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## History Class Gets Personal

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

One student at Old Rochester Regional High School learned that her great uncle was a famous boxer in Providence. One learned that his ancestors owned the oldest restaurant in Erie, Pennsylvania, while another student discovered royalty in her lineage and even others learned that their ancestors were on the Mayflower.

Some high school students have found ancestors from as early as the 1500s.

For the past 10 years, English teacher Kathleen Brunelle has run a popular course that has been eye-opening for students, leading to award-winning essays and discoveries that have changed families. It's also helped develop students' research, writing and family appreciation.

Brunelle said this elective is open to all students. She pitched it to school leaders 10 years ago as part of her master's thesis, *Relative Research: Using Genealogy to Teach English*.

During the course, students use research, writing, editing, design, presentation, and analytical skills to document their genealogies for future generations.

"Students often use the skills they learn in this class to research other branches of their family tree after the course ends," Brunelle recently told *The Wanderer*.

Brunelle emphasized the learning does not stop after the course ends.

"One family traveled to Ireland based on their daughter's research in our class. Last year, one of our students took first place in the New England Historic Genealogical Society's Young Family Historians Essay Contest based on his essay about his experience researching his grandfather's family," she said.

On January 17, students, families and faculty attended an event in the Old Rochester Regional High School Library to celebrate the work of students enrolled in the genealogy elective. The course, provided through the English Department, strives to teach English by way

of designing a genealogy book based on a student's grandparent by the end of the semester, according to a written release from the ORR School District.

Throughout the semester, each student researched their ancestry on sites like AncestryClassroom and American Ancestors, were assisted by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and built a family tree.



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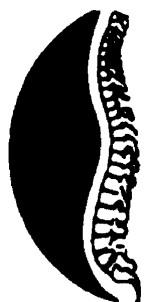
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Students accessed local records with help from New Bedford City Hall, as well as free, online resources such as Familysearch.org, U.S. newspaper archives and military records through Fold3, according to the release.

At the end of the semester, students prepared and shared food from their ancestors in class, while presenting their research to their peers through a digital-media presentation according to the release.

"My biggest learning point from this class was when I found all the information about my ancestors in Greece and was able to make an amazing book from that," said junior Jake Dellas. "The most interesting thing that I found was how far my family heritage went from back to Crete, and the beautiful areas around that island."

Senior Rylie Coughlin has knighthood and royalty in her bloodline.

"I really enjoyed the class, and I learned that not everything is going to come easy and sometimes you have to have patience and persistence to find what you're looking for. Sometimes you might not even find it at all, but you have to pick yourself back up and try again," Coughlin said. "I would say the most surprising thing I learned in my research was that I had a royal in my family. I was lucky enough to be able to go back to 1500 and find out that I had a 14th great grandfather who was knighted by King Henry. I was even able to find a portrait of him, as well as his original will."

The course has been a source of pride for the entire school community.

"The Genealogy Celebration provides an excellent platform to highlight the unique coursework and notable achievements of Mrs. Brunelle's students," said ORRHS Principal Mike Devoll. "Mrs. Brunelle's genealogy course integrates various skills found in English Language Arts classes such as reading, writing, speaking, storytelling and creative expression. The course serves as a commendable example of project-based learning and emphasizes the importance of student voice. Our students are fortunate to engage in this enriching opportunity."

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our students are doing here in the school building with their families, making it really special. I hope this project continues to be part of our students' experiences for many years to come."

### The Wanderer Sails Home

By Marilou Newell and Mick Colageo

As a schoolboy living in the Bronx, George Lowery became fascinated with all things miniature after a field trip to a natural history museum. Staring in wonder at the tiny depiction of an ancient village, Lowery became enthralled, so much so that he began building airplanes and other models from kits. He also ventured into the imaginative world of dioramas. Thus began a lifelong hobby-turned-career in 1987.

Yes, there were years of providing for and raising a family, but always fermenting in the background were models. He joined the Air Force, became a police officer and moved along, building a family life. But he also became fascinated with ship building. Fate would find him opening a door to Mattapoisett's well-known history

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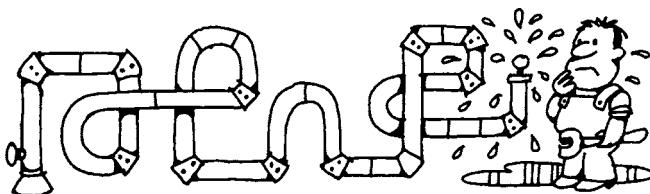
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as a whale-boat-building mecca.

Lowery is a perfectionist when it comes to building models. He sought out and eventually found an artisan who would help him develop skills in model-ship building, one Frank Mastini. As Lowery told us, Mastini didn't teach, he advised. Students were given models to build, and throughout the process Mastini would critique and give guidance. Over time and dedicated effort, Lowery learned what he had longed to know – how to turn raw wood into stunning pieces of maritime art.

An opportunity to build a whaling-ship model came into view in 2017 when Lowery was approached at an art fair near his Arizona home by a gentleman interested in a model of the Wanderer, the last whaling ship from Mattapoisett. The gent was planning on opening a business in Mattapoisett and would use the Wanderer model as a showpiece in the establishment.

Lowery would need a set of plans in order to build the model. Enter the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the Mattapoisett Museum. New Bedford offered engineered drawings, scant though they were, but coupled with pictures from Mattapoisett, Lowery was able to build the model.

Some 2,000 hours later, the ship was completed and ready to take its place of honor in Mattapoisett with a price tag of \$100,000. Using price points that he pays for tradesmen such as plumbers, electricians and the like, Lowery believed the price was fair based on his expertise

and the quality of the finished product. The client hadn't balked at the estimated price at the beginning of the project. Everything was sailing along.

But wait – the gentleman who commissioned the boat was not to be found. Since no money, no deposit had been exchanged, Lowery was free to do as he pleased with the model. He recalculated the price tag to \$90,000 and held onto the boat. "My models are my children," Lowery told us. He wants them to be appreciated and cared for.

With that in mind and having built a long-distance relationship with the Mattapoisett Museum curator, Connor Gaudet, Lowery offered the Wanderer model to the museum. In doing so, he stated appreciation for the assistance received from former museum curator Jeffrey Miller.

Without hesitation, Gaudet accepted the gift.

"I can't believe it's here," he said on Tuesday afternoon, marveling at Lowery's talent.

Needing help from handyman volunteer Bob Clifford to unpack the model from a sturdy, wooden crate inside tight quarters and in view of a small audience including the press, Gaudet found humor in the moment, comparing the plastic bubble wrap around the bottom of the boat to an angry, wind-driven sea.

Launched on April 16, 1878, the Whale Bark Wanderer is the last ship among the whalers built in Mattapoisett. The original Wanderer 1878 weighed 288 tons and was 116 feet long with a 27.5-foot beam and 15-foot, 8-inch draft. Though the model only measures 31 inches long, 25 inches high and 11 inches wide, Gaudet was dumbfounded at the detail Lowery managed to achieve, not only in terms of the visual but in workmanship.

"He absolutely did (go to the extreme)," said Gaudet, likening Lowery's effort to the monumental statue of Crazy Horse being constructed in South Dakota. "Stuff I didn't even realize from the photos when it got here, the boats are ... not glued in there, they're set on tiny little hooks from the pulleys."

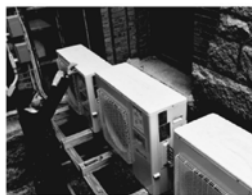
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are "smaller than toothpicks."

It officially took Lowery 2,000.5 hours of his time to complete his replica on May 29, 2019, and Gaudet suspects that those hours did not include a meticulous packaging of the model for a safe, cross-country transport. The shipping cost exceeding \$1,000 was covered by a member of the Demakis family.

The Wanderer was shipwrecked during an August



25, 1924, storm off Cuttyhunk, but its beam resides in the Mattapoisett Museum.

Gaudet considers this latest, superior model a focal point to a 2024 theme of celebration of the Wanderer's place in local culture, not omitting the local newspaper of record. The ship's 100-year legacy immediately took hold in the 1928 edition of the local junior high school yearbook named The Wanderer, and there was a Wanderer gift shop in Mattapoisett Village around the same time.

"Getting this gift was a surprise and an absolute boon," said Gaudet. "We decided to do not just an exhibit about the Wanderer and how much oil it got when it went on its voyages. It really focuses on its rebirth and afterlife



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since 1924, the mythology and the symbolism behind it and how it's grown ... for the town."

### Encounters with Sports Stars and Other Celebrities

*Thoughts on...*


**By Dick Morgado**

One time or another, everyone has encountered a celebrity.

I ran into Red Sox and Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Rice in the bank one day. I was standing in line right behind him. Well, he actually ran into me as he turned and left. He didn't seem very nice. He didn't even say excuse me.

Dave Cowens, the Celtics all-star center, waved at me as he passed in front of my car as I was stopping at a traffic light in Wellesley. I don't remember if he was waving to get me to stop or just to say thanks for stopping. It was a long time ago.

My father-in-law once invited me to dinner and a Bruins game. We arrived at the old Boston Garden. We entered through a gate near the North Station train tracks, then walked down an abandoned concourse which was littered with beer bottles and trash. At the end of the concourse was an elevator, which opened into a mahogany-lined lift, which zoomed us up to another mahogany-walled reception area with oil paintings of Bruins and Celtics images lining the walls.



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Dressed in my jeans and sweatshirt, I looked more like someone who slept in the abandoned concourse than a guest in a fancy restaurant. They let me in anyway, and we had a very nice dinner "on the house." Afterwards we exited through a private door into the arena to watch the game. Can't say the seats were plush ... it was the old Garden after all, but what a thrill all around.



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I visited him in the hospital. He was in a ward with eight or 10 other servicemen. A high-ranking officer came through, stopping to say hello to each patient. When he got to Wayne he asked, "How did you get wounded son?" I had all I could do not to laugh when Wayne responded... "Playing hockey, Sir."

Wayne always wanted to meet Orr and years later did. In fact, he had lunch with him. A dream comes true.

I've met some TV personalities as well. If you've been around these parts for a while, you might remember the "Ellis/Pepper Bandwagon." Tom Ellis and Tony Pepper shared the anchor desk on the WBZ-TV news back in the '70s. The station had a promotion called "Sports Fantasy" dreamed up by their sports reporter Len Berman, who later went on to the big time in New York.

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I wanted to do the evening sports report. Berman called me and asked me to write a one-minute commentary. I was invited to the studio to tape it on the news set. They told me to wear a brightly colored sports jacket and tie.

I wrote: "The bullet train sped into Boston from Springfield in a half-hour to the new Boston Garden floating over Boston Harbor." I also mentioned that Red Sox star Tony Conigliaro has just signed a contract for \$10,000,000 per year (chump change now.) So much for my ability to predict the future.

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Tony," though I was the only one on the anchor desk. I didn't see my one minute of fame (no videotape back then), but my bride said I looked like one handsome devil, resplendent in my red, plaid sports jacket looking like Heywood Hale Broun (a famous sports reporter who wore outlandish sports coats, had a handlebar moustache, and was bald.) I don't think the Broun part was a compliment.

Coincidentally, Tony Pepper later moved to my town and, though he didn't remember my star turn, we became friends.

To add a little class to this essay, I must tell you about the time I met Tom Wolfe, the famous novelist who always wore a white suit. It was at college. He was a guest

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speaker, and I was chosen to escort him to the auditorium.

