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Mattapoissett Grange Honored

By Marilou Newell

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More recently, the Mattapoissett Historical Commission presented the property owners with a new plaque noting the building's inclusion to the register. As the Mattapoissett Historical Commission pursues recognition of numerous structures and locations throughout the community, the former grange hall stands as an icon of that rich past.

As part of the commission's designated responsibility to document places of historic significance, the town granted the commission Community Preservation grants to fund professional investigation and documentation that would ultimately place hundreds on the Massachusetts Historical Commission MACRIS

(Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System). MACRIS may be accessed by the public and is a wealthy repository for researchers, educators, or even property owners seeking historic details regarding their property.

The Grange building began life as a Meeting House, The Third Meeting House and has been the site if public meetings dating back to 1816. In spite of modern life and property usages eventually surrounding the building it maintains its elegance. It was built in the Italianate style popular in the 1800's. As its function changed over the decades from a Meeting House to a school, a church, and a private residence, its massive profile has stood as a beacon of superb architecture.

For those who love details, the MACRIS website



On the Cover: German Shepherd Essie, owned by Carol Lawton, sits between Maddox the hound (foreground) and Zip (background) as Mattapoissett Land Trust Operations Manager Sarah French Storer explains to dog owners what is in store as they prepare to embark on a dog-walking Safety Adventure held April 25 near Grace Pond in the town's Old Aucoot district. Photo by Mick Colageo

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notes; the two-story rectangular clapboarded building rests on a cut granite foundation...with a pedimented two-story central pavilion...all the windows on the façade have round arches on top with hood moldings over the arches. In spite of losing its banneret weathervane in the 1938 hurricane, the building looks essentially much as it did when first constructed.

Dipping back a bit further into its long life, the state history notes, "After the roof of the Second Meeting house was destroyed in the 1815 hurricane and because the town's occupation was turning from farming to ship building, the congregation located closer to the sea..."

As we prepare for our spring Town Meeting its fun to note that the history of the Grange includes its use as a meeting place for town meetings, "...a memorable session lasting from March 6, 1837, to July 10..." as the community dealt with the issue of Mattapoissett separating from Rochester.

As we move about in our busy modern day lives, we should take a moment to remember the people who help to make Mattapoissett special or should I say the buildings. As commented in the state database, "The Third Meeting House, aka the grange, is significant not only for its architectural importance to Mattapoissett, but also for the contributions it has made to the political development of the town and in the field of education."

Arbor Day in Mattapoissett
By Sam Bishop

April 25 was Arbor Day, a long-held day of observation for tree planting and tree conservation. "Arbor" is the Latin word for "tree." In Mattapoissett that Friday morning, the Mattapoissett Tree Committee held some events to commemorate the day, preserve the town's natural beauty, and celebrate the memory of a local teacher now passed.

From the Tree Committee, Chair Nancy Souza and Treasurer Dianne Tsitsos began by raising a Tree City USA flag alongside the American flag outside Mattapoissett Town Hall. Tree City USA has worked with the town of Mattapoissett for nearly 60 years, according to the committee, to obtain and maintain the town's

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trees. Both flags were only raised to half-mast however, due to the passing of Pope Francis. Prior to raising the flag, Souza spoke of the importance of both the Tree Committee and Arbor Day saying, "we feel it is important to maintain the trees that are here in this town." They then directed the crowd to walk down Church Street to Center School where a white Asian stewartia would be planted in honor of Bill Spark, teacher in Mattapoisett schools for over 30 years, who passed in 2009.

To facilitate the tree planting, members of the Mattapoisett Highway Department were present. Treasurer of the Tree Committee Dianne Tsitsos emphasized the importance of their cooperation and the partnership with Garrett Bauer, Highway Surveyor, in obtaining the tree. Bauer was in attendance with two other Highway Department workers, Chris Nateau, Assistant Tree Warden, and Emerson Schroder, who planted the tree near the southeastern entrance to Center School with a plaque noting "In Memory of Bill Spark Teacher and Friend."

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The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Did you ever want to hug a tree? Or just sigh as you admired one?

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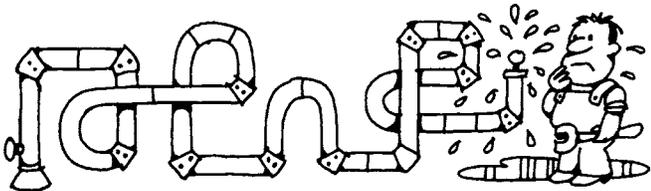
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As a child, I was fascinated with the legendary figure Johnny Appleseed. I think I took it quite literally that he was singly responsible for planting all the apple trees in North America. I came to marry a Johnny Appleseed of sorts. He's consumed with the idea of growing fruit trees, having spent his youth raiding orchards throughout Yorkshire, England. As we've added more each year to our back yard, it has become apparent we now have our own little orchard. I must have known what was happening when we spent a hefty sum on an espaliered apple tree. "It bears four different kinds of apples," my husband said, appealing to my innate practicality.

My father can take some of the blame for my desire to accumulate trees of every variety. His gardening accomplishments are something of folkloric proportions. When he was a boy, he planted a twig that grew into a massive willow tree - a sort of natural candelabra under which the family relaxed for cookouts. Many a peaceful nap was incurred from its hypnotic tendrils moving in the breeze. To us children it was like a giant cathedral of seemingly infinite height and breadth that totally enveloped our summer visits at my grandmother's. Years later, the tree had to be cut down as it was suffering from some incurable blight. It had grown to 15 feet in diameter! We were sad to see it go and my grandmother's backyard never looked the same again. In more recent years and

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owing to that glorious memory, I planted a willow out back. As I look out from where I now sit, I know it was a good decision. And who knows? Maybe I'm creating memories for grandchildren.

Over the years, my father has planted innumerable trees - blue spruce, Japanese maple, dogwood, crabapple, catalpa, ginkgo, birch, all sorts of fruit-bearing trees, and pines galore. You name it, he's grown it, experimenting with grafting and pruning techniques as well as developing a time-saving fertilizing device.

A while back we revisited our former home, where my parents planted their first gardens while rearing their three young children. Usually when you go

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Nowadays my Dad is a bona fide tree farmer - although he contends it's just a hobby. He grows all kinds of trees on his eight acres, including each family member's Christmas tree and special seedlings he orders from his suppliers. My mother used to say he talked to his trees - a way to decompress from his high stress job

as construction manager. There is something to be said for tending plants and watching them grow.

There have been stumbling blocks - from the deer that used his young concolor white fir saplings for antler rubbing

posts to the scourge of gypsy moths. Another year it was the pesky beavers that dammed up the nearby pond, thus interrupting his water source for an irrigation system that feeds his fledgling forests.

Last Friday marked Arbor Day - dedicated to trees and their preservation. In observation of it, you may want to plant a tree for yourself or another tree-worthy person. Meanwhile, I have the perfect spot for a prunus subhirtella! Maybe the old maxim is true - the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

"Don't get me wrong...I love trees! There should be more of them. When I use paper, I use both sides." -- Steve Coogan in the film *Coffee and Cigarettes*.



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For Men Only; How Does my Prostate Grow?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Of our many organs, the prostate gland seems to offer the most annoyance to men as we age. The prostate produces most of the fluid that carries semen and so is critical to reproduction. It is located near the bladder outlet and in young men is about the size of a walnut. As men age, the prostate grows. Unlike heart disease, there is nothing one can do with diet or healthy habits that impacts the prostate.

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The more definitive treatment is to take a testosterone-blocker. Finasteride in low dose is used to treat male-pattern baldness (Propecia) and in high dose to shrink the prostate. It has been shown to reduce the need for surgery and the likelihood of complete urinary blockage. The downside is reduced sexual drive and erectile dysfunction (ED).

ED drugs like tadalafil help urinary flow and

may be a good option to improve flow while also treating erectile dysfunction. Your insurance may not pay for this, as most still ration these drugs.

Prostate cancer occurs in the same organ but otherwise is unrelated. Cancer occurs in small glands and huge ones equally. As men age, prostate cancer occurs more often and at the same time becomes less aggressive. If a 50-year-old has prostate cancer, unless it is surgically cured, he will probably die of this cancer. If an 80-year-old has prostate cancer, he will almost certainly die of something else, with his cancer but not due to his cancer.

I must also note that African American men have almost twice the risk of white men.

While prostate cancer can be detected on a rectal exam, by this time it is usually advanced. Early detection is done with a blood test, the PSA (prostate-specific antigen). To say that PSA testing is controversial is an understatement; arguments for and against have raged in the medical literature for years.

I can best sum up the thousands of pages written by saying that screening men with regular PSA testing modestly reduces death from prostate cancer but has minimal effects on overall death rates. There is also consensus that PSA testing should stop at advanced age, though exactly when is debated. I would suggest 75.

If the PSA is elevated, in 2025 the best next step is an MRI of the prostate to detect and quantify any cancer. In low-risk patients, "watchful waiting" is a very viable option. In high-risk men, complete removal of the prostate offers the best chance for cure, with radiation therapy an acceptable alternative. Both treatments have significant side-effects, including bowel and/or urinary incontinence and loss of erection, hence the idea that not all cancers should be treated.

Prostate disorders are clearly conditions in which dialogue between the patient and doctor are key and second opinions critical. Do not accept the first option offered.

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Marion Candidates Forum

By Sam Bishop

The League of Women Voters SouthCoast hosted a candidates' forum on Tuesday night at Sippican School for those seeking election in Marion's local elections on May 16. Eileen Marum, Co-Chair of the League of Women Voters SouthCoast, spoke before passing to the moderator saying, "democracy requires active participation." Serving as Moderator was Jack Eklund, member of the League, attorney, and frequent moderator of local elections in the Tri-Town. It was stated all candidates running were invited via email by the League. Turning up to the forum was one candidate unopposed for a three-year term on

the Planning Board, four candidates running for two seats on the Select Board, and four running for three separate seats on the Open Space Acquisition Commission.

Speaking first was the current Chair of the Planning Board, Andrew Daniel, seeking re-election and who is unopposed. Daniel spoke on moving to Marion from Mattapoisett 16 years ago. He has been a Construction Supervisor for 20 years, a Facilities Director for Rochester for 10 years, a Planning Board member for about 10 years and Chair for the last year. He mentioned the intense workload of the Chair position and boasted of his perfect attendance, even given his surgeries and therapy. For his next three-year term, Daniel said his goals would be completing various proposed housing projects and supporting small business.

There are two seats open for three-year terms and one seat open for a one-year term on the Open Space Acquisition Commission. There are three candidates who are running for the two three-year terms. John Rockwell, current Chair of the Commission, spoke first.

Rockwell informed the audience on the history and purpose of the commission, being Chair. He then, jokingly apologizing to Ross Perot, held up number cards to illustrate his work on the Commission. He held up an "1100," showing the number of acres acquired by the town in open land since the Commission's inception in 2000. He then declared the land's value to be \$11 million, with a total cost to the town of \$1.5 million. He then said,

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“not to brag,” before touching on \$1.3 million dollars the town has received from grants he wrote.

Adele Sands spoke next. She began by saying she was raised by a conservationist and describing her upbringing outdoors. Sands began work as an English teacher in public and vocational schools for 35 years. Sands said the highlight of her career was becoming Superintendent of Bristol County Agricultural High School in Dighton. She highlighted her work and cooperation with state and federal environmental agencies. Talking of the importance of her desired position, she said, “I want to do what we can for the next generation.”

Shaun Walsh then spoke, mentioning his work

as an environmental lawyer. Walsh, a Conservation Commission member for 9 years and former chair, spoke of his dedication to the town and the importance of local land. He also encouraged locals in town to “get involved in local service.” Walsh also touched on his work with the youth, heading the ORR Athletic Booster Club as well as being involved in the ORR Athletic Hall of Fame.

