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## Live Like Vivi

By Sam Bishop

On Saturday, May 16, students from Rochester Memorial School and friends of Vivian Jones gathered on New Bedford Road for a lemonade stand to raise money.

The money raised was for a good cause, and was in memory of Vivian, who passed just before the beginning of 6th grade on August 22, 2025, after a 15-month-long battle with leukemia.

Those friends that came passed out lemonade, baked good, stickers, ribbons, and cards. All working and all visiting spoke highly of their friend Vivi. They were working hard too, with those traveling on New Bedford Road unable to miss hearing Timothy yell "lemonade!" to the cars that passed, or Abby's handmade sign. There were many friends there to show their support and love for Vivi, but there were more visitors! In the end, they raised nearly \$2,000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the PMC Kids Rides Program.

If others wish to learn more, support the Joneses, or learn about their future fundraising, they can visit [livelikevivi.org](http://livelikevivi.org). Vivi's sister, Everly, is hosting a PMC Kids Ride on Sunday, June 14 at Old Colony.

## The New England Rodeo Returns

By Jared Melanson

The New England Rodeo opened their second season at the Rochester Country Fairgrounds Saturday evening.

Up to 20 professional bull riders competed in the professional rodeo, with some managing to stay on for eight seconds. Other events included barrel racing, and vaulting demonstrations with horses. The event started at 5:00 pm and carried into the night with even a mounted shooting demonstration closing off the show around 10:00 pm.

Crowds gathered dressed in lots of cowboy

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*On the Cover: Last Saturday, the 2026 Lemonade Stand in honor of Vivian Jones was open on New Bedford Road in Rochester. Friends of Vivi from Rochester Memorial School received tons of local support, as the kiddos raised nearly \$2000 for the Dan-Farber & Kids PMC. In the foreground, looking at the camera from left to right: Timothy, Abby, Ruby, Ivy, Alice, and Grace. Photo by Sam Bishop*

hats and boots ready to take on the rodeo in style. Food vendors sat on fairgrounds and sold refreshments to people. There was even a mechanical bull ride.

The event is expected to be hosted every other Saturday through September 19, with finals happening October 3.

The show has its origin in Lancaster, MA where it has since grown in both scope and coverage area. Contestants/performers to the show flock in from New England and some even flying out from Brazil. Tickets for the show are \$25/each for adults & free for kids 5 and

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## Washington Heads to Philadelphia

*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, the American rebels face increased anxieties over rumors there are over ten-thousand Hessian mercenaries inbound to assist the British. While Washington calls on New York's residents to help fortify the city, Rhode Island's recent declaration of independence has sent shockwaves across the colonies, with Virginia convening to discuss



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independence as well as a town in Canada seeking to join the revolution. Delegates in Philadelphia are more and more taking an independent union of colonies seriously.

On May 17, 1776, George Washington writes John Hancock, President of the Continental congress in Philadelphia. Still, hopes for pulling Canada onto the revolutionaries' side linger, though prospects remain grim on the field. The general says, "I this moment received by express from General Schuyler an account of the melancholy prospect and reverse of our affairs in Canada." He notes he has recently sent a small number of supplies north, such as pork and lead. Though, due to conditions, Washington seeks those materials now be sent back to New York. Sending supplies, as well as more men, to Canada, Washington feels, is a waste and an overextension.

The next day, the Congress by way of Washington expresses an army doctrine that starkly contrasts the British model: merit. In his General Orders, Washington says that in "command from Congress, to signify to the Army, that no promotion upon vacancies, shall take place merely by succession, without their authority, inasmuch as they have reserved, and will exercise the power; of giving commissions to persons of merit, regardless of any claim by succession." The hope, therefore, is that soldiers who show the best performance or ability will receive promotions, not based off title, wealth, or status. He continues, "it opens a large field for the rewarding of merit, which ought, and is hoped will be, a powerful excitement to the brave & active, to signalize themselves in the noble cause they are engaged in."

That same day, far to the north, Benedict Arnold and the invading Continental Army still occupy Montreal. South of the city, along the Saint Lawrence River, a detachment of around 50 British troops and 200

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Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) allies engaged with 400-or-so Continental allies, culminating in the Battle of the Cedars. Before Arnold's reinforcements could arrive, the Cedars had surrendered. The sides negotiated over the coming days, with the POWs eventually being released on May 20.

On May 19, following false rumors of Royal Navy ships sighted off the coast, Washington establishes a set of alarms in his General Orders. A system of flags and cannon fire during the day and cannon fire and lanterns at night are set up in order to allow for the rapid readying of the city's defenses. He also lays out ammunition requirements for each soldier, and adds, "whatsoever soldier shall be found wasting, or embezzling, his

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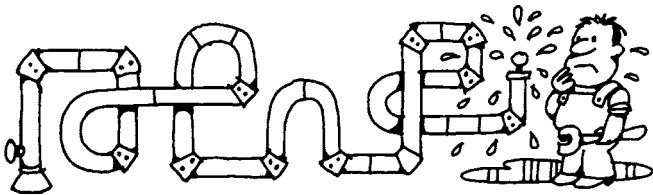
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On May 20, a protest of 4,000 people in Philadelphia drives out representatives of the Colonial Assembly. In its place, pro-independence representatives begin the establishment of a new government in Carpenters' Hall.

On May 21, Washington puts Major General Israel Putnam in command of the defenses of New York as he sets out for Philadelphia. He informs Putnam, "The Congress having been pleased to signify a desire that I should repair to Philadelphia in order to advise & consult with them on the present posture of affairs, and as I am on the point of setting out accordingly." He is to consult with the Continental Congress on general strategies of the war, but also, the feelings among the people have shifted since he last spoke in person to many government delegates. Independence from Britain, once radical and inciting rhetoric, had now become an open talking point across much of the colonies.

### Sweet Magnolia

*The Seaside Gardener*

By Laura McLean

May is when I adapt to the pace of nature, to paraphrase the famous naturalist and essayist Henry David Thoreau.

Like nature, I'm at my busiest at this time of year and loving every frenetic minute. Such inspiration reminds me of another piece of wisdom (attributed to champion golfer Walter Hagen): "Don't hurry, don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way."

May is an impossibly busy time in the garden and yet we woe ourselves the pleasure of stopping and mentally drifting in the garden. So last week, while weeding the front garden and cleaning out the fish pond, I found myself studying our blooming magnolia "Elizabeth."

I'm in the habit of viewing my landscape from a critical standpoint but it's perfectly natural to find moments to simply take in the beauty. Appreciating one's surroundings is a vital part of having a garden after all.

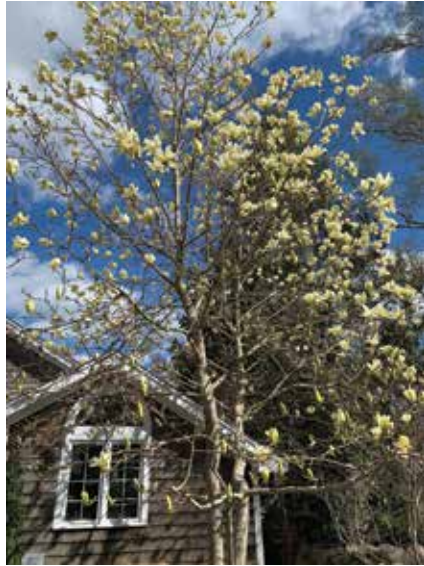
I've been dazzled by nature from the time I could tottle and a favorite memory that I try to reenact each year is being about six and hugged by my great grandmother's massive and seductive saucer magnolia that grew next to her front porch.

The pink blossoms were so profuse that to stand on the corner of the porch that it draped would essentially wrap you int is baby-soft petals. The tree -- met its demise by an early spring ice storm and was replaced with a Bradford pear - presumably a more cold-tolerant specie.

When choosing a tree for our front yard 20 years ago we wanted a flowering tree as a centerpiece and the magnolia seemed a perfect choice.

For something different, we decided on the variety called "Elizabeth" with its yellow blossoms that appear later in the spring, giving it stronger staying power against late frosts.

Originally, we'd planted it in the center of the front yard to replace a flowering quince that was sacrificed for a sewer line. But it was getting bumped too much (kids and pets) so I transplanted it to a more sheltered location by the front entrance and underplanted it with Siberian cypress. Years later a low boxwood hedge was installed that separated this plot from the brick walkway (this too went by the wayside, when I realized how scraggly it was due to the shade from the tree. I have since underplanted the area with an array of perennials and bulbs and a single vertical boxwood, and finally I'm happy with the results.



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Magnolias are a large ancient genus of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs containing 80 to 100 species from Asia and North America. Many are favorite garden trees like the one that graced my great grandmother's porch. The Asian species usually bloom on bare branches in late winter or early spring, making them among the first trees to flower.

Magnolia stellata from Japan are among the very early starry white flowers that appear a week before the saucer magnolia blooms. The fragrant 3-to-4-inch-wide flowers consist of a dozen or more straplike white or pale pink petals surrounding a yellow center.

These are seen all over the New England landscape as a border or foundation planting, sited where it can be enjoyed from inside, or as you go in and out of the house. There are a couple of these in my town that I always look forward to ogling. You cannot miss the grand

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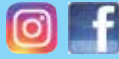
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Wherever you find them, take time to glory in their beauty.

"She's got everything delightful/ She's got everything I need..." from Sugar Magnolia by the Grateful Dead.

### Revote On Old Colony Next Month

*Old Colony Building Project Update*

**By Sam Bishop**

Superintendent-Director Aaron Polanski held an Old Colony Building Project Update Informational Session on May 14, where he and other school representatives offered insights and updates into the continuing proposal for an update to the school building.

There was a multi-town vote last November, where the proposed plan for a new Old Colony building was rejected by voters. On possible alternatives to the original proposal, Polanski said, "When we went out to the public with our initial vote, we do not believe we did a very good job at Old Colony of making clear that there



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was no zero-cost option.” He added the school building needs “major investments,” where “every option will significantly impact our taxpayers.” He stressed that the “no” vote does not eliminate costs from taxpayers, but instead, shifts the responsibility away from state assistance and 100% to the taxpayer.

The Superintendent-Director said, “The real question is not whether we spend money, it’s whether we spend it with MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) support or entirely on our own.” He stressed the cost must be paid and can either be done with MSBA help or entirely resting on taxpayer funding, with the longer the wait time, the greater the “construction cost escalation.” He stated there is a Tax Calculator Overview on the school’s project website, oldcolonybuildingproject.com.

In the breakdown town-by-town and based off enrollment numbers, Acushnet is estimated to contribute \$52 million, Carver is estimated to contribute \$27 million, Lakeville is estimated to contribute \$37 million, Mattapoisett is estimated to contribute \$11 million, and Rochester is estimated to contribute \$22 million. The total cost of the project sits at \$288 million with state grant funding of \$129 million with an additional \$11 million in incentives.

Polanski moved on to discuss the risks of “walking away.” Firstly, he stated the MSBA could withdraw support and not “re-enter.” Already expended



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feasibility study costs would not be recouped and would need to be re-spent in future studies. He added construction costs continue to rise as well.

The administrator said, "A revote is not ignoring the previous outcome, it is providing taxpayers with information relative to the financial impacts of a no vote that were not clearly articulated in our first round of conversations." He again pressured that a faster approval would reduce costs and ensure state assistance, though again added, "we did not do a good enough job explaining the fact that there was no zero-cost option."

Another no-vote option would necessitate a long-term repair cost, with estimated costs being \$157 million to taxpayers. He said it would also potentially negatively impact school enrollment, would not include HVAS, plumbing, or other additions, and would yield higher annual utility costs.

Polanski said there would be an open house at Old Colony on Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 am. There will be another Building Project Vote on June 20 in the five towns represented by the school.

## After Year-Long Hiatus, Burr Voted Back

*Marion Town Election*

**By Sam Bishop**

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In the end, there were 847 votes, including those from early voting. As candidates gathered, waiting in the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, Town Clerk Katrina Desroches read results after about 45 minutes of tabulation. Carleton "Toby" Burr had won back a seat on the Select Board, after deciding not to run in last year's election and his seat going to current Vice Chair John Hoagland. Burr won by a 102-vote margin, unseated Hills, a multiterm incumbent.

