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During the 23rd annual Earth Day Clean-Up, The Wanderer followed an expedition of the brave Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31 scouts Carl, Chris, Kelvin, and Tim as they spent most of their Saturday cleaning up their town. Photo by Sam Bishop



Swans by Ned's Point. Photo by Jennifer Shepley

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23rd Rochester Clean-Up

By Jared Melanson

The Rochester Women's Club held their 23rd annual Earth Day Clean-Up event on Saturday morning.

Rochester Troop 74527 Girl Scouts handed out garbage bags and gloves and marked on a map the areas where people picked up trash. Over 50 volunteers registered areas they planned to clean on Vaughn Hill Road, Cushman Road, and parts of Neck Road.

Rochester Women's Club Treasurer Brianne Cook said they invited the Girl Scout troop to see how the event is run and participate. "We did some cleaning up over on Gifford and Gifford Park," she said.

Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31 assisted the town in cleanup efforts by picking up trash around Plumb Corner and near Dexter Lane. "[The troop] usually helps as well and hand out materials," Cook said.

Volunteers dropped off their trash on the roadside for the Rochester Highway Department to pick up this week. highway Surveyor Jeffrey Eldridge said they picked up a tire, couch, and 260 pounds of garbage.

Compared to last year, there are more younger kids along with the Girl Scouts this year to help with collective pickup. A Rochester Women's Club spokesperson in an email said they "try to involve more community."

"I like seeing how the community comes together to help keep our town clean," Cook said. She added that many people toss things out the car window when they drive through town, so having the community come together helps.

"You don't see a lot of people walking around Rochester, and so it's nice to see everyone come out and participate, and be present in the town," said member Melanie Lean.

Inside the club, residents could get refreshments and meet other people in the community.

On the Cover: 23rd annual Earth Day Clean-Up was last weekend in Rochester. The event was hosted by the Rochester Women's Club and culminated in around 260 pounds of garbage being retrieved from the town. Residents from the Tri-Town as well as Rochester Troop 74527 Girl Scouts and Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31 assisted in the effort. Photo by Sam Bishop

According to the official Earth Day website, earthday.org, Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 in response to modern industrial practices. Now it has grown into a global movement that has formed community cleanups, tree plantings, and peaceful demonstrations. Its effect has had lasting impact in Massachusetts and in the surrounding Tri-Town communities. The Rochester Women's Club has held the annual town clean-up every year since.

If you are interested in learning more about this event, you can contact the Rochester Women's Club on Facebook or email them at rochesterwomensclub@gmail.com. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at the Rochester Women's Club on 37 Marion Road Route 105.

Candidates Night in Marion

By Sam Bishop

On April 23, League of Women Voters held a candidates' night for Marion the day after they did the

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same for candidates in Mattapoissett. The event took place at Sippican School and offered voters the chance to get an up-close look at would-be public servants running in this year's Town Election. For a full list of candidates running, see the end of the article.

Moderator for the night was Jack Eklund, who thanked residents for attending before introducing Chair of the League of Women Voters South Coast Eileen Marum. Marum thanked the many individuals who helped bring the night together before stating that cards were being passed out to allow voters to write and submit questions. She also noted it was the 106th anniversary of the league's commitment to empowering and safeguarding democratic principles. "Throughout the last century, we have actively advocated for election protection and equitable access to the ballot while adhering to our foundational commitment to nonpartisanship and promoting an informed electorate."

First to speak was Sean Sweeney, currently serving a shorter, appointed term as an interim member on the Planning Board and now running for a full term of

his own. On his credentials, he said, "I'm a civil engineer, and I've been practicing that for almost 40 years now." He mentioned projects he has worked on with his firm, before adding, "I bring a lot – to the table, a lot to Marion, as far as the ability to look at things from a lot of different angles, and I think the Planning Board is a very important part of this town as far as defining the character of the town."

Moderator Eklund then moved on to what he called "the big show" of the night, that being the three candidates for the Select Board seat currently held by Norman Hills.

For opening remarks, Candidate Toby Burr spoke first, saying, "If elected, I'll continue the Select Board tradition of being open, transparent, and listening to everyone." He then noted three key "issues" in Marion, being, affordability, the harbor, and working with state representatives to reduce state mandates on municipalities.

Next, Hills spoke, saying, "Marion's a beautiful rural New England village surrounding a natural harbor with access to Buzzards Bay. Marion's been the home of sailors, artists, businessmen, benefactors, farmers, and new people, resulting in an intelligent and active community." He noted his residency for 23 years and noted 22 of those serving as an elected Marion representative.

George T.J. Walker spoke last, beginning, "I've lived in Marion for 40 years and participated in its governance on the Planning Board and the Board of Assessors, serving 19 years of elected service." He also noted his law degree and noted the importance of town meetings. He said, "I'm committed to government transparency and accountability and alarmed at several examples where you have not been given timely access to all relevant information in advance."

After introductions were questions from the moderator, the first being, "What skills, experiences, and strengths will you bring to the Select Board to make you an effective member? At the same time, what are some of the challenges you believe you may encounter as a member of the Select Board?"



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Burr answered first, saying, "I've lived in town since 1984, and I know a lot of people. Having lived here and having access to a lot of people gives you the ability to get public input on numerous projects and problems before the town. I've run a small business here. It's a family business. My parents bought it, and I ran it for a while, and then now my son is running it. So, we have a tremendous interest in the town being a good town to raise a family and send to school." He noted the importance of being able to lean on others for their expertise.

Hills answered next, highlighting the importance of his time in the Navy, saying, "I've been involved in management of lots of large projects, lots of people, shipyards with two different shipyards with 10,000 people involved, buying four ships a year, submarines a year, \$16 million apiece. So, I have a lot of experience in that aspect. I think I bring a lot of common sense and critical thinking to whatever I do." For urgent problems, he noted the phosphorus conversion through the Department of Public Works and increased pressure on town sewer systems.

Walker then answered, saying, "I think the biggest challenge facing the community is a simple one: communication. We're still feeling the results of Covid, and during Covid, the government was left to operate without any input." He highlighted the importance of getting residents "re-engaged" in the process of government. He mentioned his own experience, stating he was a member of the town's Planning Board when he was 23 years old and was soon after made chair.

The next question from the moderator was, "If elected as a Select Board member, how would you address any conflict-of-interest issues that may arise while performing your duties on behalf of the town?"

Hills answered first, noting the importance of filing proper paperwork with the Town Clerk should a conflict emerge. He finished, "other times, if it's really obvious, you make the decision, you don't stay involved. You just have to back out at that time. It's not magic. It's just common sense."

Walker went next, agreeing with Hills' assessment and adding, "as an attorney, I'm aware of the

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conflicts that I may be in. I don't do any business locally." He noted the importance of his own recusal of numerous hearings through his time as an assessor.

Burr went last, stating, "When a conflict arises, I either just abstain or I leave the room. Because I have a business in town, if anything comes up that is pertinent to that business alone, that's a conflict." He also agreed with Hills, noting the importance of forms to the town clerk.

The next question from the moderator was, "How would you go about prioritizing town capital expenditures pertaining to town properties and/or unforeseen emergency events, such as the expenses associated with last winter's snowstorms? How would you propose funding them without overburdening the

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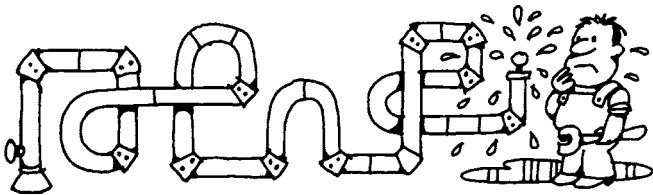
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Walker went first, speaking of the unexpected issues that may arise. "The challenges that come up, for the most part, are known in advance, and if we tackle those issues as they come up, I think we get ourselves in a good position."

Burr answered, saying, "We have a Capital Planning Committee, and they do a very good job prioritizing year by year, what the different departments need for capital." He mentioned these unforeseen costs often are not exorbitant and can be tackled on a case-by-case basis.

Hills went last, answering, "We have that committee [Capital Planning Committee] that's been going for a number of years, and right now – they have each department develop a 10-year plan to phase out all the expected and anticipated expenses." He added, "There's a lot of stuff we need to do, and there's definitely not enough money to do it all. But you have to prioritize."

The fourth moderator question was: "Given Marion's real estate property values, what can the Select Board do to ensure or encourage affordable housing in the town?"

Burr answered first, saying, "we want housing that is cheaper than a million dollars. We want housing in the 400, 300 (thousand-dollar) range where young families can move in. But we don't want what the state calls affordable housing, which is often subsidized housing."

Hills went next, saying, "affordable housing is a real problem. There's no question about it. The state talks about it all the time." He noted his support for the development at the old Lockheed Martin site and added, "right now, we don't have the 10% (state-required) number we need, so we're vulnerable. Anybody who wants to come in and build a 40B project, we've got nothing to do to stop them. So, it's going to be a problem. But we really need to address it because, right now, the school children are on a declining enrollment, and that's just a sign of a dying town."

Walker went last, noting his time on the Planning Board in the 1990s and stating the solution could be found at Town Meeting. "We had to go back to Town Meeting and explain the need and how it would fit in with the community at large." He also said, "I think the biggest need that I see looking around, 60% of our population is over (age) 60. So, it's keeping seniors here." He noted the long waitlists to enter into senior-living facilities.

Later on, for closing statements, Walker stressed the importance of cooperation and transparency, and said, "you have three quality people here who are only interested in the best interest of Marion. We have different visions, and that's okay." If elected, he noted he will work to inform residents on his work. Hills went next, saying, "as a nine-year Select Board incumbent, I've got a clear understanding of the challenges that we face." He directly challenged Walker's assertion, saying "there's nothing done in secret. There is absolutely no intention to hide

stuff from people.” Finally, Burr spoke, stating he stopped being a Select Board member last year “by choice because I wanted a break, and I wanted to do some other things in my life, and now I’m back, and I’m looking forward to joining the board.” He stated he would continue to work with others in the town, be transparent, and listen to others.

The moderator noted the candidates running in the election:

- Board of Assessors – Patricia A. DeCosta – Unopposed
- Board of Health – Albin R. Johnson III – Unopposed
- Marion School Committee – Mary Beauregard – Unopposed (2 seats)
- Marion School Committee – Nicole Nye McGaffey – Unopposed (2 seats)
- ORR School Committee – Margaret E. McSweeney
- ORR School Committee – Katherine A. McAuley
- Open Space Acquisition Commission – Norman Hills – Unopposed (2 seats)
- Open Space Acquisition Commission – Patricia A. DeGrouy – Unopposed (2 seats)
- Planning Board – Ryan Burke
- Planning Board – Sean Sweeney
- Planning Board – Anne Morgan
- Select Board – Carleton “Toby” Burr Jr.
- Select Board – Norman Hills
- Select Board – George “TJ” Walker



