library. Enjoy an elegant and delicious afternoon tea followed by a performance by local singer – songwriter, Grace Morrison. Tickets are available for purchase at the Elizabeth Taber Library 2:00 pm to close until April 11th or until sold out. Cash or check only. For questions regarding this event please email Michelle at periwinkles4@hotmail.com.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org.

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their 2nd Annual Afternoon Tea fundraiser will be local singer-songwriter Grace Morrison. The event will again be held at the Marion Music Hall on Sunday, **April 13**. It will begin at 3:00 pm with a sumptuous tea of assorted tea sandwiches, scones and desserts, with the performance to follow.

Grace Morrison grew up in Wareham and has devoted her life to making music and perfecting her unique style, which she calls Saltwater Country, also the name of her latest album. Audiences around the country have become captivated by her personal and endearing connection with her listeners.

Tickets, which are \$45, are limited and can only be purchased with cash or check at the Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring St., where they will go on sale Monday, March 24 at 2:00 pm and every day that week from 2:00 pm until closing until they are sold out. All proceeds go to benefit the programming and other needs of the library.

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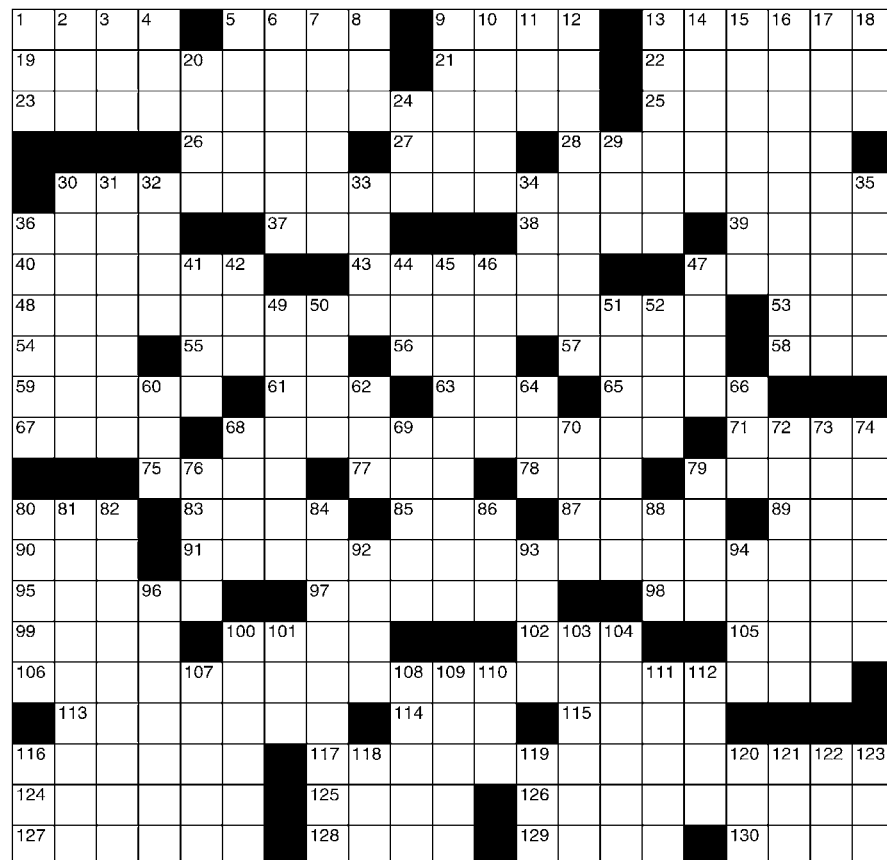
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42 Pug or peke
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50 Slate-colored
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96 Topaz quartz
100 Unspoken
101 Get riper
103 Entertainer
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104 Makes heavy,
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109 Tale —
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112 Ditty
116 Craze
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guffaw
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122 Suffix with
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123 In-favor vote



