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ORR Sends Wake-up Call with "The Drowsy Chaperone" By Michael J. DeCicco

The Tony Award winning screwball musical comedy "The Drowsy Chaperone" is the story of a 1920s style stage musical set in the imagination of a lonely musical theater fan. Its pace is frenetic and makes its cast work very hard, but the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will be meeting the challenge of performing the lively production at the ORR Auditorium April 10-13.

The director, Brayden Fanti, is a teacher at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School, director of that school's Theater Company and a busy local professional actor with recent performances for the Little Theater of Fall River, the Wakefield Repertory Company and Newport Playhouse on his resume. He said he's performed in "The Drowsy Chaperone" twice in his lifetime. "It's one of my favorites because it's just a great time. And I knew my high school students would have a great time with it."

It's the tone itself that makes it a fun theatrical experience, he said. "It's super, super cartoony and over the tip the way most plays they do are not supposed to be. That's what I love about it. It allows you to be as goofy as possible."

Tessa Ripley, 16 (Class of '27), plays the Woman in the Chair (in the original play the Man in the Chair), the theater fan who sits alone in her apartment, playing a vinyl recording of her favorite 1920s musical. That record, "The Drowsy Chaperone," is a fictional production that magically comes to life in her living room, transporting her and the audience into an uplifting, dazzling, over-thetop Broadway spectacle.

Ripley has more than one reason for enjoying the experience. "I've been interested on the theater my whole life," she said, "since I was little. I just love being here."

On the Cover: ORRHS Drama Club presents The Drowsy *Chaperone with cast members: (L-R) standing: Christian* Pedulli, '25 (as George), Calder Eaton, '25 (as Robert), Amanda Tomasso, '26 (as the Drowsy Chaperone), Charlotte Cook, '26 (as Mrs. Tottendale); Seated: Tessa Ripley, '27 (as Woman in Chair). Photo courtesy ORR School District

Last year, she said, she was in two ORR productions: "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Noises Off."

She describes what's both hard and enjoyable about being in this production. "It's a lot to memorize, "she said. "It took a lot of time to memorize. And there are a lot of characters to organize around. But I still had a lot of fun. I've learned that a community helps you out. This club is a community. The environment is safe and fun. And we have a really great time."

Fanti elaborated that, because of the nature of the storyline, the characters have to be over the top. This is one time where he had to tell his young thespians to dial it up, not down. The best part for him and them, he said, was that they, themselves, created their path to these characters and did that well.

The Director of Publicity, Erin Bednarczyk, a local artist, said what she had liked about being involved in this production is that the young talents around her are so organized and such team players. "They all get along so nicely," she said.

Following on that theme, Fanti noted the production, with the efforts of 17 ORR freshmen and

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seniors, is a collaborative effort all by local volunteers. That includes direction, sound, lighting and sets as well.

Of special note is that ORR student Calder Eaton, who plays Robert Martin, is the son of Assistant Director Sarah Whinnem. Other principal roles include ORR student Amanda Tomasso (Class of '26) as the Drowsy Chaperone and ORR student Sienna Roveda (Class of '25) as Janet Van De Graaf. "The Drowsy Chaperone" is a Canadian musical with music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison and a book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar. Music and Lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison. Book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar. Director: Brayden Fanti. Musical Director: Jenna Kendall. Assistant Director: Sarah Whinnem. Sound Director: John Farrell.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" will be performed Thursday through Saturday, April 10-12, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 pm at the ORR Auditorium, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. Seniors and students \$12. General admission: \$15.

Local Artist John Magnan By Sam Bishop

John Magnan, who specializes in woodworking and sculptures, has recently completed some home-based pieces now displayed around the fireplace of a new home. Magnan crafted his pieces using the South Coast's biodiversity as inspiration. The selection, Magnan says, is to "visually and symbolically bridge the inside of the home to the outside world."

Magnan, upon being contacted regarding the installation, shared some of his history and how exactly he arrived in Mattapoisett and in his craft:

"I moved to New Bedford to earn my MFA in

sculpture at UMD after early retirement from a senior executive position at the National Security Agency in Maryland. My wife



Annie Jonas and I always enjoyed spending time in Mattapoisett, so ten years ago we moved here.

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to help them realize their personal vision through art. I draw my inspiration from them. It's very satisfying getting to know what a family or organization is trying to express and then creating sculptures that present those thoughts in a tangible, permanent and beautiful form. I just finished three sculptures for the fireplace wall of a newly constructed home on the water. The couple's love for the land and waterways, their place of inspiration and oneness with nature, led me to create a dramatic life size trio of a blue heron, loggerhead turtle, and red fox, all gazing through the windows to the great outdoors. Most of the time I work from my home woodshop studio, but for large-scale commissions I rent a separate space.

"As opportunities arise, Annie and I collaborate, as we did for a two-year national project for Eli Lilly to raise awareness of the importance of clinical trials; a multifaceted, multimedia permanent installation for the UMass Law lobby; and two exhibits that traveled around the country addressing social and environmental issues.

"I've been asked to create permanent installations for other clients, including Buzzards Bay Coalition,



Southcoast Health Cancer Center, corporations, and private homes."

For the Buzzards Bay Coalition, John created a school of wooden fish in the organization's headquarters in New Bedford. Currently at UMass Law, Magnan has a few different installations on display. Pictures of all can be seen on his website.

"When I have the time, I enjoy exploring a wide variety of individual sculptural forms and ideas based on my observations of the world around me. Much of that work has been exhibited at Marion Art Center shows, and selected pieces are included in the collections of the Museum for Art in Wood in Philadelphia, the University of Connecticut Library, and the University of Wisconsin

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Recently in 2020, Magnan's art was showcased at the MAC in the exhibit "Thor's Hammer" where he used Marvel Comics iconography to express social commentary on environmental/climate concerns, gender, the opiate crisis, law enforcement, and other tackled issues.

One of the joys of the Tri-Town is the interesting people and crafts to come across. Even in an area with relatively low population, the Tri-Town is still gifted by passionate and devoted artists bringing character and excitement to the region. John Magnan's art highlights the importance of inspiration, as living in a place as naturally interesting and diverse as southern New England offers much of. It also highlights the importance of collaboration and teamwork, as he demonstrates with his wife Annie.

Springtime

The Seaside Gardener **By Laura McLean**

Spring comes in increments – each little note building up to a symphony. We bystanders are delighted by the show and feel ourselves come alive in this most resplendent of seasons. Birdsong and tiny flowers envelop us, brooks gush, buds swell, drawing us into this magnificent and mysterious rebirth.

Are you ready? Then roll up your sleeves, pull on your garden clogs and get ready to review the remains of last year's garden. Do not be too dismayed at the frayed looks – even if you did a thorough fall cleanup, the winter has left its mark. It is a daunting task, yet we take delight in the adventure. Before long, you will see a magical transition made by your own working hands.

Where to begin? We know the script by now, having many springs before now. It starts with an earnest desire to create and a strong-working body that will get things going. And also knowing what the end result will look like. It may not always turn out exactly as you envision, but no matter – look at it as an adventure, an opportunity for personal growth and invention. Here are some ideas to help you begin:

1. If you are starting out, create your new garden on paper with your own unique tastes and uplifting

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elements. Get to work digging the site and loosen the soil, careful not to over-till it, but allowing nutrients and oxygen in.

2. Smooth out the battle scars of winter – withered leaves, twigs and branches, displaced pebbles and shells and uneven soil. Perfunctory tasks like these allow a preview of the show underway – buds and shoots marching toward the light. Pretty soon your labors will have you limbering up in sync with nature. I had one close call though while removing leaves. A bunny's nest. I quickly piled the leaves back, thinking of their future bouncing shapes across the landscape.

3. Think like a plant. If you are placing orders

for plants online, remember to schedule the delivery for when the ground is warmer (above 40 degrees) and drier. A big mistake is planting in cold, muddy soil. Shoot for early May, which will give you time to do the prep work and read up on your forthcoming





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4. To safeguard your seedlings during the inconsistent spring night temperatures, invest in a cold frame. You can also use a garden cloche or an overturned bucket or pot to cover seedlings.

5. Pruners and other gardening tools need to be sharpened and smoothed if you did not do it over winter. Old deciduous hedges should be hard pruned in spring where necessary and then fed well to encourage new growth. Keep off the spring-blooming trees – but prune roses when they bud out. It's a good time to cut back fruit trees if you have not done so yet. Look for signs of frost damage – but don't eject a plant that appears to be dead. It may revive in early summer and can be trimmed of any deadwood.