In the other contested race, multiterm incumbent Margaret E. McSweeney came out on top in the race for ORR School Committee. She won by over 400 votes.

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**Select Board: (Vote for One)**

Carleton "Toby" Burr Jr.: 368  
Norman A. Hills: 266  
George T.J. Walker: 201

**Board of Assessors: (Vote for One)**

Patricia Ann Decosta: 690

**Board of Health: (Vote for One)**

Albin R. Johnson III: 670

**Planning Board: (Vote for Three)**

Ryan Burke: 603  
Ann Voorhees Morgan: 531  
Sean C Sweeney: 573

**Marion School Committee: (Vote for Two)**

Nichole Nye McGaffey: 614  
Mary Beauregard: 606

**Old Rochester Regional School Committee: (Vote for One)**

Margaret E. McSweeney: 578  
Katharine M. McAuley: 174

**Open Space Acquisition Commission: (Vote for Two)**

Patricia Ann De Groot: 620  
Norman A. Hills: 586

**Women Lead Five-Member Select Board**

*Mattapoisett Town Election*

**By Marilou Newell**

On Tuesday night, the results of the Mattapoisett Town Election were announced after polls closed at 8:00 pm. For the contested races: Kathy J Eklund took the one-year Board of Health seat with 1181 votes to Michael D King's 521. This is to fill a vacancy on the board. For the seat on the Community Preservation Committee, Susan F Wilber with 1213 votes clinched the victory to James Andrew Pierson's 1145

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 Raymond H Andrews: 1314

**Board of Health (One Year): (Vote for one)**  
 Kathy J Eklund: 1181  
 Michael D King: 521

**Board of Health (Three Years): (Vote for one)**  
 Carmelo Nicolosi: 1220

**Mattapoisett School Committee: (Vote for one)**  
 Margaret Daisy Pullo Breese: 1164

The Select Board now has five members, and three of them are women. Nicole Doyon Lynch and Judith M Mooney came in with over 1000 votes and Frances-Feliz Kearns won with 757 over Ned Kaiser's incredibly close 752.

Results from the final tally are below:

**Select Board: (Vote for three)**

Nicole Doyon Lynch: 1046  
 Judith M Mooney: 1031  
 Frances-Feliz Kearns: 757  
 Ned Kaiser: 752  
 Eric Beauergard: 614

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 Frances-Feliz Kearns: 1144

**Water Sewer Commissioner: (Vote for one)**  
 David William Chase: 727

**Planning Board: (Vote for one)**  
 Karen J Field: 1269

**Housing Authority: (Vote for one)**  
 Leda A Kim: 1182

**Community Preservation Committee: (Vote for one)**

Susan F Wilber: 1213  
 James Andrew Pierson: 1145

**Special Education Funding Passed;  
Rezoning Fails**

*Rochester Town Meeting  
 By Michael J. DeCicco*

*For a comprehensive look at Town Meeting results, see the end of this article.*

Monday's Rochester Annual Town Meeting ran smoothly for most of its three-and-a-half-hour length until residents loudly shot down efforts to rezone areas of Mary's Pond Road and County Road from residential/agricultural to limited commercial.

The 294 voters in attendance started with the 34-article warrant by approving town-employee salaries and a classification plan that both reflected 2.5% Cost of Living increases. Then with minimal questions from attendees, the meeting passed a \$28,129,536 town operating budget for FY27.

Available funds and free cash then paid for additional items that included Capital Improvement Fund refunding (\$110,000), a Police Cruiser Lease-Purchase (\$54,675), a Fire Department Pick-Up Truck (\$21,636), Library HVAC and Building Repairs (\$23,951), ORR Gateway Liability Payment (\$716,000), and Pay-Off of Non-Exempt Debt (\$179,520).

Article 20, which will transfer \$250,000 from free

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cash to supplement the school system’s Special Education out-of-district tuition, passed after attendees asked for clarification. “When the student population is declining, why should this cost be rising?” one resident asked. Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Michael Nelson explained two students entering Rochester Memorial School require out-of-district placement and the expense involved is a budget buster. Yet the school department has succeeded at educating 99% of its Special Education students within the district, he said. RMS teacher and union co-president Tara Nelson said if this measure doesn’t pass there would be more staff cuts than the four cuts currently in the FY27 budget. After this plea, Article 21, which transferred \$100,000 from free cash to

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residential district zoning. And the businesses would add to the town's business tax revenue. Speakers implying that this would still not be a good fit for this section of town led to a vote to end debate, which led to hand-counted votes to shoot down both zoning changes.

Article 31 would have rezoned from Residential/Agricultural to Limited Commercial two cranberry bog parcels at 0 Mary's Pond Road. In response to the earlier defeats, Johnson motioned and Town Meeting approved postponing this article indefinitely. Town Counsel explained this effectively kills this proposal.

Next, the meeting authorized Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreements with the following ground-mounted photovoltaic installations: Dexter Lane Solar, 53 Dexter Lane; Snipatuit Solar, 529 Snipatuit Road; Featherbed Lane South Solar, 0 Featherbed Lane; and Braley Hill North Solar, 0 Braley Hill Road.

The meeting ended by taking "No Action" on a Citizen's Petition to prohibit the clear cutting of over 1 acre of land for solar farms and put restrictions on battery-storage units. Town Moderator David Arancio explained this motion is due to the fact no public hearing could be held in time prior to Town Meeting.

- Article 1: Approved - Town Report
- Article 2: Approved - Elected Officials' Salaries
- Article 3: Approved - New Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan
- Article 4: Approved - \$28,129,536 FY27 Town Budget
- Article 5: Approved - New Revolving Fund Spending Limits
- Article 6: Approved - Natural Resources Funding
- Article 7: Approved - Future funding of OPEB: \$15,000
- Article 8: Approved - Biennial Actuarial Study funding: \$8,750
- Article 9: Approved - Funding of Capital Items
- Article 10: Approved - Capital Improvement Fund refunding: \$110,000
- Article 11: Approved - Roadway Line Painting: \$100,000
- Article 12: Approved - Police Cruiser Lease-Purchase: \$54,675
- Article 13: Approved - Fire Department Pick-Up Truck:

establish a Special Education Fund that could be used for this type of future expense, passed easily.

Article 29 was a move to rezone from Residential/Agricultural to Limited Commercial: 711 Mary's Pond Road, 73 County Road, 35 County Road. Article 30 was a proposal to rezone from Residential/Agricultural to Limited Commercial the Decas Processing Plant at 0 Mary's Pond Road and 475 Mary's Pond Road. Both failed to pass after vocal opposition from meeting voters.

Planning Board Chair Arnold Johnson explained it was decided through Master Plan Committee research that a Limited Commercial District there would mean smaller businesses and affordable housing that his board could better control than the controls that exist under



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Article 14: Approved - Library HVAC and Building Repairs: \$23,951

Article 15: Approved - Facilities Maintenance Fund: \$20,000

Article 16: Approved - COA Transportation Program Fund: \$10,000

Article 17: Approved - COA Revolving Fund: \$20,000

Article 18: Approved - COA Kitchen Maintenance Fund: \$10,000

Article 19: Approved - Board of Assessors MASS DOR Mandates: \$20,000

Article 20: Approved - Supplement Special Education out-of-district tuition: \$250,00

Article 21: Approved - Increase Special Education Stabilization Fund: \$50,000

Article 22: Approved - Fund Unemployment Compensation Expenses: \$100,000

Article 23: Approved - ORR Gateway Liability Payment: \$716,000

Article 24: Approved - Pay-Off Non-Exempt Debt: \$179,520

Article 25: Approved - Prior Year Cemetery Tax Bill: \$2,600

Article 26: Approved - Fund Consultants: \$35,000

Article 27: Approved - Adopt newly codified General Bylaw rewrite- Approved

Article 28: Approved - Adopt newly codified Zoning

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Bylaw rewrite- Approved  
 Article 29: Failed - Rezone 711 Mary's Pond Road, 73  
 County Road, 35 County Road  
 Article 30: Failed - Rezone Decas Processing Plant  
 Article 31: Postponed Indefinitely – rezone two cranberry  
 bog parcels  
 Article 32: Approved - Authorization of Payment in Lieu  
 of Taxes (PILOT)  
 Article 33: No Action Taken - Citizen's Petition to prohibit  
 the clear cutting of over an acre of land for solar farms  
 and put restrictions on battery storage units.  
 Article 34: Accepted - Town Election Warrant

**Hoagland as Chair; Burr as Vice-Chair**  
*Marion Select Board*  
 By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board met on Tuesday for its first post-election convening with Carleton "Toby" Burr taking the seat previously held by Norman Hills. Burr had been on the Select Board until the 2025 Town Election, when he decided not to run. There was standing room only in the Police Station Conference Room, with Chair Randy Parker saying, "I love to see the attendance."

Parker then motioned for a reorganization of the board. John Hoagland was made Chair, Toby Burr was made Vice-Chair, and Randy Parker was made Clerk.

Next, there was an update from the Elizabeth Taber Library on the Library Garden Project. Children's

Librarian Macy Kinney stated they unfortunately did not receive the grant they had applied for, though the library board itself had approved the project. The Select Board also then quickly voted to support the project.

Next, there was an update on the Flag of Marion Project by local artist Mike Malone. To "celebrate the nautical history" of the town, Malone originally sought to paint nautical signaling flags onto the road at Front Street. He said he had originally proposed the exhibit last year and spent the winter analyzing various alternate options to ensure safety (in terms of not increasing difficulty of seeing the road) and support for the project. Chair of the Historical Commission Meg Steinberg noted the commission members "have no object to the concept," though they did not support the project as presented. They are concerned by the art's altering of the historic Front Street, saying it should be near Tabor Academy fields or by Island Wharf. It was noted the original proposal for the project would be around 500 feet long, ending at the Marion Music Hall. The board took no action yet, with members saying discussion on this project will continue.

The big discussion of the night stayed on Front Street and was that of the removal of the stop sign at the corner of Front and Main Street and the Speed Bump Installation discussed at Town Meeting. Residents spoke in favor of the stop sign that has since been removed, though Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli said "if we add a sign, we have to do it legally," noting it may not have been legal or warranted to add the original sign. Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman noted the stop sign was only a small part of various implementations meant to make cars pass through the intersection slower. He said, "We're throwing everything we have at it to reduce speeds and make it safer."

The Chief again clarified that he has no preference between a speed hump or a stop sign, and that he only wants to make sure procedure is followed. "I don't know the legality of a stop sign," Member Parker later said. Gorman requested support from residents as the town tries to find the best solution. He stated, "I'm trying to do the right thing going forward," as he requested the town conduct a pilot on implementing a speed hump.

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Gorman told the board, "Humps are ready as soon as I get your gentlemen's approval." He also noted the town has six moveable humps in its inventory. A motion was made for the readdiction of the stop sign at the corner, as well as an additional stop sign and a speed hump down a section of Front Street. None of these installations will be permanent in their onset and can be moved as experimentation continues. The motion passed and went into effect immediately.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

### Cottage-Style Back to Drawing Board

*Mattapoisett Planning Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

The Monday meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board found the elected members wondering what they could have done differently leading up to the Spring Town Meeting to secure the voters' confidence for cottage-style developments. They tried to convince voters such housing was a viable option for Mattapoisett's demand for more housing. The article failed.