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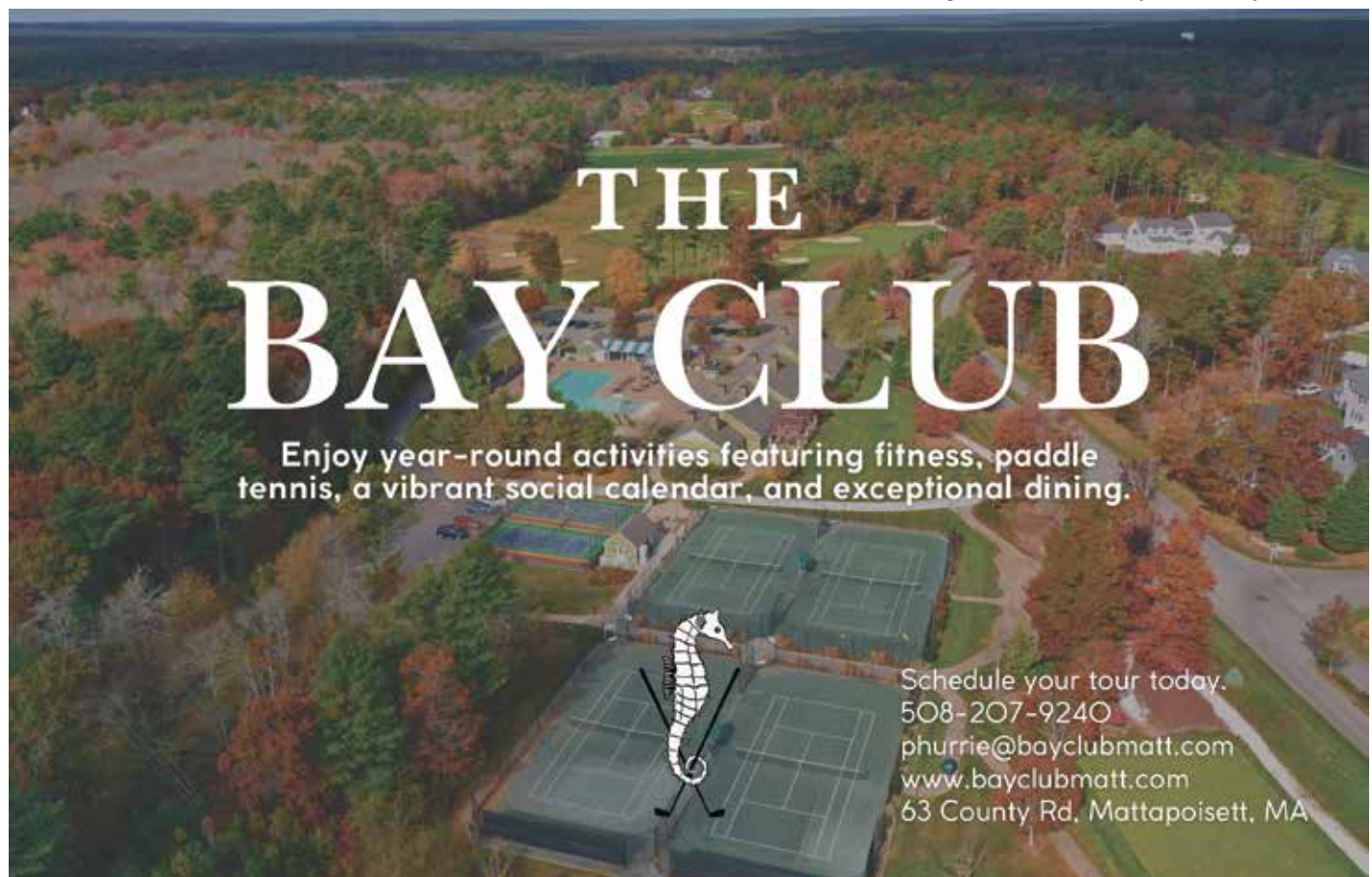
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Candidates Night in Mattapoisett By Marilou Newell

On April 22, the League of Women Voters hosted a candidates’ night at Old Hammondtown School. All six candidates vying for a seat on the newly expanded Select Board vowed to work amicably amongst themselves and other boards, help the town to maintain its Triple A bond rating, and find new ways to handle lingering issues such as maintenance of schools and town-owned properties.


They also were of a like mind when considering the need for shepherding to completion multi-million-dollar projects awaiting action on the fiscal horizon.

The candidates for the three open Select Board seats are: Eric Beauregard; Judith “Judy” Mooney; Ned



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Kaiser; Frances-Feliz Kearns; James Harlfinger; and Nicole Doyon Lynch.

Beauregard said that from day one he would be committed to the town and the responsibilities therein. He stressed that projects with large price tags such as the reconstruction of Long Wharf were overdue in getting started, resulting in higher costs. He also said that each department head needs to dial into fiscal matters, do an internal audit, more than simply listing expenses but a deep dive into long-term maintenance planning.

Harlfinger is a retired first responder whose concern for the town includes the high cost of living, especially as it pertains to housing. He also expressed the loss of beaches from erosion, primarily related to global warming, as troubling and needing more attention. He also commented that it would be important to find out "how they (the Select Board) do things."

Feliz-Kearns said that a top priority from her perspective would be better access to meeting minutes and the accessibility of Select Board members by the public at large. She noted that being able to contact Select Board members has at times been difficult with no direct access such as email or voice mail with the computer and telephone systems currently in place at Town Hall.

Doyon Lynch said that if elected her early focus would be to listen and learn. She said that keeping office hours to continue that listening-learning effort will help her to become better informed, adding to her pragmatic approach to decision making, decisions honed from her business experience and understanding with the matters at hand.

Mooney said a steady, thoughtful approach to a variety of issues facing the town was paramount. She said understanding how the financials work, given her background in municipal financial matters, will be top of mind. Mooney wants to use her more than 20 years of municipal experience to help Mattapoisett.

Kaiser shared that possibly, if Long Wharf had a maintenance plan, today's multi-million-dollar reconstruction estimate would be smaller. He said he brings the perspective of a business owner who lost everything in a catastrophic fire. Now after rebuilding

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The election ballot also includes Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger running unopposed, Raymond Andrews for 3-year term as Assessor, Daniel Chase for a 3-year term on the Water and Sewer Commission running unopposed, and Carmelo Nicolosi is running for re-election and a 3-year term on the Board of Health, which also has a one-year term open to fill a vacancy, the candidates being Kathy Eckland and Mike King. Karen Field seeks a five-year, re-election on the Mattapoissett Planning Board, and Leda Kim seeks a five-year term and is running unopposed in her re-election bid to the Mattapoissett Housing Authority. Running unopposed for a three-year, re-election term on the ORR School Committee is Feliz-Kearns, and seeking a 3-year term on the Mattapoissett School Committee is Margaret Daisy Pullo Breese.

Next on the agenda was an informational session by Town Administrator Mike Lorencio, who went through the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

In a follow-up, Lorencio said voters will be deciding the fate of a town budget topping out at approximately \$30,000,000. The warrant will also include changes to the zoning bylaws that would allow the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and cluster, cottage-style housing units.

Also on the warrant will be an article to authorize the Select Board to engage in negotiations with property owners for easements along the route of the Village Roads project.

The full warrant is available on the town's website: Mattapoissett.gov. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 11. The Town Election is scheduled for May 19.

Nature is Powerful Medicine

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

People who garden are people that like to engage with the outdoor world. For many it's task-related with an end goal of having a lovely garden landscape. But nature



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This column was inspired by a pamphlet I kept from a visit to Hampton Court Palace in London, which boasts many wonderful and assorted gardens with different purposes. At the palace you will find two circular paths around the gardens to help you explore mindful walking in nature. The emphasis is to make a connection for mental and emotional wellbeing using step-by-step directions with suggested sensory and grounding exercises. This lends insights into the benefits of nature.

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can benefit your physical wellbeing too. There are ways you can connect with nature. Doing things like growing food or



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practiced approach to supporting mental health and wellbeing, bringing attention to the present moment," states the pamphlet. It helps to ground us in our bodies and surroundings and can be incorporated into everyday life. Maybe you are already doing it without labelling it. If so, you know how much better you feel afterwards. Here's why:

Mindful time in nature can help lower cortisol levels, reduce blood pressure and steady the heart rate - making it a powerful way to relieve stress and support a balanced lifestyle. Although these instructions are for walking in nature, I think it could be transferable to other outdoor activities. The guide offers suggestions rather than rules. There is no right or wrong way to mindful walk, "do what feels right to you." The key principles of mindful walking are:

1. Give yourself permission. Taking time out just for you is essential. See this walk as an act of self-care.
2. Remove distractions. Silence or switch off your phone if you can. A little digital detox allows you to be less interrupted and more connected to the environment around you.
3. Slow down. How often do you walk quickly, always on the move? Let this walk be different - slow your pace and notice what you see and feel. This is about connection, not completion.
4. Connect with your senses. Your senses connect you to the present moment. Listen, look, smell, hear:

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sound of birdsong, scent of herbs, texture of leaves. Let your senses guide you.

5. Be curious. Let yourself explore, look closer at patterns, textures or tiny movements. There is so much to discover.

The guidebook dispenses advice and fun facts that I will extract here: During a 20-40-minute walk through the rose garden and the tilyard (a historical enclosed area designed for jousting - common to Tudor era castles and palaces), and kitchen garden it suggests pausing before beginning - noticing your breath, your body and how you're feeling. Notice the transition into the peaceful green space. Stand still and let your feet feel rooted. Let your eyes scan the space: colors, textures, and



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movement. Notice the scents in the air and the sounds near or far.

It suggests wandering slowly through the tilyard observing the shapes of the leaves and textures of the bark and how their branches stretch or twist "If a particular tree draws your attention, pause beside it. You don't need to know its name - just enjoy its form and imagine its journey of growth." Much the same applies to the kitchen garden where scents of aromatic herbs and the vibrant earth shout out. A fun fact: soil contains a natural microbe (*Mycobacterium Vaccae*) that boosts serotonin levels. Simply breathing in while walking, gardening or sitting outdoors can lift your mood. Nature is powerful medicine.

Finishing the tour, it suggests getting up close to observe the detailed patterns of leaves, flowers, and stems. Yes, stems. Take a seat on one of the benches and absorb the richness of the garden. Having a seat within your home garden is essential for this reason. Upon the return to the rose garden, you'll notice the palace rising in the distance, states the guidebook. "These gardens have long been a place for people to pause, reflect and find peace." Reflection is part of the reward: Reflect on the footsteps that came before you and, on your journey, comparing how you felt at the finish to when you began.

There is an additional nature walk of 60-90 minutes covering the wilderness, yew trees, fountain garden and the long water at Hampton, with lots of great suggestions such as pausing at the water's edge and "let its vast expanse create a sense of stillness and perspective." Did you know that trees release phytoncides, a natural compound that supports your immune system. Breathing in while among trees can boost your wellbeing. Another footnote noted in the guide state that natural settings offer 'soft fascination' - effortless attention that restores clarity, concentration, and mental energy.

These are good take-aways for us to apply here whether walking through a woodland path or along the shore or in your own private space. Take nature in and disconnect. Try it now!

"The lover of nature is he whose inward and outward senses are still truly adjusted to each other; who has retained the spirit of infancy even into the era of manhood." - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Support From Abroad

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week, General George Washington recognized one year since the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Though there were no events to commemorate it, as fighting continues and fortifications around New York require the full focus of the army as Washington is generally disappointed in the

current state of the city. To the south, Charlestown, South Carolina presets arguments against the King and calls for a new government.

On April 26, 1776, Washington writes to John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. There has been pressures to send men and munitions to Canada, and the general writes, "I could wish indeed that the army in Canada should be more powerfully reinforced. At the same time I am conscious, that the trusting this important post (which is now become the Grand Magazine of America) to the handful of men remaining here is running too great a risk - the securing this post & Hudsons River, is to us also, of so great importance, that I cannot at present advise the sending any more troops from hence."

Though he states the city has become a hub of troops and arms, he adds, "our strength at present is, in reality, on paper only." Men are untrained, undisciplined, and still under-armed for what will likely be a vengeful counter-attack from the British.

Speaking of undisciplined troops, the next day, in his General Orders, Washington condemns "The riotous behavior of some soldiers of the Continental Army." The day prior, soldiers staged a riot near Washington's headquarters at 1 Broadway. In response to this, he writes, "the authors will be brought to the severest punishment if taken, or treated as a common enemy, if they dare to resist."

The same day, the general receives a letter from Captain Henry Miller in New Utrecht, a small town today a part of Brooklyn on Long Island. Miller writes, "this morning a small sloop came down the river the sentry on Staten Island hailed her as also those on our side but she would not come too each of the sentries fired several guns at her which she disregarded & passed under a smart breeze to the *Asia* Man of War." Worrying reports that if true, showing a ship left New York and met with the British ship the *Asia*, signify British surveying or espionage.

On April 28, Washington writes to Rhode Island Governor Nicholas Cooke, who had written to ask for supplies and personnel for the defense of Narragansett



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Bay. He says, "we have no engineer that can possibly be spared from hence, indeed we are very deficient in that department, & the state of this place is such, that had we many more than we have, there would be full employment for them."

This day would also be important in a different sense, as April 28, 1776 is the 18th birthday of James Monroe, the man who would eventually become the 5th President in 1817. Though he had taken up arms in Williamsburg, Virginia the year prior, he maintained his attendance at school up until the time around his 18th birthday, when he dropped out of school and joined the Continental Army.

Though Washington is urging focus on New York,

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on April 29, a delegation arrives in Montreal. Benjamin Franklin and other delegates from the Continental Congress meet with General Benedict Arnold in the city to assess the status of the northern campaign. Though the delegates received a warm welcome from the general and the troops, it ultimately pushed congress to oppose Canadian campaigns. Franklin would leave a little under two weeks later, remarking "it would have been easier if the Americans had tried to buy Canada than invade it."