That's it. Were you expecting something more exciting?

*Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on ...." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.*

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*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Ed Hoffer**

Over the last few months, as the administration has begun to implement that portion of the Inflation Reduction Act that allows Medicare to negotiate prices on 10 high-cost drugs, you have heard loud cries from the pharmaceutical industry.

They and their allies on the right claim that allowing Medicare to cut into their profits will harm consumers by reducing their incentive to develop new drugs. Does this argument have merit?

The claim that the industry should be allowed to gouge the U.S. consumer has numerous problems.

First, why should U.S. consumers be the ones to support pharmaceutical company research when their products are sold world-wide? They should establish a defensible price that covers developmental costs and a fair profit and use this in all advanced countries. Lowering prices on products sold in less-developed countries can be a humanitarian offer.

Second, and more important, the major pharmaceutical companies spend more on marketing than they do on research and could easily shift money from marketing to research should they choose to do so.

Third, they consistently exaggerate the money actually spent on research [see: JAMA Internal Medicine 2017;177(11):1575.] They also fail to credit the NIH (i.e. the U.S. taxpayer)-funded basic research that often precedes their own.

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The basic research that is behind most truly new drugs is usually done by academic researchers with government funding or by start-ups that are bought by a major pharmaceutical company after they develop a novel product.

Finally, much of their research budgets are spent not on truly novel, life-changing drugs but on "me too" copycat drugs. When a truly new drug is developed, the other companies turn their research efforts to tweaking the molecule to develop their own similar product on which they then spend money marketing it as better, with no real clinical benefit to patients. [If they sold their product at a lower price, this would be a useful addition, but this is rarely / never done. Instead, they charge a similar or higher price and bombard doctors with marketing.]

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*Dr. Ed Hoffer is the chairman of the Marion Board of Health, a graduate of MIT and Harvard Medical School. He is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard and a Senior Scientist at the Massachusetts General Hospital.*

### Public Split on Dog Park, Pickleball

*Holy Ghost Grounds Reuse Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

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some 40-plus people attended the public meeting held by Mattapoisett's Holy Ghost Grounds Reuse Committee. The committee chair had used local print media and social media to get the word out that their attendance would help the town plan the future of the 7-acre public land.

Chairman Mike Rosa, along with volunteers Nathan Ketchel (Planning Board member and committee vice chairman), Freemin Bauer, Nicky Miller, Jack Hill, Denise Conton (clerk), Greta Fox (Recreation Department director) and Aaron Goldberg, had been charged by the Select Board to gather community input and ideas on how the town should use the parcel.

Before getting into the data details, Rosa gave a brief historical retrospective of the property, noting the

1943 ownership by the Holy Ghost Society, 2016 purchase by the YMCA and the town's acquisition in 2016.

Rosa further noted that future plans include the passage of the bike path through the grounds along the railroad easement where restrooms have been restored and made ADA compliant (handicapped accessible.) He also clarified that there is currently no budget for work at the property. A look at the 10-year capital plan does not list any projects on the site.

The chairman also made it clear that this committee would not be making decisions or offering opinions regarding possible uses. He pointed out the committee's duties as: identifying a range of potential uses through public input, holding public information session(s) and finally preparing a report for the Select Board to review.

A survey that generated some 550 responses (primarily from full or part-time residents) was held between August and September. The survey gauged respondents' positive or negative views on different activities, resulting in a healthy response from a wide range of age groups.

A dog park and pickleball courts received high positive scores. However, balancing out that number was a nearly equal amount against those purposes. Positively favored activities that did not illicit negative pushback were a playground, picnic area and walking loop, among others.

Attendees thought it might be best to think about passive activities such as a picnic area or playground before considering others which might cause conflict or high expense.

Ray Hanks, chairman of the newly formed Cemetery and Memorials Committee, said it is important to maintain Barlow Cemetery, which is located within the property.

Rachel McGourthy, chairman of the Historical Commission, said that the commission was in the second phase of identifying historical assets in the town and that the Holy Ghost Grounds was on the "priority one" list.

The next step for the committee is to produce a report for the Select Board, which will complete the committee's to-do checklist.

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## Final Building Commissioner Candidate Interviewed

*Mattapoisett Select Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

On Monday, the Mattapoisett Select Board met with the third and final candidate vying for the position of building commissioner. Coming before the board was Randall Bassett, building commissioner for the Town of Fairhaven residing in Brewster.

Bassett's resume lists a BS in Business Management from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, certification as a construction supervisor,



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as well as previously holding the position of building inspector for the town of Brewster.

When asked what his management style was, Bassett responded, "I let them do their thing, I trust them to do their job and I trust their expertise." He said that last year his office in Fairhaven processed 1,000 permits. He further noted his knowledge of online permitting.

Regarding his participation and involvement with the Zoning Board of Appeals, Bassett said he attends those meetings in an advisory capacity. Bassett offered that Mattapoisett doesn't seem to want too much growth but would work within the bylaws to assist growth where applicable.

There was some general discussion about the town's Master Plan and need in the future to make changes in bylaws to allow for new types of structures. Bassett admitted his lack of a solid understanding of all the FEMA regulations but stated he has a good working relationship with the Fairhaven Fire Department and cognizance of ISO insurance standards and ADA compliance regulations.

After a break for a brief executive session, the Select Board returned to open session with Chairman Jodi Bauer saying a decision will be made after some additional background review for the three candidates that have been interviewed.

Before the board was able to continue, an attorney representing David Park of Holly Woods rose, inquiring

why the board had not solicited public comment on the agenda item, "approve confirmatory takings and/or authorize easement for Old Slough Road." Board members responded that Park had been given the opportunity to speak on the matter which impacts his property, not only at public meetings within the Select Board agenda but also for 45 minutes at the Special Fall Town Meeting. During the Town Meeting, the voters approved plans for the takings.

In other business, the board met with Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer regarding the FY25 departmental budget.

One of the more significant items listed is for a full-time mechanic/laborer at an annual \$68,000. Bauer said that it has been difficult to operate the equipment without taking care of regular maintenance. Town Administrator Mike Lorencio said that about a 10% savings could be realized by having someone on staff to do such work versus subcontracting the work. The department has operated with seven staff members for several years.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Monday, February 5, at 5:30 pm.

## Runoff Concerns Low-Lying Neighbor

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Mick Colageo**

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achieve clarity with abutters and applicants alike where it concerns the purview of the commission, but that power was put to the test at its January 24 public meeting.

The matter at hand was what happens when a new construction satisfies the requirements of performance near resource areas but causes other problems in the neighborhood.

When Evan Watson of W. Engineering went before the commission on behalf of Maxwell Ruditsky's Notice of Intent to build a single-family dwelling with an associated driveway and sewer and utility connections on Old Knoll Road, an abutter across Old Knoll Road expressed concern about stormwater runoff, noting that the culvert near his house has been clogged for years. He

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described the pipe across the street as "decoration."

Watson said the runoff heading toward the street will be limited to what comes off the driveway, for which the applicant proposes pavement.

The abutter also asserted that the clearance of the land will add to the runoff coming from the site. Watson said the majority of the drainage aims toward the wetland. The abutter said the road is private and there is no homeowners' association. He admitted it's a quandary.

Commissioner Shaun Walsh agreed that an infiltration basin would capture the runoff from the new, impervious surface (driveway), that way the situation would not be made worse.

"If I were in your shoes, I would do everything in my power to rectify that situation," said Walsh, referring to the clogged culvert.

The abutter said the pipes have been cleaned out before, but it doesn't help because of the height of the water table.

In response to the concerns, the commissioners voted to award an Order of Conditions approving the project. Commissioner Matt Schultz read a list of special conditions to accompany the approval.

Before the public hearing was closed, Walsh explained that stormwater-runoff concerns frequently come before the Conservation Commission, but the commission's purview, unlike the Planning Board and the building commissioner, is limited to the matters pertaining to applications vis-a-vis the Wetlands Protection Act.

"We encourage project proponents to address issues ... (but) we're not able to deny a permit because you've got flooding in your street and you're concerned that it may have additional flooding in your street, especially if the flooding may be caused at least in part by a clogged pipe," explained Walsh. "We're concerned with ensuring that the wetland is protected and it's not starved of water because of the development of a project and dried out and you don't have a wetland anymore."

Walsh acknowledged why the abutter comes looking for answers to legitimate problems but stated the commission's limits.



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"Sometimes we're not able to satisfy people because we don't have the legal authority to do so," he said.

With that, Commission Chairman Jeff Doubrava encouraged the applicant to take measures to ensure that no additional water goes into Old Knoll Road as a result of the project.

"Whether it's in our purview or not, we grant an order (of conditions); orders can be appealed," he said. "I think you address these issues up front as much as you can so that everybody's happy going forward."

Watson reiterated the applicant's willingness to take measures to ensure no new runoff comes off the house but said he is limited as to what he can do to stop runoff from leaving the driveway and going into the street.

Vice Chairman Emil Assing had suggested a pervious surface to absorb some of that runoff, but the applicant wants a paved driveway.

Walsh suggested adding a drainage swale parallel to the road.

During Watson's presentation of the project proposal, he pointed out a 15-foot, no-disturb line and a 30-foot, no-build line. Watson said there will be a little bit of grading in the no-build area.

The property plans to tie into both town water and sewer services on Old Knoll Road. A fence will surround a pool in the backyard with a horseshoe-shaped driveway in the front.

Doubrava expressed concern that, at a change in ownership, the wetland won't be sufficiently marked and a new owner could take liberties with the land unaware of conservation's jurisdiction. Watson said the applicant could add wetland markers or boulders.

Assing asked about grading around the house. Watson pointed to Elevation 39 in the back and at the pool; Elevation 36 in the front will be raised and the top of the foundation at Elevation 43. "That was to keep the building out of the water table," said Watson.

Assing also suggested a seed mix that would be conducive to the land; Watson said the lawn will be limited to around the pool and in the front yard. Assing



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was satisfied with the answer.

John P. Kendall Trust, 39 Water Street, was issued an Order of Conditions approving the demolition and removal of an existing dwelling within the 100-foot buffer zone to Sippican Harbor and within Coastal Flood Zone AE-16.

James Fogarty was issued an Order of Conditions approving to construct a 14x15-foot, enclosed, deck addition to an existing residence at 58 Holly Road.

In discussing the pending case at 7 Shawondasse Road, owned by John Brown, the land described by the commissioners as coastal beach, bank and dunes would be advised against filing a Request for Determination of Applicability and instead file a Notice of Intent.



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Finally, Doubrava recognized board administrator Terri Santos, who is retiring from her position with the town on February 23. Her final commission meeting will be February 14.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6, also accessible via live streaming.

## **Controversial Rebuild Approved**

*Marion Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Mick Colageo**

Planting Island 25 West Avenue, LLC, was voted a Special Permit to raze an existing house at 25 West Avenue and replace it with a new dwelling on the site in Residence C zoning during the January 25 meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals.

ZBA Chairperson Cynthia Callow explained to the board members that they would be measuring the application against Sections 230-6.1a and 230-6.1c of the town's zoning bylaws.

The application was for a Special Permit to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling to replace a nonconforming dwelling, which will decrease the current nonconformities but increase the building area in volume as allowed under Sections 230-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3.

Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., represented the applicant and reported to the ZBA on tweaks to the plan meant to address abutters' concerns.