Chair Tom Tucker said that public hearings and meetings had been held and public input sought in the proceeding months; a total of 18 such meetings simply hadn't done the job. But when the votes were cast, the



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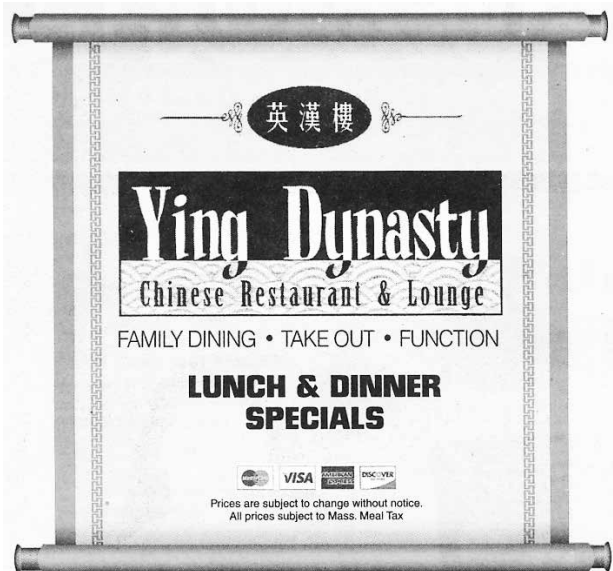
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two-thirds majority needed to make a zoning change did not materialize.

William Wennerberg, a strong advocate for the cottage-style developments, said voters didn't seem to understand the objective in bringing the zoning change to Town Meeting. He also noted the fact that no Select Board member supported the change.

Member John Mathieu commented that developers couldn't bring affordable housing forward due to the high cost of constructing residential units. "You can't build any affordable housing now... it's harder and harder for them to make money," Mathieu said. Wennerberg reiterated a point he made many times, saying, "this was not an affordable housing bylaw, this



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But the hope of bringing the town closer to what its residents want, housing that average-income earners can afford, is not being abandoned. The board plans to gather all the post-Town Meeting feedback it received and go back to the drawing board, literally.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, June 1 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 16 Main Street.

### Nine Public Hearings in One Hour

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Conservation Commission met on

Wednesday, May 13 for a long list of Public Hearings as well as a vote on the Washburn Park parcel swap approved at the Special Town Meeting in March.

Before getting into the meeting, Chair Matt Shultz announced this would be Administrative Assistant Emma Sylvia’s last meeting. The chair then opened the first Public Hearing, this one for a Request for Determination of Applicability made by Carl Hebert of 59 East Ave for the repair of stone steps leading down to a beach. Commissioners stated they had visited the site the prior weekend. With no questions or discussion, the commission seemed in agreement and unanimously voted to close the hearing. The project was approved with a unanimous Negative Determination vote at the end of the meeting.

Next, the chair opened the Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent made by Brett Bussiere of 34 Dexter Road for the construction of a 24x24-foot addition to the rear of the dwelling. The commission noted they had also made a site visit to this property, with some questions on drainage and flood-zone effects. However, there was no pushback, and this hearing was closed unanimously. The project was approved with a unanimous vote at the end of the meeting.

A Public Hearing was then opened for a RDA filed by Virginia Beams of 35 Holly Road for various landscape improvements. Beams joined the meeting remotely. The landscaping improvements, Shultz noted, were the planting of deer-resistant shrubs, woodchips additions, and the planting of eight trees and mulching of their bases. There was no major questioning to this project, and the hearing was closed unanimously. The work was approved with a unanimous vote at the end of the meeting.

Following the approval of minutes from their April 22 meeting, the commission moved to the next Public Hearing. This one was for a RDA made by David and Tonya Creighton of 21 Cottage Street for the construction of a bluestone patio off the home’s deck with the inclusion of steps down into the grass. No questions were levied here, and the hearing was closed unanimously. This was approved with a unanimous vote



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at the end of the meeting.

Shultz began the Public Hearing for a RDA made by Sippican Lands Trust for the filing in of an abandoned cesspit and stone foundation at the Lipsett Preserve on Creek Road. Stewardship Chair at SLT Gretchen Crowley spoke, detailing the project's importance to protecting visitors and the liability of an open cesspit. Crowley stated a Bobcat utility vehicle could bring in gravel that could then be shoveled into the openings by volunteers. Crowley explained they believed the open foundation was from a black-stone shop and boathouse from the mid-1800s. The hearing was closed with a unanimous vote. At the end of the meeting, the commission determined that the project does not require a Notice of Intent and voted a Negative Determination, granting approval.

A fifth Public Hearing was then opened for a RDA made by Great Hill – Marion, LLC of North Great Hill Drive for the continued treatment and removal of invasive species. It was noted the next treatment would take place in the fall, around August or September. There were no questions and the hearing was closed. This was approved with a unanimous vote at the end of the meeting.

The Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent by the Kittansett Club of 11 Point Road for maintenance dredging of the Haven tidal pond inlet then began. The club presented a dredging maintenance project. It was previously dredged in 1997 and 2011. The project would see the removal of around 1,000 square yards of sediment. This work is also scheduled for the fall, depending on weather. It was noted the removed material would take up about 40 truckloads being taken out. The hearing was closed with a unanimous vote, and the project approved with a unanimous vote at the end of the meeting.

Next, there was a Public Hearing for a RDA by Derek Tiago and Sarah Gibbs for the construction of an in-ground swimming pool, patio, retaining wall, and other landscaping improvements at 5 Sarah Sherman Lane. There wasn't much questioning in this hearing, aside from the representative clarifying material would be FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) compliant. The commission unanimously voted for a Negative Determination.



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The ninth and final Public Hearing then began, being a Notice of Intent filed by Jeffrey J. Doubrava Revocable Trust and Elizabeth M. Doubrava Revocable Trust for improvements to the existing roof recharge system and surrounding site at 47 East Ave. As a serving commissioner, applicant Jeff Doubrava recused himself from judging the case as he stood to present the project. On the property, all but one roof storm drain funnels into a dry well. He stated the well is around 2 inches tall, adding if there is more than 2 inches of rain, flooding is likely. The project would see a trench dug and filled with gravel to allow the water a place to escape. The meeting was closed with a unanimous vote. The Doubrava's project was approved with a unanimous vote at the end of



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the meeting.

After the public hearings, the commission moved to approve the transfer of 2,977 square feet at Washburn Park for the town's Shared Use Path. Without discussion, it was approved unanimously, though still required a vote from the Massachusetts General Court.

### Concerns Aired Over Wetland Solar Project

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

With a roomful of abutters looking on and full of questions, the Rochester Conservation Commission Tuesday opened a Notice of Intent hearing on a plan to place a ground-mounted solar array system within a 100-

foot wetlands buffer zone.

Project technical consultant Stacy Minhane began the hearing by reporting this will be a 2.3-megawatt solar installation where wetlands will surround the fenced-in perimeter of the 6.63 acre's upland.

Neighbors in attendance were quick with a variety of questions. How far from the fence is the property line? one resident asked. Minhane said 220 feet, adding that trees will be cleared to 100 feet of the property line. That abutter asked whether the project would encroach on his well.

Michael Kennefick, an attorney representing abutter Sarah Preston, said her property is closest to the project and the developer has an obligation to demonstrate there is no alternative to the current design for the plan to work. Preston complained that the project's current design has drifted closer to the subdivision and her property than the original design. "There has to be another way to develop that is less intrusive that we can support," Attorney Kennefick said.

Abutter Rodney Fielding said he and his mother operate an organic farm, spring-fed. He worried aloud that water runoff from the project would harm his operation. Minhane said the project needs more room to the south. So, it would be challenging to re-design. She pointed to two water runoff basins on site for catch that drainage.

Project representative Sarah Stern promised more

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details the next time they meet with the commission. She will be meeting first with the Planning Board on June 9. The commission continued this hearing to June 19.

In other action, the commission issued a Certificate of Compliance for the Wolf Island Road Pump Station project.

The board continued to June 2 the Notice of Intent to construct a four-bedroom single-family home with septic system on Robinson Road across from Lloyd's Market.

The board continued to June 2 its two Notices of Intent hearings for High Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High St.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be June 2 at 7:00 pm, in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

## Bulldogs Shred Season Schedule

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

Caroline Houdelette once again passed challenging tests at second singles with a pair of straight-sets victories (6-3, 7-5 against Bourne's Ainsley Hopwood on May 15 and 6-1, 6-4 against Wareham's Lon Tran on Monday), as the Old Rochester Regional High School girls tennis team won another pair of 5-0 sweeps. Neva Matos remained invincible at first singles with two 6-0, 6-0 victories, and Grace Hebert only gave up a single game in her two wins at third singles.

The Bulldogs' two doubles teams of Ella Bishop and Zadie Goyette on first court and Molly Franco and Paige Marotta on second court dominated Wareham, giving up only one doubles game.

The two team victories were the 52nd and 53rd straight regular-season match wins for the Bulldogs, whose regular-season winning streak extends back to 2023, pending this week's results. ORR took a 15-0 record into their final two scheduled matches against Bourne (10-6) on Tuesday and Dighton-Rehoboth (9-2) on Wednesday.

Next up will be MIAA state tournament seeding and playoff-pairing information.

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### Academic Achievements

**Andrew Wronski** of Rochester has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Spring 2026 President's List.

**Lucas Pothier** of Rochester, was named to the Dean's List at Cedarville University for Spring 2026. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.50 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

**Jacob Pothier** of Rochester, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Spring 2026. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Members of the Class of 2026 including **Amelia Joseph** of Mattapoisett, **Hannah Squires** of Mattapoisett, **Matthew Curry** of Mattapoisett, and **Nathan Yurof** of Marion received their diplomas during Stonehill College's 75th Commencement ceremony, held Sunday, May 17, on the Quad.

**Thomas Galavotti** recently graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in B.S. Oceanography Major / Biotech Minor from North Carolina State University / Raleigh NC.

**Hayden Duke** of Mattapoisett was awarded an undergraduate degree during Salve Regina University's 76th Commencement held May 17, on the University's oceanside campus.

### MPD Welcomes Cameron Wentworth as New Harbormaster

Chief Richard B. Nighelli and the Marion Police Department welcome Cameron Wentworth as the Town of Marion's new Harbormaster.

Following a unanimous vote Tuesday evening, May 12, by the Marion Select Board, Wentworth was selected to serve as Harbormaster pending successful contract negotiations.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the Marion Harbormaster," Wentworth said. "As someone who truly enjoys time on and around the water, I understand how important the harbor is to the

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#### Thursday May 21, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
 8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Paul Thomas  
 9:30 AM Mattapoissett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers  
 10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Revolutionary War Veterans Honoring Ceremony  
 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 Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology  
 9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Early Life of Humpback Whales  
 11:00 PM Classic Movie

#### Friday May 22, 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 - Collective Sightings 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 - Paul Thomas  
 4:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced  
 6:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne  
 7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 8:30 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz  
 9:00 PM A Conversation With...  
 4:00 PM Miss New Bedford  
 5:00 PM Putnam Murdoch Concert at the Marion Art Center  
 6:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket  
 7:30 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset Berkeley  
 9:00 PM ORR Baseball vs West Bridgewater  
 10:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

#### Saturday May 23, 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 - Paul Thomas  
 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 Paltrocst - 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 24, 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 Murdoch Concert at the Marion Art Center  
 6:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket  
 7:30 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset Berkeley  
 9:00 PM ORR Baseball vs West Bridgewater  
 10:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

#### Monday May 25, 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  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters  
 2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access  
 3:00 PM Paltrocst 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 26, 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 27, 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 Paltrocst 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

### Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 9:30 AM Marion Harbor Management Plan  
 10:00 AM Marion Spring Town Meeting  
 12:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee  
 1:00 PM Marion Planning Board  
 2:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 3:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
 4:30 PM Marion Marine Resources  
 5:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission  
 7:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee  
 9:00 PM Marion Pathway Committee  
 10:00 PM Marion Open Space Committee  
 11:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 9:00 AM Rochester Night with the Town Administrator  
 11:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 12:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 1:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
 2:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 3:30 PM Old Colony Building Project Update  
 5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 6:30 PM Rochester Night with the Town Administrator  
 9:00 PM Old Colony Building Project Update  
 9:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 10:30 PM Rochester Night with the Town Administrator