May 2, 1776 may be one of the most consequential days of the Revolutionary War. 22-year-old King Louis XVI of France secretly agrees to provide funds and arms to the American revolutionaries. The material would be discretely given to America through the French company

Rodrigue Hortalez et Compagnie. That same day, King Charles III of Spain also vowed to secretly support the rebels.

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for May
By Sam Bishop

This is the continuing monthly column for the astronomer in all of us, or the aspiring astro-physicist. Compared to areas near Boston or New Bedford, generally speaking, the Tri-Town has pretty good dark skies and thus are very fortunate in that regard. Last month, we even witnessed humans re-enter the orbit of the moon on the Artemis II flight!

On May 1, the first full moon of the month will occur. This one is referred to as the "Flower Moon," due to the blooming of spring. It is also referred to by others as the "Milk Moon" or "Corn Planting Moon."

On May 2, the asteroid Vesta will be at its brightest. Though it is visible all year, this is the best time to spot it. The asteroid was discovered in 1807 and is the second largest in the solar system. It won't be visible to the naked eye in our area due to light pollution but is visible with a high-powered pair of binoculars or a telescope.

On the night of May 6, the Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower hits its peak. Though it is currently ongoing, occurring between April 19 to May 28, it will hit its height

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with around 30-meteors-per-hour. Meteors from this shower are produced by the famed Halley's Comet!

A few days after, on May 10, the Eta Lyrids Meteor Shower hits its peak. It is known as a "low activity" shower, with its peak being around 3-meteors-per-hour. Its meteors originate from the comet C/1983 H1.

On May 12, the Messier 5 star cluster will be visible. The cluster contains 105 closely packed stars. Well, they're closely packed relative to our eyes. In reality, they are many quadrillions of miles apart.

May 16 will be the month's new moon, making a good time to look for fainter objects.

On May 20, the Moon, Venus, and Jupiter will be visible in a bunch together.

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As with earlier in the month, on May 28, the Messier 4 star cluster will be highly visible. It contains around 43 stars over the span of 35 light years.

On May 31, another full moon! This one is the Blue Moon, and as it happens only once every few years, it lends itself to the saying, "once in a blue moon."

No Electric Clickers at Town Meeting
Rochester Select Board/Finance Committee
By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board and Finance Committee closed the 33-article warrant for the May 18 Annual Town Meeting on April 22 after debating its finer points and learning an important equipment donation

intended for the event will not be used that night.
 In response to the recent announcement that the town has received an anonymous, \$1,800 grant of 400 remote, electronic voting clickers for Town Meeting voters, Finance Committee member and Town Moderator David Arancio said the devices will not be utilized this year.

"I've decided not to use the clickers that were so generously donated to the town," Arancio announced as the meeting was concluding. "This equipment will require training and testing. This is not the place to use this equipment as a training ground." Residents and officials who were gathered in the meeting room for the warrant review voiced a collective sigh of relief, obviously agreeing this was a good decision.

Attendees were equally attentive as the two boards reviewed warrant revisions. First, the Select Board members agreed to revise Article 17, which would transfer \$10,000 from free cash for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of existing kitchen equipment at the Council on Aging Senior Center, by adding the language that its expenditures be subject to approval by a joint meeting of the Select Board and the Council on Aging board. The Select Board and the Finance Committee then both recommended the article for the warrant.

Next, the two panels revisited Article 19, which would transfer \$250,000 from free cash to supplement the public school system's Special Education out-of-district tuitions, a cost that has risen dramatically this year to \$1,100,000. Last week, residents argued that because the town is expecting a state earmark of \$250,000 to reimburse this cost, the town should weigh in how all this money be spent should the expected amount be received. This week, Town Administrator Cameron Durant, attending the meeting remotely on Zoom, advised that Town Counsel has recommended no such change to the article's language. The schools have legal right to spend in their own way all that they receive. The Select Board approved placing the article on the warrant as is, and the FinCom voted to support it.

Then came their review of Article 20, which would transfer from free cash \$100,000 to establish a Special Education Fund that could be used for this type



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of future expense. Before this vote, Select Board Chair Adam Murphy suggested the \$100,000 that in Article 21 proposes funding unemployment compensation expenses with free cash, should instead be applied to the school deficit that will be laying off four Rochester Memorial School teachers in this next fiscal year because of the Special Education deficit. "This could supplement teachers for the classroom instead of their unemployment," he said.

Rochester Memorial School Committee Chair Katherine Duggan agreed with Murphy. These teachers will know their positions are potentially for one year only, she said, and would know to start job hunting. It would negate the need for the unemployment expense.

This suggestion, however, failed to be endorsed. Durant argued the money would fund the positions for one year unless other funds become available next year. It relies on one-time funds. Select Board member Paul Ciaburri noted the unemployment funds will be for layoffs townwide, not just the schools. The two panels agreed to place this article on the warrant as is.

The two boards then swiftly endorsed the other article they had slated to further review, Article 21, which proposes transferring \$100,000 from free cash to fund unemployment compensation expenses.

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 18 starting at 7:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street.

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Select Board Accepts Warrant

Mattapoissett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoissett Select Board meeting held on April 28 was a joint venture with the Finance Committee. The Select Board and Finance Committee met for this final Spring Town Meeting Warrant Review taking care to ensure any lingering questions were answered before meeting with voters.

The May 11 Spring Town Meeting Warrant features many articles routinely brought before the voters such as the General Operating Budget, which for FY27 is \$36,555,506, and appropriations for OPEB funding, slated to be \$229,000. The warrant also asks for transfers from the Water Reserve Account and Sewer Reserve Account for betterment reserves in the amount of \$10,000 each.

A report from the Capital Planning Committee lists \$400,000 for a new ambulance, \$65,000 for a power stretcher, and Fire Department Firefighter PPE \$19,000 (personal protection equipment). Annual road improvements \$300,000, \$52,000 for firearm replacements, a police cruiser for \$52,000, updating surveillance and security at Old Hammondtown School \$16,000, and a dump truck for the Highway Department \$260,000. Also on the list is a front-end loader replacement for the Highway Department \$250,000, Food Service coolers for Center School \$18,000, maintenance of a chiller for Center School \$41,000, replacement of roof top unit Center

School \$100,000, zero turn mower \$25,000 (Highway Department), Center School phased roof replacement \$37,000, John Deer Gator Replacement Highway Department \$30,000, Center School new dishwasher \$36,000, and Old Hammondtown School flooring replacement \$25,000.

Grants requested from Community Preservation Act funding are \$30,000 for Phase IV for to complete a historic survey of the town. Restoration to the historic cemetery stone wall at Hammond Cemetery \$40,000, the historic commission is also asking for \$7,200 to establish a historic building database. The Mattapoissett Museum is requesting \$13,000 to construct accessible-access points.

Two new zoning bylaws are being presented by the Planning Board. One is an amend existing zoning bylaws to include Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) structures. The other seeks to amend zoning bylaws to include cluster, cottage-style housing units.

A full copy of the warrant is now available on the town's website, Mattapoissett.gov.

An article asking to allow the Select Board to enter into negotiations with property owners for easements required for construction of the Village Roads projects is included in the warrant, as is repairs to the Water Street culvert estimated at \$2,000,000.

15 Trees Approved for Removal

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

On Wednesday, April 22, the Marion Conservation Commission met for a quick meeting, covering a single Public Hearing.

The hearing was for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the removal of several trees at 115 Quails Crossing Road. The applicant was Paul Medeiros, who was also present to explain the project to the commission.

Commissioner Shaun Walsh, filling in as acting chair of the meeting, explained that ConCom members had visited the property the prior Saturday for a tour and explanation of planned tree work. Walsh said two large pine trees near the property's home were damaged by this

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winter's storms with multiple limbs hanging or falling off. The plan would be to fell those two trees, as well as many other similar trees, totaling 15 removals.

Many of the trees are near the property line with the applicant saying, "those [trees] have to be removed because I don't want to cause [fallen] trees for my neighbors." He also stated one tree was at risk of causing a power outage due to its volatility and proximity to power lines.

Medeiros emphasized the work was not only to protect his house, but the others around it. There has been a history of fences and structures damaged, as well as a previous outage from a tree limb. "We've had a few really close calls," he said.

Commission members agreed with no pushback or further questioning. The ConCom closed the hearing and unanimously voted to grant a Negative Determination, approving the 15 tree removals.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, and remotely on Microsoft Teams.

BBC Gets Amended Order of Conditions

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The Buzzards Bay Coalition requested and received an amendment to a restoration Order of



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Conditions for "The Bogs" off Acushnet Road for trail improvements. Discussion centered around the need to control flooding and ponding in some locations in the recreational acreage and how well the project is progressing as an oasis for small, native species.

A Notice of Intent filed by Brett and Emily L'Esperance of Tupola Lane for the construction of a single-family home was conditioned. The project includes plans for new plantings as part of a restoration plan required, given the size of the disturbed area measuring 1,062 square feet.

A Notice of Intent filed by Jason Fredette, 2 White Tail Way, was continued pending a DEP file number and comments, if any, from the Massachusetts Department of Natural Heritage. Represented by consulting engineers Zenith LLC, the project is for the construction of a roadway that will eventually service two new house lots. The case was continued to April 13.

A request for an Amended Order of Conditions filed by Marcus Baptiste was granted for property located at 0 Starboard Way.



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Also continued was a Notice of Intent filed by Stephen Vaitses, Bryne Way and Shell Beach Road. Ongoing discussions regarding abutters' rights to trim, cut and restore the historical shared pathway were once again sent back by the commission to attempt an amical way to satisfy several landowners who claim easement rights.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for April 13.

New Language Clarifies Parcel Swaps

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board on Tuesday

adopted new bylaw language for swapping conservation, recreation, or open-space parcels within a subdivision.

In essence, this addition to town zoning regulations sets the necessary steps that had not previously been specified when a subdivision permit is reopened for the purpose of swapping one open-space parcel for another within that project.

In the public hearing that preceded the vote, board member Ben Bailey, who recommended the change, said other town officials agree it is worth doing. His only suggestion before the approval was that the parcel being swapped should be located as close as possible to the subdivision requesting the move.

Chair Arnold Johnson explained that in prior years the panel held that a Conservation Restriction land such as this cannot be privately owned. However, the board has encountered more than one request from subdivision developers for such a swap of one open-space parcel for another within their projects. Thus, the board decided to create a way to make such a move possible with the necessary steps. Bailey emphasized that this change is not due to one project but inspired by several.

Next, the board met with John Alfonso of Townhome Development, Rochester Crossroads, to scold him about beginning foundation construction work on new homes without a preconstruction meeting first or other notifications. Johnson said he was disappointed with project's main engineering consultant. "He knows our rules," Johnson said. Alfonso apologized and promised not to repeat the oversight.

In other action, the board continued to May 12 its Site Plan Review and Special Permit hearings for High Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High Street.

The board also continued to May 12 its Site Plan Review hearing on a proposal to clear and regrade land behind Town Hall for an 8,220-square foot parking lot.

The board continued to June 23 its hearing into a proposed land-swap modification of the Definitive Subdivision permit for the previously approved Snipatuit Pond Estates at Gerrish and Bishop roads, and the panel extended the project's decision deadline to July 14, 2026.

The board appointed Town Planner Michaela



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Shoemaker as its representative on the SRPEDD Commission board for 2026-27.

The board scheduled two site visits for May 20: Connet Woods at 6:00 pm and High Street Solar at 7:00 pm.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Art Center to Be Expanded, Refurbished

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met on Thursday, April 23 to hear two cases, one pertaining to the Peters of South Street and one involving the Marion Art Center.

Chair Cindy Callow began the first Public Hearing, originally submitted by Jessica and John Peters of 20 South Street, for a Special Permit for the renovation and expansion of the existing residence. Will Saltonstall and Joe DiPaolo of Saltonstall Architects, Inc. of Marion, spoke on behalf of the applicants. Saltonstall explained he has worked with the applicants for the last few years on this project, that will include two side-yard setback issues.

On the proposed work, much of the front house and facade would be preserved as well as the gables. Porches would be brought forward and enlarged with the main addition being added to the back of the home. The property's shed would also be expanded. The architects did not have the exact square-foot measurements of the expansion.

Abutter Chris Chicoy was present to support the project, saying, "I'm confident that we have worked well together in the past and will continue to do so." Other abutters, Sandria Parsons on one side and the Shield family on the other, were not present but were said to have been supportive of the project.

The hearing was closed, and the ZBA voted to approve the project as presented with a unanimous vote of approval.