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With change dominant this week, don't be surprised to find new emerging facts that could put a slant on a situation and offer you another choice. Think it through before you decide.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There could be some lingering problems from a previous matter that involved a decision you felt you had to make. Resolve the situation with your strong Taurean no-nonsense approach.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini's carefully made plans could be undone by someone's unexpected decision. Getting the full story behind a surprise move can help you decide how to deal with the matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Recently uncovered information might put a new light on a situation you thought had been resolved. Keep an open mind about possible changes that you might have to consider.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With a potential revision of an old agreement, you can't beat the Big Cat for knowing how to sharpen a "clause" to the best advantage. Meanwhile, someone close could have the news you've been waiting for.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Certain issues in the workplace could put you in the middle of a dispute you'd rather not deal with. Express your honest feelings before the pressure to take sides builds up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel uneasy disagreeing with someone you've been close to. But your relationship should be able to withstand and even thrive when you confront your true feelings.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation seems to be creating more confusion than you can handle. If so, own up to your feelings. The sooner you do, the better your chances are for working things out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With change directing the Archer's aim, consider a second look at your plans and see where they might benefit from a revision. In other news, a workplace matter is close to a resolution.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New contacts help you learn some important information about upcoming developments. The week calls for the Sea Goat to be more flexible than usual in a number of matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With both change and uncertainty in your aspect, you might feel less confident in a previous decision. This is OK. Check it out and see where it could be modified, if necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Old relationships that seemed to be sinking are buoyant again, and new relationships are benefiting from Cupid's loving care. This could be a good time to make a major move!

BORN THIS WEEK: You prefer making your own path, but you'll go out of your way to help someone in need. You define what it means to be a true trailblazer.

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Jennifer's spirit of support and advocacy for special education resonates deeply within this initiative, and it is our commitment to continue awarding the Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship for years to come, ensuring that her legacy continues to inspire and uplift students and the community.

For those who wish to contribute and be a part of this endeavor for the 2025 school year, you can use Venmo @Jen_Rusinoski_Scholarship_Fund, contact us at 508-922-0541, or mail your donation to 137 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, 02739. Your support means everything and helps us carry forward Jennifer's legacy year after year, making a difference in the lives of future scholars. Thank you.

Earth Day Cleanup

This Earth Day, the residents of Mattapoisett are coming together for a community-wide cleanup that promises to create a lasting impact on the beauty and health of our town. Organized by the Mattapoisett Sustainability Committee, local volunteers, and supported by town officials, everyone is invited to roll up their sleeves and make a difference. The event will occur on Saturday, **April 19** at 9:00 am at the Mattapoisett Library.

The cleanup will focus on public spaces, including parks, streets, and waterfront areas. Volunteers will remove litter to restore the natural beauty of Mattapoisett's beloved spots and inspire long-term environmental stewardship.

"Earth Day is the perfect occasion to take care of our community by taking care of our environment," said Kathleen LeClair, one of the event's coordinators. "By working together, we can create change, encouraging others to keep our town clean and beautiful year-round for all to enjoy."

Participants will also be encouraged to share their experiences and photos on social media using the hashtag #KeepMattapoisettBeautiful, inspiring others to join the movement. The Earth Day cleanup extends beyond Mattapoisett—it is a message of hope and collaboration for future generations.

We will meet at the canopy on the Mattapoisett

Library lawn. Please bring gloves; all other supplies will be provided to participants. The Sustainability Partnership thanks all volunteers for their efforts.

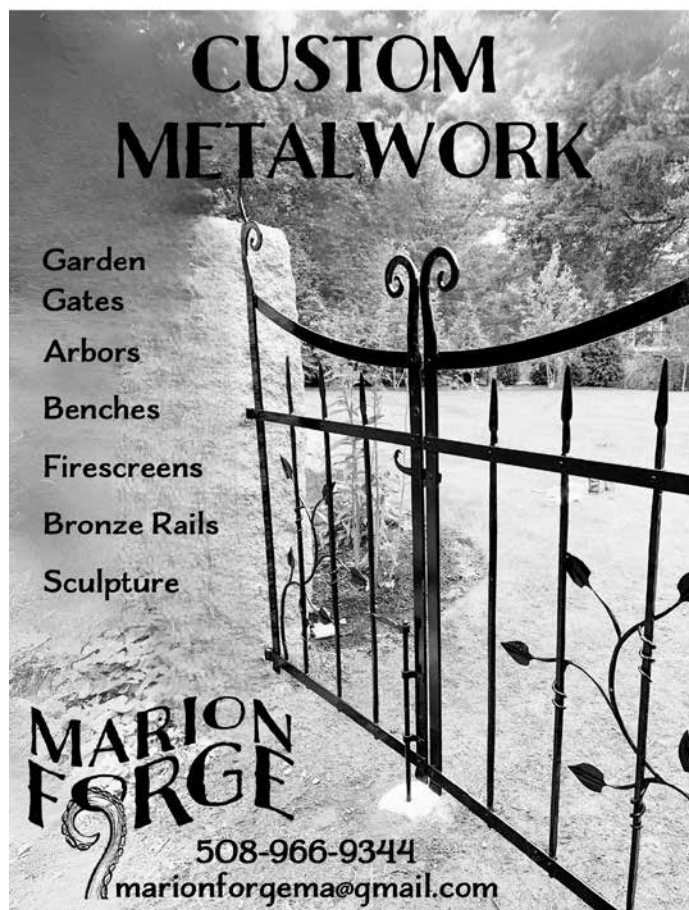
For more information and to register please visit the Mattapoisett Library website.