For the open one-year term on the Commission, the current Chair of the Select Board Norm Hills seeks the position unopposed. Hills said he has been on the Select Board for 8 years, was on the Planning Board for 6 years, 15 years on the Conservation Commission, as well as numerous others. “Looking around, I was contributing to nature conservancy before some of you guys were born,”

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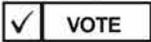
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he joked.

Next on the agenda were the four candidates running for two seats on the Select Board.

Cindy Callow, Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, spoke first. She highlighted her being on the Zoning Board for 6 years and Chair for 5. She also highlighted formerly being on the Conservation Commission for 7 years, where she was Chair for two.

John Hoagland talked on the importance of meeting locals, as well as the joy he finds in doing so. "We are all neighbors," he declared. Hoagland mentioned problems he heard going door-to-door and how his goal is to represent those he's spoken to. He also brought up his tenure on the Select Board from 1986 to 1992.

Sean Sweeney is a former local firefighter and youth-couch for softball, basketball, and hockey. Sweeney spoke on his career as a civil engineer, businessperson, and lawyer. He said the work he's most proud of is his work as a project manager across Massachusetts.

George T. J. Walker discussed his desire to help the community and his focus on solution-oriented policy. Walker moved to Marion in 1987 and was elected to the Planning Board in 1993, where he has served 17 years. Highlighting his career, he spoke of managing hotels, marinas, and restaurants. He criticized spending decisions by the town as not giving adequate warrant or transparency before execution.

The moderator asked four questions, with two

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more following after from the public.

The first question was “what do you believe are the top three short-term issues facing the town and how do you propose to address them if elected to the Select Board.” All four candidates had similar responses and focuses. Key problems being housing for seniors, roads and other infrastructure, and the Town House.

The second question played off the first, “if applicable, what are the costs of addressing the short-term issues you’ve just identified and how do you propose to pay for any solutions that you suggest.” Candidates agreed on the Town House, with Callow warning of eminent risk of lawsuit or the state forcing work to be done due to non-compliance.

The third question was “what do you believe are the top three long-term issues facing the town and how do you propose to address them if elected to the Select Board?” Candidates highlighted similar issues to the first question. Callow, Walker, and Sweeney spoke of roads, sewers, and other infrastructure. Hoagland brought up Tri-Town education, and the need for cooperation with the other towns in order to retain teachers and provide education. He also highlighted the towns aging demographic and the need to provide services to that population, which he mentioned makes up 48%~ of the population.

The fourth and final panel question differed from the last, being “do you believe that climate change exists

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and if so, what steps do you believe should be taken to protect the town from the effects of climate change, including whether the town should utilize the so called 'Massachusetts Stretch Code?'" All candidates agreed that yes, climate change is real and poses a threat to the town. All candidates were in agreement that the threat does not have to be existential and can be solved with good policy. Sweeney focused on preventing another deadly power outage such as that from Hurricane Sandy and Walker said climate change is not just a Marion issue, but threatens all coastal communities. He described the importance of cooperation with neighboring settlements.

Two questions from the audience followed. The first also relating to climate change. "How proactive have you been about promoting green communities and sustainable buildings?" The candidates had already described their past career experience. Callow focused on her work with the Conservation Commission, Hoagland spoke of his green/ efficient house he recently built, Sweeney described his work in assisting in the construction of various green projects state-wide, saying Marion needs to be at the forefront and "lead by example," and Walker spoke of town bylaw he proposed and worked on in 1994 to push for the development of solar energy.

The second and final public question was a combination of many asked and was really two questions, them being "Should new sidewalks and new sewers

be paid for by betterments?" and "you all mentioned roads. We are working on them now. There are serious deficiencies in the base of Front Street and Point Road. We are about to pave over this and spend good money on a bad base. How would you resolve this issue now?" There was some confusion from candidates on the wording of the questions. Hoagland didn't believe the government should be responsible for betterment payments for sewers, though he did say sidewalk repairs should be. Sweeney said any issue with roadwork being done incorrectly should be sent to the Department of Public Works (DPW) director. Walker focused on the issue of there not being a standardized set of regulation for new sewers. Callow declared any work that is being done in correctly leads to more issues and mistakes down the line, saying it "you're going to have to redo it, redo it, redo it. We need to make sure we do it right the first time."

The candidates gave closing remarks and said they are open to more questions if approached or emailed.

The Marion Town Election will be held from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Friday, May 16 at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center on 465 Mill Street. Early voting will be conducted in the Town Clerk Office of the Town House May 7 to May 14 during regular business hours. Mail-in ballots are per-request on or before Friday, May 9.

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Rochester Rodeo Inbound

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Board of Selectmen Monday approved the use of the former Country Fair grounds at 65 Pine St. for a series of rodeo shows this summer.

The board authorized Town Administrator Cameron Durant to negotiate a licensing agreement with New England Rodeo for use of the 18.6 acre site after a public hearing that filled most of the seats in the Council On Aging Senior Center meeting room with concerned residents.

With the assistance of a slide presentation, company representative Kelly Pina started by noting the events will be run by a family of rodeo enthusiasts and experienced rodeo riders. The company is losing its headquarters in Norton to development in that town. Rochester will be a short-lived interim location for the rodeos for one season only, she said. The company is considering a more permanent site for 2027.

The rodeos will be held between June 1 and September 30, every other Saturday from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, she elaborated. The events will include audience participation, professional and junior bull riding and other demonstrations and even a mechanical bull. The company is looking to add an arena where tractor pulls once occurred and fencing. Its rodeos will attract 1,000 visitors for each event. But the company will also

pay attention to safety, security and other community concerns. The speakers will be pointed downward to avoid neighborhood noise. Company staff will provide security. Police details will manage traffic. Town EMT services will be on hand, including company staff who are themselves EMTs. The animals will be under veterinary care and will be brought on and off site for each event.

She added that local food trucks and vendors and local groups seeking to raise funds for their organizations will be welcome as will local boy scouts to direct the on-site parking as they did for the Rochester Country Fair. "We're excited to work within a 'Right to Farm' community," she said.

The first question came from former Rochester



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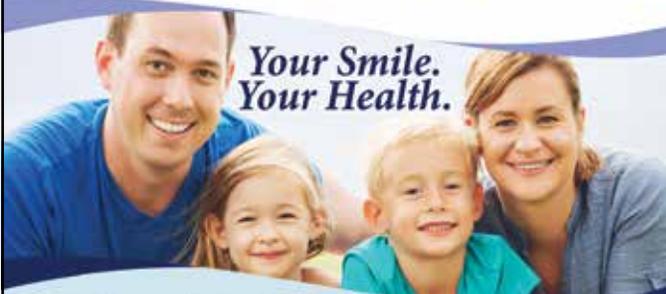
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Country Fair committee member Kelly Morgado, who asked if the rules her organization had to follow would be re-written for this use of the Pine Street property. Board chair Brad Morse answered that details of any agreement have yet to be negotiated.

Then a resident asked if alcohol would be served. Pina said no, these will be family-friendly events. No residents had any further questions before the final approval vote.

Turning to its other important agenda item, the board and the Finance Committee voted to recommend 23 of the 25 articles on the May 19 Annual Town Meeting warrant. The board tabled until its next meeting the consideration of three budget-related proposals. Durant said he wanted to re-vote one part of the town's FY26

operating budget (Article #4) because the town wants to use free cash to eliminate a \$260,000 borrowing debt on an Ambulance and a Fire Truck. This debt reduction will free up money to spend on the Rochester Memorial School Special Education account (Article #11), boosting that line item by \$100,000. Another article proposes establishing a Facilities Management reserve account with \$20,000 (Article #16). Selectman Adam Murphy said he wanted these measures put on hold pending further discussion. He said he needed more information on the \$100,00 proposal and that this \$20,000 could go into the Facilities Manager's regular budget instead. As a result, the Finance Committee agreed to join the Select Board for that discussion on May 5.

In other action, the board approved the installation of new Eversource Energy utility poles and manhole covers on Vaughn Hill Road.

Durant announced the town is changing its process for applying for building permits to a fully computerized docu-sign system. But while it is being set up, the Building Department may need to revert to a paper system.

The board approved a liquor license and 'pledge of license' request for Wine Spirits, Inc. (Rochester Wine Spirits and Market) at 621 County Road.

David Hughes was re-appointed to the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee as Rochester's representative.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, May 5 at 6:00 pm at the Council On Aging senior center, 67 Dexter Lane.

Deadlock at ZBA

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met on Thursday, April 24 for their one-and-only April meeting for a hearing on Heron Cove Estates of Wareham Street's application for a variance to allow the construction of 57 single-family dwelling units on 17 acres. Heron Cove Estates LLC was originally approved for 120 homes and now seek to limit that number due to ballooning

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development costs. Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Cynthia Callow first cited their correspondence with other town bodies.

The Board of Health, where she stated that board had no comment on the approval of the application. Callow also read off comments from the Planning Board, who said "the applicant should only be allowed to build at a higher density as permitted by – a process that includes approval at annual Town Meeting." This basically puts the decision to the town voters. The Conservation Commission commented they believed the application is "non-jurisdictional."

Mark Bobrowski, representing Heron Cove Estates LLC, stated the cost of the original plans had

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risen to \$8 million, up from original estimates of \$3,375,000. 10% of the 57 houses (so, 5-6) would be able to be classified as "affordable housing," per the original agreement. The general cost-estimates per unit sit around \$400/square foot, or a minimum of \$800,000~ per unit. There were many questions of sewage, with the new plan to provide surface drainage systems to each unit.

The discussion of allottable land for affordable housing was raised again later. Member Margherita Baldwin said, "there isn't a lot of land to build affordable housing in the town." The Chair reiterated this assertion, saying "we're running out of land, and we have other projects coming down the pipe."

After much discussion, the motion to continue to another time was waged. That other time being May 8, where a comment from Town Council was also requested by the Board. However, of the five-member board, two voted "yay" and three voted "no." Another vote was held to approve the variance, where three voted "yay" and two "no." After some confusion, it was confirmed a 4-to-1 vote is required, meaning the two "no" votes cause the variance request to be rejected.

The Board tried to "table" the meeting until May 8, or until they receive notice from Town Council. Though, this was "muddy" as one member put it due to the former vote for continuance being rejected. The Chair said, "We didn't accept to continue, and we didn't accept the variance. So now, where do we go? So now we need

Town Council to tell us what happens."

The petitions said they would resubmit and file another appeal the following week (April 28).

The next meeting was not definitively confirmed, though it seems likely for May 8 at 6:30 pm at the Marion Police Department.

Emergency Certification Denied

Mattapoissett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

On April 28, the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission reopened a hearing regarding landscaping and other modification done to property owned by Robert Beauregard, 2 Jowick Street. Abutter notifications over concerns that a planned pouring of a concrete pad might cause drainage issues, brought to light that the property had been heavily modified without permits being sought through the commission.

On this night, Beauregard was once again represented by Robert Rogers of G.A.F. Engineering. Rogers said that since opening the Notice of Intent hearing at the previous meeting, Beauregard had paid the fine (double filing fees). He also said that photographic evidence that a stream on the property was not perennial stream but intermittent was resolved to the satisfaction of the commission and the agent, Brandon Faneuf.

There was considerable discussion regarding an exterior light attached to a tree and electrical service near a water source. However, it was suggested that those questions likely belonged to the Building Department, not the commission.

Faneuf declared that the work now before the commission was in the buffer zone. There was more discussion regarding stones that lined the brook, a cement pipe, the removal of boat stands in the buffer zone and shading caused by an unpermitted bridge.