Next was a Public Hearing from the applicant, the Marion Art Center at 80 Pleasant Street. Before the



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hearing began, Chair Callow and ZBA members Danielle Engwert, Margie Baldwin and Will Tiftt all noted they were Marion Art Center members. The hearing was for a Variance of the Zoning Bylaw and a Special Permit to allow for various renovations and additions of the existing building to exceed 40% of the ground-area coverage.

Will Saltonstall of Saltonstall Architects, Inc. was also representative for this project. He noted over the last few years, they have performed "an intensive feasibility study" to determine the needs of the building, including making the MAC handicap accessible / ADA compliant. Proposed improvements include an elevator, an additional level, an accessible ramp entrance, a covered



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entryway onto Main Street, and a new gallery space.

The hearing was closed, and both the Special Permit and the Variance were granted with unanimous votes of approval.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was not scheduled at adjournment.

Two New Health Inspectors

Marion Board of Health

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Board of Health met on Thursday, April 23 and began with appointments.

There was a Continued Public Hearing from the prior meeting at the front of the agenda, though the item

was delayed in order to wait for others to arrive and to allow more people to join the discussion.

Moving to the front of the meeting was the appointment of Ethan Coggins and Arden Edouard as Health Inspector/Shared Services Health specialists. The two have been traveling around Marion and learning about the town and various regulations. The board agreed to their nominations and unanimously voted their appointment.

After the approval of the minutes from the last two meetings, March 16 and April 16, the board heard an update from Public Health Director Lori A. Desmarais. She noted the town has not performed many vaccines recently, though the flu, specifically the strain Influenza B, is currently circulating with the year-to-date confirmed infections in town being 34. She added that for the full year of 2025, there have been 41 total, confirmed flu cases. "This year, we're definitely seeing more influenza show up," she said, explaining that most cases are in children.

For Lyme Disease, Desmarais stated three cases have been documented so far in April, as temperatures rise and ticks become more prevalent. She emphasized the importance of checking skin, with spring being the time when nymph ticks, those that are smaller, younger and thus more difficult to spot, are emerging. She also noted for the Community EMS service, there have been 179 visits so far this year.

The board began the public hearing continued from their last meeting, being the amending of "Section 8: Food Service" from the Marion Sanitary Code. Desmarais explained most of the changes are to put on writing many of the daily tasks already performed by the Board of Health and other town health officials. She explained it also empowers the Board of Health to make health recommendations to the town, as well as guaranteeing them the right to health and safety inspections for restaurants and retail.

With a unanimous vote, the hearing was continued again to their June 4 meeting, primarily to allow for more public input.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, May 7 at 4:30 pm in the

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An Interactive Open Meeting

Marion Harbor Management Plan Kickoff Meeting

By Sam Bishop

On Tuesday night, the 160 seats in the Marion Music Hall were full of residents and public servants. This meeting was for the Marine Resource Commission's presentation on their long-developed Harbor Management Plan.

MRC Chair Vincent J. Malkoski, Jr. began the meeting by joking, "this is a better crowd than they had at the candidate night." He went on to stress staying on the topic of the management plan, saying, "if anyone is here to discuss current issues with management, that's not gonna happen. This is not the place – this night is only for planning." He finished by saying, "this is big picture stuff, strategic planning."

Shannon Hogan from the Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston then spoke. Her organization is working with the MRC to create the plan. She said, "this is a great crowd," and noted the point of the meeting was to gather input on the plan for "the goals and vision for tackling the challenges facing the harbor and waterways." On their long-term timeline, the group has already met with the MRC with Hogan adding they will have many more meetings going forward.

She noted the meeting will be unorthodox, with



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 10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Historic Flair with Colonial Flair
 11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 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 Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 2:00 PM The Collective Chat
 2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
 8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! with David Green
 9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Early Life of Humpback Whales
 11:00 PM Classic Movie
Friday May 1, 2026
 7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
 11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being

Seen Exhibition
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 3:30 PM The Collective Chat
 3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Wick Simmons
 5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
 6:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Aponequet
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
 9:00 PM A Conversation With...
 9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
 10:00 PM For Your Health
 10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday May 2, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
 10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
 2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 3:00 PM The Collective Chat
 3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Wick Simmons
 5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
 6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
 9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 9:30 PM A Conversation with...

10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 10:30 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 3, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
 8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
 10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
 5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
 7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
 8:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Aponequet
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday May 4, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
 8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
 9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
 10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
 11:00 AM For Your Health
 11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
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 1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
 2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz

3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 4:30 PM The Human Truth
 5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
 7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
 8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
 9:30 PM The Collective Chat
 10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
 10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday May 5, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
 8:00 AM For Your Health
 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
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
 1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
 2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
 3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
 4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
 6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged
 8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
 8:30 PM Pete on the Street
 9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
 10:00 PM Gay USA
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday May 6, 2026

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 Sidewalks Entertainment
 10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
 11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
 1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
 1:30 PM Money Matters
 2:00 PM A Conversation With...
 3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
 3:30 PM The Mattapoissett Rail Trail
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
 4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
 5:00 PM Marion Art Center
 5:30 PM Building the Future
 6:00 PM Pete on the Street
 6:30 PM World Fusion Show
 7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
 8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
 9:45 PM Mattapoissett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
 10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION GOVERNMENT

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 8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
 8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
 10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
 11:00 AM Marion Open Space Committee
 12:00 PM Marion Marine Resources
 1:00 PM Marion Candidates Night
 2:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
 4:00 PM Marion Pathways Committee
 5:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
 6:30 PM Marion School Committee
 8:30 PM ORR School Committee
 11:00 PM Marion Candidates Night

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 11:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
 1:30 PM Rochester School Committee
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EDUCATION CHANNEL

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 7:30 AM Bulldog Sports
 9:00 AM RMS 4th Grade
 9:30 AM Old Hammondtown School - Autism Acceptance
 10:00 AM ORR Night of Jazz
 11:30 AM Bulldog Sports
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 1:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame
 2:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 4:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
 6:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs West Bridgewater
 7:00 PM MIAA D3 ORR Basketball vs Norwell
 8:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
 10:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Seekonk
 11:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Aponequet

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



breakout tables around the room with members of UHI and MRC at each. She said they have “opportunities for you to go around and share your thoughts and inputs. What would you like the harbor to look like in the future?” She recommended going to each of the four tables to get a cumulative look of the plan.

On the area effected by the plan itself, she said it was mainly around Marion Harbor proper, though she noted other areas upstream are still important and it is not a hard border.

Before splitting off to breakout tables, there was an open time for questions. The first question was levied toward the Urban Harbors Institute, asking who or what other towns they work with. Hogan noted a few: Nantucket, on updating harbor management plan which they also did in 2009 for them, Mashpee on Cape Cod, where they’re making their first harbor plan, Manchester-by-the-Sea’s harbor plan, and Swansea’s harbor management plan which they completed last year.

The next question was “what is the impotence? what exactly are you trying to fix?”

MRC Chair Malkoski said, “we’re not trying to fix anything.” Though he said issues may arise with fisherman, boats, or residents on the water. He said MRC’s job is to manage the harbor and balance the needs of the many different groups. He stressed, “our job is to create balance and advice the Select Board.” He emphasized the MRC being a “guidance body” whose members’ origins vary.

He brought up the Bird Island Lighthouse, stating it “needs work,” though the costs are not in the budget. He rhetorically asked, “are we going to restore it? Are we going to remove the historic parts and let nature reclaim it? I don’t know – if we have a harbor management plan, it’s positioned in the hierarchy of the plan.”

The final question asked of grants awarded to other communities as well as where the money for this program comes from. UHI representative Kristin Uiterwyk answered, saying the town applied for funding through the Seaport Economic Council through the state and won the funding. Recently, she mentioned projects that have been funded. One being an eel grass

management plan on Nantucket for \$50,000-\$60,000. Also noted were expansive dredging projects, new maritime facilities, public access and signage projects, and others. She stressed the scale of grants varies greatly.

Then Shannon Hogan said, “we’ll let the fun begin,” as they allowed the full room to meander between the four breakout tables. The four tables were 1. Boating and Navigation, 2. Water Quality and Natural Resources, 3. Shoreline Access, and 4. Climate Change. Residents were encouraged to move between the tables, ask questions, and offer input on the plan.

Convincing Wins in Lacrosse, Tennis

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester’s girls tennis team played at Dighton-Rehoboth (4-1) on April 23 and won 5-0. Senior Ella Bishop and junior Zadi Goyette were named the players of the match. The Bulldogs were undefeated at 6-0 heading into Tuesday’s match against Seekonk (5-3), and they’ll play at Wareham (3-6) on Friday, May 1.

Girls Lacrosse

The Bulldogs kept Joseph Case winless (0-7) on April 24 with a 14-0 victory. Sophomore Avery White was named the player of the game. Old Rochester took a 3-4 record into Wednesday’s game at Dartmouth (5-1), and the Bulldogs will play at Bourne (1-5) on Friday, May 1.

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OBITUARIES



Eugenia Lee "Jeanie" (Robertson) Heys, Mattapoisett died April 17, 2026 at Carvalho Grove Nursing Home.

She was the wife of the late David G. Heys, Jr.

Born in Richmond, VA, daughter of the late Edward L. Robertson and Edith (Martins) Avanzo, she lived in Fairhaven

and Mattapoisett most of her life.

Jeanie was a true force of nature-vibrant, generous, and full of life. Proud of her Portuguese heritage, she had an incredible talent for cooking, turning every meal into a celebration and making anyone who gathered around her table feel at home. Always willing to lend a hand, she welcomed anyone in need with open arms and a quick wit that could bring a sense of liveliness to any room.

Playful and funny, Jeanie had an extraordinary knack for finding joy in life's little moments. Her sharp observations and clever quips always a sure fire way to bring on smiles, or head shakes, between family and friends.

A strong-willed woman who lived life on her own terms, she embodied resilience and courage. Her stubbornness-a testament to her strength-revealed her as one of the strongest souls we knew.

With a steel trap memory, she could recall intricate family stories, ensuring our cherished history would never be forgotten. Above all, her deep love for family shone through in everything she did, shaped by kindness and unwavering faith. Though she may no longer be with us, Jeanie's laughter, warmth, and the love she poured into feeding those she cared for will echo in our hearts forever, reminding us that life is best celebrated with family, friends, and a sprinkle of humor.

Survivors include 2 sons, Eric Nightlinger and his wife Karen of Brooklyn, NY and Michael Sullivan of Bradenton, FL; a daughter, Jennifer Nightlinger and her husband Hudson Maynard of Mattapoisett; her former husband, James Nightlinger of New Bedford; 4 siblings, Roy Robertson of New Bedford, Kathleen Pine of Somerset, Brad Robertson of Ocala, FL and Antone Almeida of Fall River; 5 grandchildren, Bryce Nightlinger, Ericson Nightlinger, Sophia Nightlinger, Stella Sullivan and Amanda Sullivan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Lisa Almeida and Aaron Almeida.

Her Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 12 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Her family will receive guests from 11:30 - 12 pm prior to her service. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Phyllis M. (Mattson) Washburn, 90, of Marion died Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Vantage of New Bedford after a period of declining health. She was the wife of the late Ralph G. Washburn, with whom she shared 73 years of marriage.

Born in Gloucester, MA, daughter of the late Leonard and Catherine (Perry)

Mattson, she was raised by aunt and uncles in Maine after the loss of her mother at age 10. She later relocated to Marion where she lived for most of her life.

She married Ralph G. Washburn on May 16, 1952. They had three children, Peter, Debbie, and Charlie.

After raising her children, Phyllis went back to school and obtained her Medical Assistant certification from Upper Cape Tech. She was then employed by Dr. Baxter in Marion for many years until her retirement.

Phyllis loved family vacations to Vermont, nature and gardening. She was also an avid writer and had some of her work published in writer's magazines.

She and Ralph adopted mute swans in Marion Harbor. They published a book called "Good Morning Sam" about their friendship and adventures with a handicapped swan that couldn't fly. Phyllis wrote the story and Ralph provided the photographs. They were known around Marion as the "Swan People" and often had many onlookers when they fed Sam and his friends at the Old Landing. They launched their son Peter's skiff and rowed it exactly one time to follow Sam. The next time the skiff had a brand-new Honda 5hp outboard! From there, they went to a 27' trawler named Cygnus Olor which is the Latin genus for mute swans, all so they could be closer to Sam and his friends.

She is survived by her three children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her sister, Diana V. Barrows of Mattapoisett.