6. Admittedly not the most exciting task, it's time to turn the compost pile and burn the sticks and brush. Use dry fresh compost and seasoned manure to top dress your gardens. Not necessary to dig it in, as you'll disturb precious ecosystems. Nutrients added from the top will work their way down. 7. Feel the magic - plant some seeds. Use







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8. Early spring is the best time to repair trellises and fences before vines and shrubs start leafing out. Amendments should be done now to pergolas, gazebos, balconies, patios and chicken coops where it applies.

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9. When the garden finally defrosts and the soil crumbles it's time to plant early spring vegetables. Normally I plant peas on St. Patrick's Day, but this year hasn't been typical. It's not advisable to plant in wet, compacted soil, as the reduced aeration will hinder. But soon I will put in some peas, spinach, lettuce and leeks.

10. One must-do on my spring list is inventorying the contents of my shed and greenhouse. Time to pare down. Prepare the beehives and toss dysfunctional equipment. In the short window that is the growing season, we all need to keep organized. More time to smell the roses.

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!" -Robin Williams

Is There Calcium in My Coronary Arteries?

What Does The Doctor Say? By Dr. Edward Hoffer

For many decades, doctors have used the traditional coronary disease "risk factors" to predict an individual's risk of developing heart attacks or other major coronary events. These include smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure, and elevated cholesterol.

These factors can be plugged into various formulas to predict the likelihood of a coronary event occurring in the next 10 years and are used to decide if a person should be started on lipid-lowering therapy.

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As plaque (cholesterol deposits) builds up in coronary arteries, calcium is also deposited. A low-dose CT scan can measure the amount of calcium. Ideally, you would have a score of 0, and the higher the score, the higher the risk of developing symptomatic coronary disease.

Who might benefit from this testing?





If your doctor has recommended you start a statin, but you are hesitant, a zero score would allow you to postpone the drug while a score over 100 would strongly suggest you take it.

If your calculated risk is intermediate, a zero score would suggest you do not need to begin cholesterollowering therapy while a non-zero score would push you to do so.

If your cholesterol is not bad but you have other risk factors for coronary disease, a CAC score will give useful information. If several family members had early heart attacks, a non-zero CAC score suggests that even if your cholesterol is not high, a statin might be a good idea.

If you have not tolerated a prescribed statin and stopped it, a CAC score may help you to decide whether to try a different statin or one of the newer injectable cholesterol-lowering drugs.

Who should not get a CAC score done? If you are under 40, a zero score is expected and will not impact decision-making; use the traditional risk factors to guide your thinking. If you are over 80, and not on a statin, the results are unlikely to change recommendations to begin.

If your risk for coronary disease based on the traditional risk factors is high, a CAC is a waste of money: take a statin. If you are on a statin and doing well, be happy and do not get a CAC test.

Finally, if your score is zero, repeating the test can





wait at least three and probably five years.

Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

Town Meeting Warrant Closed Marion Select Board By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board's last meeting was held on April 1, when the members went down a long list of appointments, permit requests, monetary commitments, further Town Meeting discussions with the public, and other action items.

For appointments, the board approved Peter O'Brien for assistant harbormaster. O'Brien had been a part-time employee at the Harbormaster office, as well as previously serving as a member of the US Marine Corps for 27 years as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. Carl MacDermott III, not in attendance at the meeting, was approved as Special Police Officer. Edward Johnson, also not in attendance, was approved as Police Officer. Re-appointment of Alternate Building Inspector Edward Johnson was then approved. Finally, the appointment of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Jody Dickerson as Marion's representative to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission and the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee was also approved.

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Permit for 507 Delano Road was approved without comment. Following that, a request for sewer connection for 24 West Drive, already approved by DPW, was also approved by the board.

There was a short discussion on the purchasing of land in Little Neck by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. The organization is awaiting confirmation on a Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) grant before moving forward with discussions.

For water/sewer monetary commitments, there was a large number of approvals. Two quarterly bills, one for \$1,119,443.38 and one for \$1,624.58, were both approved. A \$10,000 commitment for new sewer service was approved, as well as a separate \$10,970 commitment

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for new water and sewer service. A new water service commitment for \$1,505 was approved. Finally, a commitment of \$1,198.63 to FRMA-Cummings Wagner Co. for low pressure repairs was approved.

For the Town Meeting Warrant, Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman explained all changes from the board's last meeting are grammatical and language based. The board again went through the warrant, approving or "recommending" article by article. For Article 17, regarding accessibility, fire suppression systems, building code and ADA compliance, and HVAC, Select Board Vice-Chair Carleton Burr, Jr. said, "I would pull it. I would say, just as the town is having tremendous difficulty balancing our budget and the school's having tremendous difficulties balancing their budget, many of our townspeople are having trouble balancing their budgets. This is not the time to ask them for a Proposition Two and A Half override." Burr voted "nay," though the other members voted to keep it in the warrant.

Some members of the public used time to speak out against the bylaw regarding the proposed Marion Village Historic District.

Some important dates were also discussed. There will be a Candidates Forum hosted by the League of Women Voters SouthCoast on Tuesday, April 29, at 7:00 pm in the Sippican School Multipurpose Room, as well as a review of the Town Meeting Warrant held on Wednesday, April 30, at 6:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall.



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Town Meeting will take place on Monday, May 12, and the full Town Meeting Warrant is posted on the town website at: www.marionma.gov/DocumentCenter/ View/2339/Annual-Town-Meeting-Warrant-for-May-12-2025-PDF.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room.

School Choice Questioned

Mattapoisett Select Board and Finance Committee By Marilou Newell On April 8, the Mattapoisett Finance Committee and Select Board sat down with Old Rochester Regional



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School District Superintendent Michael Nelson and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howard Barber. For more than an hour, Barber laid out all the moving parts of the schools' budgets with PowerPoint presentations and deep dives into what can be a very confusing process.

The bottom line for Mattapoisett taxpayers is this: Mattapoisett's portion of the two regional schools, the junior and senior high schools, is \$6,484,514, and the town's portion of the two elementary schools, Center and Old Hammondtown, is \$8,785,207. The overall school budgets are increased by 6.89%. A letter from Barber and Nelson to Mattapoisett's treasurer Kristi Costa confirms, "...the budget of the Mattapoisett School District is

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Finance Committee members were interested in understanding the cost and / or value of ORR's participation in the School Choice program that allows a specified number of students from outside the tri-towns to attend ORR and from outside Mattapoisett to attend Mattapoisett Schools. Barber said that the town receives \$5,000 for reach School Choice student, but given that it costs the school far more to provide an education for some 99 such children, Select Board member Jordan Collyer said there is an unmet delta, one that the town is paying for.

Regarding Mattapoisett students whose educational needs cannot be met in the local schools, Nelson said that the majority of students with special needs can be and are served locally.

For the last several years, the school district has set aside funding in a capital stabilization fund. Mattapoisett's contribution to that fund is \$35,170 for FY26.

In other business, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said that the upcoming spring Town Meeting will have 33 articles, including a citizen's petition asking voters whether or not they want to increase the Select Board to five members.

The upcoming elections will include two ballot questions.

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Question One - "Shall the Town of Mattapoisett



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be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half...the amount required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for road reconstruction for Oakland Street..."

Question Two – "Shall the Town of Mattapoisett be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half...the amount required to pay the costs of designing, planning, engineering, bidding, constructing, equipping and furnishing the renovation of the Mattapoisett Highway Building..."

Later into the proceedings, the board heard from Barbara Gaspar, who sought Select Board permission for the creation of a 250 Anniversary Committee to celebrate the town. Gaspar said she wishes to bring together



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interested parties to develop plans. Collyer suggested that she gauge community interest first. Collyer said the details could be developed at a later date and thanked her.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not announced.

Solar Array Expansion Faces Criticism

Rochester Planning Board By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday allowed a proposal for a floating solar array at 53 Dexter Lane to proceed from informal discussion to the formal application stage, but not before lodging a complaint against the plan's expansion.

In an informal discussion of the project in a prior board meeting, Matt Swanberg of New Leaf Energy explained such a design is only allowed on man-made ponds. That means cranberry ponds used for agricultural purposes such as the Dexter Lane site qualify. New Leaf Energy's original proposal was for a two-megawatt solar array with the panels on a connected series of floating docks.