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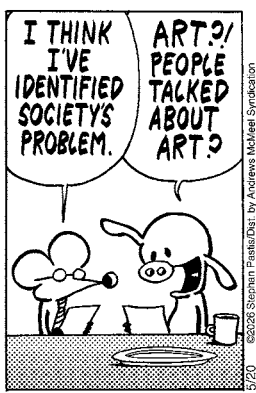
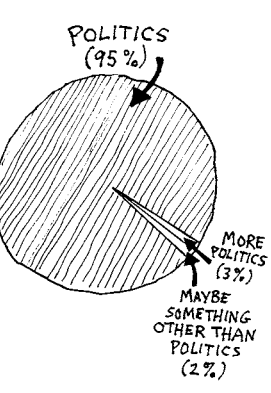
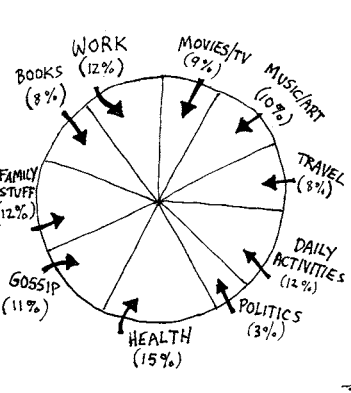
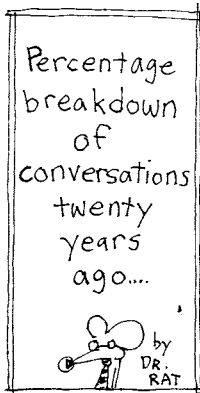
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:30 AM Old Colony New Building Discussion  
 11:30 AM ORR School Committee  
 12:30 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 1:00 PM Bulldog Sports  
 1:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball  
 5:30 PM Old Colony Skills USA Awards Ceremony  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 6:30 PM Bulldog Sports  
 7:00 PM Old Colony Excellence in Effort Awards Night  
 8:00 PM Old Colony Drama  
 10:00 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet  
 11:30 PM ORR Varsity Football vs Norton

## MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 38

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



residents, visitors, commercial industries and recreation. I look forward to working with all of the interested parties and partners in the harbor to continue to provide a safe, organized, and enjoyable environment for everyone."

Harbormaster Wentworth has been splitting his time between three towns, working full-time as Assistant Harbormaster in Plymouth, and part-time as a Berkley Police officer and a Carver firefighter. He became a POST-Certified Officer in 2019 and graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 2020.

"I have had the privilege to work as an Assistant Harbormaster for the Town of Plymouth for the past six years after graduating from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy," Wentworth said. "I have also worked part time as a police officer for the Town of Berkley, and a Call Firefighter and Rescue Diver for the Carver Fire Department. I hope to bring a piece of each of these experiences to Marion to serve the Town to the best of my ability."

The incoming Harbormaster has earned numerous certificates - 50-Ton Masters Captains License, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Officer Water Survival, MA Shellfish Constable, DEP Oil Spill Response, USCG Towing Endorsement, Marine Medical Emergencies, Boating Under the Influence Detection, FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot, NASBLA Boat Crew Member, NASBLA Pursuit and Stop, Open/Water Dry Suit SCUBA Diver and Police ATV Operations - satisfying Harbormaster Training Council Requirements.

The Town of Marion's Harbormaster is the individual responsible for leading and safeguarding Marion's harbor and waterways.

"On behalf of the Marine Resources Commission (MRC), I welcome Cam to Marion and look forward to a productive relationship," said Marion Marine Resources Commission Chair Vin Malkoski. "The MRC is committed to working closely with the Harbormaster to manage the harbors and local waters, and we look forward to a productive relationship."

As the primary authority on the water, the Harbormaster serves as a trusted liaison to the boating community, marine businesses, and residents, while overseeing the enforcement of all federal, state, and local maritime laws and regulations.

"Cameron is a very qualified professional, and I feel confident he will serve the Town of Marion well as Harbormaster," said Marion Select Board Chair Randy L. Parker. "His application really checked all of the boxes for us. His wide-ranging experience in both the police and fire professions will be invaluable as he takes on this vital role."

Working under the direction of the Chief of Police, this role partners closely with public safety agencies to ensure Marion's harbor remains safe, well-managed, and respected throughout the region.

"I'd like to welcome our new Harbormaster

to our department and to our community," said Chief Nighelli. "I am confident he is well-prepared to take on this important public-facing role. I have conveyed to him that he will find strong community support here, and I look forward to him fostering positive relationships with the boating community and all harbor stakeholders as he works to ensure the safe and effective management of our waterways."

## Memorial Day Events

**Rochester** will host a revitalized Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday, **May 24** at 12:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. This community event will feature guest speakers, patriotic music by the Showstoppers and the Rochester Memorial School Band, and the Troop 31 Honor Guard. Following the events at the Town Hall there will be a ceremonial procession to Daggett Square to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country.

The Town of **Marion** invites the community to join volunteers at Evergreen Cemetery, Marion, on Saturday, **May 23** at 9:00 am to plant geraniums at veterans' graves.

The 2026 Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, **May 25**, starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front Street, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.



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The Sippican School Marching Band led by director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band will perform selections of music. The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Technical Sergeant Mandy Givens of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

Residents are encouraged to attend the remembrances as well as stand along the parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

**Mattapoissett** will proudly host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, **May 25** at 1:30 pm at Center School, 17 Barstow Street. This meaningful community gathering will feature guest speakers, patriotic music by the Showstoppers and the Old Hammondtown Band. At the conclusion of the indoor portion of the event, we will move outside to Barstow Steet for a ceremonial procession to the library, concluding at the town wharf in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

### Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting

The Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting will meet Wednesday, **May 27** at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street with Guest Speaker Troy Blodgett speaking about Nature's Secret Recipe for Tropical Bird Diversity. For his presentation, Troy will take us on a virtual tour of three avian hotspots in the tropical Americas to appreciate the colors, sounds, and wonder of these magical places. Troy will draw on his geographical knowledge to ponder why such bird diverse places even exist and explore the many connections to our birds in North America. First stop is the ecofriendly country of Costa Rica, where Troy led a small group of birders in March 2025 from the coastal rivers to the forested highlands. Next stop is the bird renown island nation of Trinidad and Tobago, which hosts an astounding density of bird species owing to its unique geographic location. Finally, climb up into the Colombian Andes to witness how the scarlet-colored Andean cock-of-the-rocks and fairy-like hummingbirds thrive among the clouds.

Troy's lifelong interest in birds and geography has taken him all over



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# OBITUARIES



**Nancy Tuck**, 93, of Wareham, Marion, and Holliston, Massachusetts, passed into peace on April 17, 2026, after a long illness. She was born Nancy Gene Norris on September 18, 1932, to Henry and Ruth Norris and was raised in Holliston. She attended Framingham High School and the Women's College of Greensboro, NC, earning a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry in 1954. She married James Valpey and is survived by their three children: Dawn Ronco of Raleigh, NC; Todd Valpey of Weare, NH; and James Mark Valpey of Raleigh, NC. She had four grandchildren: Ben Ronco, James (Jimmy) Valpey Jr., Jesse Ronco, and Andrew Valpey. Jimmy and his wife, Amanda, gave her three great-granddaughters: Tori, Avery, and Aubrey.

Nancy attended the Boston School of Cytotechnology as part of its first-ever class to graduate in 1965. She became a licensed cytotechnologist and was quickly employed by Framingham Union Laboratory.

After a divorce and marriage to Ralph Tuck, she moved in 1983 to Wareham, the long-loved town where she'd spent vacations on Tempest Knob as a child. She was employed as a medical technologist at St. Luke's in Middleboro until its closing in 1990. By then she was on her own again. She lived for 32 years in her beloved mobile home on Siesta Drive. She worked as a cytotechnologist at Cape Cod Hospital until her retirement in 1999. In 2015, she moved to Little Neck Village in Marion, where she became an active participant with its Council on Aging. Due to declining health, she moved to All American Assisted Living in 2022.

Nancy was a woman of many talents. She loved to bake, and she served up cookies to many groups, worked the Garden Club bake sales, and more than once won first place for her pies at the Rochester Fair. She was an acrylic painter and gardener extraordinaire, tending multiple gardens of flowers, vegetables, and herbs around her mobile home. After taking a book repair class in Boston after retirement, she served many years as the volunteer book-fixer at the Wareham Free Library. In younger years, she completed difficult crossword puzzles in pen, claiming tongue-in-cheek that she was perfect. She probably wasn't. In fact, she wanted this notice to say that she enjoyed living One Day at a Time since Feb. 5, 1976, thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous. She served in that organization's regional delegation for several years and was instrumental in the founding of Evergreen House in Wareham.

Nancy touched many people with her industrious life, and she is already missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 2 pm at the First Congregational Church on 11 Gibbs Ave. in Wareham.

**Betty Jean (Smith) Voss**, 93, of Marion, passed away on April 27, 2026 surrounded by the love of her family.

She joins her beloved husband of 66 years, Donald C. Voss of Wareham, with the Lord in Heaven. She was born in New Bedford on Mother's Day, May 8th, 1932. Amid the hardships of the post-Depression era, Edith and Herbert Braley of Marion, opened their home to Betty and her brother George, raising them as their own children.

She met her future husband while attending Wareham High School. On their senior class trip, Betty and Don shared their first kiss at the base of the Washington Monument. They sealed their love on September 9th, 1951 at First Congregational Church of Marion.

In her teens, Betty worked as a fountain attendant at Browne's pharmacy in Marion and also as a roller skating attendant at a gasoline station. Three years after Betty and Don had their first child Sandra, they moved to St. Petersburg, Florida.

In her early 20s, Betty accepted several modeling job offers, doing various shows in nearby Clearwater for Montgomery Ward and for Wilson Chase Department Store on Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. She became a long distance switchboard operator for General Telephone Company in St. Petersburg, while handling land taxi and offshore vessel calls.

In 1962, she was expecting her baby Ruth while working at Softwater Laundry in St. Petersburg. When she began to show, she was let go due to her "condition".

In the early 1970's, Betty became a beautician after attending LeBaron Beauty Academy in New Bedford. After a time, Betty chose to switch careers and after graduating from Upper Cape Regional Vocational School in 1975, she began working at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, MA. She also worked as a private nurse for several years. Betty truly cared for her patients as she held each of them very close to her heart.

Betty and her husband Don spent their years of retirement exploring the country in their motor home, spending winters in Florida and summers in New England to be with their friends and family.

To say Betty was 'multi-talented' would be an understatement. From the beautiful artistry of her oil paintings, her homemade freshly baked pies, or a quilt she lovingly gifted, the care she put into each one was immeasurable. She continually challenged herself to expand her interests by doing furniture restoration and carpentry, quilting, sewing, and floral arrangements for the church, among others.

Perhaps one of Betty's greatest gifts was her voice. Whether it be as a soloist or as a church choir member, the sweetness and conviction of her voice sent a message of inspiration and brought joy to all.

Betty also frequently sang with a guitar accompanist her friend and server Scott at All American Assisted Living in Wareham. As a resident, she treated each person she met like family and was loved by everyone there.

Betty Jean attended Sunday School at Church of the

the world, but he especially adores the tropics. Between high school and college, he spent nearly a year banding birds and helping with neotropical bird research in Puerto Rico. Troy received a PhD from the department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Cornell University which required many field seasons in the Bolivian Andes. He guided tours for nearly 20 years at the annual birding festival in Sedona, Arizona, before returning to the East Coast. Troy has led several bird-oriented trips to Central and South America for friends and family and continues to be actively involved with monitoring local nest boxes and supporting PBC club related activities.

All meetings are free and open to all.

### Volunteer Orientation at the MAC

The Marion Art Center is once again offering a volunteer orientation on Saturday, **June 6** starting at 10:30 am in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. The event is open to anyone and everyone. Are you interested in volunteering but haven't signed up because you want to learn more first? Perhaps you have helped out at a MAC event before but would like to hear about other types of volunteer opportunities. Seasoned volunteers are welcome too – you may learn something new. We invite the public to learn all about how the MAC runs on volunteer power. You may even make some new friends in the process. The event will last about 1-1.5 hours and will be held at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Light refreshments will be provided. More information at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events)

### Mattapoissett Lions Club Scholarship Recipients

Kim Ray, President of The Mattapoissett Lions Club, one of 50,000 Lion's Clubs around the world, is pleased to announce that Leah Hollenbeck a senior at

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Old Colony Regional Technical High School and Caitlyn Lund, a senior at Old Rochester Regional High School, are the recipients of the 2026 Mattapoissett Lion's Club Peter Hodges Memorial Award in the amount of \$2,000 each.