Her Funeral Service will be Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11 AM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in Little Neck Cemetery, Marion. Visiting hours will be Saturday from 10-11 AM, prior to the service. A celebration of Phyllis' life will be held over the summer, with details to be announced once finalized. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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ORRHS Students Welcome Former Celtic Chris Herren

From his first day of addiction to the last, former Celtics player Chris Herren let students at Old Rochester Regional High School try on his shoes as he shared his perspective about a promising basketball career derailed by substance abuse and his subsequent journey to sobriety.

Herren presented his film "The First Day" during a 75-minute assembly held on Monday, April 13, in the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium. After screening the film, which highlights his story as a basketball star and his fight for a substance-free life, Herren discussed how various experiences during his teenage years impacted him. He encouraged listeners to rethink how they view the scourge of addiction.

Herren, who in 2011 founded the nonprofit Herren Project, also touched on related topics, such as drinking, smoking marijuana, vaping, pill use, peer pressure, bullying and self-harm. Herren then fielded questions from students in the audience to conclude the event.

"Chris Herren's story is powerful, real, and incredibly relevant for today's students," said Old Rochester Regional High School Principal Michael Devoll. "We are grateful for the opportunity to bring his message to our school and to partner with our community in helping students make informed, healthy decisions."

Students were informed that if they wish to

connect with Herren's student outreach team to form a Herren Project Club, which is a student group that's focused on empowering youth to make healthy choices, they can visit herrenproject.org/student-resources or email prevention@herrenproject.org.

This event was funded by the office of the Public Health Nurse for the Town of Rochester.

"We were happy to host this presentation on such an important topic," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "As part of our role educating our young people, we want to make sure our students are empowered to make healthy decisions and to avoid choices that threaten their wellbeing. Thank you to our teachers, staff and guests who share this important information and help our students better understand the truth about substance abuse and the damage that it can cause."

OCRVTHS District Provides Information on Building Project Vote

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District is sharing updated information with residents in advance of a **June 20** districtwide vote on a proposed school building project.

The School Committee voted Wednesday to place the question before voters in the district's five member communities - Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett and Rochester. The vote will be held from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, June 20.

"This date was selected to help avoid additional construction cost escalation and to keep the project timeline moving forward," said Superintendent-Director Aaron Polansky. "Holding the vote on a Saturday also allows residents an entire day to get to the polls without needing to work around weekday schedules."

The district forwarded the same proposal to voters last year. Only 5,035 residents - out of more than 39,000 across the district (less than 13 percent) - cast ballots.

"As we prepare for another vote, it's important for residents to understand that bringing the project back is not about ignoring the previous outcome," said Superintendent-Director Polansky. "The district believes it is the fiscally responsible decision to give voters another opportunity to consider a project that could allow the district to build a new school with significant state reimbursement, rather than relying solely on local taxpayers to fund major repairs to the existing building. It will never be less expensive to build a new high school than it is today."

The current school opened in 1975 and no longer allows the district to deliver a 21st century technical education that allows students to succeed post-graduation.

As part of its Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) application, the Old Colony School Building Committee, comprised of community

representatives and those with finance and construction expertise, studied both new construction and renovation at scheduled and announced public meetings.

The Building Committee determined that a new school would be the most educationally and financially responsible option.

The MSBA has approved the project for an estimated reimbursement of approximately 60.49% of eligible costs. About \$140 million of the cost will be covered between MSBA reimbursement and additional Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Mass Save grants and incentives.

Maintaining eligibility for that state reimbursement requires the project to remain the same as the one previously submitted and approved by the MSBA.

Under MSBA rules, communities cannot substantially change the project's scope or cost and remain in the program. Making major changes would require the district to withdraw and restart the process, which could delay a project by six to 10 years.

If approved by voters in June, the new school is expected to open in 2030.

According to district estimates, if the proposed project does not move forward, the existing school building is projected to require at least \$157 million in repairs from 2026 to 2035 to address aging infrastructure and building systems. Local taxpayers would pick up the entire cost because MSBA does not reimburse most repairs.

Needed repairs would address facility conditions but would not expand the building or add new programs in high-demand careers such as HVAC, Plumbing, and Dental Assisting.

Additionally, the current building has aging systems and limited space when demand for career technical education is rising.

For more information about the project, including frequently asked questions and a tax impact calculator, visit OldColonyBuildingProject.com.

"Our goal is to make sure that residents have clear and accurate information about the condition of the current building, the proposed project, and the process ahead," said Superintendent-Director Polansky. "We encourage anyone with questions to review the information available and participate in the upcoming opportunities to learn more."

South Coast Conference Academic All-Stars

Old Rochester Regional High School is proud to share that five seniors were recently recognized for their academic accomplishments at the 37th annual South Coast Conference Academic All-Star Banquet.

On Thursday, April 16, Rosemary Clark, Gavin Coffey, Jacob Iappini, Ella Milhench and Hannah Thorell were named as All-Stars during the banquet held at Century House in Acushnet.

"We are so proud to see these five students

honored as Academic All-Stars," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "As the school year begins to wind down, we always look forward to these opportunities to celebrate our students. These seniors certainly deserve to be recognized for their impressive leadership and accomplishments in academics, athletics and extra curriculars."

Each year, South Coast Conference schools recognize

the top five students of the graduating class with the South Coast Conference Academic All-Star Award. The chosen students reflect each of the National Honor

Society's four pillars - Service, Character, Scholarship and Citizenship - and have positively impacted their schools and community.

"Annually, the SCC Academic All-Star Banquet is the kickoff to the springtime celebration of our graduating classes," said Principal Michael Devoll. "Congratulations to Ella, Gavin, Grace, Hannah, and Jacob. We will continue to celebrate these outstanding students and their classmates through our May 30th graduation."

The South Coast Conference includes Apponequet Regional High School, Bourne High School, Joseph Case High School, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Fairhaven High School, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, Old Rochester Regional High School, Seekonk High School, Somerset Berkley Regional High School and West Bridgewater High School.

Rochester Memorial School Talent Show

Students took the stage for the annual Rochester Memorial School Talent Show on Thursday, April 16, showcasing a variety of skills, including dancing, singing and playing instruments.

Family members and friends applauded as students showcased their talents during a night of entertainment, which was also held for a good cause. Guests were asked to bring a \$1 donation or a canned food item, with all proceeds used to support the RMS Alumni Scholarship Fund and local families in need.

"The annual Rochester Memorial School Talent Show is a much-anticipated event that students eagerly look forward to each year," said Principal Heidi Letendre. "It provides a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents and share them with the school community."



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MOVIE REVIEW

King of Pain

By Rob Gonsalves
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Michael. Starring Jaafar Jackson and Colman Domingo. Directed by Antoine Fuqua. Running time: 128 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.

Let's begin with the good news about *Michael*, the popular (\$99 million domestically on opening weekend) though controversial biopic of Michael Jackson. There's nothing wrong with the performances, and that extends to Jaafar Jackson, nephew of Michael, who makes the King of Pop bashful but charismatic, as if Michael were always a little uncomfortable with the gifts he was given at birth. Colman Domingo, as Michael's domineering father Joe, and Nia Long, as his soothing mother Katherine, pop in every so often to make *Michael* look like a real movie. People shouldn't sleep on KeiLyn Durrel Jones, who is quiet, sad, and steady as Michael's bodyguard Bill Bray.

I just never figured out the point of it all, since a large part of this story — some would say the only important part — is loudly absent. *Michael* ends in 1988, before we started hearing about the creepy side of Michael and what went on behind closed doors at Neverland between him and various little boys. Here, we see him visiting children's hospitals and bringing the young patients toys; chatting up the Atari game *Adventure* with a prepubescent fan; and we're meant to think, *Well, he never grew up*, and the frequent allusions to Peter Pan drive that point home. We're meant to handwave any strange-seeming closeness he had with young boys because inside, he was one of them.

You probably wouldn't want to run that past Wade Robson and James Safechuck, the star witnesses in Dan Reed's scarifyingly persuasive 2019 docuseries *Leaving Neverland*, which seemed to make the case that the pop star was a child rapist. Even putting that aside, though — and boy, didn't about 100 million Americans prove last weekend that they have no problem separating the art from the artist — *Michael* feels hollow, devoted to hauling out the hits and sometimes doing the time-honored musical-biopic work of explaining the origins of various songs ("Beat It," for instance, presumably had its roots in a TV segment about the Crips and the Bloods).

Director Antoine Fuqua keeps the proceedings



rolling fast, cruising on the surface of a life. But Michael Jackson led such a vast, weird life that a filmmaker could drill down into any single aspect of it and probably come up with a substantive movie. This thing feels like one of those children's biographies of years past that gingerly omitted the thornier, less kid-friendly bits of their subjects' lives. It's like a portrait of Bill Cosby that focuses only on his entertainment successes. That said, *Michael* may be a puling hagiography, but in the concert scenes the tone is deep-bass and teeming and major-key; Fuqua knows how to shoot performance, though he doesn't take after Martin Scorsese or Jonathan Demme, who often threw away shots electrifyingly, keeping us on our toes. Fuqua stages Michael's nights in the lights competently, while amusingly keeping people who probably didn't give likeness permission literally in the dark, like "Thriller" director John Landis.

Speaking of "Thriller," I am one with Robert Warshow, who famously wrote, "A man watches a movie, and the critic must acknowledge that he is that man." I was thirteen when "Thriller" landed with the heavy thud of a prizefighting event on MTV in December 1983. A horror fan then and now, I thought it was amazing if a tad indulgent (a 14-minute music video for a 6-minute song?). Fuqua's re-enactment of one of Landis' finest moments brought that all back to me. All of Michael Jackson's other hits figure dimly in my memory as sweet-tasting background pop, inescapable but easily ignored. But my feelings about "Thriller," extrapolated to the mass audience's embrace of *Michael*, may explain why people are this quick to forgive and forget allegations of abuse that's, well, monstrous. The sound of "Billie Jean" or "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" takes a whole generation back to a perhaps happier, simpler time — a time when good was good, bad was bad, and nobody knew about the long shadows cast across innocents at Neverland.

The annual event is put on with the help of a team of student ambassadors under the guidance of school social workers Sharon Cruz and Jamie Pacheco.

"Throughout the event, student ambassadors take on important leadership roles, introducing each act and offering positive, encouraging commentary, helping to create a supportive and celebratory atmosphere for their peers," said Principal Letendre. "Congratulations to all of our student ambassadors and to all of our contestants."

"Rochester Memorial School had an amazing night of entertainment that highlighted our young student talent," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "This is an event that everyone looks forward to each year. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible."

Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author's name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. The Wanderer reserves the right to edit, condense and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer may choose to not run letters that thank businesses, and The Wanderer has the right to edit letters to omit business names. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence. All letters must be typed and submitted directly to: news@wanderer.com.

To the Editor:

Thanks to the League of Women Voters Southcoast for sponsoring the Mattapoisett Candidates Night this past Wednesday at Old Hammondtown Elementary School. As the League introduced themselves, we found out that they are a non-partisan political organization for concerned citizens which encourages informed and active participation in government. Amazingly, this organization has been around for 106 years. This annual event is part of their ongoing educational efforts to enable voters to make informed decisions about our upcoming election on Tuesday, May 19.

The League gave the current candidates who choose to attend the evening an opportunity to introduce themselves and debate other candidates for Select Board,

Trustees of the Public Library, the ORR School Committee, the Mattapoisett School Committee and the Board of Health. Some of these positions only have one candidate so they were able to simply introduce themselves.

It was an informative night as the candidates responded to questions from the moderator giving everyone who attended the opportunity to share their skills, experiences and strengths that they would bring to the elected position, their vision for Mattapoisett, the challenges ahead, concerns about conflict of interest on issues facing the town, and funding the needs of our town without overburdening the taxpayers. Whew. It was quite a two-hour event.

For voters of our town, I encourage you to turn on ORCTV Government on your phone or computer. ORCTV Government is a member of Vimeo (actually a video recording of the event). You just have to scroll down to Mattapoisett Candidates Night April 22, 2026, sit back and watch the candidates' responses. If you don't have access to the internet, you can check your local tv listings. It will be worth your time.

Tuesday, May 19 will be our opportunity to vote for the candidates that we think will bring us closer to making Mattapoisett the town we all want it to be. We have the opportunity to elect three Select Board members from six candidates, two Library Board members from three candidates, and two candidates for one position on the Board of Health. In addition to three uncontested

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positions. Please take the opportunity to learn about our candidates so that you can make informed decisions that will affect us all and generations to come.