On Tuesday, Swanberg said ground-mounted solar panels are now part of the plan for what he called "a slightly larger array." Board member John DiMaggio objected to that term. "Your output is three-times the size now. Not 'slightly above,'" he said.

DiMaggio pointed out that the floating arrays



will generate 1,933 kw of power and the ground-mounted panels another 6,000 kw. "You're adding a lot," he said.

Chairman Arnold Johnson said his concern continues to be screening from the view of abutters. Swanberg said New Leaf is not planning only floating fencing around the floating array to get that fencing closer to those panels. But the groundmounted ones will be fenced in. At the time of the formal application, Swanberg said additional "simulations" on fencing plans will be presented.

Johnson then asked if the array's battery-energy storage system will tie into the same utility substation that other solar energy installations in town are planning to tie into. Swanberg said he cannot answer that question right now. He added that question is for other experts on his team.

Johnson concluded by instructing Swanberg to see the board's administrator, Dawn DiMaggio, about the formal application and the \$5,000 application fee. "You may move forward with the formal application process," he said.

Next, the board informally reviewed a proposed preliminary subdivision plan at 34 Doctor Braley Road. The plan here is to divide the residential lot into two, one with the existing house and the other with a new dwelling unit placed above barn-like storage below it. Johnson instructed the applicant's engineering consultant, Jeff Youngquist, and petitioner Dawn Allen to return with their requests for waivers in writing when they file a formal application.

In other action, the board approved a plan for five lots at Rochester Crossroads at Cranberry Highway and County Road, endorsing the project's Approval Not Required application. The applicant's engineering consultant, Joseph Sanda, said the plan here is to subdivide six existing lots into eight, six of which will be buildable and two of which will not because they lack the minimally required frontage.

Johnson informed the board that these lots encompass the area the May 19 Town Meeting will be seeking to rezone to expand the Smart Growth Overlay District there. He explained each lot will be built by a separate developer, which will create better financing for developing each. The 508 residential units that will result will still count towards the town's 10% affordable housing stock requirement.

The board continued until its next meeting a proposal to modify the Special Permit and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit for Cushman Road Solar, Cushman Road. The new plan here is to construct additional sub-drainage improvements within the existing driveway off Robinson Road. Johnson explained this new requirement is that the utility pipes must be encased in concrete and must now be newly designed.

The board introduced the new Town Planner, Michaela Shoemaker, as she attended her first Planning Board meeting.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

MS4 Vote Pushed to 2026

Marion Planning Board **By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday and immediately jumped into a Pre-Submission Conference. The conference / presentation was for Sippican Holdings, LLC on 13 Barnabas Road. Work is now proposed for the Richard Arthur Building or "Building 3."

Justin Downey appeared as representative and explained that, instead of the originally proposed 49,000 square-foot area of work, a smaller footprint of 40,000 square feet is proposed.

There will be no exterior alterations to the property, with just the interior of the Richard Arthur Building altered. The project will remain in its current blueprint and footprint, with nine parking spaces being planned for the site. There are no changes in drainage or runoff with the building continuing to use existing utilities and connections. Emergency and fire services will also not be affected. "I don't foresee any additional demands on services," Downey said.

"I think it makes a lot of sense," Planning Board Chair Andrew Daniel said. The board was pleased with the revised blueprints and raised no serious concerns



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or protests to the plans. Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee said the applicant has conducted a traffic study and was pleased with the work that has gone into forging the plans. This is one of a few different plan iterations presented in the past. The plans were approved and signed unanimously with no comment or alteration.

Two public hearings were continued to future meetings without discussion. The hearing for 61 and 63 Oakdale Avenue for a Special Permit for Derek A. Maksy and Denise Allard was continued to April 22 per request from applicants. They had received some pointers and requests from the harbormaster. The hearing for FSJ Marion Realty, LLC at 207-215 Wareham Street was continued to May 19 per request from the applicant.

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The board then approval of minutes for their March 17 meeting.

Finally, a discussion on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Bylaw began. The bylaw was proposed for Town Meeting this year and was put forth by the Department of Public Works. However, the bylaw was pulled out.

Daniel said the administrator of DPW "kicked it back to us" to work on and talk it through. There will be a discussion at Town Meeting with the Planning Board now hoping for a vote on it next year. The bylaw will primarily function to meet state MS4 requirements. Daniel also said there will have to be a few public hearings to work out a plan by the next Town Meeting. Resident John Rockwell said, "it might be helpful if you have someone come in – who's job is to explain to the community MS4." The Planning Board said they will continue the discussion on this proposed bylaw in a few weeks.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room.

Washburn Could Get Parkour Course

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission **By Sam Bishop**

Marion's Open Space Acquisition Commission met on April 3 to go over a few action items, including a Point Road Bike Path update, proposed parkour course, and a survey.

Chair John Rockwell said an inspection of the bike path area is forthcoming with the commission saying the selection for the Point Road Bike Path "Construction Supervisor" is currently underway. Rockwell said they need someone with the experience necessary to make field decisions should they arise. He also volunteered himself



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for that role, "mostly because I'm available," he added. He was appointed by the commission with a unanimous vote.

Following this, the minutes for the three prior meetings were approved from January 2, February 6, and March 6.

Discussion was then waged on the idea of using grant money for the addition of a parkour course at Washburn Park. In the last few decades, parkour has become increasingly popular in media as well as an exercise discipline. Rockwell said before the commission can give the go-ahead, a few things must be worked out. Location must be determined as well as the determination for parking. Maintenance must be discussed with the



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Recreation Department. A course must also be designed and approved with the entire process needing to be budgeted out as well.

Rockwell added this process will involve discussions with the public, also adding that the commission seeks to know if the addition of a parkour course is "a doable thing, or not. Or a good thing, or a bad thing." The chair stated there is the opportunity for grant funding via the Community Preservation Act next year.

The final topic of discussion was that of a citizens' survey for open-space needs of the town. The chair said the last survey of this nature was sent out in 2017-18, with the first being done in 1986 from the League of Women Voters and then again in 1994. They are done roughly





every seven to eight years, according to Rockwell. Consistently, the commission said, the need and desire for local walkability has been high with Rockwell saying there is a need for more paths and trails.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisitions Commission was not announced at adjournment, though it will take place remotely in May.

Brief Planning Board Meeting

Mattapoisett Planning Board **By Marilou Newell**

The April 7 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board became a very brief meeting when the three members in attendance moved to table major discussions.



The members believed given the topics that were intended to be discussed, a fuller board needed to be in attendance.

Tabled until the next meeting scheduled for May 5 were discussions regarding potential bylaw changes for Accessory Dwelling Units, aka ADU.

The board also tabled any discussion regarding potential rezoning of specific locations and examples of cottage-style housing units.

Business handled was the approval of an Approval Not Required decision for 1 and 3 Water Street owned by One Water Street LLC. Also approved was the reappointment of Janice Robbins as the representative on the SRPEDD Commission from the Planning Board.

As stated, the next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board will be held on May 5 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room.

Three Wins for Bulldogs

Sports Roundup By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys tennis team edged Fairhaven High School on April 1, taking a 3-2 at Hastings Middle School in ORR's first match of the season. Subhav Parajuli was named the player of the match. The Bulldogs took their 1-0 record to Cohasset on Wednesday (results were not available at press time).



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Boys Lacrosse

The Bulldogs played Bishop Stang on April 1 to open up the season, winning 11-9 and hosted South Coast Conference rival Apponequet (2-1) on Wednesday (results were not available at press time).

Baseball

Old Rochester played its first game against Wareham on April 4 and won 10-1. The Bulldogs' next game is scheduled for Friday, April 11, at home against Seekonk (0-1).

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'Teacher to Teacher' Podcast

Old Rochester Regional (ORR) School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to share that Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Jaime Curley was recently featured on Corwin's "Teacher to Teacher" podcast.

Curley joined host Dr. Carol Pelletier Radford and fellow guest John Almarode for the premiere episode of Season 4, which focuses on the theme of Mentoring

in Action. Episode 4.1, titled "Intentional Mentoring," explores the challenges and rewards of guiding early career teachers, the value of honest feedback, and the need to personalize and contextualize mentorship.

Curley shared her own experience with the topic, giving her insights on the importance of mentoring



and honest feedback within teaching. Curley, Almarode, and Radford also discussed the necessity of personalized and contextualized support for teachers in the current academic climate.