The case was continued to the next meeting, a date to be announced.

An Emergency Certification requested for 47 Cove Street was denied. The commission suggested instead the relocation of propane tanks, confirmation of the mean highwater mark, and the placement of sandbags to help

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further curtail erosion of the barrier beach sand. Further the applicant was given six months to file for a Chapter 91 Waterways permit for more intensive shoreline repairs.

A Negative 2 decision was given for a Request for Determination of Applicability by Timothy Fisher, 4 Mattakissett Road, for the removal of a shed and garage for a new shed.

Another RDA filed by the owners of lots 28, 28A, 29, 29A, Goodspeed Island for the installation of a sewer extension received a negative 2 decision.

A Notice of Intent filing by Andrea Yelle and Setareh Yelle 0 Angelica Avenue was conditioned for the construction of a single-family home.

A Notice of Intent filed by Joyce Beal, 0 Park Place for the development of a single-family home was conditioned.

A Request for an Amended Order of Conditions filed by Richard and Jacqueline Leclair, 2 Holmes Road, for a plan modification to change the footprint of a new home which will result in a reduction in the scope of work was granted.

A Certificate of Compliance for 19 Shore View Avenue owned by Jane Finnerty was granted.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be posted prior to meeting day and time.

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Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The last meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission was held on April 23, where the Commission set out to continue a public hearing from the previous meeting, hold four separate public hearings, and go over some correspondence with other town bodies.

The commission continued its hearing for Robert Luchetti’s Notice of Intent for pier repairs at 548 Point Road. The representative stated the work being done will not be below the mean high-water line and will complain with the pier’s current license. This was also stated to eliminate the need for an Army Corps of Engineers water quality check. In order for the commission to have a better grasp on the situation, they agreed on a four-week continuance to reconvene and issue an approval then, if found applicable. The next hearing will be May 28.

A hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability was held for the reconstruction of a front porch at 13 Quelle Lane. The house sits in a flood zone, and the existing foundation goes down about eight inches, according to the construction representative Andrew Perkins. In order to shore up the porch to support weight and weather, the new foundation would go down 48~ inches. The hearing was closed with unanimous approval from the commission.

The next hearing was for a Request for

Determination of Applicability for the removal of four trees at 14 Aucoot Avenue. A representative wasn’t present, though a continuance was requested. That was granted for the next meeting, May 14. The next hearing was for a Notice of Intent filed by the Oren Robinson Revocable Trust 2017 for the reconstruction of a single-family dwelling at 16 Spinnaker Lane. This hearing was also continued to May 14.

The final hearing was submitted by Sippican Lands Trust, Inc. for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the treatment and maintenance of areas affected by the propagation of invasive Japanese knotweed at Osprey Marsh and 366 Point Road. The trust has recently obtained the property of 366 Point Road, which has been absorbed into Osprey Marsh. Work would begin in late-spring/early-summer with cutting and would take several years to fully contain the invasive plant. The representative from the trust stated the knotweed is “well-established.” The request was approved unanimously, and the hearing was closed.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be held Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Department.

Memorial Day Celebration Announcements

Rochester Events Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

As Rochester’s Events Committee reviewed the plan for its Memorial Day celebration Tuesday, it revealed the town is commemorating the holiday with an entire weekend of events.

The Memorial Day ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 25, starting with speakers at Town Hall at noon and followed by a parade to the Council On Aging senior center (weather permitting). But that’s merely the centerpiece of the festivities. The day before, on Saturday, May 24, a Ham and Bean Supper has been scheduled at the COA from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. On Monday, May 25, a boat race from Grandma Hartley’s Pond will begin at 8:30 am.

On Tuesday, the Events Committee ironed out details of the above centerpiece event and planned to

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craft a poster and a flyer advertising all three celebrations. To this end, Committee member Christopher Gerrior presented his first draft of the Memorial Day celebration program. He announced the Showstopper music group of young singers will sing a Patriotic Medley as the ceremony begins. State representative Mark Sylvia will participate with a speech. State Representative William Staus will attend but not speak. The Gettysburg Address will be recited by a junior at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Cameron Makuch, who was chosen for the task by the Old Colony administration. A state proclamation commemorating Memorial Day will be read by a Rochester Junior High School student who is part of its Project 351 program. The Rochester Memorial School Band will perform. Refreshments will be donated by the Artisan Bakery in Rochester.

The ceremony will begin in front of Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. Following this portion of the event, a parade that will include a Fire Department Honor Guard and all ceremony attendees will march to the senior center, 67 Dexter Lane, then to the Civil War monument at Daggart Square.

Committee Chair Sharon Hartley and board members agreed, however, that any plans for an outdoor parade would be abandoned if there is bad weather, and the ceremony would be moved to take place solely within the senior center. At the meeting's conclusion, Gerrior



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said he will speak to the organizers of the supper and the boat race about the details of their events for the flyer and poster and return to the board with a more refined draft of the Memorial Day ceremony program soon.

The committee scheduled its next meeting for May 13, at 5:30 pm, at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Matos, Bulldogs Perfect on Courts

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls tennis team played at Somerset Berkley (6-1) on April 23 and won 5-0. It was an impressive victory for Old Rochester, as both teams coming into the match were undefeated. Neva Matos was named the player of the match. The Bulldogs took a perfect 6-0 record into Tuesday's match against Seekonk (5-2).

Boys Lacrosse

Old Rochester hosted Bourne (4-4) on April 25 and won 17-5. The Bulldogs' winning streak reached five as they took a 6-2 record into Wednesday's match at Apponequet (7-2).

Baseball

The Bulldogs played Wareham (1-5-1) on April 25 and won 12-0. Old Rochester took a 4-4 record into Wednesday's game at Fairhaven (3-4).

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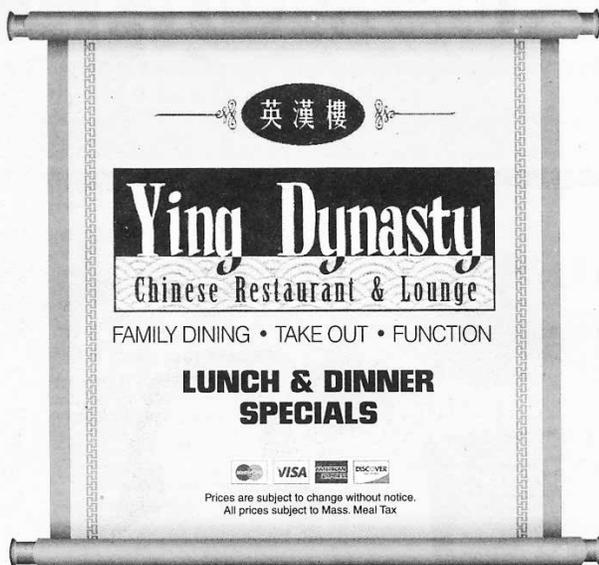
The Silent Book Club returns on Thursday, **May 1**, at 2:00 pm in the upstairs Reading Rooms. Participants will enjoy delicious treats, tea, and quiet time to read. Relax with friends, acquaintances, and strangers while learning about your next interesting book. Due to space limitations, the club will be limited to 20 readers. Please call the circulation desk at 508-758-4171 or visit the library's website to register. The event is recommended for patrons ages 16 and up.

The Friends of Mattapoisett Library Annual Meeting takes place on Saturday, **May 3**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the library. The gathering will include an election of new Board Officers, the annual financial report,

and a look back at their accomplishments over the past year. They're also thrilled to welcome keynote speaker, Michelle Cusolito — award-winning author of *Flying Deep* and *Diving Deep*. Light refreshments will be served. The Friends encourage all members to attend and take part in shaping the future of the organization. It promises to be a fascinating and inspiring afternoon. Please see our website for more information and to register for the event.

Join local author and Sci-Fi Speaker Richard Cutler on Saturday, **May 10** at 1:00 pm as he discusses "The Misconceptions of Science Fiction." Cutler will also read a few sections from his books and offer signed copies - no registration required.

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Thursday May 1, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Cape Conversations
 8:30 AM For Your Health
 9:00 AM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House
 9:30 AM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 11:00 AM A Conversation With...
 11:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Doug Crocker
 3:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
 7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
 10:00 PM Evening Conversation with Senator Mike Rodrigues
 11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Tremont Advent Christian Camp

Friday May 2, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM The World Fusion Show
 8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
 9:30 AM Mattapoisett Land Trust
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
 11:00 AM A Conversation With...
 11:30 AM Cape Conversations
 12:00 PM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House

12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
 3:30 PM This is America and the World
 4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
 4:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
 5:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act
 7:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
 9:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball MIAA State Finals vs Norwell
 11:00 PM Gay USA
 11:30 PM Mattapoisett Historic Consultant Presentation

Saturday May 3, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
 10:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 12:30 PM Mid-Day Movie
 1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Diane Lopes Flaherty
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 3:30 PM South Coast Matters
 4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Revolutionary War Veterans Ceremony
 5:30 PM Accessory Dwelling Units in MA and the Affordable Homes Act
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 8:30 PM Mattapoisett Land Trust
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 4, 2025

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

Shape
 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
 8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
 10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
 11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
 2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
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 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
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 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
 10:00 PM Volunteering - Gifts to Give
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday May 5, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM For Your Health
 9:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 10:30 AM A Conversation With...
 11:00 AM Marion Harbormaster Building Open House
 11:30 AM Pete on the Street
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM In the Toy Box
 1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
 2:30 PM The Collective Chat
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
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 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
 5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Hurricane
 6:00 PM Four Deep Sports
 6:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs St. Marys
 7:45 PM ORR Boys Basketball MIAA State Finals vs Norwell
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:30 PM Building the Future
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday May 6, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine Pouches
 8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
 10:30 AM The Collective Chat
 11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 11:30 AM In the Toy Box
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 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 5:00 PM Tri-Town Holiday Events
 5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
 6:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond with Peter Balzarini
 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday May 7, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Cape Conversations
 8:30 AM For Your Health
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
 10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
 11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
 12:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
 2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
 2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
 3:00 PM A Conversation With...
 3:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs St. Marys
 4:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball MIAA State Finals vs Norwell
 5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
 6:00 PM Building the Future
 6:30 PM Pete on the Street
 7:00 PM World Fusion Show
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Speaker Series - Notre Dame
 8:30 PM Evening Conversation with Senator Mike Rodrigues
 9:30 PM The Old Colony Band Concert
 11:00 PM ORR FORM Instrumental Concert

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
 9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
 10:00 AM Marion Planning Board
 11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
 12:00 PM Marion School Committee
 1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
 3:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
 3:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
 4:30 PM Marion Board of Health
 5:30 PM Marion Marine Resources Commission
 6:30 PM ORR School Committee
 8:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
 10:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
 11:30 PM Marion Planning Board

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 8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
 9:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
 10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
 11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
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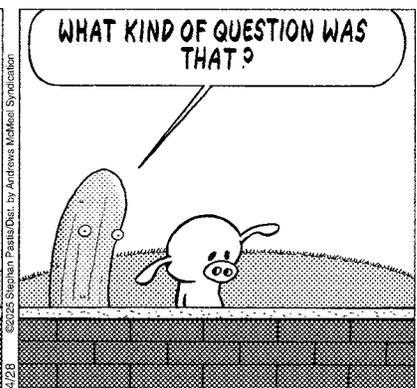
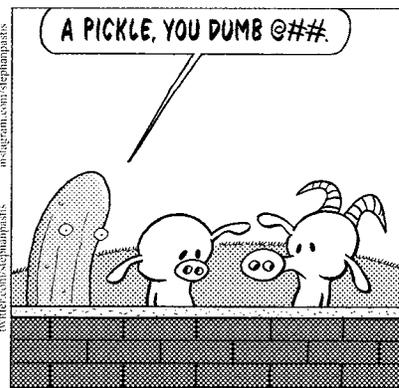
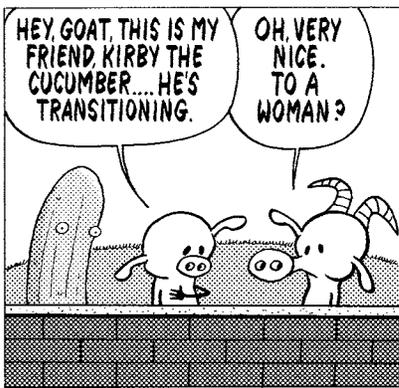
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
 8:00 AM Bulldog Sports
 8:30 AM RMS 4th Grade Concert
 9:30 AM ORR/JHS Drama
 10:30 AM Old Colony Drama
 11:30 AM ORR/JHS Guppy Tank
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 1:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Bourne
 2:30 PM ORR/Fairhaven Hockey vs Bishop Stang
 4:00 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
 5:00 PM ORR FORM Instrumental Concert
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 7:00 PM Bulldog Pride Alumni Association
 7:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame
 9:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dartmouth
 10:30 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Case

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Mattapoissett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 14**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

The Friends are also still accepting jewelry donations. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, The Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

Our Sunday Book Club meets on **May 18** at 2:00 pm to discuss Rachel Kadish's *Weight of Ink*. Copies of the book are available at the library. This club is intended for adults. If you have questions, please contact Librarian Robbin Smith at rsmith@sailsinc.org.