Before handing the floor to Davignon, Callow read into the record a letter from Richard and Christine Farrington, abutters at 21 West Avenue stating agreement with their neighbors who have expressed concerns that the volume of the proposed house is not in keeping with the characteristics of the neighborhood.

The latter stated that a (3,231) square foot house on a 6,000 square foot lot is excessive. The abutter further described its own decisions to rebuild more conservatively with a 2,100 square foot house.

Since trees have been removed, sound and wind now requires reinforcement of the existing fence on the abutter's property. They are hoping for a landscaping plan

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The letter concluded by noting that at least four 2024 projects are anticipated in the neighborhood.

"Our proposal basically squares up what was there and reduces the length by 2 feet," said Davignon, who explained that the house will have a 4-foot bumpout on the second floor.

Davignon said the usable space is 700 square feet, that the Board of Health has approved the proposed denitrification septic system.

He also noted that the plan slightly improves on all building setbacks: from 6.5 to 8.5 feet off the property line, from 14 to 14.5 feet, the street setback from 25.4 to 26 feet, and from 28.4 to 30 feet to the rear property line.

"I know it's not much, but we're really pinched in by the leaching field," said Davignon.

He fielded concerns from a neighbor about stormwater runoff. The proposal for an impervious, 20-foot driveway has been altered to propose a pervious surface and add a recharge system for roof runoff. The system will absorb a 1-inch rain event; any more than that will run off into the lawn.

"It's a net positive with runoff from the site," said Davignon, noting that the septic system will be improved to state-of-the-art technology.

Davignon stated that in submitting an application for a Special Permit, "we believe we meet all six of the criteria. ... Neighborhood character, I guess that's a judgement call. Some people don't like (the third floor), it's built into the roofline."

A main concern is the design of the house that will peak at 34.7 feet high from the front grade.

When the floor was opened, multiple abutters commented, and it was noted that the owner is a developer who intends to build the house to sell it.

Member Margie Baldwin asked Davignon why there are three floors if there are no additional bedrooms. "It's a very substantial change in a crowded neighborhood," she said.

Baldwin also asked about landscaping. Davignon noted that the applicant has two other properties in Marion with very tasteful landscaping. Baldwin acknowledged



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that the applicant's plan to build and sell is an ongoing issue for Marion homeowners.

"Instead of just calling it out as an attic, they're creating bonus space in that attic space," said Davignon.

Davignon was agreeable to a drain at the end of the driveway.

ZBA member Will Tiftt was careful to clarify the limits of the ZBA's purview in addressing the concerns of the long-time residents regarding houses getting larger and larger and the increase in short-term rental properties. Tiftt encouraged residents to become active in municipal government to best control their interests.

Four ZBA votes carried the motion to approve the project. Dani Engwert abstained.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 pm.

## Subcommittee to Focus on Harbor Plan

*Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

The January 25 meeting of the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board was the first meeting held since October 2023. The members reviewed ongoing and/or upcoming projects such as dredging between Long Wharf and Holmes Wharf currently reaching completion and the status of designs for renovation work planned for Long Wharf.

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Recently, moon-tide flooding events in the harbor were discussed and the need for Long Wharf designs to take elevations into consideration when engineering the project begins.

Several members wondered aloud if logs were kept documenting such incidents. Chairman Carlos DaSousa said he would look into that topic. DaSousa also asked the members of the board to bring their thoughts and ideas to the next meeting so that he could provide a framework for upcoming meetings.

One topic DaSousa said the board should plan on is an updating of the town's harbor-management plan. He said the current plan was written in 2012 and is overdue for updating.

An earlier concept presented by the previous harbormaster Jamie McIntosh was to apply for grant(s) and hire a professional to write a plan that could then be certified by the state. However, the Select Board believed the town's portion for the writing of such a document didn't equate to value.

"They thought it would sit on a shelf," DaSousa said.

While discussing the importance of having a plan, even one not certified by the state, member Bob Moore said, "Our harbor isn't big. We need to jealously guard our harbor – this is not the coast of Maine." DaSousa asked the committee to review Dartmouth's harbor plan due to the similarities between the two harbors.

A subcommittee was established to begin the work of editing and updating the current plan with members Moore, Ned Kaiser, Mike Costa and Eric Beauregard spearheading the effort.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 29, at 7:00 pm.

## Landfill Solar Rethinking Business Model

*Marion Energy Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

The proposed, solar-array project atop Marion's capped landfill at Benson Brook, originally estimated to cost \$880,000 to connect to Eversource, is now estimated to cost over \$1,000,000. Other towns are reportedly in the same boat.

The Marion Energy Management Committee heard from Maria Marasco, executive director of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Incorporated, via Zoom during its January 22 meeting, and part of her message was that the interconnection costs for a solar array atop the Benson Brook landfill do not make the project worthwhile, at least as its business model is proposed.

Nonetheless, the CVEC recommends moving forward rather than starting over.

Marion is a member of CVEC, a government entity that makes no profit as such and acts on behalf of its members to ensure "sound, competitive renewable energy procurements." The CVEC oversees projects from construction to operation and into management. The Town of Marion paid a one-time procurement fee for this project to cover the CVEC's expenses.

Eversource, meanwhile, is said by municipal boards in the Tri-Towns to be taking stock of its entire capacity in light of the many municipalities applying for connections for proposed solar projects.

What has come out of CVEC's review of the Benson Brook Landfill solar proposal is a recommendation that under a power-purchase agreement (PPA) in which the CVEC would collect power and resell it to Marion, the project becomes viable.

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it was calculated that Eversource will pay out 24 cents, adding up to \$260,000 per year out of which the town would have to pay the project developer. It was speculated that the developer might charge 18 cents, considered a conservative baseline.

If CVEC can convert the project to a PPA, the belief is that \$60,000 can be earned in net cash from Eversource.

EMC member Alanna Nelson, as Marion's representative to CVEC, planned to work on the matter over the next couple of weeks.

A "cash-out" project means Marion can put the money toward anything, including its General Fund but not in a potential solar project atop the Police Station. Marasco said it's better for the town to enter a PPA.

The CVEC has yet to become owner of such a project. "It's a whole, new wheelhouse of activity," explained Marasco, noting that the CVEC is deliberating whether to get into solar ownership.

Elsewhere in town, a group study indicates that Marion needs upgrades to build new projects, but smaller projects (under 15kw) are doable.

Business projects, not residential, are in the CVEC's wheelhouse. The CVEC is soliciting projects to put into their Round 7 cycle. The cooperative operates under a statute that allows it to bundle towns' projects together, which eliminates some redundancies. The CVEC plans to issue another RFP (bid process) in the spring.

Marasco said the town should only have as many net-metering credits as its usage. Having them sitting on the books is not advantageous. The town had asked to pay one price over four installments that get project oversight. The CVEC will do an overview at no charge. Towns help each other by pooling their resources and have a broader range of competitive bidders.

In answer to a question from EMC member Bill Saltonstall, Marasco said, while she believes Marion is not in danger of exceeding the usage limits in its contract with Future Generation Wind, she will review the matter and confirm.

In response to EMC member Jennifer Francis' question as to why not generate as big a project as



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possible, Marasco explained that the interconnection is only approved for 1,800,000 kwh per year. Individual projects are approved for a certain amount of capacity.

The "nameplate capacity" of the photo-voltaic project as originally proposed for the Benson Brook Landfill is 1,493kw. The approximate annual energy production is 1,807,451 kwh; the guaranteed annual energy production is 1,536,333 kwh.

This project will affect Marion's capacity; the CVEC's recommendation (and approval from town leadership) would send cash to the General Fund.

Town Administrator Geoff Gorman also participated in the meeting, and the CVEC planned to meet with Gorman and Nelson during the next couple of



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weeks following the meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Energy Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 26, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

### 2024-25 Calendar Approved

ORR Joint School Committee/Superintendents Union #55  
By Mick Colageo

The Old Rochester Regional Joint School Committee/Superintendents Union #55 met on Monday night and approved the calendar for the 2024-25 school year, but not without substantial discussion regarding the Christmas break.

Because New Year's Day 2025 falls on a Wednesday, the calendar is set up to bring back students for two days of school before the weekend.

According to feedback received by committee members, some parents find that to be problematic when planning family vacations and wish there were two weeks of vacation and a slightly longer school year.

As planned, students will get early release on Friday, December 20 and come back on Thursday, January 2.

ORR committee member Margaret McSweeney said she received a lot of feedback preferring two full weeks at Christmas and wanted to make sure, in

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keeping with those residents' wishes, the committee that requested community feedback follow up with discussion of the matter.

Cristin Cowles (union side) cited feedback from working parents, noting their preference to add two days to the end of the school year to get two full weeks of holiday vacation.

The academic calendar will reach the 180-day mark on June 11 and as usual, build in five days for potential cancellations, so that Day 185 is June 18. If school needed to extend further, it cannot be held on June 19, the Juneteenth holiday.

If, however, school extended into a new week, Matt Monteiro (ORR) cautioned that the "last day of school being a Monday is not a recipe for success."

Monteiro mused at the idea of tweaking the calendar so that students would return on Friday, January 3, lessening the risk of them missing two days and then only adding one day to the back end of school. He suggested, in such a case, that the administration could maybe encourage curriculum to be more enrichment based.

"I think of our teachers," said Michelle Smith, the ORR School Committee chairperson, not in favor of asking them to come back on Friday, January 3.

Another subject of debate was early release for professional development on Wednesday, May 28, due to the competing interests of MCAS in the elementary schools and final exams at the high school.

Both sides voted to approve the calendar as proposed without voting on Kindergarten dates pending further information from the administration.

Nelson said the administration shared the draft of the calendar earlier in this cycle than in years past.

Opening Day will be Wednesday, August 28. New teachers will enter the program on August 22, and August 26-27 will see teachers meetings in advance of the students' arrival.

September 25 is the first early release for professional development.

Member Carly Lavin (union), the chair of the Mattapoissett School Committee, explained that the

election community had asked the school committees to consider November 5 (presidential election) as a day without students in the buildings, so that will be a full professional-development day.

Wednesday, November 27, the day before Thanksgiving, is early release.

February vacation will be held February 17-21, and April vacation on April 21-25.

The committees had their most substantial policy discussion on fundraising.

Nelson had introduced a lengthy list of policies that the JSC would discuss and vote upon, along with new policies that they would digest and then vote upon when the committee next convenes.

While discussing "JJE Student Fund-Raising Activities," there was confusion between fundraising for school-sponsored activities, groups and events and fundraising for the sports boosters, which are supported by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO.)

April Nye (ORR) was concerned with the policy as written, especially as it may affect the Fun Run held annually, but McSweeney argued that the policy does not address the boosters because they file under a different tax number and the Fun Run should be treated as an outside activity.

Nye then sought clarification as to whether the PTO organizations in the ORR district are exempt to the JSC's policies.



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"I think we need to clarify with our principals," said McSweeney, reiterating her contention that PTO's report their own taxes.

Monteiro suggested an addendum "by the school itself" or "school-sponsored fundraising" in order to clarify the language, but Nye reiterated her confusion and said, "Reading this verbatim, we'd be violating our policy doing any fundraising."

Union #55 Chairperson Sharon Hartley suggested the policy be sent back for further study before a vote is taken. Both sides of the JSC voted to do so.

The rest of the policies were voted for approval without dissent on either side of the committee.