MAC Exhibits The Pastel Paintings of Janet Schwartz & Dave Kaphammer

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its newest exhibition, the Pastel Paintings of Janet Schwartz & Dave Kaphammer, which features two artists working in pastels. The exhibit runs April 5 through May 16 with an artists' reception on Saturday, **April 5** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

Although trained as an art teacher, Janet Schwartz initially put off her artistic interests to pursue a corporate career. During her lengthy work commutes, she was inspired by the energy and chaos of highway lights and reflections and began painting in earnest in her free time. In 2021, she traded in her corporate career for a full life of painting and teaching painting - and she hasn't turned back.

Schwartz is a pastel artist but also enjoys working in oils and charcoal drawings. She is a Master Circle Member of the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS), a Copley Artist with the Copley Society of Art, a juried member of the Rockport Art Association and the North Shore Art Association; a Signature Member



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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Adam Walorz, 15 Village Road, Lakeville, MA 02347. The proposed project is to construct a single-family dwelling with associated driveway, grading and utilities. The project is located as Nantucket Drive, and is further identified as Lot 106.21 on Assessor Map 13.0

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/3

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1220

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Forrest J. Cote & Emilee A. Arkoette, for property located at 112 Sarah Sherman Rd., identified on Assessor's Map 29, Lot 11, who is seeking a Variance for the side setback requirements and a Variance for the required distance between structures on a proposed garage, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2. of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

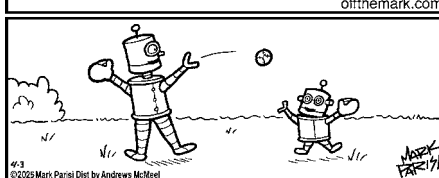
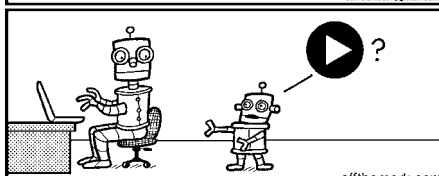
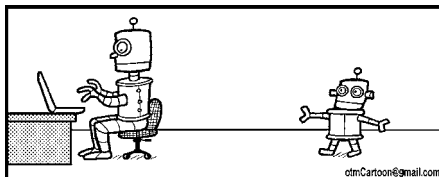
The public hearing will be on Thursday, April 24th, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.

David Arancio, Chairman 4/3, 4/10

TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 to

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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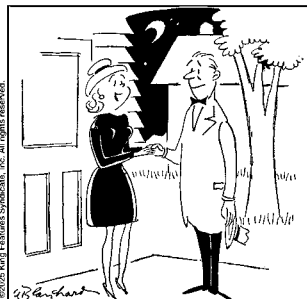
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TODAY'S WORD



"I enjoyed every _____ of our evening."

LEGAL NOTICES

consider the following amendments to the Town of Rochester Zoning By-Laws:

- Revise Chapter 21.00 of the Zoning By-Laws – Zoning Overlay Districts, Section 21.60: Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District to add a new Townhouse subdistrict and expand the District to include new parcel(s).