Liz DiCarlo, Mattapoisett

To the Editor

It was a surprise to many in Marion when the STOP sign at the SE corner of Main and Front Streets was recently removed. "Why?" I asked at the Town Annex. "There were complaints," I was told.

Since spring 2025 those of us who live near this intersection have observed the difference it made when cars and trucks on Front St. slowed to a stop, then continued at 20-25/mph through the village center and Tabor campus to Route 6.

Over three days (April 24 to April 26) I had neighborly conversations with 44 families who live within walking distance of the post office. Most were puzzled. Many were upset. All but one household agreed: The Select Board should restore the STOP sign permanently as soon as possible, before the summer folks arrive.

More than 50 people who live or work on South, Main, Pleasant, Front, School, and Cottage Streets have signed a letter I've written on their behalf to the Marion Select Board reminding them of the many reasons why we came to value the Board's decision to install the STOP sign last spring. It was about safety and the flow of traffic. And it worked.

If I did not find you at home last weekend, and you would like to sign the letter supporting restoration of the STOP sign, please contact me at cc.parsons20@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Sandria Parsons

Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting & Election Information

The Annual Town Meeting in Mattapoisett is scheduled for Monday, **May 11**, at 6:30 pm at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, **May 19** at Old Hammonds town 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 at www.mattapoisett.gov for more information. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x2 or email the town clerk at townclerk@mattapoisett.gov with any questions regarding these two important events.

Spring Time's Early Risers

The Marion Natural History Museum's Afterschool Program Spring Time's Early Risers will be held on **May 6**, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Different types of flowers, and the butterflies who rely on them, wake up at different times of the year. Let's take a look at some of spring time's earliest risers with entomologist Blake

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- 33 Tries to swat with an open hand
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- 45 "I have it!"
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- 56 1/24 of a day
- 57 Torrid
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- 61 Try out for the role
- 65 Realm that began with the reign of Charlemagne
- 71 Monk's title
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- 73 Mafia bosses
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- 76 They were given to Moses on Mount Sinai
- 79 Most energetic
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- 84 Creamy cheese
- 85 "May I see —?" (diner's question)
- 88 "Don't Cry Out Loud" singer
- 94 Full of subtlety

- 97 Little kid
- 98 Plaza Hotel girl of kid-lit
- 99 They deliver fuel and air from carburetors to cylinders
- 102 National anthem in Ontario
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- 112 What you have to do before entering seven answers in this puzzle?
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- 46 Madeline of "Judy Berlin"

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- 51 "— welcome"
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- 62 — Chuck (cheap wine)
- 63 "— Rock" (1966 hit)
- 64 Probability
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- 67 Is defeated
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- 69 O'Donnell of TV and film
- 70 Citrate, e.g.
- 73 Give formally
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- 79 Bell's ring
- 80 "Peer Gynt" playwright
- 83 NNW's opposite
- 85 Dye used in blue jeans
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- 90 "— be my pleasure!"
- 91 Murmured lovingly
- 92 Fruit drink brand
- 93 That, in Chile
- 95 It might ensnare congers
- 96 Aeneas' lover, in myth
- 100 Played like Galway
- 101 Neighbor of Denmark
- 103 Think a lot of
- 104 Closer to one's heart
- 105 "Gunsmoke" actor James
- 109 Revise
- 110 Main ideas
- 112 Soda holders
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Impatience is still somewhat of a problem. But a sign of progress should soothe the anxious ARIES heart. Meanwhile, invest some of the waiting time in preparing for a change ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines tend to excel at solving problems, not creating them. But you risk doing just this if you're slow to respond to a timely situation. If necessary, seek advice from someone you trust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The GEMINI Twin might need to do more than a routine check of both a job-linked and home-based situation. Dig deeper for more data on both fronts to avoid unwanted surprises later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children who are facing an important workplace decision are being encouraged to use their perceptiveness to see through any attempt to win them over with a supercharge of fawning and flattery.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Good news catapults LEOs and LEONas into reconsidering a deferred decision. But time has moved on, and it's a good idea to recheck your plans and make adjustments where necessary.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week favors relationships, both personal and professional. Take the time to look for and immediately repair any vulnerable areas that were caused by unresolved misunderstandings.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A friend's problems bring out your protective instincts. Be careful to keep a balance between meeting the obligations of friendship without being overwhelmed by them.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to take an extreme position on an issue is strong, but moderation is favored both in personal and professional dealings. Move toward finding areas of agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Getting another boss or teacher? Try to see the person behind the image. It will help you adjust more easily to the changes that new authority figures inevitably bring.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Much as you might dislike the idea, keep an open mind about using the assistance of a third party to help resolve problems that threaten to unravel an important agreement.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Music helps restore the Aquarian's spiritual energies this week. Take someone you care about to a concert of your musical choice. Also, expect news about a workplace matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A challenge that seems easy enough at first could take an unexpected turn that might test your resolve. Decide if you should stay with it or if it's better to move in another direction.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be strong when standing up for justice, both for yourself and for others. In the right setting, this skill can be revolutionary.

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To register please go to the museum's website:
www.marionmuseum.org.

Coastal Explorations with the MNHM

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.

Each morning will involve hands-on exploration, experiments, crafts and journaling while outdoors. Your child will enjoy being a Coastal Explorer with the Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to 15 per session so make sure to register early. Perfect for children entering grades 2-6.

This year we will also be offering a full-day option in partnership with the Marion Recreation Department. Spend half the day with us, and then if you want extended hours, Marion Recreation will be busing from our location to Silvershell beach for the remainder of the day.

Register at www.marionmuseum.org for both options. Dates: **July 6 to July 10**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, **August 3 to August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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MRTC Community Candidates' Night

The Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee is pleased to invite all voters to attend our Community Candidates' Night on Thursday, **May 7**.

The event will be held at the Niemad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Speakers will begin at 6:30 pm.

Join us for an evening of dialogue with local and state candidates. All candidates seeking office have been invited to share their platforms. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet the candidates for your municipal elections, and help ensure our local government reflects your values.

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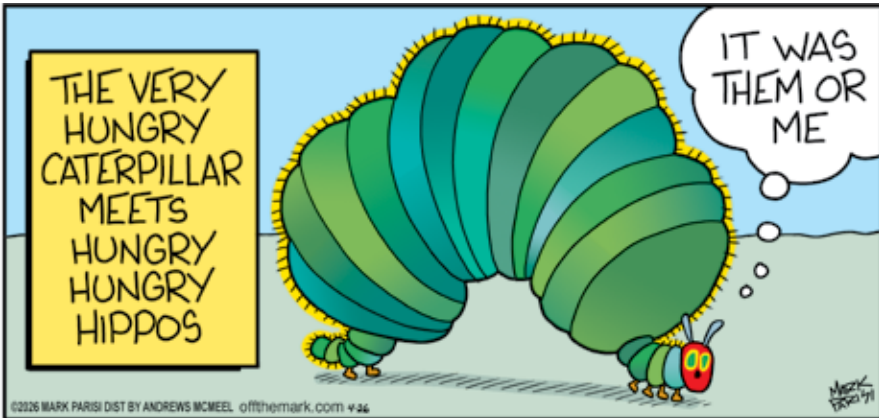
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The Marion Board of Health would like to inform the community of the following event: Rabies Prevention, Control Efforts and Reducing Risk of Exposure on Thursday, **April 30** at 5:30 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

The Cape Cod and Southeast Massachusetts Rabies Task Force is actively involved in rabies prevention and control efforts in the region. They coordinate with local health directors, animal control officers and natural resource officers to contain terrestrial raccoon rabies on Cape Cod. Twice-annual distribution of oral vaccination baits has been key to the program's successes. Come learn more about their work and ways to reduce risk of exposure to rabies.

Light refreshments will be served. Call 508-748-3570 to register to attend.

North Rochester Congregational Church

The North Rochester Congregational Church, 247 North Avenue, Rochester, has services at 10:00 am on Sundays. The services are conducted by Reverend Merrily Harris, guest ministers, as well as members of the congregation. Communion is on the first Sunday of each month. Paul Sardinha is the longtime organist. Food and



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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1235</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Joe Mardo of JM Craftsmanship, on behalf of property owner Ashley Ohrenberger, for the property located at 100 Ryder Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 21, Lot 14, who is seeking a Variance for a structure over 1,000 sq ft for the construction of a detached garage to replace the existing garage, and a Variance for the 40-foot side setback requirement to be reduced to 20 feet, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2 of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirlet, Chairman 4/23, 4/30</p>	<p>and landscaping within flood zone VE-17 and VE-18. The project is located at Dupont Drive, and is further identified as Lot 12 on Assessor Map 14.B **Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/30</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Winnatuxett Beach Road Nominee Trust of 21 Winnatuxett Beach Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to treat and remove non-native invasive plant species within a salt marsh, BVW and buffer zone. The project is located at 21 Winnatuxett Beach Road, and is further identified as Lot 65.0 on Assessor Map 5.0 **Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/30</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Carl Hebert, for repairing the stone steps leading down to the beach at 59 East Ave.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 62 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>	<p>bility, submitted by Virginia Beams, for landscape improvements at 35 Holly Road. The site is further identified as Lot 113 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by David Creighton, for constructing a patio at 21 Cottage Steet.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 38 on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:30 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Sippican Lands Trust, Inc., for filling in an abandoned cesspit and stone foundation at 380 Wareham Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 14 on Marion Assessors' Map 8. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>
<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoissett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by The Elizabeth May Cannell 1996 Family Trust.</p> <p>The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to reconstruct a pile supported boardwalk over a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Salt Marsh and to construct a pile supported timber pier with a gangway and float into the waters of Hillers Cove.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed within a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Salt Marsh, Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 19 & 20).</p> <p>The work will be performed at 5 Holly Woods Road which is further identified as Lot #160 on Assessors Map #3. 4/30</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Brett Bussiere, for constructing an addition at 34 Dexter Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 13 on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:35 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Great Hill – Marion, LLC, for the continued treatment of invasives at North Great Hill Drive.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 4. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>
<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for May 12, 2026, at 6:45 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoissett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Salty Dog Ventures, LLC, dba Salty Dog Tavern, 33 County Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Requesting an All-Alcohol License, Common Victualler's License and Entertainment License.</p> <p>Manager on record to be Tracey White. R. Tyler Macallister, Chair Jodi L. Bauer, Vice Chairperson Jordan Collyer, Clerk 4/30, 5/7</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Virginia Beams, for landscape improvements at 35 Holly Road.</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:35 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Great Hill – Marion, LLC, for the continued treatment of invasives at North Great Hill Drive.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 4. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>
<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Terry Granahan, 7 Cottage Street, Hingham St., Hingham, MA 02043. The proposed project is to construct a single-family home with associated septic system, well, driveway, grading</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Virginia Beams, for landscape improvements at 35 Holly Road.</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:35 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Great Hill – Marion, LLC, for the continued treatment of invasives at North Great Hill Drive.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 4. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>

fellowship follows. Everyone is welcome.

Buzzards Bay Musicfest

The Buzzards Bay Musicfest will be returning to Marion this summer from **July 15 through July 19** in the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Hoyt Hall on the campus of Tabor Academy. World class musicians will grace the stage in a five-concert series that is completely open with free admission to the public. Renowned Australian conductor Antony Walker will lead the orchestra this year. On Wednesday, July 15, there will be an open rehearsal at 2:00 pm. That evening, the first concert of the series will feature the full orchestra with works by Beethoven and Haydn as well as a concerto by Grieg featuring piano virtuoso Cynthia Raim as soloist. On Thursday July 16, a chamber music concert will include a flute duo, a trio for oboe, bassoon and piano, a Mozart divertimento for winds and a Beethoven string quartet. The Buzzards Bay Swing Band will take the stage on Friday, July 17 with "Music from the Movies." The Saturday evening (July 18) concert will be chamber ensembles performing works by Françaix, Dohnanyi and Franck. Sunday afternoon's (July 19) concert will begin with a Beethoven overture and end with a Beethoven Symphony. There will also be a Mozart French horn concerto performed by the legendary horn soloist James Thatcher. Start times for the evening concerts is 7:30 pm. The Sunday afternoon concert is at 2:00 pm. Please visit www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com/ for more detailed information.