Ms. Hollenbeck will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute where she will be majoring in Physics.

Ms. Lund will be attending Tufts University, and she will be majoring in Cognitive Neuron Science.

They are recognized as the result of their numerous achievements in community service, academic achievements and career goals.

Funds for this award are raised through the efforts of Mattapoissett Lions at their annual Harbor Days Arts and Craft Festival and other events. For information on how to join the Mattapoissett Lions Club whose Motto is "We Serve" please go to [www.mattapoissettlionsclub.org](http://www.mattapoissettlionsclub.org).

### May Children's Department Events at the Mattapoissett Library

Our Spring Storytime Session has wrapped up

## OBITUARIES

Nazarene, when she was a young girl realizing later that a life of service to the Lord would be her calling.

Her faith in Christ and his teachings were unwavering and deeply rooted in her love and compassion for others. Although she faced many challenges in her lifetime, her spirit endured and her faith remained strong.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Sandra (Voss) Halley and her husband Gordon of Virginia, her son, Dana Voss and his wife Donna (Cregg) of Wareham, and her daughter, Ruth Voss and her partner Ken Shelton of Boston. She also had a fourth child, Cheryl Lynn Voss, who lived only for a brief time.

Betty's brother, George Smith predeceased her and is survived by his two sons, Kenn Lane and his wife Beth of Oklahoma and Michael Moulder and his wife Emma of Texas.

She is also survived by her sister, Judy Trapp of Alabama.

Betty is also survived by two granddaughters and two grandsons, four great granddaughters, and one great grandson, and one great great granddaughter and two great great grandsons as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service for Betty will be held on Saturday, May 30th, at Emmanuel Church of the Nazarene, 6 Rogers Ave., Wareham, followed by a reception. Colorful attire is encouraged.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in lieu of flowers.

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



# MOVIE REVIEW

## Crazy Woman

By Rob Gonsalves  
www.robsmovievault.com

**Obsession.** Starring Michael Johnston and Inde Navarrette. Directed by Curry Barker. Running time: 109 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

Lore has it that writer/director Curry Barker was moved to make the supernatural horror film *Obsession* not by reading W.W. Jacobs' famous be-careful-what-you-wish-for tale "The Monkey's Paw" but by watching a riff on the story on *The Simpsons*. That's about right. Barker has talent, and he's skilled at creating a menacing, upsetting vibe with sound and with Rock Burwell's relentlessly moaning score. But these horror directors — Zach Cregger, who like Barker comes from internet sketch comedy, is another — need better scripts. *Obsession* gets a lot of mileage out of breaking social mores (people screaming in public or otherwise acting out) and its gory, unsettling tone, but it's awfully one-note, and it depends far too much on that dog-eared trope the crazy woman.

Bear (Michael Johnston) thinks he loves Nikki (Inde Navarrette), who works with him at a music store. Having bought a trinket called One Wish Willow, Bear wishes on it — wishes Nikki loved him more than anyone. Soon Nikki, bravely portrayed by Navarrette, becomes needy and, well, obsessed with Bear. Things get creepy in a hurry. Barker films Nikki in shadow whenever possible while she rattles off boilerplate possessive dialogue and threats. Bear, untrue to his name, is a wimp who isn't up to dealing with the consequences of his wish; if he were in any way assertive this would be a short film.

Which it possibly should have been. Curry Barker has made a few short horror films; several are on YouTube, officially uploaded. "The Chair," from 2023, shows Barker at the top of his disturbing game, maybe because he doesn't have to pad the running time out to feature length. *Obsession* can be charitably called a slow burn; not so charitably, it drags, especially in the middle, when Bear really should be looking into a restraining order or at least talking to his other friends from the music shop, who don't seem to trust Nikki as far as they can throw her anyway. Past a certain point Nikki has behaved inappropriately in public enough that Bear should have some support from witnesses.

The actors are stuck inside a concept that doesn't work in 2026, though its box office — \$23 million worldwide on opening weekend, against a cost of \$1 million — doesn't bear me out; people just like horror,



and the bloodier and more unpleasant the better. One murder, which had to be trimmed to avoid an NC-17 rating — which is rare these days — is flatly implausible and is there just so Barker can show someone getting thoroughly wrecked. The victim is forgotten about, anyway, though Barker is careful to put a bitter little spin on the character's fate.

*Obsession* doesn't get into Nikki's side of things at all — how she feels about becoming this monomaniacal creature. There's one brief implication that the actual, "normal" Nikki is somewhere in the ether watching what this hollowed-out Nikki is doing, but Barker doesn't follow up on it. There's possibly some stuff that fluttered to the editing-room floor that explained some things. The rules of One Wish Willow seem skimpy at best, and we don't know why it "works" for some and not others. And we keep being asked to empathize with Bear over Nikki, even though what he has done to her amounts to a supernatural rapist, and deserves what he gets.

Memorable as Inde Navarrette is, she can't lift Nikki up above what she's written as, a manipulator lying about a family trauma. People around Nikki don't seem to hold her or her integrity in high esteem, so the movie begins to seem a parable for what happens when a fellow falls for the wrong woman. A body has to be hidden, but isn't, and someone is shot to death, and nobody cares. It's as though the outside world didn't exist, and the narrative is whittled down to Bear's increasingly horrified responses to everything. We grow tired of him and of the movie's incuriosity about the situation it creates. It's just another curse movie with a curse no one can do anything about. At least *Weapons* ended with one hell of a cathartic bang. *Obsession* ends with literal whimpers. Its callow nihilism suits a youngish filmmaker, but it doesn't do much for the rest of us.

as of Friday, May 15. We look forward to starting up the Summer Storytime Sessions, starting with Family Storytime on Thursday, June 18, and Baby Storytime on Friday, June 19, both at 10:30 am.

Our Play Group and Play Club are also on break for the summer. Both groups have been enthusiastically attended, and we look forward to all the fun that the fall will bring.

Circus comes to town. Get ready for a spectacular morning with Circus Celia of Small But Mighty. Join us **May 23** at 11:00 am for a jaw-dropping show and interactive workshop. Witness death-defying stunts, mesmerizing acrobatics, and maybe even learn a trick or two. For kids of all ages (and kids at heart.) No registration needed, just show up and get amazed.

Last but not least, we are finalizing our plans for our 2026 Summer Reading Program. We have a lot of exciting events planned, and we can't wait to share it all with you once everything is ready to go. Keep your eyes peeled.

More information about all of our programs is available on our website, [mattapoissettlibrary.org](http://mattapoissettlibrary.org), or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

### Tri-County Symphonic Band Tickets

Ticket sales have begun for the upcoming Annual

Benefit Pops Concert for the Tri-County Symphonic Band. The theme for this year is "Flay Day: 250 Years of Independence." The concert will, once again, be held on the waterfront in a grand tent on the campus of Tabor Academy in Marion. Fine music, cupcakes and lemonade, a raffle for prizes and a fun-filled festive afternoon is planned for Sunday, **June 14**. Advance tickets can now be purchased at Mimi's of Marion, the Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth and online at [tricontountysymphonicband.org](http://tricontountysymphonicband.org).

### MYC Hosts Round the Bay Regatta

The 38th Mattapoissett Yacht Club Spring Round the Bay Race will be on June 6. This is the first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy.

The Spring Round-the-Bay Race is a "pursuit start" PHRF Handicap race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The course begins and finishes outside of Mattapoissett Harbor. This is the first race in series of long-distance races sponsored by local yacht clubs to determine the overall winner of the 2026 Buzzards Bay Trophy. Scratch sheets will be available online. The entry fee is \$75.00 for both members and non-members.

New this year will be the double handed handicap class. Information and registration is now available on our website [www.mattapoissettyc.org/racing](http://www.mattapoissettyc.org/racing).

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# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



On Wednesday, May 13, the Cozy Cup Book Club from the Elizabeth Taber Library visited The Breakers, a Newport Mansion, following their reading of "Murder at the Breakers". You can join the Cozy Cup next month on June 10th for their next meeting, where they will be discussing "Murder Takes a Vacation" books, which are available for pick up at the ETL Circulation desk. Photo courtesy Emily Newell

## Free Concert at the Marion Art Center



MAC Music presents the KabuJazz Ensemble feat. Candida Rose in a free, outdoor concert at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street, Marion. The concert will take place on Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 pm. This family-friendly, all ages event is open to the public. Guests are invited to bring their own lawn chairs and refreshments. In case of foul weather, the concert will be moved indoors at the community center. Parking and bathrooms are available on site.

Under the leadership of Candida Rose Baptista and musical direction of J. L. Santos Spencer, the KabuJazz Ensemble is a group of talented Cabo Verdean and Jazz-oriented musicians who come together to bring a unique combination of Cabo Verdean and American - primarily Jazz - musical influences to audiences cross-country, a combination

Candida Rose has labeled "KabuJazz".

Starting with Candida's debut CD in 2006 entitled *KabuMerikana: The Sum of ME*, the KabuJazz Ensemble has seen many configurations of well-known musicians which have included John Kordalewski, Santi Debriano, Manny Santos, Kalu Monteiro, Djim Job, Zerui DePina, Justin Ramos, and the late Lance Gunberg, just to name a few. The current core group, with Candida Rose on Lead Vocals, consists of: Heribar Estrela on Keyboards and Background Vocals, Santos Spencer on Guitar and Background Vocals, Tchico Eoora on Drumset and Percussion, and Emmanuel Escobar on Bass, Saxophone, and other wind instruments.

The KabuJazz Ensemble has entertained audiences at events and festivals far as Alaska, as well as in the Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and general New England areas. Along with Candida Rose's presentations of *KabuMerikanus - The Sum of US: Exploring the Cabo Verde/United States Musical Connection and Legacy*, the group has educated students at various New England schools with assemblies and cultural workshops. More information at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events)

These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)

## ORRSD Selects Charles West as Next Principal of Center School

Assistant Principal Charles West has been selected as the next Principal of Center School. He is set to begin the role July 1, pending successful contract negotiations.

West served as Assistant Principal at Rochester Memorial School for 13 years. He has worked for over two decades in the Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55.



West will assume the role of Principal following the retirement of his predecessor, Dr. Linda Ashley.

His collaborative approach, experience within the district and earned respect from the community make him well-suited to lead Center School.

In his current role, he oversees school operations, supports staff and works closely with families to maintain a positive and safe school environment. He was also a Co-Director of Center School's SAIL summer program, where he fostered deep student engagement for many years.