Copies of the article are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road during business hours and are posted on the Town's website at Rochester Zoning By-Law Amendments | Rochester, MA (townofrochesterma.com)

Join Zoom Meeting

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of the Pastel Society of America (PSA) and Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod (PPSCC) where she has actively served on the board for six years. Her work is represented at the Sidoti Gallery of Fine Art in Rockport, MA and she exhibits at the Copley Society of Art, the Concord Art Association, Rockport Art Association and Museum, the North Shore Art Association, the Salmagundi Club in NY and other New England locations

Strong light and cast shadows can make the most ordinary scenes appear magical in the works of Dave Kaphammer. He is inspired by late afternoon light breaking through trees, reflecting off water, or falling across an old tractor, casting interesting shadow shapes. Recently his interest has expanded to the old New England architecture in his neighborhood.

Kaphammer has been painting in pastel for about 20 years - starting from taking weekly classes, then setting up a home studio and painting several times a week and eventually teaching regular classes and workshops for over seven years. He also works full time as an engineer for Bose. Dave Says "Exercising my artistic passion makes the engineering be more creative, while time spent working and commuting definitely fuels my hunger for making art."

Kaphammer is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod (PPSCC), a Master Circle member of the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS), and an Artist

member of the Copley Society of Art, the Rockport Art Association, and the North Shore Art Association. He has won numerous awards in national and international juried shows.

More information on the exhibit can be found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Rochester Women's Club Earth Day

The annual Earth Day town wide clean up sponsored by the Rochester Women's Club will be held on Saturday, **April 19** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Women's Club will be open during those hours for you to stop by, grab your street cleaning supplies and a cup of coffee. There will be a dumpster on site. Details will

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The Town of Mattapoisett is accepting resumes to fill the full-time position for COA Director for the Mattapoisett COA. Details are available on the Town website under **Employment**. Please send resumes to HR@mattapoisett.net

The Town of Mattapoisett is accepting resumes to fill the part-time position for Recreation Director for the Mattapoisett Recreation Dept. Details are available on the Town website under **Employment**. Please send resumes to HR@mattapoisett.net

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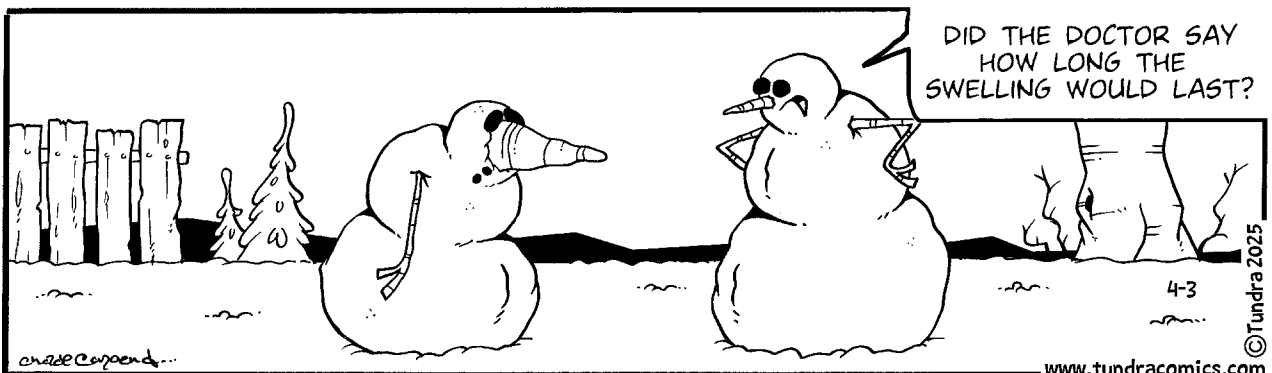
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History of the Sippican Woman's Club

On Friday, **April 11** from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm The Sippican Woman's Club's dedicated Historian, Jeanne Bruen, will give an oral and visual overview of the club's history. Jeanne has been a member of the club since 2007.