New policies that will not be voted on until the next JSC meeting included the following: Community Use of Digital Resources (an umbrella policy for security when visitors are in ORR buildings); District Website and Social Media VIII; District Security Relating to Technology; Data and Records Retention; Personnel Use of Technology and Student Use of Technology in School (code of conduct.)

Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations Howie Barber joined the meeting to update the JSC on the bus contract with Amaral that is sunsetting after this school year.

Barber said the district has three separate contracts with Amaral. ORR attempted to do a joint, consolidated contract, but it did not work out very well, according to Barber, who cited "significant increases" and

said the district sought a rebate.

At present, contract proposals for the 2024-25 school year are being collected, and Barber explained that ORR has "created scenarios and results of what we would do" in various hypothetical negotiations scenarios. The goal, he said, is to "have the least amount of (financial) impact, especially when you look at academic costs these days."

In their chairpersons' reports, both Smith and Hartley made brief remarks, Hartley encouraging attendees to build on unity by asking questions and Smith thanking the community for its dedication and collaborative effort, noting her confidence in positive change and the commitment to foster an environment of mutual respect with respectful dialogue.

In his opening remarks, Nelson said that since coming together with school-improvement plans, all schools in the ORR District are now on a one-year plan and that strategic planning is in a good place as the schools take on a new-year perspective. The four districts have received grants from the Department of Education that he says will reinforce ORR's acceleration road map from February to April.

Dr. Shari Fedorowicz, ORR's assistant superintendent of Teaching & Learning, said that included in that funding is the ability to enact the "SOA" (Student Opportunity Act), which mandates that schools create plans to bridge achievement gaps with a review process required. ORR's SOA will include "actionable strategies" to address low academic performance related but not limited to English Language Learning.

ORR's SOA plan is due on April 1 and will need committee approval. Nelson said the approval process goes through the district. He assured the committee that its aspirations will find achievement despite the limitations of the budget.

Nelson also discussed the weekly newsletter and ORR's Facebook page, which has 400 likes. He says the page, part of the ORR Connect theme, has helped the district communicate with the parents of Kindergarten children.

The JSC voted to enter an executive session



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for purposes of exceptions #3 (strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation) and #7 (compliance with the law or federal grant-in-aid requirements) and planned to return to open session only to adjourn.

The next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 pm at the ORR Junior High School media room and via Zoom.

## Girls Track Wins SCC Title

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

Cassidy Carroll and Aidan Silk were both named runners of the meet, as the Old Rochester Regional boys and girls indoor-track teams swept Apponequet on January 25. Following the win, ORR's girls track team was named the South Coast Conference champion. The teams' next meet will be the SCC championship meet on Saturday, February 10, hosted by Apponequet Regional High School.

## Swimming

ORR's boys and girls swim teams faced Apponequet on January 25 and both got a win. The boys won 98-60, and the girls won 87-74. The boys are now 5-0, as the girls move to 3-2. The teams' next meet will be against Apponequet on January 30.

## Hockey

The competition has gotten tougher for ORR/Fairhaven, which lost its last two games to Nantucket

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and Nauset Regional, but the Bulldogs are keeping their playoff heads above water and took an 8-6-1 record into Wednesday's rematch with Nantucket at Tabor Academy. Nantucket is ranked second in the MIAA Division 4 power rankings and Nauset first in Division 3.

"We're doing a good job in beating the teams we should beat," said ORR/Fairhaven Coach Zach Ledogar, whose team maintains the 12<sup>th</sup> ranking in Division 4.

Junior forward Caleb Bousquet leads ORR/Fairhaven in scoring with 11-16-27 totals, while junior linemate Connor Galligan is second at 9-16-23. To bolster the attack, Ledogar moved defenseman Barrett Becotte up to forward on the second line, and his 8-11-19 totals reflect well on the decision.



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8:30 AM You and Your Health  
9:00 AM A Conversation With...  
9:30 AM Pete on the Street  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Nancy Putnam  
3:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday February 2, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show  
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Cape Conversations  
11:30 AM A Conversation With...  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck

McIntyre  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
3:30 PM This is America and the World  
4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
5:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Christmas Concert  
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - The Revolutionary Temper with Robert Darnon  
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday February 3, 2024

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
9:00 AM Health Source  
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM A Conversation With...  
11:00 AM Auto Sense  
11:30 AM Science 360  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
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2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
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6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - The Revolutionary Temper with Robert Darnon  
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday February 4, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source  
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian

Church  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
3:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
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8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
9:30 PM Jazz Jam at the Marion Arts Center  
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday February 5, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:00 AM A Conversation With...  
10:30 AM Cape Conversations  
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8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
9:30 PM Building the Future  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 6, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM The Collective Chat  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
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2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology  
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Importance of Being Earnest  
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday February 7, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days  
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard  
4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
5:30 PM Building the Future  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
7:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Christmas Concert  
9:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Nantucket  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
8:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
1:00 PM Marion School Committee  
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
3:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
6:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
8:00 PM Marion Planning Board  
9:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission  
11:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

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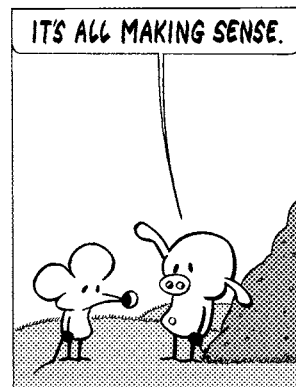
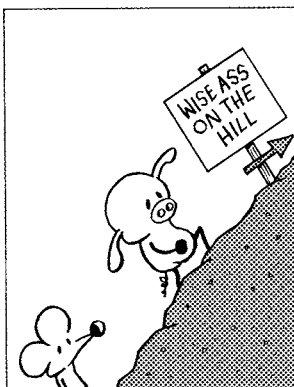
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2:30 PM Rochester Special Town Meeting  
3:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
4:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
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10:00 PM Rochester Special Town Meeting  
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11:30 PM Rochester Planning Board

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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show  
8:00 AM Sippican 6th Grade Promotion  
9:30 AM Sippican Jr. Reporters  
10:30 AM RMS 4th Grade Band Concert  
11:30 AM Old Colony Vision for the Future  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
1:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Wareham  
2:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Somerset  
3:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth  
4:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs GNBV  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
7:00 PM ORR Promenade  
8:00 PM ORR Spring Concert  
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



"Defensively, we're definitely losing a puckmover back there. Barrett's very dynamic and he's a great playmaker," said Ledogar, who feels he has depth with solid defenders. "Plus, I would advocate one of the best goaltenders in the area in Tucker Roy."

Roy, a sophomore, has three shutouts on the season.

The Bulldogs host Bishop Stang on Saturday at 10:00 am at Tabor.

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### Academic Achievements

**Bridget Wallace** of Marion, enrolled in UA Early College during Fall Semester 2023, at The University of Alabama was named to the director's list with an academic record of 3.6 or higher.

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2023 Dean's List which includes; **Andrew Coucci** of Mattapoisett, **Mariana Ditata** of Rochester, **Madison Kimball** of Marion, **Olivia Mydlack** of Rochester, **Quintin Palmer** of Marion, **Ethan Scully** of Mattapoisett and **Mason Tucker** of Marion.

### Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham / New Bedford Lodge No.

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We congratulate **Arielle Troupe**, of Wareham for being selected as Student of the Month for January by the Old Rochester Regional High School Faculty and Staff.



Arielle is one of the captains of the volleyball team, and she is a leader in the AFS Club.

Upon hearing that a teacher at ORR was working on a personal project with homeless families in

## TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



*Student Cattarinha Nunes shares her ancestry with her mother and grandmother during Old Rochester Regional High School's recent Genealogy Celebration event. Photos courtesy ORR District*



*From left, student Kelly Quinlan, teacher Kathleen Brunelle and student Sara Kroll.*



*Student Traeh Carrington and his mother Patricia.*



*Student Lila Bangs shares her ancestry findings with her family.*

a neighboring town, Arielle came to school the next day with a bunch of food items to donate to the families. She goes out of her way to thank teachers for their help each time she asks a question or asks for help.

### Correction

Sarah Brown is the local artist whose work featuring a boat against a golden sunset appeared on Page 28 of the January 18 issue of The Wanderer. Brown participated in the recent Marion Art Center Members Show.

### Archaeological Sites in and Around Marion

Marion Natural History Museum community program. Friday **February 9**, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Archaeological sites in and around Marion. Principal investigator Erin Flynn of The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. will be discussing some of the local Native American sites and reviewing a few articles from the museum's collections. A suggested donation of \$10.00 to the museum will be much appreciated.

### Machacam Club

The February Machacam Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 7**. We meet in the Legion Hall located on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5 pm with dinner served at 6 pm with our speaker beginning at 6:45 pm. Chef Colby will be preparing our meal for the evening. All are welcome. Email [cwmccullough@comcast.net](mailto:cwmccullough@comcast.net) for reservations or with questions.

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

All day in the children's On Friday, **February 2**, we will be celebrating Groundhog Day with minigolf in the library. department.

On Saturday, **February 3** join us for Take your Child to the Library Day. Play together with kits and toys from our Library of Things and celebrate the kick-off of Black History Month with crafts and giveaways.

Drop in for treats and crafts and meet some new titles at our Blind Date with a Book Event, Tuesday through Thursday, **February 13-15**. Explore our diverse collection showcasing a wide range of authors and genres, you might just fall in love.

Join us to celebrate Black History Month at the Elizabeth Taber Library. All month long check out new releases, displays, programs, giveaways and more.

Storytimes for all ages are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or call us at 508-748-1252

### Exciting February Lineup for Teens at the Mattapoisett Library

As February unfolds, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is thrilled to announce an array of engaging events tailored exclusively for teenagers and beyond.

Kicking off the month on Tuesday, **February 6** at 6 pm, our Teen Advisory Board will meet to brainstorm and chart an inspiring course for the future. Newcomers are encouraged to join this dynamic forum, where fresh perspectives are not only valued but essential. Those interested simply need to come to the meeting. If you would like to be added to the email list or looking for more information, contact Michelle Skaar at [mkskaar@sailsinc.org](mailto:mkskaar@sailsinc.org).



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# OBITUARIES



**Anne M. (Blouin) Chase**, 83, of Mattapoisett, MA died peacefully January 23, 2024 at home surrounded by her family.

Born in New Bedford, Anne was the daughter of the late Edward R. and Frances M. (Kelly) Blouin. She was the wife of the late John F. "Jack" Chase of Mattapoisett. Anne and Jack started dating while they attended Holy Family High School, in New Bedford, MA, and celebrated 58 years of marriage before Jack passed away in 2020.

After graduating from Holy Family High School, Anne attended Bridgewater State College where she studied to become a teacher, and met many lifelong friends who remain close to this day.

Anne enjoyed reading, traveling, playing golf, and was an avid Red Sox fan. She was happiest when her family and friends would gather at her home in Mattapoisett. She had the natural ability to make everyone feel welcome and was always ready to play her favorite board and card games. She will be remembered as kind, generous and compassionate to everyone she met.

Anne taught at the James B. Congdon Elementary School in New Bedford, MA for 30 years before retiring. She was a dedicated teacher, who shared her love of history and learning with her students. She cared about each student and always enjoyed hearing from former students.

Over the years, she cherished time with her children and grandchildren. Together, she and Jack were their biggest supporters. They attended countless dance recitals, sports games, graduations and every milestone in between. Anne even loved getting to know all of their family pets.