"I'd like to thank Dr. Carol Pelletier Radford for the opportunity to participate in this podcast," Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Curley said. "We had an intentional and thoughtful conversation about the important role of today's mentors, and I left the podcast with new perspectives and stories to consider."

The "Teacher to Teacher" podcast, sponsored by Corwin, provides a space for educators to engage in meaningful discussions about best practices, professional growth, and classroom success.

"The podcast that Jaime took part in led to a very interesting conversation on the role and impact of mentors for teachers," Superintendent Nelson said. "These types of conversations lead to growth and understanding between different people, and it was fascinating to listen to. I want to thank Dr. Pelletier Radford for providing Jaime with the opportunity to have this discussion, and I appreciate Jaime for taking the time to participate and share her insights."

100th Birthday Celebration

The Friends of Marion Council on Aging would like to invite you to a celebration of the 100th birthday of Ann & Roy Wingate on Thursday, April 10, at noon at the Cushing Community Center. The Wingates are a married couple who are residents of Marion. They will both turn 100 years old this year. The Friends thought it would be great if we held a Centenarian Birthday party for them at the Community Center on the 100th day of the year. This will be a fun event with music and includes a buffet lunch and cake of course. Town officials will also be in attendance to help honor this milestone.

Mattapoisett Candidates' Night

The League of Women of South Coast is hosting a Candidates' Night at Old Hammondtown School on Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Jack Eklund will act as Moderator.



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All candidates running for Town Offices have been invited to participate in the event. There will be three components to Candidates' Night:

1. Meeting the candidates: Candidates running unopposed will have 5 minutes to introduce themselves, give a brief overview of their qualifications, why they would be a "good fit" for the position, and their understanding of the scope of the office they are seeking.

2. Debates: Candidates running contested races will be given the opportunity, in debate form, to explain their qualifications and lay out their understanding of the scope of the office they are seeking. Debates will be in accordance with League of Women Voters debate guidelines, e.g., "no empty chair" or proxy for a candidate.

3. Review of the Town Warrant by Mike Lorenco, Town Administrator.

The League of Women Voters is a national, state, and local non-partisan organization which does not support individual candidates. The League encourages people to become informed citizens and participate in the voting process.

Welcome Back Bird Walk

Join the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Nasketucket Bird Club in welcoming back our avian Spring migrants with an all-level bird walk on Saturday, **April 12**, at 8:00 am. This walk will be led by Mike Labossiere, a member of the Nasketucket Bird Club. It will be a delightful morning in nature and a wonderful opportunity to learn about local wildlife. Mike will lead us through the woods and out to the salt marsh, identifying birds by sight and sound along the way. We will welcome our migratory avian friends and celebrate our resident birds who call Mattapoisett home all year round.

The walk will take place on MLT's Brandt Island Cove District North. Meet just before 8:00 am at the trailhead at the intersection of Tara Road and Anchorage Way. Bring your binoculars and dress appropriately for the outdoors, including sturdy footwear. This is a free event open to all, no matter what your birding ability – rain or shine. Hope to see you there.

April Vacation at the Mattapoisett Library

Attention teens, are you looking for something to do this April vacation? Visit the Mattapoisett Library at 7 Barstow Street.

Celebrate school vacation week with WildKat Hoops on Tuesday, **April 22**, at 1:00 pm. Participants will learn basic hula hooping moves while increasing handeye coordination, strength, balance, and agility. No prior hooping experience is required. Wear comfortable clothes, and bring a water bottle and an open mind. Host Kat Suwalski provides hoops. Ages 12 and up. Grab a friend and join us.



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Did you know April is "Financial Literacy Month"? On Wednesday, **April 23**, at 12:00 pm, join us for Economic Empowerment Hour. This is an excellent opportunity for teens aged 12 to 18 to learn essential skills like budgeting, saving, and understanding credit. No need to register – just swing by for some expert advice to kick off your financial journey. Pizza to follow.

Stretch, unwind, and recharge with gentle yoga

on Thursday, **April 24**, at 11:00 am. Andrea DeVeau-Cabral of Power and Grace Yoga will guide the session. This adaptable experience is recommended for all levels of physical ability and is suitable for ages 12 and up – no registration required.

Don't just sit around the house this vacation. Move, learn, and relax with us at the Mattapoisett Free

OBITUARIES



Robert "Bob" Bowers, of Mattapoisett, husband to Cathy Bowers, passed away peacefully at his home on April 1, 2025, at the age of 77 after a courageous battle with ALS.

Bob was born in Roxbury, MA on June 18, 1947, to Edward and Catherine (McGuire) Bowers. He was raised in Dorchester, MA where he attended

BC High. In 1969 Bob completed his undergraduate degree at Boston College where he worked at the radio station and developed his lifelong love of radio. He went on to get his master's degree at the University of Maine and then taught high school English in Boston.

In 1979 he started as a professor of English, speech, and radio broadcasting at Massasoit Community College in Brockton, MA. Bob started Radio Massasoit and developed a thriving Media Arts program with Professor Tim Trask. Bob brought together a diverse student population with people from the region to create new and innovative programming to serve the greater Brockton community. Partnering with WATD in Marshfield, WKKL on Cape Cod, and many other radio stations in the region, Bob gave opportunities for Massasoit students to learn and grow in radio, podcasting, and audio production. Bob served as the department chair of Communicative Arts at Massasoit for many years. As chair, he was credited with revitalizing the Media Arts program, expanding the course offerings, and advocating tirelessly for Massasoit students. He was honored by Massasoit with the Marguerite Donovan award for his dedication and commitment to students.

Bob was an avid fan of old-time radio, western movies, and TV programs. He was a long-time member of the Radio Collectors of America and attended annual radio conventions for many years. At one of these conventions Bob and his long-time friend Alan Chapman had the idea to re-create live radio shows locally with original stars. After producing shows in the Massasoit TV studio, the program was moved to the theater and Radio Classics Live was born.

Radio Classics was a unique stage show with a live audience that was broadcast on the radio, aired on Massasoit's regional cable channel and recorded to be streamed on-demand. The show was performed for over 20 years with two shows per year and featured stars like Peg Lynch, Will Hutchins, Betsy Palmer, Arnold Stang, Dick Van Patten, Alan Young, John Astin, Rosemary Rice, and many more. Bob was the driving force behind every one of the 41 shows which brought together original stars of radio, television, film, and local on-air personalities to produce old-time radio shows from the '30s '40s and '50s. In the 20 years of Radio Classics Live, Bob raised over one million dollars in scholarship funds for Massasoit students. He received a lifetime achievement award from students for his work on Radio Classics Live.

Bob had a passion for his role as an educator. His primary concern was always for the students. Bob's kindness and compassion extended to all animals especially the beagles Lucy and Daisy who shared the Bowers' Mattapoisett home. He was always a friend to any animal in need.

Bob enjoyed vacationing with his wife Cathy in Stowe, Vermont and Siesta Key, Florida where the couple made some great friends. He was an ardent sports fan and had season tickets to the Red Sox and Celtics for many years.

Bob had a sarcastic wit and often quoted humorous sayings. His favorite quote was from George Burns who, when asked, "What are you going to do if you die?" responded, "I can't die, I'm booked!"

Bob's family would like to thank the ALS Clinic of Massachusetts General Hospital, Compassionate Care ALS of Falmouth, MA and Southcoast Hospice. Their caring and compassion made this difficult journey a little more bearable.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Cathy Bowers of Mattapoisett, her son Jayme Wood and his partner Melonie Lefter of Mattapoisett, Bob's sisters-in-law Pamela Carrier of Mattapoisett, and Jennifer Carrier and her family of New Bedford.

His visiting hours will be held on Friday, April 11th from 5-8 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12th at 10 am in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's memory to Compassionate Care ALS, P.O. Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574 or at ccals.org. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Dogs and Kids Do Mix

On Sunday, **April 13**, at 2:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Community Room, the Mattapoisett Land Trust is helping folks enjoy our canine companions, whether at home or on the trail. Did you know that April is National Dog Bite Prevention Month? Do you and your kids know the best way to meet a new dog or show other people how to approach your dog? Join us for a Dog and Kids Safety Seminar. Participants will learn basic Dog body language cues, how to safely interact and approach a dog, and what to do if you have an unexpected dog encounter. This event is free and open to all.