America 250 Author Talk: Patriots of the South Coast

Plumb Library and the Rochester Historical Society are excited to be hosting local author Robert Barboza on Saturday, **May 9** at noon to talk about his latest book: Patriots of the South Coast. He will be talking about South Coast soldiers, sailors, and ship builders who played important roles in the American Revolution, including two senior officers in the American Revolution who were from Rochester. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event, and refreshments will



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be provided courtesy of the Rochester Historical Society. This event is free - please save your seat by registering on the library's online Events Calendar today.

Retired journalist and local history researcher Robert Barboza has published a second book about South Coast soldiers, sailors, and ship builders who played important roles in the American Revolution (1775 – 1783), Patriots of the South Coast.

The 140-page book is a collection of newspaper articles on Revolutionary War history printed over the years in area publications, revised and expanded with new research materials. The new book is a follow-up to his first book on local history in the War for Independence from Great Britain, Patriots of Old Dartmouth: Local Heroes of the Revolutionary War, published in 2014 to help celebrate the 350th anniversary of the town's incorporation.

For the past two decades, Mr. Barboza has often lectured locally about the region's Patriot heroes such as Continental Marine Captain Stephen Earl of Westport; Fairhaven militia captain Nathaniel Pope, who led a 1775 raid to capture the Royal Navy sloop Falcon in Dartmouth waters; and Captain Job Tripp of Dartmouth, wounded and cast ashore far from home after his merchant vessel was battered by cannon fire from a British warship.

The new volume was assembled and published in time to coincide with the ongoing nationwide celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution,

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<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:40 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by The Kittansett Club, for maintenance dredging of the Haven tidal pond inlet at 11 Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>	<p>Way, in Rochester regarding a Soil Removal Permit Application received from Saunders Family Cranberry Co., LLC, for property located off County Road in Rochester, MA 02770, further identified as Assessor's Map 19, Lot 43. The property owner is Saunders Family Cranberry Company, P.O. Box 1595, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicant proposes to excavate agricultural reservoir and upgrade the bog roads.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Richard Charon, Chairman 4/30, 5/7</p>	<p>and Conservation Commission approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reviewing application filings for accuracy * Scheduling and preparing meeting agendas * Attending Planning Board and Conservation Commission meetings and developing meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Process applications and permits accurately and efficiently * Organize and maintain both physical and electronic files, ensuring that all documents are up-to-date and easily accessible * Create and prepare reports, correspondence, and other documentation as needed * Provide excellent customer service, addressing inquiries from town residents, visitors, and other stakeholders in a friendly and professional manner * Assist with office management duties and special projects as assigned
<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:50 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Derek Tiago and Sarah Gibbs, for constructing an in-ground swimming pool, patio area, and retaining wall, and landscape improvements, at 5 Sarah Sherman Lane.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 20K on Marion Assessors' Map 12. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>	<p>CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS</p> <p>WATERFRONT VACATION HOME 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, amazing views of Buzzards Bay, Brant Island Cove, West Island www.brandtcovemarina.com/waterfront-rental-house Call Dave 508-728-5288</p> <hr/> <p>West Island Seasonal Rental 3 BR 2 BA Cape sleeps 7, central AC, WiFi, Smart TV, fully-stocked kit, washer/dryer, deck, outdoor shower, no smoke, no pets, month rentals preferred txt 781-640-7936</p> <hr/> <p>YOUR HANDYMEN Clean outs, dump runs, demolition, interior/exterior, dump truck service, pressure washing, & more. Insured 774-762-0016</p> <hr/> <p>Job Posting Town of Marion Administrative Assistant Planning and Conservation</p> <p>The Town of Marion has an immediate opening for a highly motivated and skilled individual as the Administrative Assistant in the Planning and Conservation Department. This is a full-time bargaining unit position, working under the general direction of the Town Planner.</p> <p>The successful candidate will perform a variety of administrative and clerical tasks including but not limited to processing applications and permits, scheduling meetings and appointments, organizing and maintaining files, creating reports, and providing excellent customer service to town residents and other shareholders (70%).</p> <p>The administrative assistant will also provide support to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission scheduling and attending meetings, compiling minutes, posting public meetings and verifying adherence to regulatory process and other typical administrative tasks (30%).</p> <p>Key Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Perform a variety of administrative and clerical tasks to support the day-to-day operations of a town office * Answering public inquiries regarding the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and related regulations * Assisting with DEP form filings (e.g., Notices of Intent, Request for Determinations) * Preparing official documents for Planning Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Maintain a positive, welcoming environment for all who interact with the town office <p>Required Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Minimum age of eighteen (18) years old * High School Diploma or equivalent * Valid Massachusetts Motor Vehicle License * Strong organizational and time management skills with an ability to prioritize effectively * Excellent communication and interpersonal skills * Proficiency with office software (Microsoft Office Suite) * Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive information * Strong attention to detail and ability to multitask effectively * Ability to work independently, as well as part of a team, in a fast-paced environment while maintaining a high level of professionalism and confidentiality <p>Preferred Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * College degree from an accredited college or university in a related field * Knowledge of Wetlands Protection Act * Knowledge of Open Meeting Law * Previous experience in an administrative or clerical role <p>Featured Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Medical insurance * Vision insurance * Dental insurance * Pension plan * Tuition assistance * Disability insurance <p>Working Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Work is conducted primarily in an office setting <p>Pay Rate: \$24.11+ per hour based on experience Interested individuals should submit a cover letter and resume to the office of Doug Guey-Lee, 14 Barnabas Road, Marion MA 02738 or via email at dgueylee@marionma.gov. Job is open until filled. The Town of Marion is an equal opportunity employer.</p>
<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:55 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Jeffrey J. Doubrava Revocable Trust & Elizabeth M. Doubrava Revocable Trust, for improvements to the existing roof recharge system and surrounding site at 47 East Ave.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 64A on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/30</p>		
<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER SOIL BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution</p>		<p>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>

starting in 2025. His goal was to ensure that these little-known local stories were collected and preserved for posterity as part of the permanent historical record of the South Coast.

Mr. Barboza is the former editor of Dartmouth's weekly newspaper, *The Chronicle*, and served as a correspondent for many other South Coast newspapers over the years. He has been a student of local history for 20 years, and authored dozens of articles on local history during his long journalism career. Two of those articles won awards from the New England Press Association for historical reporting.

He currently serves on the board of directors for the Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society, and formerly served on the board of directors for the Dartmouth Heritage Preservation Trust, which helped subsidize the publication of his first book on local history.

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library will sponsor their Spring Book Sale at the Library from Thursday, **May 7**, 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Friday, **May 8**, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, **May 9**, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Proceeds from the spring book sale allows the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library to provide cost-saving passes for museums, parks, and zoos; and fund special library events and purchases. Other funding sources are the annual Tea, the Summer Book Sale and the Holiday Book Sale & Gift Basket Raffle.

The sale will include a selection of adult fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, puzzles, games, and DVDs. The sale will be held in the meeting room at the Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street, Marion.

Mattapoissett Celebrates 250 Years Committee

Please join us as we plan the Semi quincentennial celebration of our country. We need your help to make it happen. The committee is working on several ideas for the celebration. The events will be family friendly that recognize the historical past and the future of our great country. Volunteers are the heart of this celebration. Please consider donating your time to make these events fun and memorable.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **May 7** at 6:00 pm at American Legion Hall Florence Eastman Post 280 on 3 Depot Street. Questions or comments can be emailed to Barbara Gaspar at theseamstress058@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Tickets are now available for the Tables of Content annual fundraising event to benefit the Elizabeth Taber Library. On **June 7** from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm join us to enjoy cocktails & dinner waterfront at Tabor Academy with optional book discussion during dessert. Tickets are

on sale for \$100. View the list of titles and purchase tickets at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/event/tables-of-content.

Friday Fiber Arts Club continues to meet weekly on Fridays at 10:30 am. Open to all!

Join the Elizabeth Taber Library on Wednesday, **May 27** at 1:00 pm for a lively and immersive program with Linda Booth Sweeney, author of *The Noisy Puddle*, winner of the Massachusetts Book Awards picture book/early reader category. Designed for young children and their caregivers, this special event blends storytime with hands-on discovery, celebrating the wonder of vernal pools and the living systems they support. The program will begin in the library with a read-aloud of *The Noisy Puddle*, followed by a conversation with the author. Families will then be invited upstairs to the Marion Natural History Museum for guided, hands-on exploration.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738 or call 508-748-1252.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

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independence was the shortage of ammunition (shot and powder). Prior to the start of the hostilities, some towns like Rochester voted to purchase firearms, powder, lead and flints. Later, it was even voted "to send to the West Indies by Capt. Moses Bartlett for powder, firearms, molasses and other war supplies". My first thought was, "that's a long way for a town to send someone", but I remembered Rochester at the time was a seafaring town. Also, there was not a central government actively acting against Great Britain in 1774 and the town fathers were preparing for what most saw as the inevitability of war. Of course, any munitions gathered at that time didn't last long when fighting began.

Because of the scarcity of powder and shot throughout the colonies, people were taking advantage of any materials at hand to create them. In New York on the Bowling Green in Manhattan, a gold-leaf lead statue of King George III had been erected in 1770. After Gen. Washington had the Declaration of Independence read aloud to the continental troops stationed there on July 9, 1776, a crowd pulled down the statue. The horse section was cut up and sent to Connecticut where the lead was melted down to create more than 42,000 bullets. I'm sure there was more than the need for ammo that motivated that event.



While there wasn't as great a need for the actual firearms due to the requirement that each man provide his own weapon for his militia duties, there was a pressing need for gun powder. The colonists were an ingenious lot and went about searching for ways to increase supplies. Gun powder was 12 parts saltpeter to 2 1/2 parts charcoal



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and 1 1/2 parts sulfur. Charcoal and sulfur were easier to come by than saltpeter which was essential.

Not to be deterred, they sought out "refuse" in stables, cellars and even outhouses. Boiling this material and the mold it engendered down would leave saltpeter.

Here in Rochester, the Prince family home, Whitehall or White House, was left abandoned after the family moved to Middleboro in 1723. The floors of the house were torn out to be used "to procure materials for making saltpeter for use of the army". Stories like this show the lengths that people all over the colonies went to in order to aid in the fight for separation from England.

Rochester Historical May Events

May is our kick-off for all things "250". The Plumb Library has been kind enough to partner with us at noon on **May 9** for an author talk by Robert Barbosa on his book "Patriots of the South Coast". If you're interested in Revolutionary War on the water, pirates, privateers and more, come and join us. Open to all.

The Historical Society will provide refreshments after the talk.

May is a twofer month. Our 2nd event will be a Red, White, and Blue Bake Sale held at the Rochester Land Trust Pony Pasture on Mattapoisett Rd. We'll be there from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on **May 30**.

From the Marion Town Clerk's Office

It's that time of year again when we find our Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election right around the corner. Here are some important dates for Marion town residents.

On Wednesday, **April 29**, Ballot Machine Testing will occur in the Town Clerk's Office at 10:00 am and Warrant Review will be held at the Marion Music Hall Located at 164 Front St, starting at 6:00 pm.

Important dates: Friday, **May 1**, last day to register to vote. Thursday, **May 7**, first day of in person early voting. Monday, **May 11**, Annual Town Meeting at Sippican School Auditorium, start time: 6:00 pm (doors will open at 5:30 pm). Thursday, **May 14**, at 12:00 pm noon, last day for in person early voting. May 15, Annual

Town Election from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

Vote by mail, vote by mail accessible, and absentee voter applications are available outside the Town Clerk's office. All applications must reach the Clerk's Office by noon on Friday, May 8.

New this year, we will be introducing our new Polling Pads in an effort to streamline the check-in process for both Town Meeting and Town Election. Voters will now check in by Last Name vs Street Name. A driver's license is not required but will expedite the check in process by means of a quick scan of the license bar code.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 6**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm 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, May 4. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

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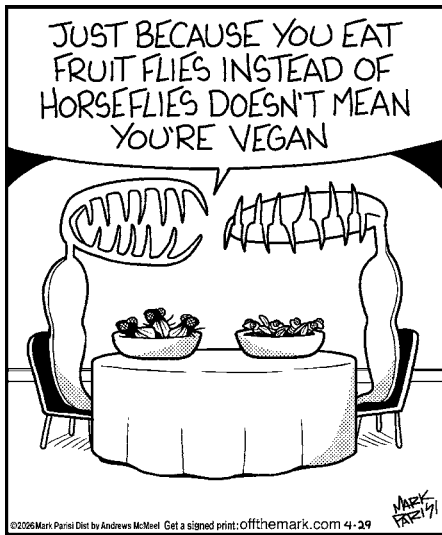
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Wareham Garden Club Annual Spring Plant Sale

On **May 16**, the Wareham Garden Club is planning a spring plant sale from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm noon, at the Methodist Meeting House 495 Main Street, Wareham.