She is survived by two children, her daughter Kelly A. (Chase) Cox and her husband Michael of Lakeville, MA, and her son John E. Chase and his wife Susan of Medway, MA; and five grandchildren, Michael Chase, Kaitlyn (Cox) Johnson and her husband Riley, Jacqueline Chase, Andrew Cox and Alison Cox.

Her family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers at Atria Assisted Living in Fairhaven for all of their help and support. Over the past few years, Anne genuinely enjoyed her friendships and the comforting sense of community there.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, January 29th in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St. Mattapoisett. Burial followed in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, January 28th the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to the Southcoast Health Cancer Center, c/o Southcoast Health Philanthropy, 141 Page St., New Bedford, MA 02740 or southcoast.org/giving. For directions and guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Paul A. Naiman**, age 73, of Marion, died peacefully at home January 24, 2024 after a sudden and devastating recurrence of cancer that had been in remission two months before. He was the loving husband of Sandra G. Smith, to whom he was married happily for over 47 years.

Born in Boston, son of the late Melvin S. and Rita (Quitt) Naiman, he grew up in Newton. After earning a Bachelor's degree at UMass Amherst, he was living in Winchester when he met his lifelong love, Sandy. They lived in Gloucester, Rockport, and Lakeville before finding home in seaside Marion, MA. Over a 37 year career in the food industry, he led marketing across diverse products, from fish sticks to cranberry juice to chocolate fudge. Job changes saw the family move to California, Nebraska, Illinois, and Georgia before finally retiring home to Marion again.

Paul was a compassionate and caring person who was deeply involved with his family and community. For his sons, he coached baseball, shared his love of music and hobbies like sailing and woodworking, and was a creative and adventurous chef. In retirement, he volunteered in and around Marion supporting elderly services, town committees, the food pantry, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Over the past three years, he was overjoyed to entertain his two grandsons with crafts and bedtime stories. He most of all loved being on and around the ocean, by himself or with his family.

Survivors include his wife, son Alexander and his wife Lena Ireland of Hingham, MA, son Zachary and his wife Kelsey Shea of Barrington, RI, sister Doris and her husband Mark Shapiro of Wilbraham, MA, brother Daniel and his wife Judy LaKind of Catonsville, MD, sister Janice of Maynard, MA, grandsons Milo and Connor, nephews Jesse and Josh, and numerous and widespread cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held for friends and family, by the bay that he loved, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul's memory can be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute or Brigham and Women's Hospital. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Nancy M. (McAdam) Gorden**, 86, of Mattapoisett died January 27, 2024 at Our Ladys Haven.

She was the wife of the late Norman F. Gorden.

Born in Taunton, daughter of the late Harold V. and Catherine (Rogers) McAdam, she lived in Taunton and Waltham before moving to Mattapoisett.



Gear up for an adventure on Saturday, **February 10** at 1pm, as we unveil "Dungeon Master 101: A Dungeon Master Training." Delve into the intricacies of crafting immersive Dungeons & Dragons campaigns with a seasoned expert. From mastering the art of scenario creation to adeptly managing nonplayer characters, participants will glean invaluable insights honed over decades of gameplay. This enriching program promises an epic journey into the realms of imagination. No registration is required; simply bring your enthusiasm and embark on this epic quest.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **February 13** at 3:30 pm, to join cartoonist Cara Bean for Doodle and Tranquility Workshop. In this hands-on, visual thinking, mindfulness workshop, Cara will walk participants through a series of creative exercises intended to lessen anxiety, build confidence, and grow creativity. Together, you'll go over the basics of communicative drawing (stick figures allowed) and develop the skills needed to doodle as a form of play and problem-solving. No prior art experience is required. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at [mskaar@sailsinc.org](mailto:mskaar@sailsinc.org). You can also find more information on our website at [MattapoisettLibrary.org](http://MattapoisettLibrary.org).

### MLT Winter Mindfulness Walk

Come out of your winter hibernation den and join MLT and the wonderful Yoga Nidra instructor, Carly Baumann, on a Winter Mindfulness Walk. The walk is free and open to people of all ages and abilities. The walk will be on Sunday, **February 4** from 10:00-11:00 am at the Munn Preserve, located at the end of Mattapoisett Neck Rod before Antassawamock - parking is available. We will take a walk on the trail and Carly will lead participants through mindfulness exercises.

Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Shake off those winter blues. Email [manager@](mailto:manager@)

[mattlandtrust.org](http://mattlandtrust.org) with any questions.

### Mattapoisett Congregational Church Pancake Supper

It has been 3 years since we held our very popular Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The pancake supper will be on Tuesday, **February 13** (day before Ash Wednesday), from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, in Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. All are welcome to attend for pancakes, sausage, toppings, drinks, and fellowship. Freewill offering will be accepted to help support the church's work.

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving something up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself and to use up the foods that were typically not allowed in Lent.

For more information, please call the church office Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 1:00 at 508-758-2671.

### Marion Town Clerk's Office

This will be a busy year as there will be two Primaries and two Elections in Marion. The dates are as follows:

-Presidential Primary: Tuesday, **March 5**

-Marion Town Election: Friday, **May 17**

-State Primary: Tuesday, **September 3**

-State (Presidential) Election: Tuesday, **November 5**

Within the next two weeks, the State will be mailing postcards to every registered voter in Massachusetts giving you the option of voting by mail for all three of the State Elections and Primaries and the Marion Town Election in 2024. Please note: the Post Office cannot legally forward this postcard to your "temporary" address if you leave Marion for the winter, so you will need to go online to [www.sec.state.ma.gov](http://www.sec.state.ma.gov) to request a mail in ballot(s). If you are not enrolled in one of the 3 Political Parties (Democratic, Republican or Libertarian),

## OBITUARIES

Nancy was full of beauty and grace. She had an incredible eye for fashion and jewelry. She was formerly employed as a fashion buyer for Grover Cronin in Waltham, Fosters Clothing Store and later manager at Carter's Jewelers.

Her favorite moments in recent years were making memories with family, including the family pets that she loved dearly, either at her home in Mattapoisett or at the family property in Vermont where she had spent summers as a child.

When her husband Norman was alive they enjoyed sailing trips together or just going down the road a bit for a lobster roll and ice cream at Oxford Creamery.

Survivors include her 2 daughters, Kristen Gorden Hallam and her husband David of Assonet and Susan Gorden Ryan of Mattapoisett; 6 grandchildren, Shane Patrick Ryan,

Chase Hunter Ryan, Cassidy Gorden Hallam, Alie Drew and her husband Nick, and Madeline Hallam; and a great-grand-child, Cora Drew.

Her private funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 30th followed by burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Green Mountain Conservation Camp Endowment Fund [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)

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



# MOVIE REVIEW

## Maestro

By Rob Gonsalves  
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**Dario Argento Panico.** A documentary directed by Simone Scafidi. Running time: 98 minutes. No MPAA rating. Streaming on Shudder starting February 2.

The footage of a young Dario Argento in *Dario Argento Panico* provides an amusing contrast to the old *maestro* he is now (he is 83). The acclaimed but notorious Italian director of such gory fever dreams as *Suspiria* and *The Stendhal Syndrome* definitely had a lean and hungry look in his '70s-'80s prime, a tense and intense face (slap a mustache on him back then and you had Poe) topped by history's goofiest mullet. Now he has filled out, wrinkled and grayed, and looks like the grandfather he is, but his eyes remain haunted. (The same is true of present-day Werner Herzog.) Argento's fans may be disappointed with his output in the last decade or so, but he's still recognizably the same man who turned murder into beauty in *Suspiria*. He still has some wild magical darkness in his aura.

*Panico* is more or less a standard talking-heads tribute to Argento, who is seen here checking into a fancy hotel to work on a new script, just like the old days. He sits for director Simone Scafidi (who also made a doc about Argento peer Lucio Fulci), as do some of Argento's family, collaborators, friends, and fans. Not just any fans, of course — Scafidi lands international cult directors Guillermo del Toro, Nicholas Winding Refn, and Gaspar Noé, who directed Argento in 2021's drama *Vortex*. It's del Toro who tees up the best Argento quote of the evening: "Everything in Argento's movies is trying to kill you." Yes, indeed, especially if you're a woman.

Yes, Argento routinely contrived epically horrific deaths for many female characters, and even "played" their murderer's hands on more than one occasion. He himself claimed he wanted to get across how terrible the violence was. Well. The social part of him may have said and believed that, but the artist side of him didn't care, it scratched some deep dark itch. Given that his daughter Asia points out how many times a girl or woman is front and center in his films, whose terror and vulnerability against a ghastly killer are always heightened and taken



very seriously, I doubt Argento hates women. He talks about watching his photographer mother take pictures of the leading models and actresses of the day. Mom made female beauty pop; son makes it bleed. This, the movie shows us, is a man about whom his daughters and even his ex-wife speak fondly. Like many other artists, he obeys Flaubert's advice to "be regular and orderly in your life like a bourgeois, so that you may be violent and original in your work."

The documentary mostly deals with Argento's peak and greatest hits. It finds time to mention his atypical *Five Days of Milan*, but passes over late-period Argento like *Giallo* and *Dracula* (Argento and I are probably the only ones who liked that one) in respectful silence. There have been a number of other film profiles of Argento; the first major one was probably *Dario Argento's World of Horror* from 1985. This one takes its title from the emotion Argento wants to throttle out of the viewer — not just fear or horror but *panic*, a feeling of powerlessness in a malign universe. Argento wanted to evoke apocalyptic anxiety, and in his best work he did.

The artist documentary to beat, of course, is Terry Zwigoff's *Crumb*, though perhaps Zwigoff had the advantage of having unforgettably squirmy material to work with. Simone Scafidi doesn't unearth any unsavory bits about Argento's past; this is essentially a puff piece. The anecdotes are informative (though some producer says something I didn't really get about Argento and *Se7en*), the analysis often on-target when it comes from ascended fanboy del Toro. (I enjoy hearing him talk movies almost as much as I enjoy his movies.) We can't escape, though, the inconvenient feeling that the filmmaker *Panico* celebrates stopped being that filmmaker long ago. Argento *could* make his late-inning masterpiece. Anything's possible. I'm certainly rooting for him.

you must indicate which party ballot you would like to receive for the Presidential Primary and the State Primary; otherwise we will only send ballots for the local election and November election since they are nonpartisan.

If you are in the Military or living overseas, please email the Town Clerk's Office regarding getting a ballot or request one thru [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) as the process has changed to ensure greater ballot security.

Nomination papers are available for the Marion Town Election. They will be due back on Monday **March 25** by 5:00 pm. The open seats are as follows:

- Board of Assessors (1)
- Board of Health (1)
- Select Board (1)
- Marion School Committee (2)
- Moderator (1)
- Open Space Acquisition Commission (1)
- Planning Board (2)

Please return your annual census (street list) and license your dog (cats are not required to be licensed in Massachusetts.)