MLT will follow this seminar with a chance to practice your new skills IRL. You are invited to bring your own dog or meet new ones on an Adventure Hike the following week. On Friday, **April 25**, during School Vacation week, at 10:00 am join us at the Grace Pond parking lot for a walk through Old Aucoot District. Don't have a dog to bring? No problem – there will be plenty of dogs to share. The walk will follow Old Slough Road and loop back through the woods for a fun, approximately



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two-hour walk. You don't need to attend one to attend the other event. Both events are free and will happen rain or shine. Questions? Email manager@mattlandtrust.org.

MAC Welcomes Aimee Bayles

Marion Art Center is pleased to present Aimee Bayles, joined onstage by Tristan Clark and Rob Ritchie.

Aimee Bayles is a singer, songwriter and recording artist based in New York City. Originally from Virginia, her soulful, vocally driven music is influenced by an upbringing in southern church music, her training as an opera singer, and learning folk guitar from her pastor father. Aimee's sound is inflected with inspiration from Patty Griffin, Gillian Welch, Neil Young, Norah



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Jones, Dolly Parton and Alison Krauss. Her 2019 release "Enough" showcases a collection of original songs about her life in the city and her rural southern roots. Her 2022 release "Flowers For Love And Loss" is a deeply personal EP, featuring two songs about losing each of her parents. She has also released several Christmas singles, including



a collaboration with New York-based folk artist Matt Sucich, an original collaboration with guitarist Seth Johnson, and an original of her very own, "Tropical Christmas." She performs regularly at venues in New York City and is currently developing a new project with Canadian musicians Tristan Clark and Rob Ritchie.

The concert is Friday, May 23, at 7:30 pm at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Tickets, \$20 for MAC members and \$25 for nonmembers, are available at marionartcenter. org/music.



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Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race doct The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor divis

the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race. The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoisett River will take place on Monday, May
26, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoisett Herring Weir at River Road and Route 6.

A Kayak Division will again be included in the race this year. Basic guidelines for the division are: minimum age 18, single person kayak that the contestant can sit inside of the cockpit, contestant must wear an approved USCG personal flotation device for the entire race, and there will be a \$10 entry fee. See the rules document for all information pertaining to the kayak division.

For the Mattapoisett River Racer (MRR) boats, the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two people to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include the kayak division and the MRR open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, coed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old).



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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 Apponeauet 10:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony 11:30 PM ORR FORM Brunch

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Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and thirdplace finishers in each division.

A boat building seminar will not be held this year, but free plans are available for the asking. Contact Art, (artbenner@comcast.net) or Bill (watlingw@gmail.com). We can put you in touch with experienced MRR boat builders that can answer your questions and offer tips, tricks and considerations for building the boat.

Pre-Registration Is Required. Only one registration session will be held at the Rochester Council on Aging (RCOA) Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane, on Friday, May 16, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman Road, or at the registration session. Or email Art (artbenner@comcast. net) and request the rules and registration form.

You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Road or you may return the forms by email, but you must bring the original, signed forms to the registration session. Or you may return them by regular mail (USPS). If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgment that they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art, assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, May 16, at 8:00 pm in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position for this year. Kayak division contestants will draw starting positions after the MRR's.

The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA, Senior Center at, 67 Dexter Lane, Saturday, May 24, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Supper tickets may be purchased at the door. There will be raffles for each of two carbon fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III. And also, a raffle for a handmade afghan or quilt, made by Cecelia Hall. Tickets will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham and Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

For further information, contact Boat Race Chairman Arthur F. Benner at 508-763-2024 or email: artbenner@comcast.net. Visit Facebook, "Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race" for any changes or updates.

Rochester Democratic Town Committee Caucus

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee will be hosting its 2025 Caucus on Monday, May 5, at 6:30 pm. The caucus will take place at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library, 17 Constitution Way, in the community conference room. Registered Democrats will elect three delegates and three alternates to attend and participate in the Massachusetts Democratic Party Convention for the purpose of discussing and adopting a party platform. The convention will occur on September 13 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. The final convention schedule www.wanderer.com

will be announced in the Final "Call to Convention," which will be published in August 2025. Delegates and alternates apportioned to each town must be gender balanced. Committee chairs shall be ex-officio delegates who shall not be included in the total number of delegates allocated for the caucus. Only registered and preregistered Democrats from Rochester shall be allowed to vote at the local caucus. Pre-registered Democrats must be 16 years old by June 15, 2025, and must be pre-registered by the time of the caucus.

Nasketucket Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club will present Sounds as a Second Language and Warbler ID with Michael LaBossiere and Justin Barret. Spring migration has begun, and beautiful colorful birds will soon be hiding behind leaves up in the trees. They will be singing pretty songs so it's possible to identify them by sound even if you can't spot them.

The meeting is on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:00 pm at the Mattpoisett Free Public Library. The meeting is open to the public and handicapped accessible.

Check our website at: massbird.org/ Nasketucket/ or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com.

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Six Feet Under

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

The Shrouds. Starring Vincent Cassel and Diane Kruger. Directed by David Cronenberg. Running time: 119 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Playing in theaters starting April 18.

David Cronenberg's new film *The Shrouds* is the kind of film in which a woman who has lost an arm and a breast to cancer shows herself to her husband and intones "Am I too mutilated? Do you still desire me?" In other words, she speaks fluent Cronenberg. *The Shrouds* proceeds from Cronenberg's grief over the death of his wife in 2017; its premise is that a miniindustry for (rich) mourners allows the bereaved to monitor their dead loved one's decay in the grave via five-minutes-from-now tech. Vincent Cassel stars as Karsh, a producer of industrial films who lost his wife Becca (Diane Kruger) to the aforementioned cancer. After her death, he started GraveTech and uses it to look into Becca's moldering.

Like David Lynch's *Mulholland Drive, The Shrouds* has its genesis in an aborted TV project — in this case, for Netflix. Cronenberg had written two episodes, which became this feature after Netflix passed. And like *Crimes of the Future,* Cronenberg's previous film, *The Shrouds* introduces an intriguing world, backs it up with considerable emotion, and then pours a lot of plot onto everything. Cronenberg, to me, has never made a bad film, but *The Shrouds* is probably the Canadian auteur's effort I'm least likely to revisit. The plot was originally designed to power however many episodes, and it feels unfinished here — it *feels* like just the first two episodes of a series.

So Cronenberg drifts away from the horrid grief that compels a widower to create an entire business so he can continue to see his wife, and wades into a conspiracy plot involving hackers and vandals. Because this is Cronenberg, there's also a bit of sex and lots of scars, stitches, amputations, and other offenses to the body. Karsh lands in bed with Becca's sister Terry (also Kruger) and with a possible new client (Sandrine Holt), and contends with Terry's hacker ex-husband Maury (Guy Pearce). None of this is poorly done; scene for scene, *The Shrouds* is the kind of precise, well-manicured cinema Cronenberg is known



for. It's the narrative that makes the film seem both foreshortened and overstuffed.

Karsh's new client has a seeing-eye dog. Terry, a former vet, is now a dog groomer. Would dogs have figured into a TV series as metaphors? I dunno, but they sure don't here. Someone breaks into Karsh's cemetery of digitally monitored graves and takes a mallet to the headstones, among other damage. Earlier, Karsh finds odd growths — organic? tracking devices? — on his wife's bones. The possibility is floated that Becca's doctor was experimenting on her; this doctor's fate is confusing to say the least. All these mysteries are either left unexplored or resolved rather undramatically. I'd have sat through ten episodes of this if it felt like it was going somewhere. Whittled down to two hours yet packed to the gills, *The Shrouds* never really feels as though it arrives anywhere.

I'll pick two (among many) Cronenberg favorites: 1986's The Fly and 1996's Crash. Neither of them was particularly *plotty*. We just followed the characters around as they psychologically or physically circled the drain. Cronenberg has also done good work with plots: Videodrome, The Dead Zone, and eXistenZ all created worlds and dug around inside them and inside the protagonists with equal verve. But the paranoid plot of The Shrouds fails to compel us. The narrative just puts more and more distance between itself and its animating impulse: to deal with the agony of grief. The flashbacks involving Karsh and the rapidly disintegrating yet still living Becca are frightening but tender, and can stand alongside the best bits in Cronenberg's portfolio. Damn Netflix: I really would've liked to have seen this quasi-futuristic milieu explored at length, along with more attention paid to Karsh's pain and also Becca's, not to mention all the plot threads that needed tying up. The Shrouds is like getting a fraction of a story, and that's all you're ever going to get.

conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **April 14**, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion, Massachusetts. The public and new members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, **April 14**, at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, in Acushnet. The guest speaker will be State Representative Steven Xiarhos from the 5th Barnstable District. Representative Xiarhos is a retired law enforcement officer and a Gold Star father. All are welcome to attend this 6:30 pm meeting and bring a friend.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

In our museum exhibit, we have quite a few toys and games. It's amazing how so many of them share similar beginnings and how far in the past they were first played. While some of the early colonial toys and games can be traced back to the influence of Native Americans, many others have roots that go much further back to the earliest civilizations in Asia and the Middle East or to the days of the Greeks and Romans.