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights May 10 – May 16

- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Parkway Ln – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Huckleberry Way – Structure fire
- Olde Logging Rd – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – Order of Protection
- Point Rd – General services
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Assist other department
- Spring St – Lost property
- Holmes St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – 911 abandoned
- Spring St – Juvenile offense
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – MV complaint
- Holmes St – EMS/medical
- Wilson Rd – Officer wanted/arrest
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Mansfield Ave – Animal complaint
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- Huckleberry Way – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Juvenile offense
- Pleasant St – EMS/medical

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights May 10 – May 16

- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Second St – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Church St - Vandalism
- County Rd - Threats
- Ocean Dr – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Long Plain Rd – Health/welfare
- Industrial Dr – Larceny
- Pico Beach Rd – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Randall Rd – MV crash/hit & run
- Upland Way – Restraining order
- 195 East – MV violations
- Island view Ave – Health/welfare
- Church St – Assist citizen
- Shipyard Ln – Animal control
- Upland Way – Peace officer
- Randall Rd – Follow up investigation
- Shaw St – parking complaint
- Bethany Ln – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Upland Way – Officer wanted
- Brandt Island Rd – Follow up
- Hitching Post Rd - Vandalism
- Bay Rd – 911 call
- Pine Island Rd – 911 for fire

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights May 10 – May 16

- High St – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Medical alarm
- Hartley Rd - Medical
- Clapp Rd – Animal control
- Mayflower Ln – General service
- Dr Braley Dr – General services
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Road hazard
- Rounseville Rd – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV fire
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General services
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Pine St – Animal control
- Sarah Sherman Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – General services
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Pine St - Assault
- Pine St – Follow up
- High St Road hazard
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – General services
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Old Tuck Bog Rd – Suspicious activity
- Constitution Way – Animal control
- Bennett Rd - Medical
- Pine St – Erratic MV

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26:** Tuscan chicken, rice pilaf, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, vanilla pudding

**Wednesday, May 27:** Pot roast w/gravy, mashed potato, brussell sprouts, Hawaiian roll, fruit

**Thursday, May 28:** Beef hot dog, roasted potatoes, carrots, wheat hot dog bun, orange, ketchup

**Friday, May 29:** Chicken alfredo, whole grain pasta, broccoli, wheat roll, chocolate chip cookie

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26:** Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Wednesday, May 27:** Field Day Lunch: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, fun size chips, fresh fruit, fresh veggie sticks

**Thursday, May 28:** Baked

creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, May 29:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

**Wednesday, May 27:** Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, May 28:** Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, May 29:** Field Day Lunch: All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, fun size chips, fresh fruit, fresh veggie sticks

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26:** Chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries,

pasta salad

**Wednesday, May 27:** Early release

**Thursday, May 28:** Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, May 29:** Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served w/warm marinara sauce, fresh veggie sticks

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26:** All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Wednesday, May 27:** Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, May 28:** Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, May 29:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26:** All beef hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Wednesday, May 27:** Warm bacon, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, May 28:** Baked creamy chicken penne, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

**Friday, May 29:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 26:** Popcorn chicken, fries & steamed carrots

**Wednesday, May 27:** Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

**Thursday, May 28:** Linguica sandwich, baked beans & fries

**Friday, May 29:** Bagel pizza & side salad

at Rochester Memorial and I'm excited to see what the next chapter at Center School brings," says West.

West has a strong understanding of elementary students' academic, social and emotional needs thanks to his background in school social work, administration and mental health services. His experience shapes a school environment that emphasizes not only academic success, but also student well-being.

"Throughout his time at Rochester Memorial, Mr. West has been a trusted and steady presence for students, staff and families," said Superintendent Michael Nelson. "We are deeply grateful for his dedication and service."

The school system will begin the search process for Rochester Memorial School's next assistant principal in the coming weeks. Additional information about that process and transition planning will be shared with families as it becomes available.

### Hammond Cemetery Cleanup Day

Come One Come All to a Cleanup day at the Hammond Cemetery on River Road in Mattapoisett on Saturday **May 23** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Over the past three years we the members of the Mattapoisett Cemetery/Veterans Advisory Committee, along with many of your neighbors, have been in the process of restoring our cemetery in preparation for our towns National Accreditation as a Revolutionary War burial site in the summer of 2026.

This is to commemorate the 250th. Anniversary of the Revolutionary War, 1776 to 2026. Please bring your own rakes, spades, shovels, or any other gardening tools. Thank You in advance for your assistance in this historic venture.

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

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.

Summer Reading is coming to the Elizabeth Taber Library. To help our staff prepare, our regular programs are taking a break between May 25 and June 19. This includes all early childhood and after school programs. Programming will return the week of June 22. You can find information about our upcoming summer programs

at [elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events](http://elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events)

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or email the library at [ETLibrary@sailsinc.org](mailto:ETLibrary@sailsinc.org). 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

### Ken Souza Annual Memorial Scholarship Award

The fifth Annual Ken Souza Memorial Scholarship is being awarded to two ORRHS graduating seniors, **Ian Hartwig** and **Christopher Huffman**. The award, given each year to the outstanding senior video production student in the ORCTV/ORRHS School to Career Path video production program, is named to honor ORCTV's first board president Ken Souza. The two students being honored in 2026 shared equally in creating the segments for each episode of Bulldog Weekly writing and editing each week's program this past school year. The ORCTV staff and Board of Directors congratulates both Ian and Topher, wishing each of them the best of luck in their future endeavors as they continue their studies this coming fall at Ithaca College and Bridgewater State University respectively.

### OCRVTHS Summer Discovery Experience

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School recently opened registration for its 9th annual Summer Discovery Experience program and tickets are expected to sell out fast.

This unique summer programming runs from **July 13-24**. Registration is open now on Eventbrite starting at \$161.90 per session. Half-day and full-day options are available, with most morning and afternoon sessions offered for students entering grades 5-9.

Discovery sessions cover a wide range of topics, including outdoor sports, automotive mechanics, culinary arts, cosmetology, forensics, welding, graphics, computer science and more.

Sessions are taught by Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School educators.

"Our talented staff are a point of pride for us here at Old Colony," said Superintendent Aaron Polansky. "We



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# Super Crossword

## REGRESSION ANALYSIS

## SALOME'S STARS

### ACROSS

- 1 Bourbon brand
- 8 Belly area
- 15 Girlfriend, in Genoa
- 20 Pertaining to the womb
- 21 Spiced Starbucks selection
- 22 Autos for test-driving
- 23 Food, clothes or money [actress Danes]
- 25 Greek market of old
- 26 DC-10, e.g.
- 27 Lariat feature
- 28 Rushes about wildly
- 30 Marketed
- 31 Grain tower
- 32 Like a skimpy swimsuit [actor Perry]
- 35 Church area
- 37 Powders mixed into liquids, e.g.
- 38 Research ctr.
- 39 Shoes worn with tutus [designer McCartney]
- 44 Tenth mo.
- 46 Perjurer's confession
- 47 Fork prong

- 48 Pop singer Rita
- 49 Mai — (drink)
- 52 Young morays, say
- 54 Huge Asian mammal [justice Kagan]
- 60 Tijuana-to-Vegas dir.
- 61 Add- — (extras)
- 63 Olive — (military uniforms)
- 64 Small lakes
- 65 — Jima
- 67 Having supple arms and legs [jazzman Davis]
- 72 Nuptial vow
- 73 Moving spryly
- 75 Smoothly polite
- 76 Neighbor of TV's Homer
- 78 Surg. sites
- 80 Roomy place to house vehicles [actress Jones]
- 85 Vacation spot
- 87 Swallowed
- 88 Little fellow
- 89 Performs like Ice Cube
- 91 Initial venture
- 92 1040 info

- 93 Small, springy apparatus [director Scorsese]
- 98 Zenith
- 101 Almsgiving
- 103 Othello's false friend
- 104 Antipollution law [singer Grande]
- 106 — -Alt-Del
- 108 Major- — (butter)
- 112 Gives one's approval
- 113 Persia, today
- 114 Showed anew
- 115 Ellipses
- 116 What the eight featured celebrities in this puzzle are doing?
- 121 Edit further, perhaps
- 122 State of joy
- 123 Bones near tibiae
- 124 Bottom-of-barrel residue
- 125 Fabray of Broadway
- 126 Greek Week guy

- 3 Lead or tin
- 4 "I'm Sorry" singer
- 5 The Emerald Isle
- 6 Singer DiFranco
- 7 Most soft, dry and crumbly
- 8 "Solid Gold" host Marilyn
- 9 Breakfast chain, as naan
- 10 Flow barrier
- 11 Discharge from the military, informally
- 12 Skater Midori
- 13 Minks' kin
- 14 Femme —
- 15 Modify
- 16 #1 song, say
- 17 "The Father" actress Poots
- 18 Tools for fruit preparation
- 19 How bedding is often packaged
- 24 IM chuckle
- 29 City near Bangalore
- 31 Booming jet of old, in brief
- 32 Jazz genre
- 33 Bitter brew
- 34 Karel Capek sci-fi play
- 36 Actor Pascal
- 37 Floored it

- 39 Good, in Nice
- 40 From dusk to dawn
- 41 Dynamo
- 42 52, to Flavius
- 43 Hotel cousin
- 45 Li'l Abner creator Al
- 48 Ashley or Mary-Kate
- 49 Cooked in a clay oven, as naan
- 50 Neighbor of a Spaniard
- 51 Part of TGIF
- 53 NBC skit show, in brief
- 55 Lazy sort
- 56 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 57 "Rambo" site, for short
- 58 Decline
- 59 — polloi
- 62 "What a pity!"
- 66 Bullfight yell
- 68 Your and my
- 69 Droop down
- 70 Mendes of movies
- 71 Berlin article
- 73 — discount
- 74 Long, thin fish
- 77 Clear of mist
- 79 Eye sore
- 81 High-kicking French dance
- 82 Dilettantish
- 83 Long, thin fish

- 84 Org. enforcing the 104-Across
- 86 First post-band album, perhaps
- 90 Vodka brand
- 92 Marine snail with no shell
- 93 Cooking wine
- 94 Lyricist Gershwin
- 95 Actor Cage, to friends
- 96 "Addams Family" cousin
- 97 Compadre
- 98 Harmony
- 99 Shamrock, e.g.
- 100 Threat
- 102 Guys contracted by the Mafia
- 105 Bird hangouts
- 106 Wading bird
- 107 Tic — (mint)
- 109 Toothbrush brand
- 110 Region of China
- 111 In tune
- 113 "— Rhythm"
- 114 Country's McEntire
- 117 Mo. neighbor
- 118 Native suffix
- 119 Tiny objection
- 120 Space station until 2001



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A temporary setback could work in your favor. Use this time to take another long look at a situation that you thought was absolutely foolproof. It's better to find the flaws now instead of later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You divine Bovines could soon be scoring some impressive Bull's-eyes as you get closer to putting some carefully made plans into motion. Be patient. Time is on your side.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Balance the slightly overly romantic view of your current situation with a much-needed dollop of reality from your practical side. See it as it is -- not as you would like it to be.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your self-confidence continues to grow, but be careful not to overextend yourself. Go forward one step at a time. Meanwhile, a partner is ready to provide you with loving support.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There's no time for on-the-job catnapping for ambitious LEONas and LEONas. Changes are coming, and you won't want to miss out on any of the opportunities that go with them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your adventurous side continues to play a dominant role in many of the decisions that you'll be making during the next few weeks. Enjoy the ride, but don't get carried away.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Avoid distractions that intrude on the time you need to straighten out legal complications. Additionally, expect to do some work-related traveling during the next few months.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be on guard against attempts to take advantage of your kind, caring nature. Also, a trusted friend can help you get the facts before you reach for your checkbook.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent unpleasant confrontation could soon flare up again unless all the areas of miscommunication are resolved. The sooner you start the process, the better.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A recent workplace incident could continue to cause problems. Prepare yourself with the facts that you'll need if you're called upon to give your side of the story.

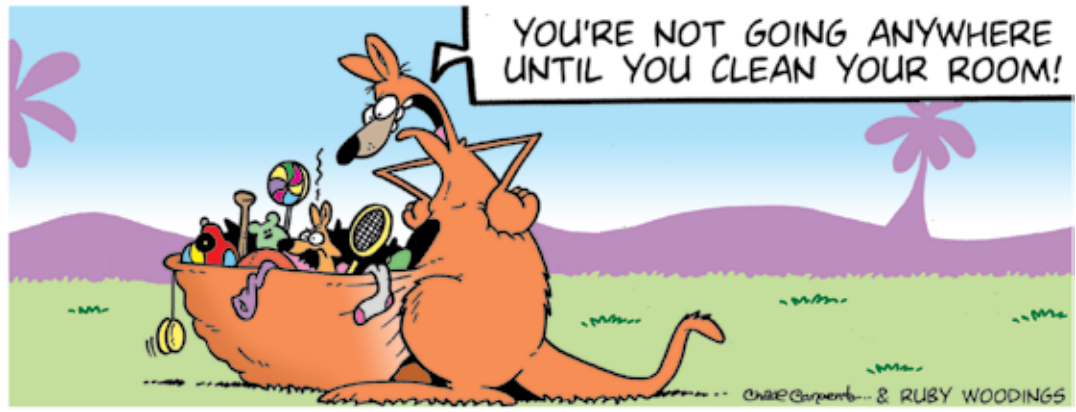
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to speak up about a troubling situation. The sooner you do, the sooner others will realize what's been going on, and then they'll help you deal with it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A change in travel plans could be the first of many that will occur during the next several months. Meanwhile, deal with a problem involving someone who's close to you.