### Stone Soup

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library's Sustainability Partnership and the Mattapoissett Congregational Church's Just Peace Team will host "Stone Soup," a robust and nourishing free community luncheon served in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoissett

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Congregational Church, 27 Church Street on Thursday, **February 29**, from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

From **February 5 through the 25**, the Partnership and the Just Peace Team will direct their energies toward food rescue. Here is how everyone can help: First, go through your cupboards and collect cans of soup or cans of vegetables that are near their expiration date. Second, bring those canned soups or canned vegetables to either 1, The Mattapoissett Congregational Church, enter the Mechanic Street door, Monday and Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm and place cans on a wooden table outside the kitchen, or 2, drop off canned items at the Mattapoissett COA, Monday-Friday, 8 am - 3 pm or 3, the Mattapoissett Library, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday 1

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Jan 21-Jan 27

- Front St – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Island Wharf Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Road hazard
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- West Ave – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Mill St - Fraud
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Dexter Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – General service
- Converse Rd – MV collision
- Marconi Ln – MV collision
- Village Dr – Family disturbance
- Holly Pond Rd – EMS/medical
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – General service
- Bayview Rd – EMS/medical
- Hastings Rd – MV collision
- Front St – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Main St – Officer wanted
- Front St – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – Parking enforcement
- 195 West – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St - Fraud
- Spring St – EMS/medical

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Jan 21-Jan 27

- North St – MV violations
- Barstow St – Disabled MV
- Shaw St - Disturbance
- North St – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Water St – Medical alarm
- Massasoit Way – Abandoned 911
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Main St – MV violations
- Massasoit Way – Abandoned 911
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Baker Ln – Medical assist
- Main St – General service
- Cove St – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – General service
- Innes Rd – Assist citizen
- Abby Ln – Health/welfare
- North St – MV violations
- Justin Ave – General service
- Second St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Rd – 911 call
- Chapel Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Pine Island Rd – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Mattapoissett Neck – Animal control

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Jan 21-Jan 27

- Marion Rd – Water rescue
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Lost animal
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Burgess Ave – Road hazard
- North Ave – General services
- Marion Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Follow up
- Pine St – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Medical alarm
- Pine St - Medical
- Forbes Rd – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Noble Rd – Burglar alarm
- Marion Rd – General services
- Hartley Rd – Erratic MV
- County Rd – MV collision
- Ryder Rd – Assist other agency
- Robinson Rd – General services
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd - Harassment
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- High St – Animal control
- Benson Rd – Burglar alarm
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Ryder Rd – 911 call

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, Feb 5:** Veggie chili, ditalini pasta, multi grain bread, fresh apple

**Tuesday, Feb 6:** Spaghetti & meatballs w/tomato sauce, Italian blend vegetable, scali bread, raisins

**Wednesday, Feb 7:** Corn chowder, BBQ pork rib, glazed carrots, snowflake roll, pineapple

**Thursday, Feb 8:** Carne Asada, cheesy mashed potato, mixed vegetables, multigrain bread, applesauce

**Friday, Feb 9:** Chinese chicken w/broccoli, fried rice, Oriental vegetables, oatmeal roll, Mandarin oranges

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb 5:** Homemade chicken soup served with whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

**Tuesday, Feb 6:** Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Feb 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, Feb 8:** Creamy mac & cheese w/side of Tyson whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, garlic stick  
**Friday, Feb 9:** Cheese pizza, roasted chickpeas, steamed broccoli

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Feb 5:** Homemade chicken soup served with whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

**Tuesday, Feb 6:** Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Feb 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, Feb 8:** Creamy mac & cheese w/side of Tyson whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, garlic stick

**Friday, Feb 9:** Cheese pizza, roasted chickpeas, steamed broccoli

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Feb 5:** Homemade chicken soup served with whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

**Tuesday, Feb 6:** Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Feb 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, Feb 8:** Creamy mac & cheese w/side of Tyson whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, garlic stick

**Friday, Feb 9:** Hot Buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Feb 5:** Homemade chicken soup served with whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

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**Wednesday, Feb 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, Feb 8:** Creamy mac & cheese w/side of Tyson whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, garlic stick

**Friday, Feb 9:** Cheese pizza, roasted chickpeas, steamed broccoli

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb 5:** Homemade chicken soup served with whole grain mozzarella stix, bread

**Tuesday, Feb 6:** Taco nacho platter, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Feb 7:** Pancakes, maple syrup, yogurt cup, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, Feb 8:** Creamy mac & cheese w/side of Tyson whole grain chicken nuggets, savory green beans, garlic stick

**Friday, Feb 9:** Cheese pizza, roasted chickpeas, steamed broccoli

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Feb 5:** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & biscuit

**Tuesday, Feb 6:** Mini corn dogs, fries & baked beans

**Wednesday, Feb 7:** Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

**Thursday, Feb 8:** Loaded buffalo chicken tator tots OR shredded buffalo chicken sandwich & fries

**Friday, Feb 9:** Assorted pizza

pm - 3:30 pm.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library's Sustainability Partnership is committed to educating and practicing ways to cut down on food waste and promoting responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources. Like a growing number of organizations and companies around the world, the Sustainability Partnership has voluntarily adopted and implemented a broad range of sustainability practices.

To attend the free soup luncheon on Thursday, February 29, from 11:30 am to 1 pm, please register online at [tinyurl.com/m8sfud5r](http://tinyurl.com/m8sfud5r).

For more information, call the library at 508 758-4171 (option 2.)

### Plumb Library Events & Fundraisers

Take Your Child to the Library Day. Come celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, **February 3** from 10 am to 2 pm. From 12-1 pm, join Mr. Vinny, the Bubble Guy, for winter bubble fun. Learn about our kids' book groups, Book Buds. Enjoy a free snack by the library's youth group, the Jr. Friends, then participate in a bookish seek and find inside the library to earn a special treat. Learn about our February bookmark design event (happening February 1-21), and bring home a Clay Owl Kit from our recent program with the New Bedford Art Museum.

Win a Valentine's Day Dinner & Dessert Package. Purchase 1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10 from February 1 through February 12. The drawing will be held at the end of the day on **February 12**. All proceeds benefit the Friends in support of Library programs and events.

### Marion Police Department

Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli is pleased to announce that assessors from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) will conduct an on-site, multiday assessment of various aspects of the Marion Police Department's policies and procedures, operations and facilities next month.

The MPAC Assessment Team is scheduled to conduct the on-site assessment from **Feb. 27-29**.



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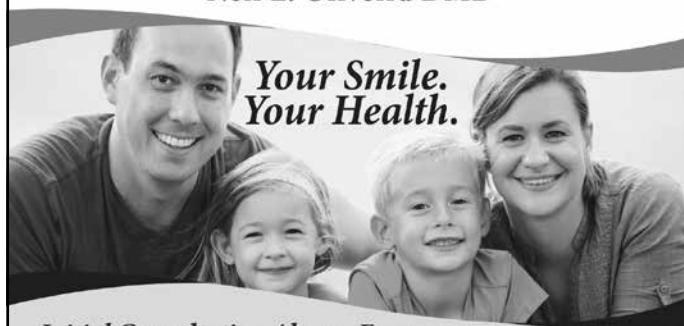
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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Mattapoisett Museum Curator Connor Gaudet and volunteer Bob Clifford unpack the custom model of the Whale Bark Wanderer 1878 recreated by artist George Lowery from scratch and donated to the museum. The model arrived on Tuesday afternoon from Arizona in a crate weighing a total of 181 pounds. The model joins two other models of the famous whaling ship in the museum, including a model built and donated by John D. Young. Photos by Mick Colageo



The Frosty Runner Road Race was held on January 27 to benefit the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Cross Country Team. Photos courtesy Robert Pina



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The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 274 mandatory standards and 120 optional standards. To achieve Accreditation status, the department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 55% of the optional standards.

Marion Police received State Certification in June 2014 and full State Accreditation in June 2015. Accreditation is up for renewal every three years, and the department was successfully re-accredited in 2018 and again in 2021.

Anyone interested in learning more about this program is invited to contact the department's Accreditation Manager, Lt. Jeffrey Habicht, at 508-748-1212. Information about the program can also be found on the MPAC website.

### The Buzz about Bees

A local beekeeper will speak at our Sippican Woman's Club meeting on Friday, **February 9**. We meet at 12:15 pm for finger-foods, tea/coffee and sweets and a

time to socialize. A business meeting follows at 1:00 pm. At 1:30 pm, our program on bees will begin.

Nerija Kupryte-Hopkins known as Nettie lives in Rochester with her husband Tom. Nettie has a knack with our Native bees. Nettie learned the art and science of beekeeping from her father in her native country of Lithuania. Nettie's early learning was embellished in attending the university where she studied agriculture and earned degrees in bees and pollination.

It was years later, after marriage and two children, she landed in Rochester and her skills and interest in bees were rekindled, as she worked with local cranberry growers. Today she not only assists local growers and aspiring beekeepers, she also harvests her



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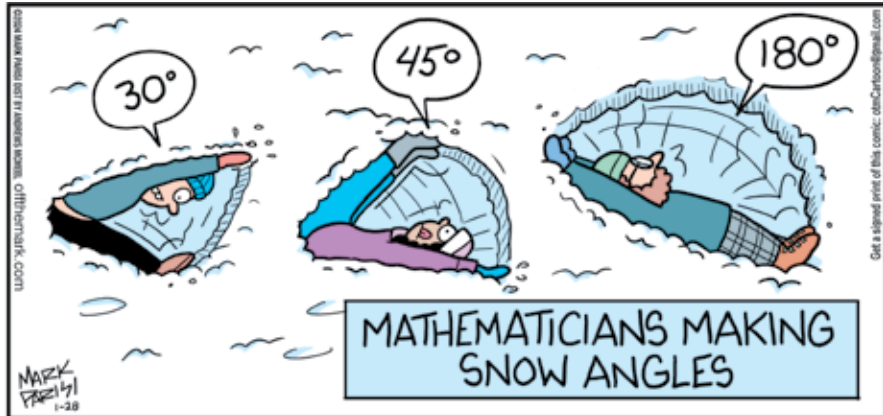
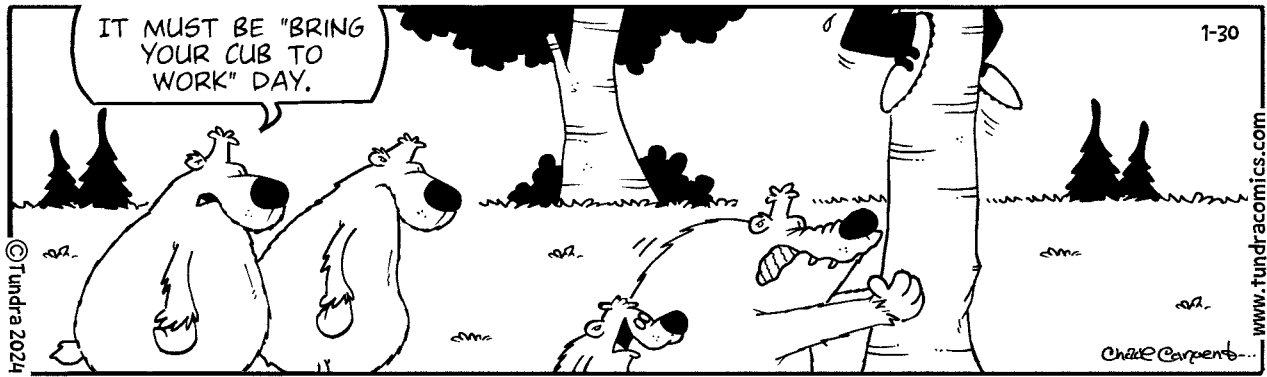
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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



own honey and has a "honey house" where she sells natural by-products from her hives --- candles, lip balms, creams, elderberry syrup, tinctures, pollen, tea, beeswax and honey. There she offers bee therapy as the sounds and smells of bees are used for calming. A hive has up to 50,000 bees. Nettie and Tom have about 300,000 bees in their on-site hives. A hive contains about 50,000 bees.