Dominoes and playing cards both date back to 10th century China, and board games were first played





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in ancient Egypt. Forms of balls, jacks and spinning tops were found in ancient tombs and there are records of the ancient Greeks and Romans



playing with them. The materials used to create them – bone, stone or wood – have all been replaced by plastics and other new compounds.

There is an early mention of building blocks in 1798. The wooden blocks had letters carved in them and they were used to teach children their ABC's. Early blocks were called "rational toys," and it was believed that children would learn not only their letters but also the concepts of gravity, physics and spatial relationships, as in how different parts become a whole.

Although today we think of board games as primarily for children, they have been an adult pastime for centuries beginning with rudimentary chess and backgammon. Both Chinese Checkers and Parcheesi, originally from India, have been sold in America for over 100 years.

I remember that my grandparents met with other couples weekly or monthly to play whist or Canasta.

They would hold the card games at different houses. The Rochester's Women's Club grew out of weekly card games played by a group of local women at the Men's Club building off Mary's Pond Road.

The "pandemic" reintroduced many of us to both jigsaw puzzles and card games, while many of the board games of the 1950s and '60s were introduced to a new generation. At the museum, we also have a marble game with quite a few rules and a lot of marbles. Our homemade board came from Canada and dates back to the 1950s.

So, whether you want to try your luck at marbles or backgammon or you just want to spin a top or accessorize Mr. Potato Head or want to ask questions of the Ouija board pictured here, we hope you'll join us at the museum at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 16, to kick off our 2025 season.

Hello from Plumb Library

Welcome to April. Mark your calendars, we have some great things happening at the Library this month.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will be here at 12:30 pm on Saturday, **April 12**, to present "A Day in the Life of the Lagoda and a Whaling Voyage." Docents from the Museum will talk about 18th and 19th century whaling practices, daily life on board a whaling ship, and demonstrate how a harpoon works. This program is for adults and space is limited. Please register on our Events



The Marion Art Center opened its latest exhibit on Saturday featuring the pastel artistry of partners Janet Schwartz and Dave Kaphammer. For years, Kaphammer has been honing his talent for working in a medium that most other artists consider difficult: pastels. Through his vision for finding interesting subjects like abandoned tractors in a field or the way sunlight plays in shadows at the end of an afternoon, we are invited to enter his world of color and shape. Janet Schwartz gave up her corporate gig to pursue *art full-time. Though she describes herself as a pastel artist, Schwartz* also uses oils and charcoal drawing to express what she finds interesting like rain on a windshield or light playing off a residence. Schwartz is also an art teacher. The two artists hold many memberships primarily associated with pastel painting. The exhibit, which is stunning in every way, will be up through May 16. *Photos courtesy of the artists, Janet* Schwartz and Dave Kaphammer







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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS

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Log highlights March 30 – April 5

- Wareham Rd MV collision
- County Rd Suspicious MV
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- Riverview Ln EMS/medical
- Mill St Suspicious MV
- Village Dr Animal complaint
- Indian Cove Rd EMS/medical
- Mill St 911 abandoned
- Bullivant Farm Rd 911 abandoned
- Holly Pond Rd EMS/medical
- Mill St Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd MV complaint
- Spring St MV complaint
- South St EMS/medical
- · Converse Rd Health/welfare
- Riverview Ln Gas leak
- · South St EMS/medical
- Howland Rd EMS/medical
- · Dexter Rd EMS/medical
- · Riverview Ln Follow up investigation
- Island Wharf Rd UAS deployment
- Dexter Rd EMS/medical
- Mill St EMS/medical
- Front St Suspicious person

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Log highlights March 30 – April 5

- Fairhaven Rd MV violations
- Goodspeed Isl MV violations
- Railroad Ave Parking violation
- Mendell Rd 911 call
- Church St Medical assist
- I195 West MV violations
- Lebaron Way Medical assist
- Aucoot Ave MV violations
- Mechanic St MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd 911 call
- Railroad Ave Parking violation
- Acushnet Rd Suspicious persons
- I195 East MV violations
- Railroad Ave Parking violation
- Fairhaven Rd Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd MV violations
- Hammond St MV violations
- Acushnet Rd General service
- Marion Rd General service
- Deer Run General service
- County Rd Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd MV violations
- Lebaron Way Medical assist
- County Rd Animal control
- Water St General service
- Baker Ln Medical assist
- Waterview Ln Ambulance request
- Church St Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd Suspicious persons
- Braley Hill Rd MV collision
 Mendell Rd Assist other agency
 Pine St General services
 North Ave MV stop/arrest

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Log highlights March 30 – April 5

Vaughn Hill Rd – Animal control

Kings Hwy – Suspicious activity

Pine St – Community policing

Rounseville Rd – Road hazard

Brvant Ln – Message deliverv

Marys Pond Rd – Animal control

Walnut Plain Rd – Burglar alarm

Marion Rd – Parking complaint

New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation

New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation

New Bedford Rd – General services

Walnut Plain Rd – Outside investigation

Cranberry Hwy - 911 call

Marion Rd – MV collision

Cranberry Hwy - 911 call

Alley Rd – Erratic MV

Kings Hwy - Threats

Dexter Ln - Fraud

- Marion Rd 911 call
- · Pine St Medical
- Boxberry Ln Panic alarm
- Forbes Rd Outside investigation
- Mattapoisett Rd General services
- Cranberry Hwy Lost animal
- Mayflower Ln Investigation

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 14. Braise

Monday, April 14: Braised beef & vegetables, polenta, brussel sprouts, oatmeal roll, peach cup Tuesday, April 15: Cheese lasagna w/turkey Bolognese, green beans & peppers, dinner roll, banana

Wednesday, April 16: Honey mustard chicken thigh, white rice, broccoli, wheat bread, pudding, diet: fruit

Thursday, April 17: Baked ham w/brown sugar glaze, potatoes au gratin, green beans, dinner roll, pound cake, diet: fruit Friday, April 18: Tuscan white fish, rice pilaf, zucchini squash, wheat bread, orange

CENTER SCHOOL

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Monday, April 14: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup

Tuesday, April 15: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll Wednesday, April 16: Wacky waffles, potato smiles, maple syrup, cheese stick, yogurt cup Thursday, April 17: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup Friday, April 18: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 14: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup

Tuesday, April 15: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll Wednesday, April 16: Wacky waffles, potato smiles, maple syrup, cheese stick, yogurt cup Thursday, April 17: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, April 18: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH Monday, April 14: Grilled cheese

sandwich, homemade chicken soup Tuesday, April 15: Tyson popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll Wednesday, April 16: Wacky waffles, potato smiles, maple syrup, cheese stick, yogurt cup Thursday, April 17: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, April 18: Hot buffalo chicken dip served w/whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, April 14: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup Tuesday, April 15: Tyson

popcorn chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, savory gravy, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll Wednesday, April 16: Wacky waffles, potato smiles, maple syrup, cheese stick, yogurt cup Thursday, April 17: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup

Friday, April 18: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL Monday, April 14: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken

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Friday, April 18: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, April 14: Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl Tuesday, April 15: Italian sub & fries Wednesday, April 16: Early release – bagel pizza & salad Thursday, April 17: Build a baked potato Friday, April 18: No school
Calendar on our website.

The Rochester Police Badges with Books Storytime returns to the Library at 10:30 am on Wednesday, **April 16**. Chief Assad and his officers are taking on the "Wonky Donkey" Challenge. They will attempt to get through this rollicking read-aloud without laughing. We've heard there's a batch of homemade cookies on the line. This program is best for kids ages 3-5 years. No registration is needed.