There will be: perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, and much more. Also, there will be a herb table with recipes to share, garden treasures table, birdhouses, buoys, bake sale table, and raffles. A fun event for everyone. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Friends of Mattapoisett Bike Path

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path are hosting an Open House at the American Legion Post 280, 7 Depot Street, Mattapoisett, on **May 2**, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Board members of the Friends will be at the facility to discuss the future of the rail trail and our programs. Come see us. Restrooms will be open to all.

Non-Partisan Candidate Event

An informal meet-and-greet for Mattapoisett voters and candidates will be held Wednesday **May 6**, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road. All are invited.

This event has no podium or speeches. Community-minded individuals, board and committee members may appreciate an informal, non-partisan opportunity to meet the candidates and discuss local issues of concern.

The meet and greet is organized by Bonne

DeSousa, a community-minded, politically independent voter who has lived in Mattapoisett since 2002. This year's six-person race for three seats on the new five-person Selectboard is an unprecedented opportunity for our community and local government. Candidates for any office who would like a table set up for them please email bdesousa43@comcast.net by May 4.

Sippican Choral Society to Celebrate "The Glory of Spring"

Join Sippican Choral Society in celebration of "The Glory of Spring" on Sunday, **May 3** at 4:00 pm, at Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy. The featured work of this annual concert will be Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria," one of sacred music's most uplifting choral works, with solos by local singers Karen Antonsen-Devoe of Marion and Patrice Tiedemann of New Bedford. Other highlights of the program include selections from Haydn, Alice Harper, and Dan Forrest, together with the rousing sounds of "Down by the Riverside" and the humor of Gilbert and Sullivan. Ticket information can be found at sippicanchoralsociety.org.

Marion Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee

Please join the Town of Marion Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee for an Informational Session at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on Thursday, **April 30** at 6:00pm. The committee will discuss proposed edits to the current water regulations.

Marion Art Center

New Session of ART+Play - The MAC will run another session of Art + Play, a program for children ages 2-5 on Mondays, 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the MAC Studio, with instructor Aylin Cetik. Sessions start on May 4 and run through June 1 excluding May 25, Memorial Day. The program focuses on process art, which is a playful and explorative approach to creating. Here, the journey is more important than the finished product. Each class offers several creative opportunities, empowering

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
 by Stephan Pastis



children to make their own choices and work at their own pace. The four-week session cost is \$90 for MAC members and \$105 for nonmembers. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, MA. More information and registration can be found at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

Art in the Afternoon - The Maker Club - Art in the Afternoon resumes classes with Spring Session 2 of the Maker Club on Friday afternoons starting **May 1** and running through June 5. The six-week program allows for Sippican School students ages 6-12 to be walked over by a MAC volunteer or staff member. Parents can choose an hour or 1.5-hour program.

In this hands-on art club, kids will have access to a wide variety of arts and crafts materials, tools, and textures each week. From paint and paper to recycled bits, fabric, wire, and more - every session is an invitation to explore, invent, and make something uniquely their own. With creative prompts to spark ideas and a supportive instructor to help guide their process, students are free to experiment, tinker, and express themselves in a relaxed, imaginative environment. Whether they're building, drawing, gluing, or sculpting, Maker Club is all about the joy of creating without pressure - where the process matters more than the final product.

The shorter program runs from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the MAC Studio and costs \$155 for MAC families and \$185 for non-member families. The longer program runs from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm and costs \$155 for MAC member families and \$185 for non-member families. The MAC Studio is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, MA. More information and registration can be found at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

Early Dismissal Half Day Camp for Children ages 6-12, May 27.

In this half-day art camp, kids will design and build their very own enchanted fairy or dragon gardens using natural materials, clay, and a collection of charming miniature objects. Campers will sculpt tiny details, arrange stones, moss, and twigs, and create cozy hideaways fit for fairies, dragons, and other forest friends. We'll also spend time outdoors enjoying splatter art and playful activities, giving kids a chance to move, explore, and get a little messy. The camp is on Wednesday, May 27 from 12:20 pm to 3:00 pm in the MAC Studio at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. The cost is \$75 for



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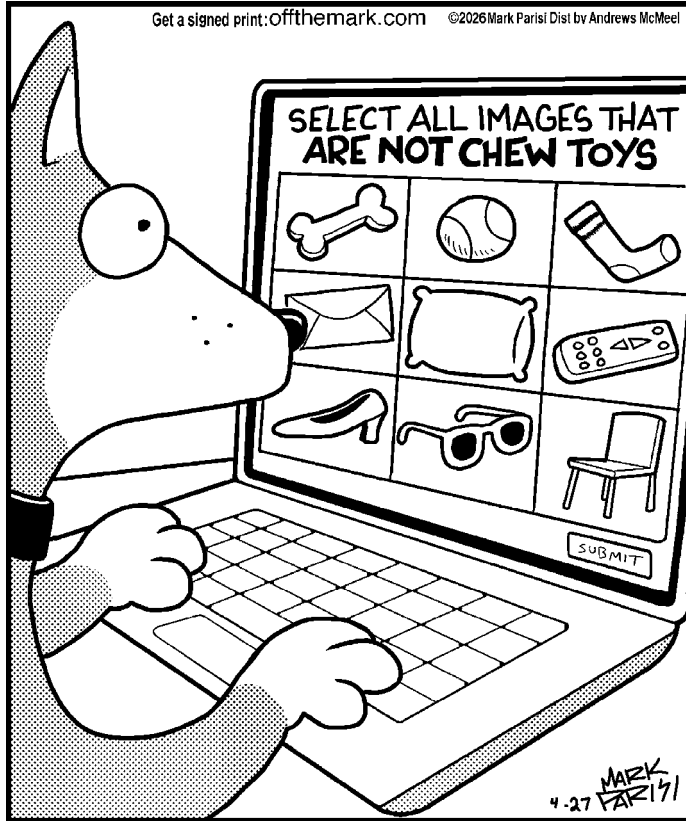
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All levels Watercolor - New Sessions with Jay Ryan.

The MAC's Watercolor with Jay Ryan Spring Session 2 starts on **May 7** and runs through June 26. The sessions are a great option for those with a little painting experience and are also a perfect "next step" for those who would like to explore watercolor painting beyond a basic understanding of color and brush strokes. Using the brilliant nature of light (and dark), we'll "push" the medium, adding other water media, brushes, and paper surfaces, and experiment with palette color mixing to capture magic and luminosity. In each class, we will start a new painting together using landscape, still life, the figure, abstract or imaginative thought, or narrative ideas as subjects. Each class will also provide a brief and supportive group "critique". Students will leave with expanded knowledge of technique and traditional and contemporary use of watercolor.

Students who cannot commit to the full session can enquire about the Drop-in options for an "open paint" session. Classes are offered on Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm noon in the MAC studio. The two-hour classes are \$205 for MAC members and \$245 for nonmembers. One day drop-ins are \$35 per day. Classes are also offered on Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the MAC Studio. The three-hour classes are \$310 for MAC members and \$355 for nonmembers. One day drop-ins are \$50 per day. More information at: marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

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	First Quarter	May 23rd

I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

RUGGED	PINESOL	UDDERS
INALIE	ECOTONE	TRAVEL
ORMORE	GENTIMO	REMEDY
JOBPERF	FORCERE	VIIEWS
ALT	ESSO	INC
SLAPSAT	MAIDINHATTAN	
EUREKA	TRE	STRAITS
SYSTEMS	AGEMENT	EGRET
HOUR	HOT	NASSAU
AUDITION	HOLYRO	EMPIRE
FRAWAD	CAPOS	LEA
TENCOM	MENTS	PEPPIEST
ABASED	ESE	BRIE
AMENU	MELISSA	CHESTER
NUANCED	TOT	ELOISE
INTAKE	I	FOLDS
LIS	LDL	WAGE
CUT	OUT	THEMID
LAMARR	TIRADES	REWIRE
AGENDA	EMINENT	ADORES
GETSUP	DEMANDS	BAKERS

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Depart; 2. Pierce
3. Homage; 4. Grade

Today's Word
MARRIAGE

Sudoku Answer

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



GROCERY, DAIRY & FROZEN

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

46 oz. Selected Variety
V8
Beverages
\$4.49



1 Liter Bottle, Selected Variety
Poland Spring
Sparkling Water

99¢
+Dep.

16.4-20.5 oz. Selected Variety
Post
Cereal

\$3.99

32 oz. Selected Variety
Pearl Milling Company
Pancake or Waffle Mix

\$3.99

15 oz. Selected Variety
Progresso
Bread Crumbs

2/\$6

5 oz. Chunk In Water
Chicken of the Sea
Albacore Tuna

2/\$4

32 oz.
Food Club
Vegetable Oil

\$2.99

5.2-5.5 oz. Selected Variety
Pringles
Potato Crisps

2/\$5

16 oz.
Hood
Half & Half

\$1.99

18.3 oz.
Ellios
Cheese Pizza

\$4.29

Fresh, Boneless
Bell & Evans
Chicken Breast

\$6.99
lb

Fresh
Center Cut
Pork Chops

\$4.49
lb

12.5 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Skinless Beef Franks

\$7.99

Deli Sliced, FireSmith
Boar's Head
Grilled Chicken

\$11.99
lb

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
Pepper Jack Cheese

\$7.99
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Seafood Salad

\$11.49
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Egg & Potato Salad

\$6.79
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Broccoli Salad

\$9.99
lb

8 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Cedar's
Hummus

2/\$5

10 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Boar's Head
Hummus

2/\$7

Ready to Serve
Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken

\$9.99
ea

32 oz. Selected Variety
Stonyfield Organic
Yogurt
\$4.99



8 oz. Bar, Selected Variety
Philadelphia
Cream Cheese
2/\$6



CHEF PREPARED

With Sour Cream & Salsa
Smoked Pork Burrito **\$12.99**
ea

Spicy Sesame
Peanut Noodles **\$10.99**
lb

Pint
Black Bean & Corn Salad **\$9.99**

Fresh
Garden Side Salad **\$6.99**
ea

Various Styles
Take & Bake Pizza **\$8.99 - \$10.99**
ea

Homemade Savory Pies to Go!
Small **\$13.99** ea Large **\$19.99** ea

Chicken Pot Pie **\$13.99** ea

Shepherd's Pie **\$12.99** ea Large **\$19.99** ea

BAKERY

9.6 oz. 3 ct. Pkg. Selected Variety
Dere Street Bakery
Scones **\$5.99**

24 oz. Pkg. 8 Inch
Fresh Baked
Strawberry Rhubarb Pie **\$6.99**

WINE

Muga - 750 ml. Spain
Rosé **\$14.99**
Reg. - \$17.99

The Beach - 750 ml. France
Rosé **\$21.99**
Reg. - \$24.99

GARDEN CENTER

6 Pack
Annuals **\$3.49**
Flat (48 Plants) Mix & Match! - \$25.99

4.25 Inch Pot
Bartlett Geraniums **\$5.99**
Buy in Bulk - 3/\$17 or 10/\$50

6 Pack Cold Season
Vegetables & Herbs **\$2.99**
Mix and Match - Flats (48 Plants) \$19.99

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Make mom's day with beautiful plants
& a home cooked meal!

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GARDEN CENTER IS IN BLOOM!**

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spring flowers to brighten up your day!

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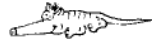
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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, May 1 to Thursday, May 7, 2026



BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus,
**Friends'
Premium
Porterhouse
Steak**
\$11⁹⁹
lb



24 oz. Selected Variety
**Barilla
Pasta Sauce**
\$2⁹⁹



12 oz. Selected Variety
**Bear Naked
Granola**
\$4⁵⁹



Deli Sliced
**Friends'
Store Made
Turkey Breast**
\$11⁴⁹
lb



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



48-54 oz. Selected Variety
**KEMPS
Sherbet or
Frozen
Yogurt**
\$4⁹⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



16 oz. Pkg. New Crop
Blueberries

\$3⁹⁹

1 lb. Pkg.
Strawberries

\$3⁹⁹

On the Vine
Cluster Tomatoes

\$1⁹⁹
lb



Fresh
Navel Oranges

\$1⁴⁹
lb

Fresh
Red or Yellow Peppers

\$3⁹⁹
lb

Fresh
Zucchini or Summer Squash

\$1⁹⁹
lb

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