Friendly reminder: Sunday, **May 18**, is the last Sunday the library will be open until Labor Day in September.

Well-Read Wednesday meets on Wednesday, **May 28**, at 6:30 pm in the Marine room. The club will discuss *The New Guys: The Historic Class of Astronauts That Broke Barriers and Changed the Face of Space Travel* by Meredith Bagby. Copies of the book are available for pickup at the library. New members welcome.

Please note that a library card is required at checkout. If your card is missing, we can replace it. Avoid losing it again by downloading the SAILS mobile app. It's an excellent alternative to carrying your physical library card. Please see a librarian if you need help or have questions. Your privacy is important to us. Let's protect it together.

As always, library events and activities are free and open to all. Visit our website for more information and updates. If you have any questions, please email mfpl@sailsinc.org or call us at 508-758-4171.

Mattapoissett Library Artist Series

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library Artist Series presents an exhibit by Nancy Mitchell entitled "Junk Journals and Paintings in Acrylic. View Mitchell's work at the Mattapoissett Library between **May 4 and May 30**."



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Mitchell's exhibit includes junk journals, hand-created from scrap pieces of fabric, lace, paper, beads, vintage book pages colored with gel and more, as well as acrylic paintings. Fairhaven artist Mitchell started painting at the age of 50. Her first painting was from a kit purchased at a local store which was something she had never thought of trying before. Pleased with the results, she decided to take some night art classes from the Greater New Bedford Regional Technical Vocational School. Her teacher was extremely helpful to Mitchell's quest to learn how to paint. Self-taught, Mitchell also creates junk journals, gaining inspiration by studying the craft online. Mitchell has shown her work and sold paintings and feels it's a great way to explore one's creativity while learning at



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learning at the same time. Mitchell hopes her work will inspire others to create their own art.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 7**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, April 5, 2025. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

187-Year-Old Getting a Facelift in Rochester

Tri-Town residents are noticing bright yellow construction scaffolding alongside the historic Church Vestry, situated on the church green next to Town Hall. The scaffolding is part of a full structure “facelift” aimed at extending the beauty, longevity, and usefulness of one of the town’s iconic landmarks.

The Vestry and neighboring Sanctuary are the oldest buildings on the green and have been icons of Rochester

Center since the late 1830s. The Vestry, originally opened in 1839 as the “Rochester Academy”, was also used by the town

as school classrooms for nearly half a century, from 1905 to the early 1950s. Today, the upper floors are home to the Rochester Christian Learning Center, which offers academic resources for homeschooling families in the area.

This renovation of the Vestry is the ambitious undertaking of the First Congregational Church of



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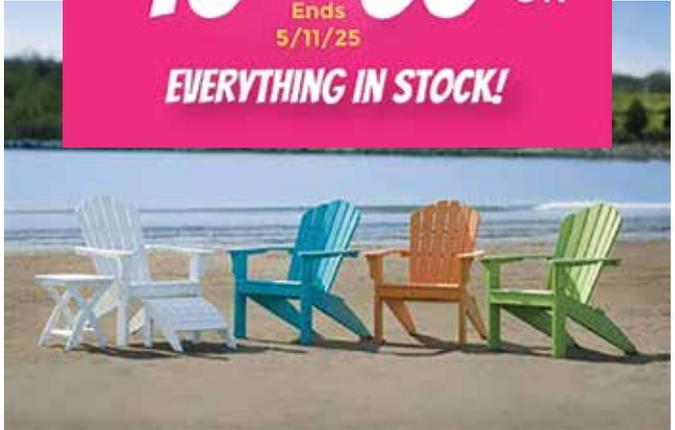
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MOVIE REVIEW

Starcrossed

By Rob Gonsalves
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On *Swift Horses*. Starring Jacob Elordi and Daisy Edgar-Jones. Directed by Daniel Minahan. Running time: 117 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

The gay breaks out all over the place in *On Swift Horses*, a romantic period drama released in America a bit too early for *Pride*. The movie takes place during and after the Korean War, a time in which the love that dared not speak its name still didn't dare. Not for lack of trying, though. We meet Muriel (Daisy Edgar-Jones), who will soon be married to Lee (Will Poulter). Lee's dream is to move out to San Diego and buy one of those newfangled houses. Muriel isn't so sure, but she goes along with it, because privileging the man's wants and needs was what a woman did (and too often still does). Lee's brother Julius (Jacob Elordi), a war vet like Lee, drifts in and out. Lee wants Julius to live with him and Muriel, but Julius would rather live rootlessly around Vegas.

Julius and Muriel also have something in common: they're both attracted to the risks of gambling, a metaphor, I guess, for their hidden sexual desires. Julius is gay (though it's implied he can function as a gigolo for women if need be), and Muriel is possibly bisexual — she has regular sex with Lee but finds herself distracted by Sandra (Sasha Calle), who lives nearby. Julius counts cards, while Muriel secretly plays the horses, acting on tips she overhears from customers at her waitressing gig. They both take chances, especially when Julius meets and falls for Henry (Diego Calva), who works alongside Julius at a casino, monitoring players for cheating.

On Swift Horses is decently visualized (from a novel by Shannon Pufahl) and sensitively directed by Daniel Minahan, who has worked in television a lot since his only other feature, 2001's engaging *Series 7: The Contenders*. It didn't push any of my "no" buttons, but it didn't hit many of my "yes" buttons either. The movie is best described as "fine." I feel I've seen its basics before, most recently perhaps in 2018's *Tell It to the Bees*, another tale of forbidden same-sex desire against an oppressive 1950s backdrop. It's a valid concern for a film — for fiction in any medium — but we wait uneasily for homophobic violence to happen, for the f-slur to be unsheathed. Thankfully, the movie doesn't indulge much in that, partly because of Chekhov's gun, a gold-plated little pistol.

The sex, hetero as well as gay, is presented as a hearty oasis from suppressed desires. One thing I liked is that Lee never emerges as the stereotypical mean, bigoted



husband/brother. He knows Julius "isn't like us," but that doesn't bother him; he loves Julius and wants him to be safe. (Perhaps his wanting Julius to move into his and Muriel's spare bedroom reflects a need to keep an eye on him.) Lee, though, is completely clueless about Muriel and her clandestine afternoons with Sandra (not to mention her poking her nose into a San Diego gay bar) — the possibility simply isn't on his radar. I wound up feeling sad for him, and was glad the narrative hadn't gone in the predictable direction of making him fearful and violent. The gay folks here are flawed and get into trouble accordingly. There are really no villains here except towards the end, and even that is fleeting.

The four leads deliver on the promise of a story that follows grown-ups and is pitched to a grown-up audience. Aside from them, the stand-out for me was Sasha Calle's Sandra, who can't abide the thought of being a hetero-passing white woman's "vacation" from a safe life she can go home to whenever she wants; Calle's anger in a key scene is a pleasant shock in a movie that avoids melodrama to the extent of eschewing much drama. Minahan films the sex respectfully and full-on, but he doesn't help us feel much heat from it, or much of the anxiety and emotional highs related to Muriel's and Julius' varieties of gambling. The director seems most at ease with scenes of characters snuggling and talking, which is not nothing, but not everything either.

On Swift Horses is handsomely made, with much of what I presume was a small budget probably spent on reproducing 1950s San Diego, Vegas, and their interiors. The places seem lived in, and the people seem alive. There's just something of a spark missing. Someone in the film says that gay people are always on the verge of losing everything. I wish we could share in all the feelings associated with that, the terror as well as the ecstasy. The film goes down easy but seems to lack stakes. A cruder director might have throttled us into being afraid on the gay characters' behalf. Minahan is not crude, but we don't fear for his gays. He wants them to be happy, as do we, but drama isn't always about what we want.

Rochester and is the first of two phases in a \$450,000 three-year capital campaign which will later extend renovations to the adjacent church sanctuary. The work involves removing multiple layers of aging clapboard and wood-shake siding and replacing it with composite materials designed to resemble the original historic façade. Windows are also being replaced as part of this effort

It's an exciting time for this community church which is looking to provide the town with not only a beautiful backdrop to the town center, but an inspirational and functional center of worship, praise, and study.

The church welcomes donations from community members interested in supporting this project. Donations by check can be sent to the First Congregational Church of Rochester, P.O. Box 98, Rochester, MA 02770, or made online at RochesterCongregational.com. The church is a registered 501©(3) organization.

The First Congregational Church of Rochester welcomes the public to join worship services held at 10:00 am every Sunday.

Stroke Awareness Month

May is American Stroke Awareness Month. The Marion Fire Department/Marion Board of Health/Marion Council on Aging are hosting a Stroke Awareness Kick-off event.

Join us on Friday, **May 2** from 10:00 am to noon for a healthy walk around the Community Center outdoor path located at 465 Mill St. in Marion.

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symptoms, and how to lower the risk of stroke. We will also have light refreshments and raffles for attendees.

Come share with us a morning of exercise, education, and learn more about the upcoming events

OBITUARIES



Thomas C. McCormack, MD, 81, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family. His death occurred on April 12, 2025 after a brief illness.

Tom was born in San Angelo, TX on March 17, 1944 to Thomas C. and Helen (Connelly) McCormack. On July 1, 1967 Tom married Trudy (Crowley)

McCormack with whom he enjoyed 57 years of marriage.

Tom was an alumnus of Salesianum High School in Wilmington, DE, Providence College and Georgetown University School of Medicine.

During the Vietnam War he served in the U.S. Navy. Tom spent two years at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, DC. In 1976 he joined Healthcare for Women on Brigham St. in New Bedford. After 30 years of practice in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Tom retired to enjoy family life in Mattapoisett, Jupiter, FL and Eyeries, West Cork, Ireland.

An avid golfer, Tom was a 20 year member of The

Kittansett Club in Marion. Tom was a devoted fan of Providence College basketball.

Survivors include his wife Trudy; his 3 children, Maureen Chamberlain of Mattapoisett, Patrick McCormack and his wife Lynn of Brunswick, ME and Brendan McCormack of Foxboro; his sister, Lynn Bogush and her husband Greg; his grandchildren, Jack Chamberlain, Aidan Chamberlain, Thomas McCormack and Quinn McCormack; and 2 nieces.

His Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, June 21st at 10 am in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett. Visiting hours are omitted. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Southcoast Health at Home 200 Mill Rd. Fairhaven, MA 02719. A special thank you to his patients, associates, family and Southcoast Visiting Nurses Association.

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

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights April 20 – April 26

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- Creek Rd – Found property
- Thomas Ln – MV complaint
- Piney Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Gifford's Corner Rd – General service
- Front St – MV stop/citation
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Ichabod Ln – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Spring St – General service
- Point Rd – Animal bite
- Wareham Rd – MV complaint
- Mill St – Order of protection
- Point Rd – Animal bite
- 1195 West – MV collision
- Mansfield Ave – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- 1195 West – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/in progress
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Dexter Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – MV collision
- Ryders Ln – Road hazard
- Village Dr – Animal bite
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Creek Rd – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights April 20 – April 26

- Brandt Island Rd – Suspicious persons
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – MV violations
- Upland Way – Suspicious MV
- Edgewood Ln – Follow up investigation
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- 1195 East – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- 1195 West – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- River Rd – Suspicious persons
- Railroad Ave - Complaint
- Grand View Ave – General service
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- River Rd – Suspicious persons
- 1195 West – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – General service
- River Rd – Animal control
- Homestead Ct - Disturbance
- Prospect Rd – Brush fire
- Hamlin Rd – Animal control
- Pearl St - Disturbance
- County Rd – Property found
- Hemlock Ln – Suspicious MV
- Acushnet Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER

Log highlights April 20 – April 26

- Forbes Rd – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd - Disturbance
- Rte 495 – MV collision
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – Animal rescue
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Hiller Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mattapoisett Rd - Disturbance
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Higginson Ln – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Panic alarm
- Boxturtle Dr – Suspicious activity
- Woodland Rd - Fraud
- Marys Pond Rd – Public assist
- North Ave – Outside investigation
- North Ave – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd - Medical
- High St – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – Animal control
- Boxberry Ln – Follow up
- High St – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd - Fraud
- Benjamin Dr – Burglar alarm
- Clapp Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

- Monday, May 5:** Beef brisket, roasted sweet potato, beets & greens, whole grain cornbread loaf, applesauce
- Tuesday, May 6:** Crispy chicken, mac & cheese, California blend, wheat roll, banana
- Wednesday, May 7:** Garden salad w/Italian beef w/curry sauce, white rice, corn & peppers, Hawaiian roll, pudding; diet: diet pudding
- Thursday, May 8:** Chicken w/ sundried tomato & caper sauce, roasted potatoes, broccoli, oatmeal roll, fudge filled chocolate cookie
- Friday, May 9:** Hot dog, baked beans, German slaw, whole grain hot dog bun, orange, ketchup

CENTER SCHOOL

- Monday, May 5:** Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries
- Tuesday, May 6:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, May 7:** Pancakes,

- maple syrup, scrambled eggs, hashbrown patty
- Thursday, May 8:** American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick
- Friday, May 9:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

- Monday, May 5:** Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries
- Tuesday, May 6:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, May 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, scrambled eggs, hashbrown patty
- Thursday, May 8:** American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick
- Friday, May 9:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

- Monday, May 5:** Crispy chicken

- sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries
- Tuesday, May 6:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, May 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, scrambled eggs, hashbrown patty
- Thursday, May 8:** American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick
- Friday, May 9:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

- Monday, May 5:** Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries
- Tuesday, May 6:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, May 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, scrambled eggs, hashbrown patty
- Thursday, May 8:** American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick
- Friday, May 9:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic

- peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

- Monday, May 5:** Crispy chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, oven baked French fries
- Tuesday, May 6:** Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, brown rice, black bean salad
- Wednesday, May 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, scrambled eggs, hashbrown patty
- Thursday, May 8:** American chop suey, savory green beans, garlic breadstick
- Friday, May 9:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

- Monday, May 5:** Raman bowl
- Tuesday, May 6:** Chicken nuggets, fries & bread
- Wednesday, May 7:** Grilled cheese & creamy tomato basil soup
- Thursday, May 8:** Linguica sandwich & fries
- Friday, May 9:** Assorted pizza

that we have planned for Stroke Awareness Month.

Plants with a Purpose Sale

Three student groups from ORRHS (Environmental Club, Transition, and Life Skills Program) are unified together in assembling indoor plants, perennials, and pansy baskets for sale for you. We will also be selling lemonade and homemade snacks. All just in time for Mother's Day!

Kitty, from "Buzzards Bay Bee Company," will also be there with a bee display and items for sale.

Visit us in front of Old Rochester Regional High School, on Saturday, **May 10**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Shop local, upcycle, and repurpose. Cash, checks (made out to ORRHS), or Venmo @ORRUnified will be accepted as payment. All proceeds from the sale benefit our work in gardens on campus.

For more information about this event contact karenbrowning@oldrochester.org or emmafenton@oldrochester.org.

Hello from Plumb Library

What's Happening in May at the Library? May is a transitional month at Plumb Library, when the spring program cycle wraps up and we prepare for the start of summer reading. So, while that means we don't have any children's programs on the books this month, we do have some upcoming Saturday events for adults that you

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- 19 Greeting in Apple ads
- 20 Gourmet mushroom
- 21 Paddle-propelled surfboards
- 23 BOX + BISCUITS
- 25 Family of writer Ralph Waldo
- 26 Main character on "Saved by the Bell"
- 27 MARRY + WIDER
- 29 Yearned (for)
- 32 — Jima (magazine)
- 34 Basil-based sauces
- 35 SHANTY + OWNERS
- 40 Suds maker
- 44 Golf bag peg
- 45 That, in Peru
- 46 Grain staple
- 47 Winnie-the-Pooh creator
- 50 Fix the spine of, as a book
- 53 CLONK + BUNGLE
- 57 "Rashomon" director Kurosawa
- 58 Rate — (be judged as perfect)
- 59 Vamooses
- 60 Annoy
- 61 CLEANSER + SCOW
- 64 Norway's biggest city
- 65 Positive votes
- 66 Je ne sais —
- 67 Finish
- 69 Prime draft status
- 71 Prefix with sphere
- 74 Radiance
- 77 PIGGY + CONCH
- 83 Siouan tribe
- 84 Successor of mono
- 86 — Reader (magazine)
- 87 Fool in the opera "Pagliacci"
- 88 SWAT + SCOURGE
- 91 Gives a lift to
- 92 Ancestry
- 93 Punk/folk singer
- 94 Hamm of soccer
- 96 Bar "rocks"
- 97 Filmmaker

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- 98 OFFICIATED + IGNITE
- 103 Hammy actor
- 107 Turn — dime
- 108 Prenatal test, informally
- 109 BARBARIAN + FARM
- 115 Poetic foot
- 117 Fire-resistant material
- 118 ANISTON + J.M.
- 123 Repelled by
- 124 Animator Tex
- 125 Boston hockey team
- 126 Nimble
- 127 Survey info
- 128 "Let's wager on that"
- 129 Game venues
- 1 1997 sci-fi spoof, briefly
- 2 Pal, in Paris
- 3 Sprinted
- 4 Bowled over
- 5 Quebec's home
- 6 "Ride On" rock band
- 7 "Better Call Saul" channel
- 8 "Yippee!"
- 9 Duncan of Obama's Cabinet
- 10 Wetland plant
- 11 Snow queen in "Frozen"
- 12 Stockholm citizens
- 13 Ovine babies
- 14 Plain to see
- 15 Booth or Oswald, notably
- 16 Defeated by decision in boxing, for short
- 17 Fork point
- 18 World power until '91
- 22 Slangy ending for switch
- 24 Slips on sleet, say
- 28 "Weekend Edition" airtel
- 29 Of the stars
- 30 Insolently bold
- 31 — jeebies
- 33 "— Man" (1994 hit for Salt-N-Pepa with En Vogue)
- 36 Flanders on "The Simpsons"
- 37 Recline lazily
- 38 Pops
- 39 LAX guesses
- 41 Song from the '50s, e.g.
- 42 "It's the end of —"
- 43 Big wheel's benefits
- 47 Rock-clinging mollusk
- 48 Praline nut
- 49 Followers of lambdas
- 51 Baghdad citizen
- 52 Half of Mork's "Bye!"
- 54 That woman
- 55 Sgt., e.g.
- 56 "ER" figures
- 58 Texas or Kansas city
- 62 Pooh's ID
- 63 Suffix with depend
- 65 "Yippee!"
- 68 Hip-hop dance of the 2010s
- 70 This, in Peru
- 71 Copies a wolf
- 72 Moral tenet
- 73 2016 Disney film
- 75 No. like "first" or "third"
- 76 Spider snare
- 78 Suffix of 75-Down numbers
- 79 2015 Marvel film
- 80 Naval officer
- 81 Chinese nut
- 82 Be beaten by
- 84 Jamaican pop music
- 85 Snowman in "Frozen"
- 89 Gravesite site
- 90 Having one flat, musically
- 91 Nasty
- 95 Grant — (financial subsidy)
- 98 Yankees' rival
- 99 Fumble
- 100 Cause injury
- 101 Actress Hedy
- 102 Stain or soak
- 104 Jumble
- 105 Writer Joyce Carol —
- 106 Govt. bond
- 109 Sheep cries
- 110 Abbr. on an invitation
- 111 Rival of Lyft
- 112 Take — at (criticize sarcastically)
- 113 Actress Campbell
- 114 News site for techies
- 116 "Dancing Queen" group
- 119 "Science Guy" Bill
- 120 — Tin Tin
- 121 Stuck — rut
- 122 Suffix with lion

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of your irresistible Arian charm!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurean's romantic and practical side. After all, you never can tell where these new contacts will take you, right?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A career-changing opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and act accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There could be some tensions in relationships -- domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise anger levels and a frank discussion will soon resolve the problem.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good idea to begin preparing for a career change that you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Bless the VIRGO skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps that others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Traveling- and career-related energy is strong in your aspect. Perhaps your job will take you to someplace exotic, or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision that you're not fully comfortable with. But your keen SCORPIO senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Romance dominates this week when Cupid shafts the Archer for a change. Positive things are also happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat -- whether it involves a personal or professional matter -- will learn a painful lesson. Others will also benefit from the Goat's strong example.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations! With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

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should check out.

First up is a Game Day for Adults hosted by our Writer's Group. From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Saturday, **May 3** drop in for fun and light refreshments. The focus will be card and board games. Anyone 18+ is invited to attend, no registration required. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and learn a new game or two. A good turnout will help in making this a regular reoccurring Library program.

Next is the Friends of the Library and Savers Clothing and Book Drive. This is your chance to clean out those closets and bookshelves and help the Friends at the same time. From 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Saturday **May 10** a truck will be in the Library's parking lot waiting to be loaded with soft household goods and books. Items must be in resale condition and bagged or boxed. Items for donation can include clothing, shoes, accessories/belts/jewelry, purses/bags, bedding, curtains, table linens, throw pillows, and small kitchen items. Please call us with any questions about what can go on the truck.

Thirdly we will be joined by Karen Chace and Andrea Lovett for Carving Out Your Story: an Oral History Workshop. These talented storytellers will help you get those family story gems down on paper for future generations to enjoy. Using prompts and activities, they'll guide you in finding the best parts of your own life story. This program will be held from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm on Saturday **May 17** and is limited to 20 people. Please sign up on the Events Calendar on our website.