The Friends of the Library Spring Booksale will take place from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm on Friday, **April 25**, and from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, **April 26**, in the Library's Downstairs Program Room. This area is handicapped accessible via a lift. On sale will be gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games for kids and adults. The Library will be accepting donations for the sale as of April 1. Please box or bag donations and drop them off only when the Library is open (see hours of operation listed below). Do not leave donated items in the book drop or on the steps.

Upcoming Meetings: Board of Trustees 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 10; COA Bookgroup 1:00 pm on Tuesday, April 15; Writer's Group 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 17; Books and Babble Book Club 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 24; Friends of the Library 6:00 pm on Monday, April 28.

Note: the Library will be closed on Monday, April 21, for Patriot's Day.

Please remember that library cards are required for checkout. If you have lost your card, it can be replaced for a \$2 fee. Always have your card with you by uploading it to the SAILS Mobile app. It's quick and easy, and we're happy to show you how it works.

Library hours are: Mondays/Thursdays 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesdays/Wednesdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Fridays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are closed on Sundays and holidays. The Library can be contacted by phone at 508-763-8600 or email at info@plumblibrary.com. Check our Facebook and Instagram pages for information, upcoming events, and more.

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 are taking 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 only available for the final 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.

During select Saturdays in May, Glass Artist Kim Savoie will lead individual flameworking workshops at the Library for participants age 10 and up. No experience necessary – just bring your creativity:

May 3 – Bead Making Session – Discover the art of glass bead making in this hands-on flame-working class at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Participants will have 20 minutes at the torch to shape and design their own unique glass beads.

May 24 – Pendant Making Session – Create a one-of-a-kind glass pendant in this introductory flameworking class at the Elizabeth Taber Library, each participant will have 20 minutes at the torch to melt and shape molten glass into a beautiful pendant to take home. You'll learn to shape, add color to and mold each pendant into your desired design. A perfect way to explore the magic of glass artistry.

May 31 – Straw Making Session – Join us for a unique flame-working class at the Elizabeth Taber Library and craft your very own reusable glass straw. Each participant will have 20 minutes at the torch to shape and personalize a durable, eco-friendly glass straw. Add fun designs to glass tubes and learn how to fire polish them. A fun and sustainable way to try your hand at working with molten glass. 6 slots will be available for each workshop. To register please call the library.

Tickets are on Sale for An Afternoon Tea, at the Marion Music Hall, **April 13**, at 3:00 pm. 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 11 or until sold out. Cash or check only. For questions regarding this event please email Michelle at periwinkles4@hotmail.com

Saturday, **April 12**, is the full moon – the Pink Moon. We'll be celebrating all day. Kids ages 0-5 can join us at 11:00 am for a pink-filled story time, and then from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm kids ages 2-plus and their grownups can join us for our full moon party. Pink crafts, a pink scavenger hunt, and pink treats abound.

Afternoon activities for kids in grades K-4 and their grownups will be held available in the library



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Professional relationships grow stronger, but you still might need to ease some problems with someone in your personal life. One way could be to try to be less rigid in your views.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be too close to a perplexing personal situation to even attempt to make a rational decision about it right now. Stepping back could help you gain a wider perspective.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Being asked to choose between the positions of two friends is an unfair imposition on you. It's best to reject the demand and insist that they try harder to work things out on their own.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind about a workplace decision might be called for, once you hear more arguments -pro and con. A personal event suddenly takes an unexpected (but pleasant!) turn.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance once again looms large for single Leos and Leonas, with Cupid favoring Taurus and Libra to inspire those warm and fuzzy Leonine feelings. Meanwhile, expect another workplace change. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A surprise gift with no strings attached could happily come just when you need it to avoid a delay in getting your project done. Expect education to dominate the week.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone close to you might ask for your support as they face a demanding personal challenge. Offer it, by all means, but be careful that you don't neglect your own needs at this time. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected development could put your relationship with a partner or spouse to an emotionally demanding test. But your determination to get to the truth should save the day! SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent agreement appears to be coming apart over the surfacing of unexpected complications. You might need to get expert advice on how to resolve the situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your keen business sense helps you get to the truth about a suspicious business deal. Expect to have many colleagues rally to support your efforts in this important matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who once moved in and out of your life through the years might now want to come back in on a more permanent basis. Give yourself a lot of time to weigh your decision. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Showing frustration over a delayed workplace decision might get someone's attention -- but not necessarily make them move any sooner. The best advice would be to be patient and wait it out. BORN THIS WEEK: You are drawn to excitement and thrilling adventures. You also enjoy fast tempo music -- the more brass, the better. (c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc. meeting room from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursday, **April 10**, and Thursday, **April 17**. On April 10, Kids can join in basket weaving, and our Lego boat challenge will put engineers to the test on April 17.

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

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 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.

Four Bridges Bluegrass Band

The Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, Mattapoisett, 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



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The ORRHS Drama Club to present the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" - Thursday, April 10 at 7pm -Friday, April 11 at 7pm - Saturday, April 12 at 7pm - Sunday, April 13 at 2pm. The musical-within-themusical follows the story of glamorous stage star, Janet Van De Graaff,



who plans to leave her career to marry an oil tycoon. However, her producer fears financial ruin and is determined to sabotage the wedding. He enlists a ditsy aspiring actress, Kitty, and two bumbling gangsters (disguised as pastry chefs) to derail the nuptials. Meanwhile, Robert's best man, George, tries to keep the groom focused, but a mix-up involving roller skates and blindfolds leads to hilarious chaos. Photos courtesy ORR School District



Jennifer Shepley shared this photo of daffodils by Holly Lane in Mattapoisett.



Eric Lawrence is building a new home in the Mattapoisett village on Foster Street which will include a cupola with a weathervane on top. "We decided to go with 'Mary Poppins' for a fun and whimsical choice. We will have a few children in the neighborhood and thought it be nice for them to see which way she is pointing every day," added Lawrence.

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

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

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.

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Aoife will be joining the MAC for an evening of music and song on April 18 at 7:00 pm at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. The cost for members is \$20 and for nonmembers \$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 pm 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.

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.

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 programs."

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library at friendsofmattapoisettlibrary@gmail.com.

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 1,000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students. The online application can be accessed via a QR code available at the high school guidance office. The application deadline is May 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 Road, 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 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 April 16.

Grace Morrison to Perform at Library Fundraiser

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion are excited to announce that the star attraction at 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



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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 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 (townofrochestermass.com) Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89613891257 Meeting ID: 896 1389 1257 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/3, 4/10

TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #828

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 24, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Heron Cove Estates, for a Variance from section 230-5.1 and 230-5.2 to allow single family dwelling units on 17 acres at a density not to exceed 3.4 dwelling units per acre in a Residence D zone.

The property, located on Wareham Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 7 as Lots 28, 28A and 28B.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 4/10, 4/17

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a request for an Amended Order of Conditions for modifications to DEP File # SE 272-639, for modifications to the previously approved site design for a proposed dwelling by Sarajon Realty, LLC located at 7 Forbes Road in Rochester, designated as Lot 5 on Assessors' Map

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19. The property owner is ADGA Realty Loan Management, LLC, 313 Plymouth Street, Halifax, MA 02338. The applicant's representative is JC Engineering, Inc.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131. Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85059668578 Meeting ID: 850 5966 8578 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 4/10

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

A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Buzzards Bay Coalition for property located at 52 Wolf Island Road in Rochester and is designated as Lot 7A on Assessor's Map 3. The applicant is seeking to install temporary wells to monitor river and groundwater levels at a project site.

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

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Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 4/10

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Seaport Homes CS, LLC, for property located at Gifford Lane, designated as Lot 15 on Assessor's Map 39. The applicant is proposing the construction of a single-family dwelling, associated clearing, grading and installation of utilities.

The applicant's representative is Farland Corp., 154 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85059668578 Meeting ID: 850 5966 8578 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 4/10

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File No. 44-1453 submitted by L. Richard Leclair, III. & Jacqueline A. Leclair.

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

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The Applicants request an approval of a Revised Site Plan which depicts a new house footprint resulting in a reduction in the scope of work.

The project consists of the proposed construction of a single-family dwelling, an expansion a paved driveway, the installation of associated utilities and filling and grading.

The proposed work will be performed within the Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 17).

The property is located at 2 Holmes Street which is further identified as Lot #38 on Assessors Map #5A. 4/10

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Joyce E. Beal. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling, to install a driveway and associated utilities and to fill and grade. The work will occur within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Intermittent Water Course.