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Christian Bertram	April 3
Erica Pavao	April 3
Griffin Healy	April 3
Katie Nilson	April 3
Monte Albalos	April 3
Charlie Vosseler	April 4
Thomas Kozlowski	April 4
Matt Jones	April 5
Cristina Noel-Motta	April 6
Kristen Bissonnette	April 6
Kristen Messina	April 6
Makenzie Despres	April 6
Mike Rosa	April 6
Scott C. Day	April 6
Shelby Moniz	April 6
Brandon Silva	April 7
Carter Jeffrey	April 7
Sharon Newcomb	April 7
Warren Gibbons	April 7
Alex Pateakos	April 8
Caitlyn King	April 8
Jackson Porter Hamilton	April 8
John Edgerton Ruggles	April 8
Logan King	April 8
Matt Gamache	April 8
Miyuki Dawson	April 8
Suzanne Maksy	April 8
Paul Hubbard	April 9
Susie Lima	April 9
Tangi Thomas	April 9

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



HISTORY'S FIRST
DOOR-TO-DOOR
SALESMAN



A nurse by profession, Jeanne has dedicated much of her artistic talents and enthusiasm by sharing her own abundance of holiday décor and leading members in decorating our clubhouse for our annual fundraiser the Holiday House Tour. Many new members have found by participating in the annual Tavern Holiday decorating they have enjoyed the opportunity to bond with new friends. She has led a table scape design submission for the holidays sponsored by the Rotch Jones Duff House in New Bedford and recently decorated our club's holiday tree for the Friends of Marion COA's Holiday fundraiser. Her talents have included designing and marketing a Handy's Tavern plate as a fundraiser. Never idle, Jeanne has throughout her years as a Club member has culled our numerous scrap books, organized piles of photos, clippings, etc. The program will be culmination of Jeannie's interest in sharing her efforts to catalogue and organize much of the club's history.

The club has a long history:

-SWC was established in 1904 when 2 Marion ladies groups combined efforts.

-One, a discussion group founded in the late 1890's by Mrs. John Allen; The other organized in 1904 by Mrs. E.O. Rundell for "social and intellectual improvement".

-By 1914, the Club was holding fairs and rummage sales to benefit public health and a nursing association. The Tavern housed a clinic & living quarters for the town nurse.

-On June 24 and 25, 1915 the Sippican Woman's Club hosted the State Federation of Women's Clubs for their annual meeting and to vote on women's suffrage. Over 400 women, from around the state gathered in Marion for two days staying at the Sippican Hotel. This annual meeting added their voice to the suffrage movement. It took 5 more years for Women's Right to Vote to pass in 1920.

-In 1923 the women purchased Handy's Tavern. Apartments were then rented to the town nurse and schoolteachers. During WWII, the Red Cross utilized the Tavern to support the war effort. Today there are 2 small residential units above the meeting room and an adjacent commercial unit.

-In 1947 the Club began and continue to award scholarships to deserving high school graduating Marion residents. The Club also supports other community needs.

-Scholarship funds are raised through annual Club events i.e. the annual Holiday

-House Tour. During COVID, in 2020 Dollars for Scholars was supported by our membership and community and in 2021 and 2022 Illuminate to Educate were very successful fundraisers supported by the community.

Our **April 11** meeting will start with finger-food luncheon at 12:30 pm followed by a business meeting and Club's History Program from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

Our meetings are open to guests. Membership is

open to any woman whose primary interests are in the Town of Marion. We traditionally meet on the second Friday of the month during the months of September through April at 12:30 pm for social time, accompanied by finger foods, followed by a business meeting at 1:00 pm. The speaker/program generally starts at 1:30/1:45pm. Parking is available in parking lot in front of the bandstand off Island Wharf Road across from the Music Hall. For club information: see our website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

Richard I. and Helen A. Arthur Scholarship

The Sippican Lands Trust seeks applicants for its Richard I. and Helen A. Arthur Scholarship. The applicant for this \$2,000 award must be a Marion resident in their last year of high school or enrolled as a freshman or sophomore in college elsewhere. This award may be given to the same recipient at a maximum of two (2) times. The following schools will be notified: Bishop Stang High School, Old Rochester Regional High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and Tabor Academy. A preference will be given to applicants who are majoring in or plan to major in environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship Fund. This award was created and named after Richard I. "Dick" (1933-2018) and Helen Adams Arthur (1940-2008), who were beloved residents of Marion and long-time volunteers for the organization. Dick and Helen held a deep interest in the preservation of the beautiful open spaces in Marion.