Finally, we will wrap up the month with an author talk from local sci-fi writer Richard Cutler. Join us from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm on Saturday **May 31** to hear about the writing process from rough drafts to published books. Richard is an engaging speaker who is passionate about all types of writing, but especially science fiction. He's happy to answer questions about writing projects and the genre in general. Please register for this talk, as space is limited.

Other Upcoming Meetings: Board of Trustees 6:30 pm Monday, **May 12** (open to the public); Writer's Group 6:30 pm Thursday, **May 15** (new members always welcome.); COA Book group 1:00 pm Tuesday, **May 20** to discuss "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston ; Books and Babble Book club 6:30 pm Thursday, **May 29** to discuss "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. Books for both book clubs are available to pick up at the Library.

The Library will be closed Monday, **May 26** for Memorial Day.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By **Connie Eshbach**

In addition to being a member of the Rochester Historical Society, I am also a member of the Rochester Historical Commission not to be confused with the Rochester Historic District Commission. While we at the Historical Society focus on preserving historical papers and items that have a direct connection to the town, we also work to share that history with the public.

The Historical Commission is focused more on the town's historical buildings and that is done in part through our historic plaque program. The mission also includes sharing town history with 3rd graders at RMS and providing them with Rochester history coloring books.

It's not surprising that at times the activities of the Commission and Society overlap. Recently, a plaque request came to the Commission for an historic home on Neck Rd. The homeowners wanted the plaque to give the year in which the house was built along with the name of the Fuller family.

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



After a rainy Saturday, the Scouts from Pack 32 and Troop 32 of Marion along with countless volunteers from the community spent the morning on Sunday, April 27 cleaning up multiple areas around town. With the generous support of the Washburn Park Trust, the scouts, their families and countless volunteers started their spring-cleaning donating numerous items to a local charity (Gifts to Give). The day of service ended with a mountain of debris and trash for the Marion DPW to collect. Everything from car parts to liquor bottles were found. Selectman Norm Hills stated he found 129 nip bottles in the area he cleaned and Marion is looking a lot more beautiful after the communities efforts.



On Arbor Day, April 25, the Mattapoisett Tree Committee hosted a flag raising as well as a tree planting in memory of teacher Bill Spark. Chair Nancy Souza and Treasurer Dianne Tsitsos were present as well as Chris Nadeau, Emerson Schroder, and Garrett Bauer of the Mattapoisett Highway Department. A white Asian stewartia was planted outside Center School with the family of Bill Spark present. Photo by Sam Bishop

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

While we understood their desire to honor the Fuller family members who lived in the house for more than 100 yrs. and have long been associated with "Scraggy Neck" which was the local name given to a stretch of Neck Rd., our policy has been to use the date that the

structure was built and the name of the family who lived there at that time. Fortunately, the files at the Rochester Historical Society



provided us with a very proper solution.

According to the research in the books compiled by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Archives, the house at 340 Neck Rd. is an example of a Federal-style residential building that was built in the early 19th century, and it shows up on the 1856 Walling map that we have at the Museum. It was built in and lived in by L. Snow.

During the time when we were considering the plaque inscription, I found a letter written to L.C. Humphrey from Minnie Fuller in 1946. In the letter, she



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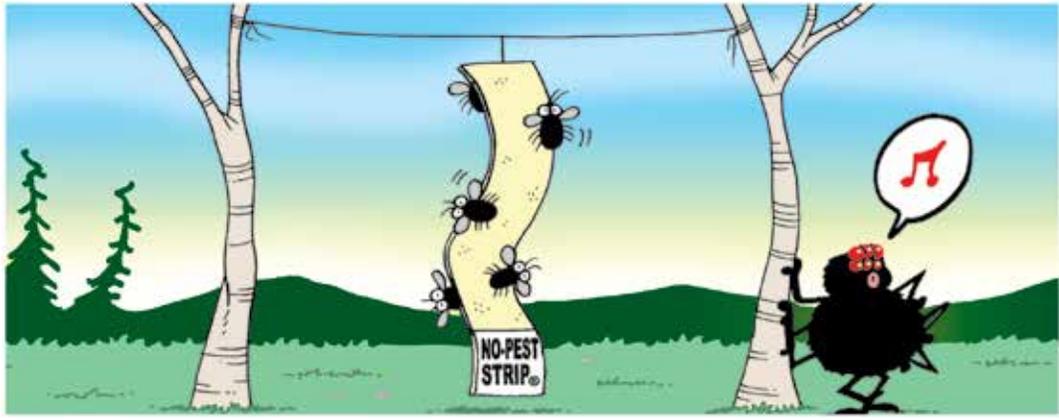
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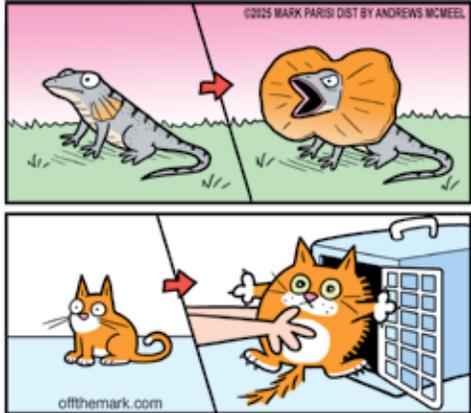
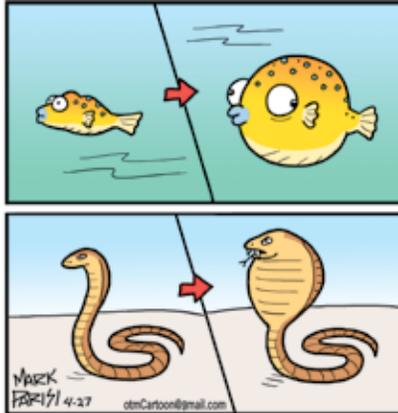


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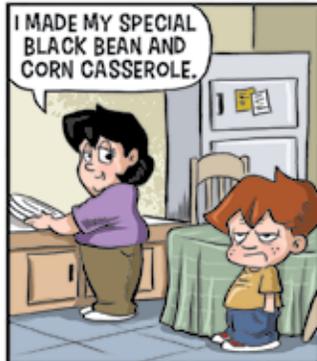
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Chad Carpenter...



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



mentions that she had been looking over old deeds at his suggestion, because as he said she was “ the only one left who would remember the old places” which she acknowledged gave her a “funny feeling”.

Now back to the letter and how it influenced the plaque. In her letter, she writes that her grandmother on the Crapo side who was born in 1826, remembered watching the house being built by Linus Snow, son of Nicholas Snow. She was 5 or 6 yrs. old at the time, but she remembered Mr. Snow building and living in the house that later became her daughter’s home. The first Fuller to occupy the house was Allen F. Fuller, a farmer, who purchased the home in 1910.

With such a connection between Snow and the Fuller family, it was easy to decide that the plaque would read Snow/Fuller Home.

Anyone with an older home interested in a plaque can go to the Historical Commission section of the town website where all the plaque information is available.

A small correction: Wish of a Lifetime, the charity mentioned in last week’s article is a charity affiliate of AARP, but it is a separate non-profit entity. Hope everyone is checking out old pianos.

Upcoming Events at the Rochester Historical Society

May 21 at 7:00 pm we’ll be having our annual ice cream social, preceded by music with Tom and Sheila Perry. If there’s an old song you’d like to hear and sing along to, let me know the title by May 10 and I’ll see if they can include it in their set list. Send it to me at eshbach2@aol.com or call and leave a message at 508-763-4932.

Our June speaker will be Connor Gaudet, Curator of the Mattapoisett Historical Museum, and he will be speaking about all aspects of the Wanderer whaling vessel. The meeting will be at our museum at 7:00 pm on **June 18**. Refreshments will follow.

July will be a Saturday, daytime event. Date, time and additional info will be available soon, but we will definitely be having a Strawberry / Blueberry Bake Sale and will be looking for bakers. We need to boost our



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treasury after a hefty insurance increase, but more later.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Calling all tweens grades 5-7. It’s time for a tween takeover at the Elizabeth Taber Library. From 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, **May 7**, we’ll be creating perler bead masterpieces.

Kids grades K-4 and their grownups can join us on Thursday afternoons in May for an afternoon activity. On Thursday, **May 8**, we’ll be learning basic embroidery skills and creating spring tapestries.

Spring is here, and with it is the May full moon - the Flower Moon. Join us from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Monday, **May 12** for our full moon party. We’ll make flower presses, tissue paper flowers, and find hidden flowers around the Library.

For the month of May, early childhood programs at the Elizabeth Taber Library are back on their regular schedule. Lapsit storytime for ages 0-24 months is Monday mornings at 10:30 am, Preschool storytime for ages 3-5 is Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Tuesdays feature Family Storytime for all ages at 10:30 am, and Messy Morning is on Thursdays at 10:30 am for ages 2-5.

Banned Book Club will return Tuesday **May 13** at 6:00 pm. May’s banned book title is “Year of Wonders” by Geraldine Brooks. Find copies available at the circulation desk.



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<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #829</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 8, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of John and Ann Morgan, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1.C.1 of the zoning by-law to allow the expansion of a pre-existing, non-conforming garage for parking one car on ground level and creating storage space above.</p> <p>The property, located at 73 Pleasant Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 78. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 4/24, 5/1</p>	<p>cant's representative is G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., 266 Main Street, Wareham, MA 02571.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112507267 Meeting ID: 851 1250 7267 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/24, 5/1</p>	<p>requirements of the Massachusetts Food Code of the Board of Health. Michael and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farms, request to seek the special permit for a Farm to Fork Stand and Farmers Market. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>CASE # 1564: Petition of: Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. 81A County Road, Unit G, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2 of By-Law and provided by Paragraphs 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.7. Location of the premises: 4 Island View Avenue, Property owner: Alexandra Ablon, 76 Fuller Street, Waban, MA 02468. The applicant proposes to construct a breezeway and garage addition to the single-family dwelling, together with an accessory dwelling unit above the garage. The building coverage of the lot will increase from 6.9% to 10.0%. The proposed height of the garage will be approximately 25.4 ft. – facing the street (9.6 ft. < 35 ft. allowable). The property is further described as Plot 14A, Lots 46 & 47 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p>
<p>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, to address a complaint concerning a dog owned by Verena Hultsch, 20 Vine Street, Marion. Norman A. Hills, Chair 4/24, 5/1</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by George P. Luber, 13 Waterman Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to remove existing septic system & elevate house onto flood zone foundation with connections to town water & sewer and associated site work. The project is located at 13 Waterman Street and is further identified as Lot 190 on Assessor Map 5.A. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/1</p>	<p>CASE #1565: Petition of: Charon Associates, Inc. 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770. RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1.2.2 of the By-Law and is provided by Section 7.2.2. Location of premises: 20 Cove Road, Property owner: James M. DePierre, 9 West Broadway, Unit 115, Boston, MA 02127. The applicant requests permission to construct a new house on a flood zone-compliant foundation, with connections to town sewer and water. The property is further described as Plot 1, Lot 22 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p>
<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Special Permit with Site Plan Review application filed by Logging Swamp Solar, LLC c/o ReWild Renewables, for the property located at 0 Snipatuit Road identified on Assessor's Map 47, Lot 13.</p> <p>The applicant is proposing a ground-mounted large-scale photovoltaic solar array system and associated site work. The Property is located within the Residential-Agricultural (RE/AG) District. The Property is also within the Mattapoisett River Watershed District and partially within the Groundwater Protection District. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112507267 Meeting ID: 851 1250 7267 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/24, 5/1</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm. **The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025.**</p> <p>CASE # 1557: Petition of: Timothy & Shayna Fisher, 42 Bond Hollow Road, Sutton, MA 01590 RE: 4 Mattakiset Road. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Section 6.3.1 and Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to remove an existing garage and shed from the property and build a new 14 x 20 shed 2 feet away from the rear and side property lines. The property is further described as Plot 015.A, Lot 0101 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>CASE # 1562: Petition of: North Eastern Trade Services, 14 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356. RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Article 3 of By-Law and as provided by Section 7.2.2, Section 3.1.2.2. Location of premises: 5 Bay Road, Property owner: Nancy K Griswold. The applicant requests permission to construct a master bedroom above the existing garage with no outward expansion. The property is further described as Map 2A, Lot 18 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>CASE #1563: Petition of: Michael and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farm, 88 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: The applicant requests a Special Permit as provided by Article 7, Enforcement of By-Laws, Section 7.2.2. Location of premises: 84 North Street, Property owner: Christopher and Jessica Ferguson. The property is further described as Lot 39, Sub Lot 16 on the Assessor's Map. The Special Permit is to meet the</p>	<p>CASE #1566: Petition of: Charon Associates, Inc. 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770. RE: The applicant is requesting a Special Permit as provided by Sections 3.1.2.2 of the By-Law and is provided by Section 7.2.2. Location of premises: 13 Waterman Street, Property owner: George P. Luber, 13 Waterman Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicant requests permission to elevate the existing house onto a flood zone-compliant foundation and add decks and exterior stairs. The property is further described as Plot 5A, Lot 190 on the Assessor's Map. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 pm.</p> <p>Complete applications and plans are filed and available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours. Sincerely, Susan Akin, Tony Tranfaglia, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodriques 5/1, 5/8</p>
<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application in the Industrial Zoning District, filed by Sealord Enterprises, LLC, for the property located at 0 Cranberry Highway identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lot(s) 31C and 31D.</p> <p>The applicant is proposing the construction of a 20,000 square foot commercial building containing ten separate contractor bays. The appli-</p>	<p>CASE #1564: Petition of: Michael and Elizabeth King, Wyandotte Farm, 88 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE: The applicant requests a Special Permit as provided by Article 7, Enforcement of By-Laws, Section 7.2.2. Location of premises: 84 North Street, Property owner: Christopher and Jessica Ferguson. The property is further described as Lot 39, Sub Lot 16 on the Assessor's Map. The Special Permit is to meet the</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEATING #1220</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 42</i></p>