Bring your questions re: bees, their predators (ticks and mites), honey (why we should buy local honey not commercial or Chinese, etc.), what flowering plants attract bees, upkeep of hives in winter, feeding in winter months, keeping the hive population in check, etc.

Our meetings are open to the public. We meet at our clubhouse a/k/a "Handy's Tavern", 152 Front Street, Marion. Parking is available in the lot across from the Music Hall at the bandstand off Island Wharf Road. Membership is open to any woman whose interests are in the Town of Marion. We normally meet on the second Friday of the month during the months of September to March with an Annual meeting on the last Friday in April. See our website at [www.sippicanwomansclub.org](http://www.sippicanwomansclub.org).

### Afterschool Programs at the MNHM

**February 14, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Owl Pellet Dissection.**

Owls do not have teeth to chew their food, instead, they swallow it whole. They commonly consume mice, voles, small birds, and other prey. Bones, teeth, fur, and feathers are formed into an oval mass that the owl later regurgitates as a pellet and are often found below owl roosting spots. Dissecting the pellets is important for scientific study because they give us a picture of what animals the owl has been consuming and in what frequency. We'll be identifying the bones and teeth of the prey animals to get an idea of the types of prey the owl has been consuming. This program is limited to 10 and recommended for grades 2 and up. Each pellet is dry heat sterilized and gloves will be provided.

**February 28, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Protecting Terrapins.**

Deb Ewing oversees a diamondback terrapin conservation area in Marion and has partnered with the New England Coastal Wildlife alliance to protect Diamondback Terrapins. She will be sharing information regarding

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the efforts she and others have made to protect this threatened species. She has created a "turtle garden" on conservation land in Marion and joined forces with NECWA, New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance to conduct population studies, locate nests and to install protection equipment to protect these important animals from predators. Let's learn about these animals and meet some of the people working to protect them.

**March 13, 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Astronomy 101,** Amateur astronomer Peter Marshall will be sharing his knowledge of our universe with our group. We will be focusing on the gigantic size of the universe and the distances to certain planets, stars, nebulae and galaxies. We'll also be scanning his pictures for evidence of aliens.



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# Super Crossword

## ACROSS

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8 Skylit courts  
13 Astronaut Wally  
20 "The Stranger Beside Me" true-crime writer  
21 Flowers in the iris family  
22 Some sweatshirts  
23 Swift warship for law enforcement?  
25 Finales  
26 Makes mother's milk  
27 Comic Radner  
29 "How about that!"  
30 Lugosi of "The Raven"  
33 Hefty books  
34 Defectively built flat-bottomed boat?  
36 Pumpkin's color  
38 Resident of Tehran  
40 Makes a choice  
41 Light, speedy boat transporting Oreos?  
45 Just barely

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49 United  
50 In a smoothly elegant way  
53 Neon, e.g.  
56 French mime master  
59 High-sterned ship orbiting Earth?  
61 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" star Andy  
65 Central Canadian tribe  
67 Upscale hotel  
68 Small combo  
69 Discovering a sharp-bowed rowboat?  
74 Safe, at sea  
75 Do a tally of  
77 "Get what I'm sayin', man?"  
78 Zealous  
80 Paint a passenger ship?  
83 Soapmaking solution  
86 Auditing org.  
87 Message on a tombstone  
89 Kabuki sash  
90 Enthusiasm  
95 Prison, in London

- 96 Very fast ship decorated with shrubbery?  
99 Coll. reunion attendee  
102 Father Sarducci of old 3-Down  
104 Quick-witted  
105 Racing boat with lots of mollusks attached?  
109 Fill with joy  
113 Lyric verses  
114 Billiards stick  
115 They make up molecules  
116 Abstruse  
118 Reproductive organs  
120 Sub-sinking ship full of aquariums?  
125 Lay aside  
126 Bert's pal  
127 Introductions  
128 In clothes  
129 Actors O'Neal and Reynolds  
130 Says "OK"

## DOWN

- 1 Jay-Z's music  
2 Year, in Portugal  
3 NBC skit show, in brief  
4 Indian Ocean island nation  
5 — Brasi (role in "The Godfather")

- 6 One voted in  
7 Book page opposite a verso  
8 Severe  
9 Samples something  
10 Singer Diana  
11 With 13-Down, thick glacial mass along a polar shore  
12 BB shooter  
13 See 11-Down  
14 Magazine publisher  
15 Wannabe surfer  
16 Exiled Amin  
17 Key into a cash register  
18 Acting king  
19 Good traits  
24 He-sheep  
28 "— may be so bold ..."  
30 — Raton  
31 Lovers' deity  
32 Neighbor of Thailand  
34 Clayey fertilizer  
35 Herd of seals  
37 "— a break!"  
39 Gave a new interior design to  
42 Welsh canine  
43 Mom's bro  
44 Ball supporter

- 45 Org. for cavity fillers  
46 Doc's warm treatment  
47 "For" votes  
51 Like thrift store goods  
52 — facto  
53 Sly deception  
54 Prices to play  
55 Variety of trapshooting  
57 Spot's noise  
58 Etching liquid  
60 Husband of Eva Perón  
61 Actress Keanan  
62 Enthusiasm  
63 Gold-fancying king  
64 Boxers' event  
66 Waffle brand  
70 No, to Nikita  
71 Torres with 12 Olympic swimming medals  
72 Antique item  
73 "Hooray!"  
76 "Guilty" or "not guilty"  
79 Onetime TV host Philbin  
81 Debut on Wall St.  
82 Zippo  
84 Woofing pet  
85 Actor Vigoda  
88 Olympic skier Mahre

- 91 Meeting building regulations  
92 Tater  
93 Head, in Metz  
94 Mining strikes  
95 Big inits. in SUVs  
97 Certain deer leather  
98 Hamlet's duel opponent  
99 Peace treaty  
100 Shutter piece  
101 Fidgetiness  
102 Valuable rock  
103 Long, loose outerwear  
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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Is that Arian self-esteem in need of shoring up? Best advice: Do something that will make someone feel good about themselves. It will make you feel proud that you did it.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's time to prove to your detractors that you're way ahead of them when it comes to getting things done. So, be sure to avoid surprise distractions and complete that project as soon as possible.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be careful not to waste your precious energy on frivolous matters that don't advance your goals. Stay focused. There'll be enough time for fun and games after you reach your objective.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You've done well on your own, but now could be a good time to consider advice from confidantes, as long as you continue to let your own instincts be your primary guide.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A belated New Year's "gift" could create a problem if you feel unwilling or unable to adjust your plans and accommodate the new development.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) There's a possibility that you could be goaded into making a statement you might regret. It's important to stay cool no matter how heated the conversation gets.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent sad experience can become a valuable lesson. Examine it well and take what you've learned to help you make an important upcoming decision.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Lingering problems in a personal or professional partnership still need to be resolved so you can move on. Insist on more cooperation from everyone involved.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) That recent problem that made you feel emotionally trapped and physically exhausted is gone. Don't dwell on it. Instead, make new plans and set up other goals.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your creative talents combine with a strong domestic aspect this week, which means you can start on those home-improvement projects that you've been planning for a long time.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to anticipate an upcoming change in the near future. This could mean taking on a new career, going off to a new city or moving into a new home.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Soon, you should be learning more about the motives of those who continue to pressure you into making a decision that you're still unsure about. Use this information wisely.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** The flow of your generosity seems to have no limit. However, you're smart enough to know when it's time to cap it. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

**March 27, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Bird Nests and Eggs.** The museum has a unique collection of birds' eggs and nests. We'll be taking a close look at these and using a variety of natural materials see if we can construct our own nests. We will also be looking at a variety of bird egg designs, colors and sizes, and why these features may be important. Program limited to 15 students.

**April 10, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Exploring Wetland Amphibians.** Did you know that the small pools you find in the woods, the ones that usually dry up by late summer, start the whole forest food chain. Let's take a look at these important local habitats and how they help nearly every forest animal and as well as ourselves. We will be conducting several hands-on experiments involving water, soils, and taking a close look at the small animals that provide so much to our forest ecosystems. Please dress to make a mess. Program is limited to 15 students.

Enroll in any and all of our upcoming programs through the Museum's website: [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org). See you soon.

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

"Bog iron is a form of impure iron deposit that can develop in bogs or swamps by the chemical or biochemical oxidations of iron carried in solution". Why is this of interest to Rochester history?

The iron -bearing groundwater that helps to create bog iron typically emerges as a spring or bog of which Rochester has many. The presence of bog iron in the regions' swamps, ponds, lakes and rivers was one of the reasons that the Proprietors and other settlers were interested in purchasing the lands of the area that would become Old Rochester.

The existence of bog iron led to the creation of several foundries or furnaces in the area. The iron ore, naturally occurring, would be retrieved from the water using long handled tongs. Depending on the depth of the water this could be dangerous. More than one drowning has been attributed to the attempt to bring up ore.

Lake Quitticus had probably the largest deposits of ore, but several sections of Rochester had foundries on ponds or streams. In 1725, Major Edward Winslow of Snipatuit was given permission to set up an iron mill "on the Mattapoissett River", but it doesn't appear that any iron



work was done there. However, north of there at the site of the Hartley Sawmill, there are traces of an old "iron industry" and this is most likely where Major Winslow's iron works were located.

At an early date, there was an iron works mill at Leonard's Pond, known as Sippican Mills. By 1821, in that location, there was a forge, a trip-hammer and a foundry, all on the Sippican River. The trip-hammer converted the recovered ore into "blooms" (masses of iron of oblong shape.) The blooms were sent onto Wareham to be made into nails.

Another active area of iron work was in North Rochester. It began with a mill contract between Abisha Tinkham of Middleboro and Benjamin Coombs of Rochester who were first owners of a sawmill-gristmill dam on the Black River now known as the Black Brook. Both men agreed to join with others, including Joseph Peirce and Hopestill Bisbee of Rochester to build a dam for "making and casting hollow ware or cast iron". At the Stillwater Mills, the blast furnace became known as "Stillwater Furnace." The Stillwater name came from the slow passage of the water in the river. It moved so slowly that you couldn't hear it.

This furnace operated only in the winter when the water levels were high. The crude ore was melted in a "pudding" furnace and iron castings were made. By 1778, the Stillwater Mills, including the smelting furnace, the gristmill and shingle mill were earning healthy profits for

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Derek & Kylen Gregoire. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling, in-ground swimming pool and driveway, to install a sewage disposal system and underground utilities, to fill and grade and to restore the coastal bank which has incurred erosion from the most recent coastal storm events.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 17) & within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank & Coastal Beach.

The property is located at Goodspeed Island and is further identified as Lot #28A on Assessors Map #10. 2/1

### TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm. This meeting is IN PERSON.

Case #1533: Application of: Sakonnet Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 4023, New Bedford, MA 02740 RE: 26 County Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 3.1.2.1. as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to allow the upgrade to this existing structure to support multi-use, commercial & residential use. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 4 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, February 15, 2024

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely,  
Susan Akin, Chairperson, Anthony Tranfaglia, Co Chair  
Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues  
2/1, 2/8

## LEGAL NOTICES

### TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Meeting Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Josiah Hatch to fill approximately eight sinkholes behind sea wall to be filled with aggregate and clean fill. No work on the sea wall expected, at 168 Allen's Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lots 35 on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair

\*Please contact Terri Santos at tsantos@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 2/1

### TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1202

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Robert & Christine Thompson, for property located at 24 Bennett Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 44A, Lot 53, who are seeking a Use Variance under the provisions of Chapter 18.10, Section B.3., and Chapter 20.40, F.6., for a one-bedroom in-law apartment, a use not specifically allowed under the By-Laws, and a Variance for the minimum required side setback for the proposed one-bedroom in-law apartment, under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on February 15, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.