SLT's Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and will award the scholarship to the student(s) whose pursuits most closely reflect Dick and Helen's wishes, as mirrored by the mission of Sippican Lands Trust: to acquire, preserve, and provide access to open space throughout Marion for the benefit of the public today and for future generations.

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Scholarship information sheet

-A personal statement highlighting the applicant's educational goals and interests. Please include information about environmental course(s) taken, community service completed, volunteer involvement, or jobs held, as applicable.

-Two letters of reference with contact information (examples: teacher, guidance counselor, coach, employer, Scout leader, community leader, etc.).

All forms will be available in guidance offices and on the SLT website at www.sippicanlandstrust.org/scholarship.

Completed applications should be postmarked by **May 1** to be considered. Please mail to: Sippican Lands Trust, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 848, Marion, MA 02738

All applicants will be notified of their status by email by June 1, 2025.

For more information, contact the Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080 or info@sippicanlandstrust.org. Please note that volunteer opportunities are available at the Sippican Lands Trust.

LWVSC Candidates Forum

Residents of Marion will have the opportunity to hear from candidates on the Marion ballot at the League of Women Voters SouthCoast (LWVSC) Candidates Forum. The event will occur on Tuesday, **April 29** at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room of Sippican School, located at 16 Spring Street, Marion.

Mr. Jack Eklund of the LWVSC will serve as moderator.

In contested races, all candidates will be requested to make an introductory statement lasting no more than two minutes. Following this, they will answer questions about local issues and their candidacies posed by the LWVSC.

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The forum will be filmed and shown on Old Rochester Community Television.

Marion Town Party

As you may remember, last year the Marion Town Party was cancelled due to concerns of mosquito-borne diseases in the area. With that in mind, the Committee has decided to move the event to July.

Save the date. The Annual Marion Town Party will be held on Saturday, **July 26** (rain date is Sunday, July 27) on the grounds of Silvershell Beach, Front Street.

Festivities will begin at 4:00 pm. There will be food and beverages for sale. There will be free activities for the kids, music and dancing and more fun.

More details to follow on how to donate to the event and how to volunteer.

We are looking forward to bringing the party back to Silvershell Beach this summer.

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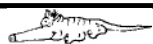
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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	April 3	12:24	12:56	6:31	6:03
Friday	April 4	1:26	1:56	8:30	7:07
Saturday	April 5	2:29	2:59	10:00	9:02
Sunday	April 6	3:36	4:04	11:02	10:56
Monday	April 7	4:45	5:09	11:49	11:49
Tuesday	April 8	5:46	6:06		12:24
Wednesday	April 9	6:36	6:54	12:26	12:47
Thursday	April 10	7:18	7:35	12:56	1:06
Friday	April 11	7:56	8:12	1:28	1:28
Saturday	April 12	8:31	8:47	2:02	1:57
Sunday	April 13	9:05	9:20	2:39	2:30
Monday	April 14	9:39	9:52	3:16	3:05
Tuesday	April 15	10:14	10:25	3:52	3:40
Wednesday	April 16	10:51	11:01	4:27	4:14
Thursday	April 17	11:31	11:43	5:01	4:50
Friday	April 18		12:17	5:38	5:29
Saturday	April 19	12:32	1:08	6:21	6:17
Sunday	April 20	1:26	2:02	7:21	7:20
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter New Moon		April 4th April 12th April 20th April 27th	



I Found the Aardvark!

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

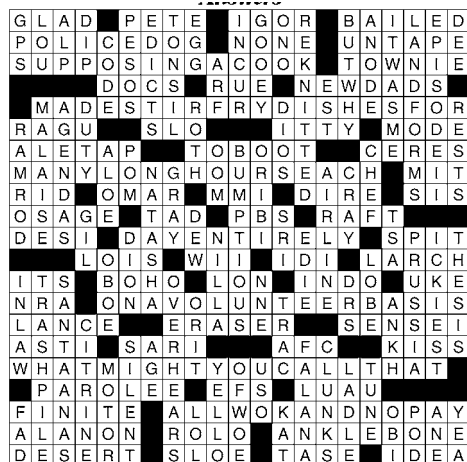
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In the March 27, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 24

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Deify 2. Gaunt;
3. Pique; 4. Adorn

Today's Word
PENNY

Sudoku Answer

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