Starting this May: The Cozy Cup Book Club will begin meeting on Wednesday mornings at the library. Join us for snacks, sips, and cozy conversations. The first meeting will be Wednesday, **May 14** at 11:00 am. The first title selection is "The Gardener's Plot" by Deborah Benoit. Find copies available at the circulation desk.

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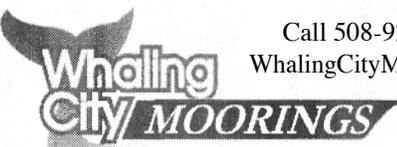
Enjoy a "Guided Woodland Walk" at the White Eagle/Hoff Property (Marion) on Saturday, **May 3** at 10:00 am. Join Jim Rassman, Service Forester with the State Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, for a walk in Aucoot Woods. We'll begin at Hoff parking area and tour the early spring woods, including opened areas, older forested areas, and formerly farmed spots. We hope you'll come to appreciate the woods a bit more from this experienced and knowledgeable guide. Perhaps you meet some new "buds". Registration is requested. Register at sippicanlandstrust.org/events.

Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting And Election Information

The Annual Town Meeting in Mattapoisett is scheduled for Monday, **May 12** at 6:30 pm at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium. Please

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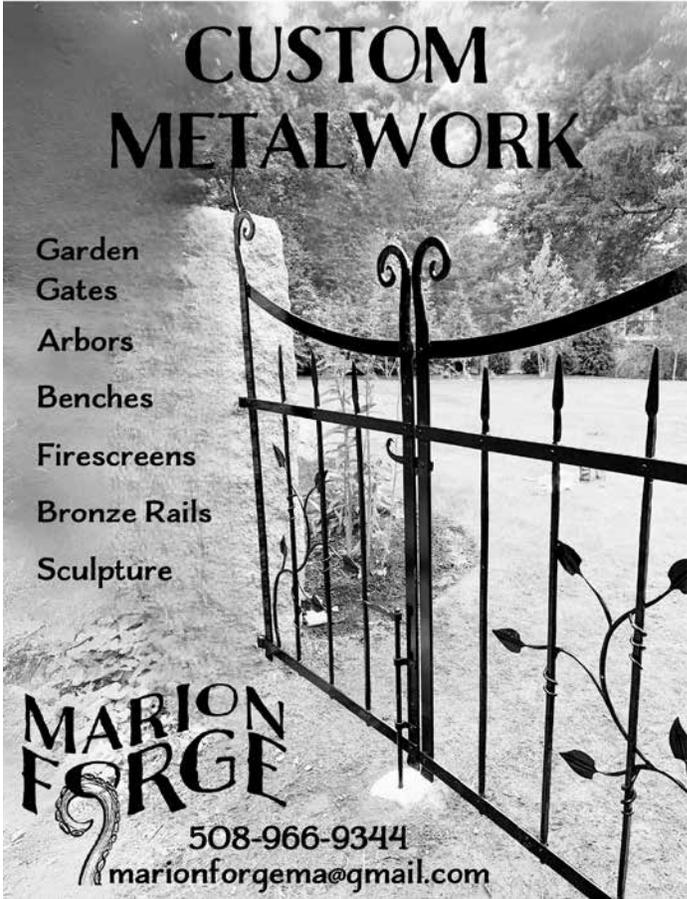
arrive and check in early as we are hoping for a prompt start. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, **May 20** at Old Hammondtown School. Polls will be open from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. Vote by mail ballots can be requested and will be available for mailing soon. Check the town website for more information. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x 2 with questions regarding these two important events.

MAC Auditions for Miss Witherspoon

The MAC Theater will be conducting auditions for the MAC's August production of Miss Witherspoon, on Saturday, **May 3** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and on Sunday, **May 4**, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. The play, written by Tony award-winning playwright Christopher Durang will be directed by Kate Fishman.

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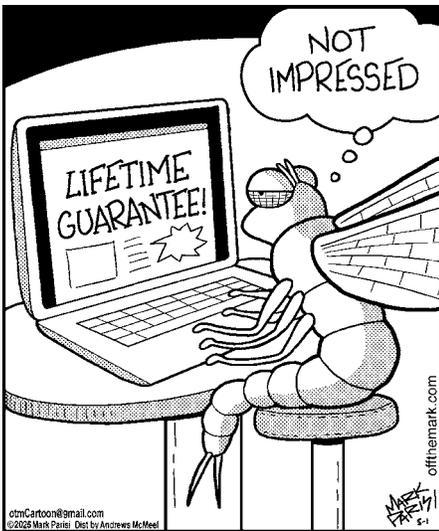
The public hearing will be on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.
David Arancio, Chairman 5/1, 5/8

**TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #830**

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 22, 2025 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Sippican Holdings LLC, for a Variance from sections 230-4.2, 230-5.3 and 230-6.5.c to allow a use variance, allowed by 230-2.3.D, to convert an existing commercial building in the LI District to a multifamily dwelling with not more than 50 dwelling units.

The property, located at 14 Barnabas Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 24 as Lot 44.
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The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering an opportunity to explore some of Marion's unique natural areas. We will be exploring our rocky inter-tidal shorelines, salt marshes, estuaries as well as freshwater riverbanks, forest, swamps, ponds and bogs. Daily we will take trips to look for the birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates that make these areas so special.

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Mattapoissett Democrats Candidates' Night

On Wednesday **May 7** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, The Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee will host a Candidates' Night in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoissett Free Public Library.

All candidates for any elected position in our upcoming Municipal Election on May 20 will be extended an invitation and provided an opportunity to give a brief opening statement to the public and answer questions of attendees.

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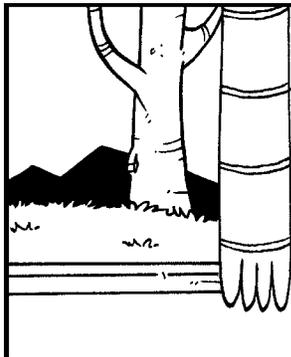
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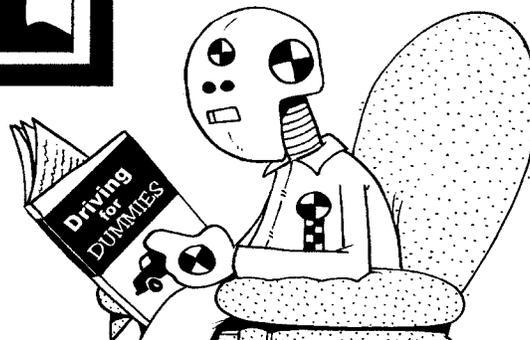
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Friends of Mattapoissett Library Annual Meeting

The Friends of Mattapoissett Library invite the community to attend their Annual Meeting on Friday, **May 3**, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library. This special event will feature the election of new Board Officers, the presentation of the annual financial report, and a year-in-review summary. The highlight of the meeting will be a keynote address by award-winning author Michelle Cusolito.

Michelle Cusolito is renowned for her captivating books that explore the wonders of ocean science. She is the author of *Flying Deep: Climb Inside Deep-Sea Submersible ALVIN* and *Diving Deep: Using Machines to Explore the Ocean*. Her latest work, *A Window into the Ocean Twilight Zone: Twenty-Four Days of Science at Sea*, is inspired by her participation in a three-week research expedition with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. In 2025, she will release *Jellyfish Scientist: Maude Delap and Her Mesmerizing Medusas* and *In the World of Whales*. Michelle's passion for science, communication, and exploration makes her a fascinating speaker, and attendees will have the opportunity to hear firsthand about her experiences at sea.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit www.michellecusolito.com or contact the Mattapoissett Free Public Library.

Marion Town Meeting and Town Election

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, **May 12** at 6:45 pm in the Sippican School Auditorium (16 Spring St), followed by the Town Election on Friday, May 16.



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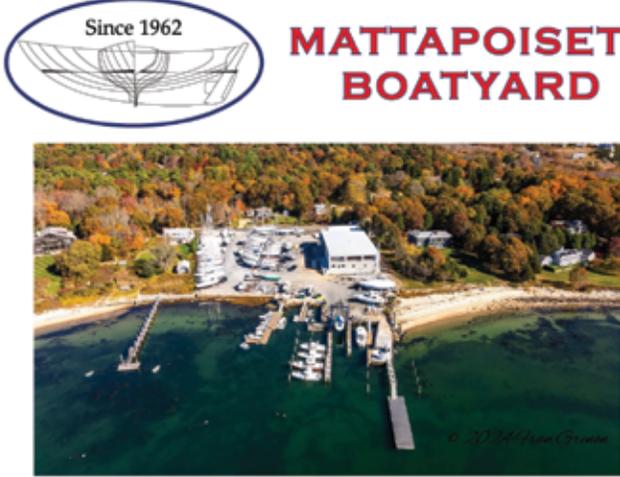
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If you wish to vote at the town meeting OR the election, you must register to vote by Friday, May 2. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 5:00 pm on that day, or you have until 11:59 pm to register to vote online (www.sec.state.ma.us). You must vote in person at the Annual Town Meeting – there is no early or absentee voting available.

If you would like to request a mail-in ballot, please go to www.marionma.gov/272/Town-Meeting-Election-Information for the application. You may mail it, place it in the locked blue drop box outside or email it to the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to request a mail-in ballot is Friday, May 9.