The project is located at 0 Park Place which is further identified as Lot #515 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #16. 4/10

TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Andrew Perkins, for the reconstruction of a porch at 13 Ouelle Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 148A on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma. gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/10

TOWN OF MARION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Matthew de Groot, for the removal of four trees at 14 Aucoot Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lot 31, 32, & 33 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair

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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 Street, 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.

The Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came together to make the Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship a reality for the 2024 school year. Jennifer was a champion for special needs students, and we're very proud to be able to continue that legacy with this scholarship. It is with great honor that we announce the establishment of a two-thousand-dollar scholarship, awarded to a student who has utilized special education services and is seeking a higher education.

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.



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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by the Oren Robinson Revocable Trust 2017, for the proposed reconstruction of a single-family dwelling at 16 Spinnaker Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 279 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma. gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/10

TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Sippican Lands Trust, Inc. for the treatment and maintenance of areas affected by the propagation of invasive Japanese knotweed at Osprey Marsh and 366 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lots 17 & 20 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Olivia Prior at oprior@marionma. gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV_4/10

TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 4:40 pm on the variance request submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of 375 Front Street LLC pertaining to the property located at 2 Edwards Bridge Road, further identified as Map 21, Lot 19.

M.S.C. 4.180.5: New Construction

Request a Variance to install a conventional Title 5 Septic System without a denitrification

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John B. Howard, MD, Chair 4/10, 4/17

TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 4:45 pm on the variance request submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. on behalf of David A. Barrett pertaining to the property located at Register Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 168. M.S.C. Section 4.95: Soil Absorption Siting Requirements

Request a Variance to accept two Title 5 compliant percolation tests at 34 minutes per inch (MPI) and 40 MPI rather than the Marion Sanitary Code requirement which states new construction systems shall not be sited in areas with percolation rates that are slower than 30 MPI.

John B. Howard, MD, Chair 4/10, 4/17

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRO-TECTION

WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91

Waterways License Application Number 25-WW01-0046-APP

Tracey White

70 Aucoot Road, Mattapoisett

NOTIFICATION DATE: April 11, 2025

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Tracey White to construct and maintain a boat lift system, platform, gangway, float and float piles at 70 Aucoot Road, in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in and over flowed tidelands of Aucoot Cove. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/ EEA/PublicApp/ (enter "25-WW01-0046-APP" in the Search Page as the Record ID). If you need assistance, please contact christine.koczera@mass.

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gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 268-6653 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

Written comments must be addressed to: Christine Koczera, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 4/10

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Timothy and Shayna Fisher, 42 Bond Hollow Road, Sutton, MA 01590. The proposed project is to remove an existing garage and shed and construct a new shed. The project is located at 4 Mattakiset Road, and is further identified as Lot 101.0 on Assessor Map 15.A.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/10

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Andrea Jeanne Yelle & Setareh Margaret Jahanbaksh-Yelle.

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

The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and paved driveway, to install associated utilities and a shed and to fill and grade.

The proposed work will be performed partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and partially within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (El. 15).

The property is located at Angelica Avenue and is further identified as ANR Lot E and a portion of Lot #159 on Assessors Map #2. 4/10



The Wanderer

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 were published in March with explicit detail concerning the trash that can go into the dumpster. Call to sign up early for the street you prefer to clean. Call Marsha at 508-322-0998.

The Rochester Women's Club has been sponsoring this town wide clean-up for over 25 years. We are as always very grateful to our enthusiastic members, the Boy Scouts and their leaders, Jeff Eldridge and his staff at the Rochester Highway Department and the wonderful, caring members of our community who show up and support our efforts to keep our beautiful Rochester clean and shiny as we can.

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Join us on Saturday, **May 10**, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm outside at the front of St. Anthony's Parish in Mattapoisett, 22 Barstow Street. Come and find a gift for a special Mom. We will offer an array of baked goods to enjoy with coffee and tea, floral arrangements, and vendors selling jewelry, hand-poured candles, pottery, Nantucket basket bags, musicians playing live music, and more. We hope to see you there.

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. 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



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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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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 Jeanne'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 two Marion ladies groups combined efforts.

One, a discussion group founded in the late 1890s 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 and 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 five 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 two 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

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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 to 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.

Taste of Italy

Marion Social Club is cordially inviting you to our "Taste of Italy" on **April 13** at 1:00 pm. The menu will be antipasto, lasagna, chicken parmigiana, and chicken alfredo and dessert for \$15 per person. Doors open at noon for socializing. For ticket information, please call Ann Cowell at 508-758-8411. Hope to see you there.

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.

Requirements for the application include:

-A completed Richard I. and Helen A. Arthur 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.

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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.

The public is invited and will have a chance to ask questions of the candidates.

Questions from the public can be submitted in advance to LWVSC Voter Services Coordinator: phgirard508@gmail.com.

Candidates in uncontested races will be invited to deliver a two-minute statement explaining their reasons for running. No questions will be asked of candidates who have no opposition.

The forum will be filmed and shown on Old



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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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		Monday	April 14	9:39	9:52	3:16	3:05
		Tuesday	April 15	10:14	10:25	3:52	3:40
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HAT DEC		Thursday	April 24	5:30	6:00	11:31	
		Friday	April 25	6:27	6:53	12:11	12:14
		Saturday	April 26	7:20	7:44	1:04	12:57
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I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark* In the April 3, 2025 edition the Aardvark was on page 6



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at PLUMB CORNER Open Daily: 7am-8pm									
GROGERY, DA	MEAT, DELL,								
10 ct. or 9.6 oz. Selected Variety Folgers Ground Coffee	20 oz. Selected Variety Dole \$179 Pineapple	REPARED FOODS & CHEESE							
\$599	12 oz. Selected Variety Heinz Homestyle Gravy 2/\$6	al fresco 7.5 oz. Pkg. Country or Apple Chicken Breakfast Sausage							
Classic Roast	16 oz. Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing	North Country Smokehouse 12 oz. Pkg. \$799 Sliced Bacon							
	15-30 oz. Selected Variety	Boar's Head. Deli Sliced Maple Glazed Honey Turkey \$12%							
8.9-12 oz. Selected Variety General Mills	Mayonnaise	Boar's Head. Dell Sliced Vermont Cheddar Cheese							
\$499	McCormick Gravy Mix 2/\$3	Store Made Macaroni Salad \$899							
	13.29-14.03 oz. Selected Variety Nabisco Oreo Cookies 2/\$7	Store Packaged \$1099 Egg Salad							
	8-13.7 oz. Selected Variety Nabisco Snack Crackers 2/\$7	Store Packaged Red Bliss Potato Salad							
8 Pack. 12 oz. Selected Variety LaCroix Sparkling Water	4.25 oz. Selected Variety Blue Diamond Almonds Nut-Thins Crackers 2/\$6	President 8 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety \$699 Pub Cheese							
8 Pack5 Liter Bottles Selected Variety Poland Spring Sparkling Water	6 oz. Selected Variety Blue Diamond Almonds	Boar's Head 12 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety 2/\$8 Greek Yogurt Dip							
.5 Liter 24 Pack Poland Spring Water \$599	10.5-27 oz. Selected Variety Dave's Killer Bread Bread	Boar's Head 8 oz. Pkg. \$499 Feta Cheese							
WINE	CHEF PREPARED	Boar's Head 10 oz. Selected Variety 2/\$7 Hummus							
750 ml. Kris Pinot Grigio Wine Reg. Price - \$12,99 Reg. Price - \$14,99	Spicy Peanut Noodles or Game Day Wings	Boar's Head 8 oz. Monterey Jack Cheese \$599							
750 ml. Cloudline Pinot Noir Reg. Price - \$21.99	Deviled Eggs (4 Pack) \$599 NEW! Cobb Salad You Gotta Try! \$1299	GARDEN GENTER							
BAKERY	Take'n Bake Pizzas Various Styles - Cheese, Pepperoni, Margherita, etc. \$800 \$1099	It's a Perfect Time for some OUTDOOR ENJOYMENT!!							
Fresh Baked! Store Made Garlic Bread \$349	Shepherd's Pie Large Size Small Size - \$12.99ea \$1899	We have an EXCELLENT VARIETY of: Pansies (6 Packs/Pots/Hangers) Bulb Plants, Primrose,							
²⁴ oz. Pkg. Fresh Baked 8" Apple Pie \$599	Chicken Pot Pie Large Size Small Size • \$12.99ea \$1999	Garden Soils. Planting Mixes andMUCH MORE!!							
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