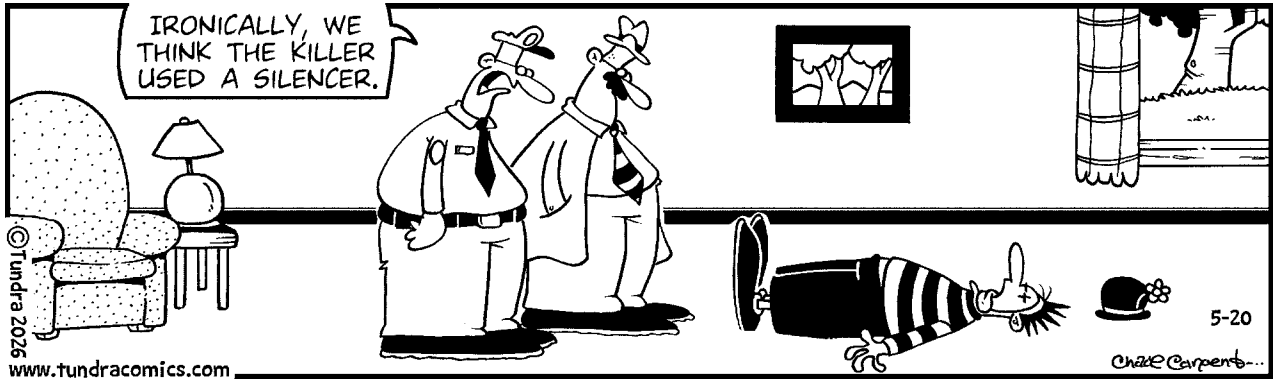
BORN THIS WEEK: You have a bright, shining personality that attracts people to you. You also have a way of seeing two sides of every issue. You'd make a fine judge.

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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps




carbon fiber racing paddles and a silent auction for each of two additional paddles made by Bill Watling III. A red, white and blue Afghan made by Cecelia Hall will also be raffled. Tickets for the raffles will be sold at the boat race registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

This is the 92nd anniversary of the race. Enjoy a great meal at one of the important social events of the year in our area. The more, the merrier. For additional information please contact Arthur Benner, Chairman, RMDBR, 508-763-2024 or email, artbenner@comcast.net.

**From the Files of the  
Rochester Historical Society  
By Connie Eshbach**


As all those who were at Town Meeting know, one of the items addressed was the Town Report. Town Reports are mandated and have been at least as long ago as the 1800's. I looked at the Historical Museum and found that our oldest one was from 1871-1872. However, the Library could do one better than that as they have one from 1860. It's in a bound collection of reports from 1860-1890. At the front of the book is an acknowledgement to Donald Jenkins, Charles C. Peirce, Carolyn Lawrence and Priscilla T. Webster for contributing historic town reports.

Both the 1860-1871 reports look very much alike and not at all like modern ones. These older ones are titled Report of the Selectmen of Rochester on the Financial



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<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD INVITATION FOR BIDS: COMPREHENSIVE PAVEMENT PRESERVATION ITEMS, VARIOUS ROADS</b></p> <p>Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Select Board, Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.</p> <p>Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by emailing KStephanian@mattapoisett.gov beginning May 18, 2026 at 8 am. Bids are due June 5, 2026 at 12:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Select Board Office, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.</p> <p>Bids will be opened in the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02379 on June 5, 2026, at 12:00 pm. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.</p> <p>A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.</p> <p>All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c. 30, § 39M.</p> <p>Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.</p> <p>Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.</p> <p>The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.</p> <p>The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.</p> <p>The Town of Mattapoisett By: Katie Stephanian, Assistant Town Administrator 5/14, 5/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Special Permit with Site Plan Review application filed by Walnut Plain Road Solar 1, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851, for the property located at 0 Walnut Plain Road identified on Assessor's Map 14, Lot 0001.</p> <p>The applicant is proposing the installa-</p>	<p>tion and operation of a ground mounted large scale photovoltaic solar array system and associated site work. The Property is located within the Residential-Agricultural (RE/AG) District. The property owner of land is BKK Holding, LLC, 12601 158th CT N, Jupiter, FL 33478. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492420823">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492420823</a> Meeting ID: 864 9242 0823 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/21, 5/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b> Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License Sri Vinayak Corporation, d/b/a Top of the Hill Liquors</p> <p>The Marion Select Board, acting as licensing authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, on the application of the Sri Vinayak Corporation, d/b/a Top of the Hill Liquors, for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license from ICJ Corp., d/b/a Top of the Hill Liquors, 311 Wareham Street, Marion. Randy L. Parker, Chair 5/21, 5/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1237</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Stephen Cobb, for property located at 324 High St., identified on Assessor's Map 13, Lot 2, who is seeking a Variance from the side setback requirements for a new 20' x 20' shed pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, June 11th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donal Spirlet, Chairman 5/21, 5/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1236</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jorge Rodriguez for property located at 12 Mayflower Ln, identified on Assessor's Map 21A, Lot 43, who is seeking a Special Permit for an at home personal fitness training business, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.</p> <p>The public hearing will be on Thursday, June 11th, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donal Spirlet, Chairman 5/21, 5/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE</b></p> <p>Sealed bids for construction of the Delano Road Drainage Improvements project for the Town of Marion, Massachusetts, will be received at the Marion Department of Public Works Office,</p>	<p>50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts until 11:00 am prevailing time, on June 11, 2026, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.</p> <p>The scope of work includes construction of approximately 238 linear feet of 18" HDPE drainage pipe, two (2) precast drain manholes, two (2) precast catch basins, one (1) precast trench drain, and associated restoration work as shown on the contract drawings.</p> <p>The Instructions to Bidders, Form of General Bid, Agreement, Plans, Specifications, Performance and Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following: Accent Printing, Inc., 99 Chelmsford Road, North Billerica, Massachusetts</p> <p>Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge at <a href="http://www.accentblueprints.com">www.accentblueprints.com</a>. Copies may be obtained for a fee by completing an order online or by calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Printing located at 99 Chelmsford Road, North Billerica, MA 01862 (978-362-8038), from 9 am to 4 pm. Copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are nonrefundable. For addition to the project plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent to access the documents.</p> <p>The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00 72 00 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications.</p> <p>Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.</p> <p>By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids.</p> <p>The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids.</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION, MASSACHUSETTS BY ITS SELECT BOARD</b> Weston &amp; Sampson Engineers, Inc. Reading, Massachusetts 5/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #844</b></p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 11, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Joshua M. and Nicole D'Ambrosio, for a Special Permit under section 230-5.1 of the</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 44</i></p>

Affairs of the Town and the Report of the Herring Inspectors and also, the Report of the School Committee. These are paper thin pamphlets of about 10 pages including the front and back covers. They offer a good look at the past.

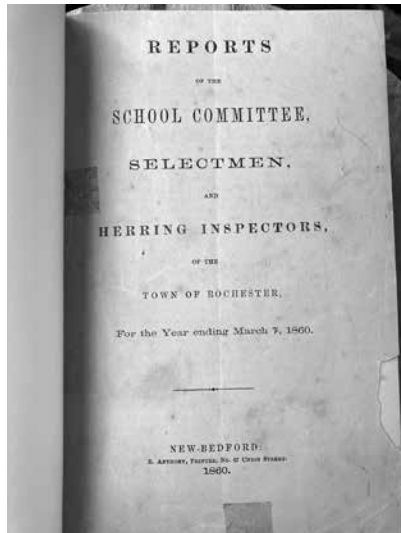
They cover support of paupers out of Alms-House as well as the Alms-House account (I guess the needy poor have always been with us). There are columns for incidental expenses, roads and bridges, support of schools, remittance of taxes, state aid, the treasurer's accounts and the town debt. In 1861, the town debt was \$1,102.95. In 1871 it decreased by \$1960.43 for that one year. There is no mention made of funds paid for public safety, neither police nor fire.

The Herring Inspectors of Rochester, Marion and Mattapoissett were E. Braley, Marshall Howes and G.B. Blackmer. A total of \$1325.59 in 1861 and \$1262.55 in 1871 were made from the sale of herring. You'd be fined if you tried that today.

In 1861, there were 11 school districts, but they were broken up into various seasonal sessions offered in different areas of town. According to the School Committee, the districts and sessions were "so located and kept that every scholar has had the privilege of attending at least 6 months" while others attended longer.

In 1870-71 the schools cost about \$1,287.83. Teachers were paid from \$14.00 up to \$24.00 a month.

In 1860-61, the Superintendent praised a "higher degree of excellence" in the schools but bemoaned the fact that in some localities there was a "lamentable want of general interest and co-operation promoting the



advancement of the schools" which had a "detrimental" effect. He also chastises parents for their children's failure to consistently attend school.

In 1871-72, the Superintendent wrote, "Never find fault with the teacher" because it will only make a poor teacher poorer and "a good one no better". He then specifically asks parents to actively support the schools by supporting both the teachers and the scholars.

### Rochester Historical Society Bake Sale

Our Red, White and Blue Bake Sale will be held on **May 30** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Rochester Land Trust Pony Pasture on Mattapoissett Road. That is an important thing to note. It is a Rochester Historical event to help us defray winter and spring costs, but it won't be at the museum.

We are still looking for bakers. If you are willing to bake for us, please call Connie at 617-750-2818 (leave a message if I don't answer) or email [eshbach2@aol.com](mailto:eshbach2@aol.com). We hope to see you on May 30.

### Mattapoissett Woman's Club Offers Continuing Education Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to offer a continuing education scholarship of \$1500 to a Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree, certificate, or career advancing

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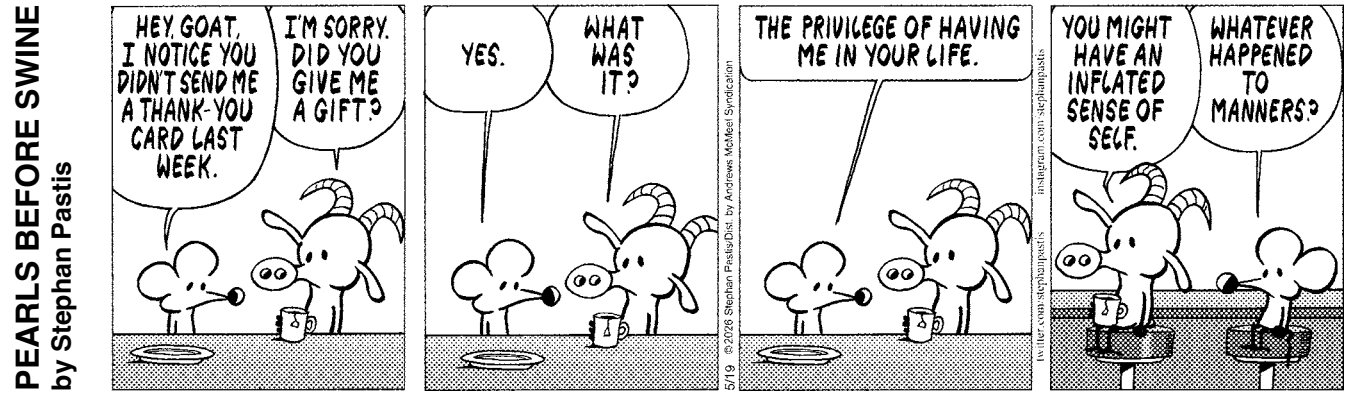
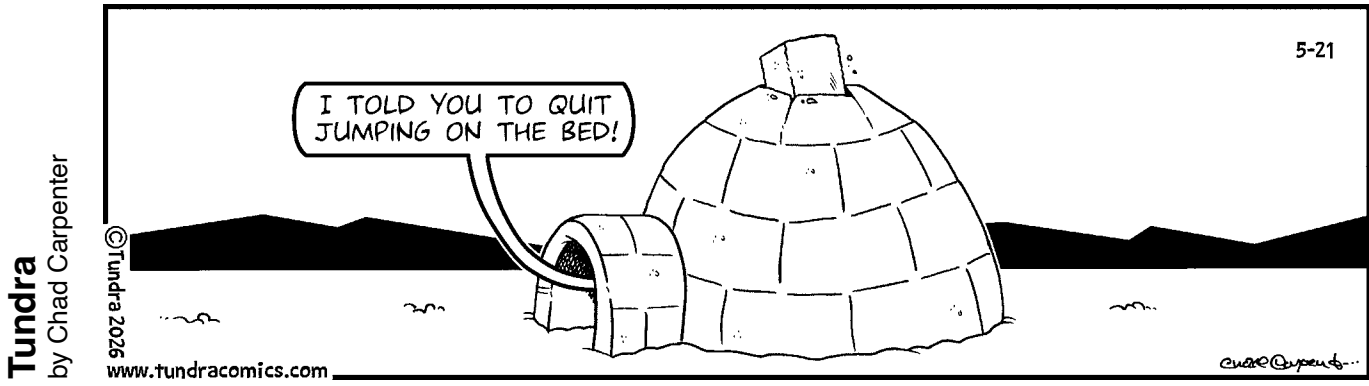
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The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events including the Taste of the Town and the biennial garden tour to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. These scholarships are intended to support the club's belief in the importance of education and to demonstrate its grateful dedication to the community. Membership in the Mattapoissett Woman's Club is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