We are offering in-person Early Voting during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm) at the Town Clerk's Office beginning Wednesday, May 7 through Wednesday, May 14. Voting at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center (465 Mill St.) on Friday, **May 16** will be held from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.

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

MNHM Annual Meeting

Marion Natural History Museum's Annual Meeting featuring Chris German of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution will give a talk on "From Submarine Vents to Life on other Ocean Worlds" on **May 16** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The first Alvin dives to submarine vents, together with the discovery that they hosted new species of animals never seen before on Earth, was hailed as one of the top scientific discoveries of the entire 20th Century. But what was not yet known, as the millennium turned, was that Earth is not the only planetary body in our solar system that has deep saltwater oceans. In the past ~25 years it has become apparent that there may be as many as 20 such "ocean worlds" among the moons of the Giant Planets that orbit beyond our Solar System's "snow line": Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune & Uranus. While the outer pair have not been revisited since the Voyager expeditions of the 1970s-80s, NASA's Galileo and Cassini missions to the Jupiter and Saturn systems, respectively, have revealed the presence of a number of ice-covered moons, similar in size to Earth's moons, but with salt-water oceans underneath. In the case of Jupiter's moon Europa and Saturn's moon Enceladus, careful study has revealed that those oceans are in contact with an underlying rocky seafloor. Exactly the kind of setting that could host submarine venting of a kind that could host microbial life at the base of a food chain that is independent of sunlight – just like Earth's submarine vents.

In this talk Chris will share some of the insights from WHOI scientists that are helping shape NASA's strategies to explore for life in future space missions to icy moons – including the Europa Clipper mission, just

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launched in October 2024 - and how engineering at WHOI is helping to develop technologies that will be needed to explore further, using audacious, robotics-led approaches to gain access to, and explore within, their underlying oceans.

The event is free however we ask that you register online at the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

ArtWeek SouthCoast

ArtWeek SouthCoast returns to the Marion Art Center (the MAC) with seven events during the regional festival scheduled **May 8 to May 18**. ArtWeek SouthCoast is a 10-day event celebrating the arts in our communities by connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural events in communities across the region, from Fall River to Wareham. The MAC's ArtWeek SouthCoast events are hands-on, interactive, and offered at low cost or for free. View all ArtWeek at the MAC events at marionartcenter.org/artweek.

ArtWeek SouthCoast kicks off at the MAC with the popular Unplugged series in the MAC Gallery. The first Unplugged for 2025 features Donn Legge & Marcus Monteiro on Friday, **May 9**. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this "unplugged" performance featuring mainly acoustic sound, without the volume and density often experienced during larger concerts in the MAC Theater. Two seatings are scheduled: 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm. Tickets for one seating (approx. 1 hour per set) are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion.

Spin Into Spring. Community Bike Tune-up, **May 10**, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Is your bike summer-ready? If it needs a little attention after the long winter, bring it to the MAC. We'll have experts on hand who can look your bike over and give it some TLC in the form of a brake adjustment, chain lubrication or – in the event of more serious issues - they can provide advice about repairs that should be addressed before hitting the road. Please note

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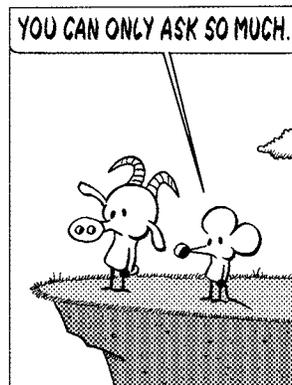
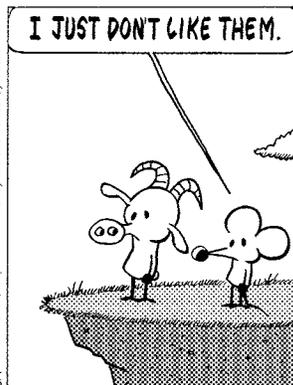
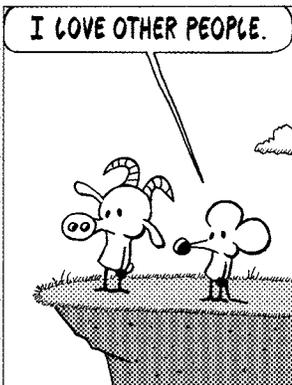
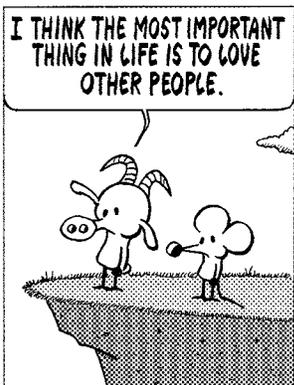
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 by Stephan Pastis



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Organic Seed Starting Workshop with Paul Split Saturday, **May 10**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm During this fun and informative presentation, designed for the beginner and intermediate gardener, we'll look at an assortment of seeds to grow in our zone. We will explore the organic process from germination to harvest and examine the latest propagation techniques. During the workshop participants will receive everything needed to start their own seeds. The workshop will be held on the MAC lawn or in the MAC Studio and costs \$40 per person, with all materials.

Sing your heart out: On Saturday, **May 10** at 6:30 pm, the Marion Art Center presents a screening of The Greatest Showman, shown with on-screen lyrics. Sing along with "The Other Side," "This Is Me," "Rewrite the Stars," and more. Costumes are encouraged as is dancing. Paul Kandarian will host this event, recommended for ages ten and up. Tickets are just \$8 per person.

Step right up... and into the spellbinding imagination of a man who set out to reveal that life itself can be the most thrilling show of all. Inspired by the legend and ambitions of America's original pop-culture impresario, P.T. Barnum (Hugh Jackman), The Greatest Showman is an inspirational rags-to-riches tale of a brash dreamer who rose from nothing to prove that anything you can envision is possible.

The MAC presents the MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator 2024-2025, performance of JAB written by this year's playwright Kate Herlihy. **May 16, 17, and 18.** Curtain at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 pm. Tickets are just \$10 per person. The play is directed by Jess Ellis-Wilson.

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door from a seemingly nosy neighbor ends up being her greatest gift; being brought to an all-female kickboxing group. Hesitantly, Marissa tries and ultimately finds her hidden strength, power, and self again.

Attend a Paint and Sip Workshop with Barbara Healy **May 17**, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Paint your own version of a beautiful sailboat scene with hydrangeas in this fun workshop with artist Barbara Healy. We'll paint together using water-based acrylics on canvas. Barbara and her assistant Pam will guide you through each step of the process as you get in touch with your inner artist and enjoy sipping wine along the way. You must be 21 or older to register. The cost is \$40 per person and includes all materials and wine tasting.

Capping off ArtWeek SouthCoast at the MAC, Crocodile River Music will perform on **May 17** at 3pm at the Marion Music Hall, located at 164 Front Street, Marion. This multicultural program presents west African music and culture through dance, song, costume, and rhythm. The 10-12 person group of musicians, singers, and performers will share their knowledge through use of authentic handmade instruments, traditional attire, movement, and art. Attendance is free, but registration is recommended.

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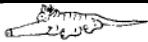
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Saturday	May 3	1:08	1:39	8:04	6:56
Sunday	May 4	2:09	2:38	9:23	9:01
Monday	May 5	3:08	3:38	10:19	10:30
Tuesday	May 6	4:08	4:38	11:00	11:19
Wednesday	May 7	5:07	5:35	11:28	11:56
Thursday	May 8	6:00	6:23	11:49	
Friday	May 9	6:44	7:04	12:28	12:13
Saturday	May 10	7:24	7:42	1:01	12:44
Sunday	May 11	8:01	8:16	1:37	1:18
Monday	May 12	8:36	8:50	2:16	1:55
Tuesday	May 13	9:12	9:24	2:56	2:34
Wednesday	May 14	9:49	10:00	3:34	3:13
Thursday	May 15	10:28	10:39	4:11	3:52
Friday	May 16	11:11	11:23	4:46	4:30
Saturday	May 17	11:58		5:22	5:11
Sunday	May 18	12:12	12:49	6:03	5:59

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	May 4th
	Full Moon	May 12th
	Last Quarter	May 20th
	New Moon	May 26th



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2. Garish;
3. Intake;
4. Throne

Today's Word SPARRING

Sudoku Answer

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\$6⁰⁹^{lb}

8 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Cedar's Hommus
2/\$5

6 oz. Pkg. Sliced
Boar's Head Pepperoni
\$3⁴⁹

8 oz. Pkg. Imported
Boar's Head Gouda
\$6⁹⁹

WINE

750 ml. French
Notorious Pink Rosé Wine
\$16⁹⁹
Reg. Price - \$19.99

750 ml. California
Mumm Sparkling Rosé Wine
\$19⁹⁹
Reg. Price - \$22.99

BAKERY

21 oz. Pkg. Sliced Half Loaf
Nashoba Brook Bakery
Sour Dough Bread
\$4⁹⁹

Fresh, Store Baked
Garlic Bread
\$3⁴⁹

CHEF PREPARED

Spicy Peanut Noodles
\$10⁹⁹^{lb}

Deviled Eggs (4 Pack)
\$5⁹⁹

Mexican Lasagna
\$12⁹⁹^{ea}

Take'n Bake Pizzas
Various Styles - Cheese,
Pepperoni, Margherita, etc.
\$8⁹⁹^{lb} **\$10⁹⁹**

Shepherd's Pie Large Size
Small Size - \$12.99ea
\$19⁹⁹^{ea}

Chicken Pot Pie Large Size
Small Size - \$13.99ea
\$19⁹⁹^{ea}

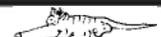
GARDEN CENTER

Mix'n Match!
6 Pack Annuals (Flats - 48 Plants - \$19.99)
\$2⁹⁹

Assorted
Hanging Baskets
\$29⁹⁹^{ea}

JUST ARRIVED! Proven Winners & Selection
4.25 Inch Annual Pots
(Flats - 10 Plants - \$60)
\$6⁴⁹

Mix'n Match - Sold as 6 Packs
Cold Season Vegetables & Herbs
\$2⁹⁹



CHECK OUT OUR BAKERY SECTION
FOR SOME NEW DELICIOUS TREATS!
YOU HAVE TO TRY OUR
NEW SCRATCH MADE BARS!



Friends'
marketplace

SPRING HAS ARRIVED & OUR
GARDEN CENTER IS IN BLOOM!
CHECK OUT OUR WONDERFUL VARIETY
OF EARLY SPRING FLOWERS TO
BRIGHTEN UP YOUR DAY!

SAVE THE DATE! OUR SUMMER KICK OFF
EVENT IS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH 12PM-3PM.
TONS OF VENDORS, DRINK AND FOOD
SAMPLES, ETC.

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, May 2nd Thru Thursday, May 8th, 2025

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Angus Beef®
Premium
Sirloin Strip
Steak
\$17⁹⁹
lb



JUST ARRIVED! Proven
Winners & Selection
4.25 Inch
Annual Pots
(Flats - 10 Plants - \$60)
\$6⁴⁹



64 oz. Selected Variety
Almond Breeze
Almondmilk
\$3⁴⁹



16 oz. Selected Variety
Teddie
Peanut Butter
\$3⁹⁹



5.3 oz. Selected Variety
Chobani
Yogurt
4/\$5



48 oz. Frozen Yogurt or Selected Variety
Hood
Ice Cream
\$3⁹⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



Pint. Georgia
Blueberries **\$2⁹⁹**

Fresh, On the Vine
Sunset Cluster Tomatoes **\$1²⁹**

Seedless
Sunset Cucumbers **\$1²⁹**



Fresh
Broccoli Crowns **\$1⁹⁹**

Fresh
Lemons **69^c**

Fresh
Sunset Red Peppers **\$2⁹⁹**

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!