### Marion Democratic Town Committee to Meet

Marion residents are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Marion Democratic Town Committee at 5:30 pm, Thursday, **May 21**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street.

The agenda will include committee reports about our essay contest winners who submitted compositions on the meaning of democracy. This contest was offered to ORR high school juniors and seniors, and we are excited that the results are in. We will make plans for our Damien's Food drive. The members tasked with fundraising ideas will discuss options. Coordinating with Democratic committees in the tri-town area is another topic. As the primary seasons are in full swing, we will finalize whom we should assist in neighboring states. Again, please attend.

### Birds of a Feather and Other Friends

Come to the Mattapoissett Free Public Library to view a lovely ceramic exhibit created by local artist Wendy Goldsmith from **June 2 to June 30**. Goldsmith went to art school and majored in printmaking and also studied ceramics. A few years later she went back to clay but still uses printmaking techniques in her process. She continued her studies at Castle Hill Center for the Arts and Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Working



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### Marion Memorial Day Events

The Town of Marion invites the community to join volunteers at Evergreen Cemetery, Marion, on Saturday, **May 23** at 9:00 am to plant geraniums at veterans' graves.

The 2026 Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, May 25 starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front Street, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

This is the same route as in past years, stepping off from the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial the town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of



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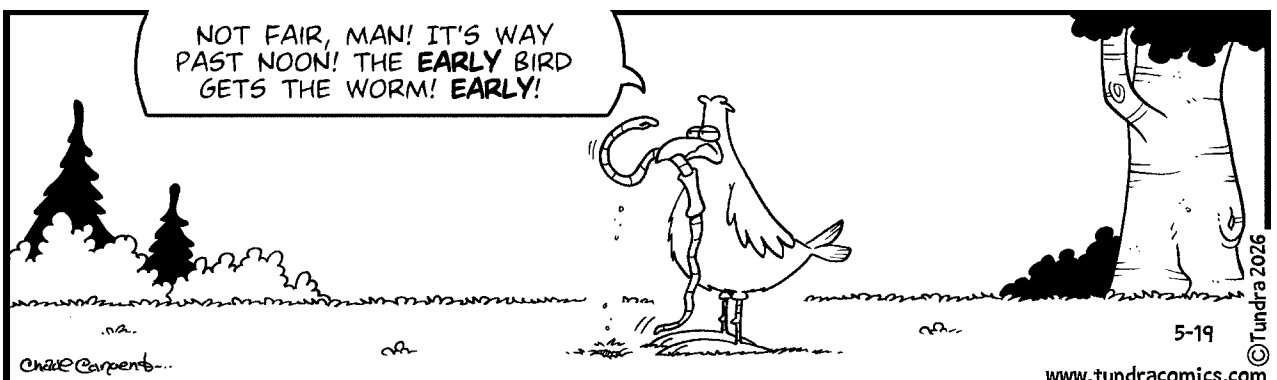
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Residents are encouraged to attend the remembrances as well as stand along the parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

### Rabies Prevention Event

The Marion Board of Health would like to inform the community of the following events, Rabies Prevention, Control Efforts, and Reducing Risk of Exposure. This event will now be held on **June 3**, at 5:30 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

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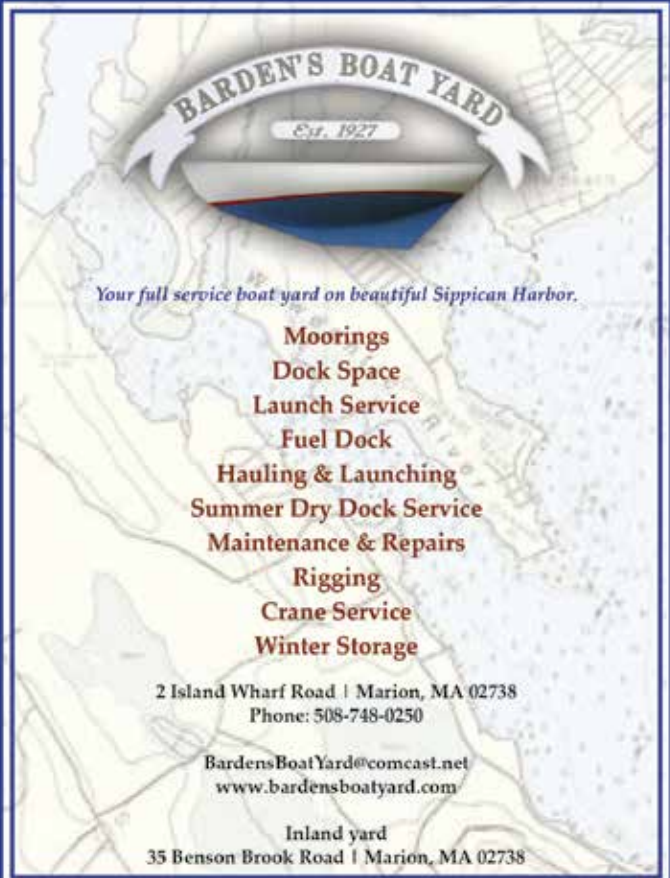
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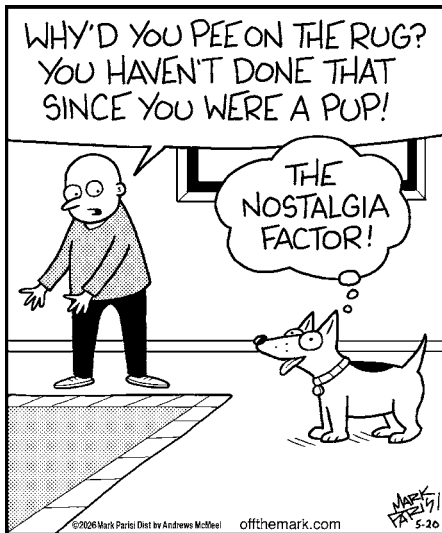
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The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering an opportunity to explore some of Marion's unique natural areas. We will be exploring our rocky inter-tidal shorelines, salt marshes, estuaries as well as freshwater riverbanks, forest, swamps, ponds and bogs. Daily we will take trips to look for the birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates that make these areas so special.

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](http://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.

### 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 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



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Flushing will begin 5/26/2026 at 7:30 pm until 3:00 am in the Acushnet Rd. and North Street areas.

The center of Town will be flushed on 5/27/26 between the hours of 7:30 pm until 3:00 am.

Flushing will continue through 6/5/26 during the daytime hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas.

Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street. Other areas may be affected due to system hydraulics please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

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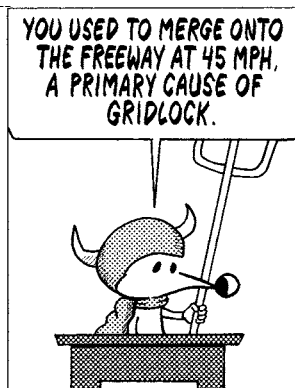
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis



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/](http://www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com/) for more detailed information.

### Ruta Sepetys to Speak in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will welcome international bestselling author Ruta Sepetys for a special keynote event on Thursday, **June 11** at 6:00 pm at the historic Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Sepetys, acclaimed author of *Salt to the Sea* and other internationally recognized works of historical fiction, will speak about her writing, research process, and her highly anticipated new novel, *A Fortune of Sand*.

To celebrate the occasion, the first 100 registered attendees will receive a free copy of *A Fortune of Sand*. Registration is not required to attend the event but is required to be eligible for a free book. Books will be distributed at the event while supplies last, and attendees must be present to receive a copy.

This special evening will take place at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, allowing the library to welcome a larger audience for what is expected to be a



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### Mattapoisett Woman's Club Continuing Education Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is pleased to offer a continuing education scholarship of \$1500 to a Mattapoisett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree, certificate, or career advancing coursework. The application is available online at [www.mattapoisettwomensclub.org](http://www.mattapoisettwomensclub.org). All applications must be postmarked by **May 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events including the Taste of the Town and the biennial garden tour to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. These scholarships are intended to support the club's belief in the importance of education and to demonstrate its grateful dedication to the community. Membership in the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

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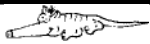
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### Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 21	12:08	12:41	6:33	6:04
Friday	May 22	1:07	1:40	7:55	7:24
Saturday	May 23	2:05	2:38	9:05	9:23
Sunday	May 24	3:02	3:37	9:59	10:36
Monday	May 25	4:01	4:36	10:39	11:28
Tuesday	May 26	5:00	5:33	11:08	
Wednesday	May 27	5:56	6:24	12:08	11:33
Thursday	May 28	6:45	7:08	12:41	12:04
Friday	May 29	7:29	7:49	1:13	12:39
Saturday	May 30	8:10	8:28	1:47	1:18
Sunday	May 31	8:49	9:05	2:26	2:00
Monday	June 1	9:28	9:42	3:07	2:43
Tuesday	June 2	10:06	10:18	3:46	3:27
Wednesday	June 3	10:45	10:56	4:24	4:08
Thursday	June 4	11:26	11:37	4:59	4:48
Friday	June 5		12:10	5:35	5:30
Saturday	June 6	12:21	12:56	6:12	6:17
Sunday	June 7	1:08	1:43	6:55	7:17

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	May 23rd
	Full Moon	May 31st
	Last Quarter	June 8th
	New Moon	June 15th



### 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](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the May 14, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 10

### PUZZLE ANSWERS

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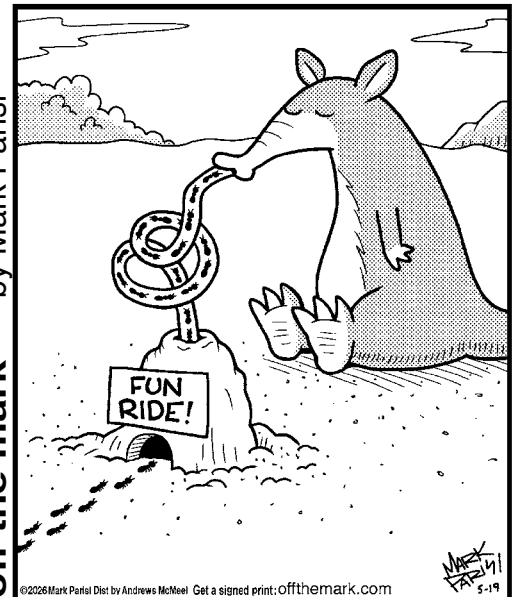
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