David Arancio, Chairman 2/1, 2/8

### TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1203

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Michael Walsh, for property located at 405 Neck Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 26, Lot 17, who is seeking a Variance for the construction of a garage greater than 1000 square feet allowed under Chapter 20.40, Section E.2, of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

## LEGAL NOTICES

The public hearing will be on February 15, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.

David Arancio, Chairman 2/1, 2/8

### TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Robert & Lisa J. Barboza. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicants propose to demolish the existing dwelling, to construct a single-family dwelling, to install underground utilities and to fill and grade.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 17) & partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank & Coastal Beach.

The property is located at 5 & 7 Shore View Avenue which is further identified as Lot #26 on Assessors Map #12. 2/1

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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the men who owned them. In the early 1800's the mills employed 40 men.

Over the years the original owners sold to others. They were able to operate the furnace successfully until the supply of bog ore was used up. The furnace closed and by 1818 it was torn down. After that, various people bought the remaining mills at auction. They were fitted with turbine wheels and operated as sawmills cutting logs into boards.

The end of this industrial era came when the City of New Bedford took over Great Quittacas to create a drinking water reservoir. The buildings were demolished because it was feared they would hurt the purity of the water.

The picture shows all that remains today. Hidden by water, trees and bushes is the foundation of the furnace. Our current exhibit (available to visit by appointment) contains a map showing the various locations of the mills which over the years were a source of jobs to many.

### MLT: Dates to Save for 2024

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mattapoisett Land Trust throughout 2024, there are dates worth saving for events that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for: Tour de Creme on Sunday **May 19** (with the Friends of the Bike Path); MLT's 50th Birthday Party on Sunday **June 30**; find us at Harbor Days on **July 20 &**



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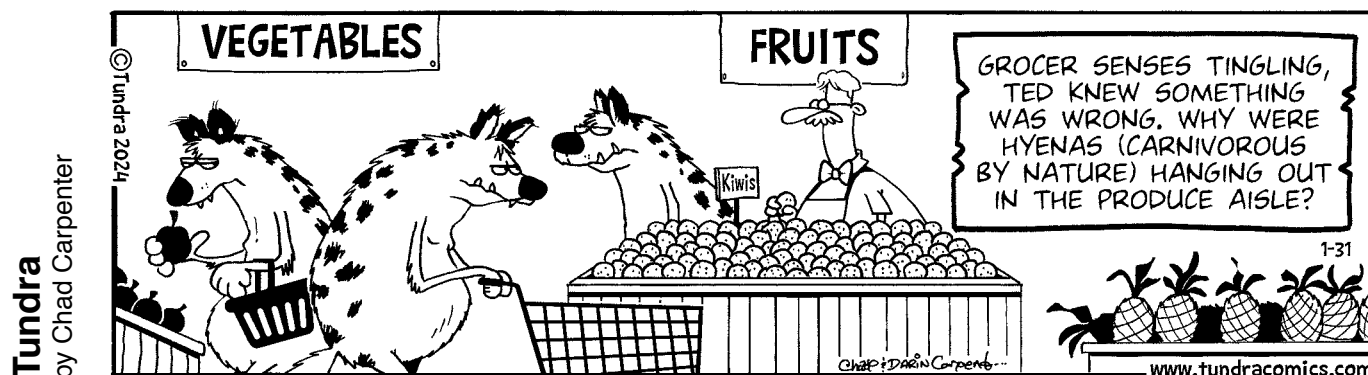
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21 and the Great Community Picnic on Thursday **August 1** (with the Mattapoisett Museum.) More details to come about all of our big events and many smaller programs and events to be announced. It's going to be a fun year with MLT, so stay tuned in. Follow MLT on Facebook and Instagram, and check out the events calendar on our website.

### National Take Your Child to the Library Day

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library invites you to join us in celebrating National Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, **February 3**, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Children's room. Come by to receive a complimentary book, engage in an exciting scavenger hunt, unleash your creativity with a special craft and seize the chance to enter our thrilling raffle. No registration is necessary – just drop in and enjoy the festivities.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at [mskaar@sailsinc.org](mailto:mskaar@sailsinc.org) or by calling the library at 508-758-4171. You can find more information about library events on our website at [MattapoisettLibrary.org](http://MattapoisettLibrary.org).

### MCC Announces Memorials Scholarships

Mattapoisett Congregational Church is pleased to once again offer scholarships to students graduating from high school in June 2024 who reside in the town of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester or are a member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service and financial need. Applications and supplementary information are now available at the local public and private schools. The deadline for electronic submission of documents is Friday, **March 29**.

Students will be notified of their selection by April 26 via email. Scholarship recipients will be introduced in church on Scholarship Sunday, May 12 during the 10 o'clock service of worship.

If you are a graduating senior and have any questions about the scholarship application process, you are invited to contact the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office via email at [mattconchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mattconchurch@gmail.com).

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## RWC Scholarship Fundraiser at the Ponderosa

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The Rochester Women's Club was established in 1928 and is owned and operated by local women, not necessarily all from Rochester. Our property is located at 37 Marion Rd in Rochester.

A fundraiser is being held at The Ponderosa on Saturday **February 10** from 3 pm-6 pm.

Left Right Center is a dice game of chance and skill. We will have \$3.00, \$6.00 and \$10.00 tables.

The Ponderosa is located at 242 Robinson Road, Acushnet.

Entrance fee is \$20.00 per person. Tickets available at the door only. Space is limited. So it will be first come first served.

## Mattapoisett Recreation

We are thrilled to announce that our application for grant funding has been approved, and we have been awarded funding for our Summer 2024 Seahorse Explorer Program. We are excited to begin our cultural enrichment activities for Summer 2024.

Mattapoisett Recreation is pleased to announce that online registration for early Spring programs is now open. Robotics, Sport Fit, Finger Knitting, Crafting, Kid Fit and Center Stage Kids are all offered. See all programs offered at [www.mattrec.net](http://www.mattrec.net).

## Auditions at the MAC

The Marion Art Center (the MAC) Theater announces open auditions for the June production of *The Minotaur*, written by Anna Ziegler and directed by Kate Sorensen-Young. A present-day version of a classic Greek myth, *The Minotaur* is a contemporary take on love, honor and human connection. With refreshing originality and wit, it explores how we break out of history in order to shape new stories for ourselves.

Auditions will be held in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion on Sunday, **February 4** and Monday, **February 5**, 6:30-8:30 pm. A total of nine performance dates are scheduled: **June 7-9, 14-16, and 21-23, 2024**. Some dates may be subject to change. Friday and Saturday evening shows begin at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees begin at 2:00 pm with actors expected to arrive by 6 pm and 12:30 pm, respectively. The director will also be seeking a stage manager for the production.

All races, ages, colors, sizes, genders, gender-identities and experience levels welcome. Casting is at the discretion of the director and depending on the final ensemble. Auditions will be from the script; sides will

be made available for review in advance of auditions for actors upon request. Actors are advised to wear clothes they feel comfortable moving in. For contact information and to view the announcement online, visit [marionartcenter.org/auditions](http://marionartcenter.org/auditions).

## Jazz at the MAC Reboots for 2024

The Marion Art Center announces its first show of the year of its new series, Unplugged in the MAC Gallery on Friday, **March 1** with Matt Richard & Daniel Ian Smith. Head upstairs to the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery to enjoy an evening of jazz. There will be two separate performances during the night, and each set will last about 45 minutes. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this "unplugged" performance featuring mainly acoustic sound, without the volume and density often experienced during larger concerts in the MAC Theater. Guests may bring their own beverages and snacks to enjoy in this intimate setting. The first seating begins at 7:00 pm and the second at 8:15 pm. The cost is \$12 for MAC members and \$15 for nonmembers. With only 24 guests per seating, advanced reservations are strongly recommended.

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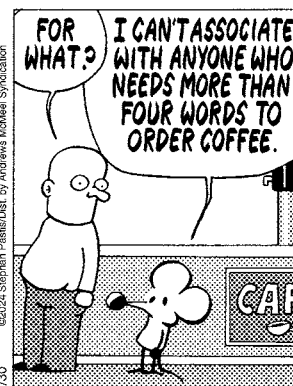
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis





Friday, **June 28**. Save the date for the annual Marion Art Center Jazz Jam will return on Friday, **August 30** to the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. Be part of the long tradition of the jazz jam session complete with participation from community musicians. Our house band – Matt Richard on piano, Dave Zinno on bass and Gary Johnson on drums – will support the improvisers as they interpret many “jazz standards” in various style formats. Learn about the inner workings of a jam session as trombonist Phil Sanborn leads a question-and-answer session and explains how the songs are structured and how the “road map” for each selection helps the improvisers. Join us to listen in, or if you’re a musician, you’ll be able to join us on stage.

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### Black History Month Creative Expressions Contest

Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) is thrilled to announce the 4th Annual Black History Month Creative Expressions Contest, open to all Jr. and Sr. High School students, attending or residing in the Tri-Town area during the 2024 school year. This year’s theme is African Americans and the Arts.

“African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. In the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world. In 2024, we examine the varied history and life of African American arts and artisans.”

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from any medium, encouraging students to express their creativity in diverse ways. Participants must be Jr. or Sr. High School students living or attending school in the Tri-Town area during the 2024 school year.

The deadline for submission is **February 22** at 4:00 pm. Late entries cannot be considered.

Winners will be announced at the opening reception in the Mattapoisett Library Community Room on Saturday, **February 24**, at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

For a full list of contest details, please visit [www.tritownagainstracism.org/contest-2024](http://www.tritownagainstracism.org/contest-2024).

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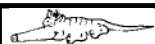
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Friday	February 16	12:49	1:14	7:36	6:27
Saturday	February 17	1:49	2:14	9:16	7:37
Sunday	February 18	2:55	3:21	10:24	9:05
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		February 2nd February 9th February 16th February 24th	



## 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*

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## SCRAMBLERS

## solution

1. Noble 2. Heist;  
3. Usher; 4. Amend

Today's Word  
**HUSBAND**

## Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



## Grocery, Dairy, & Frozen



Poland Spring  
Half Liter Bottles  
8 Pack Selected  
Sparkling Water  
**2/\$7**  
Plus Dep

Ocean Spray - 3 Liter  
Cranberry Juice ..... **\$5.49**

Poland Spring - Half Liter Bottles  
24-28 Pack  
Spring Water ..... **\$5.99**

French's - 20 oz.  
Yellow Mustard ..... **\$2.99**

Heinz - 12 oz. Chili or  
Cocktail Sauce ..... **2/\$5**

5.2-5.5 oz. Selected  
Pringles ..... **2/\$5**

Green Mountain Gringo  
8 oz. Original  
Tortilla Strips ..... **\$2.59**

Green Mountain Gringo  
16 oz. Selected  
Salsa ..... **\$4.99**

Port City - 8 oz. Selected  
Pretzels ..... **\$3.69**

## Bakery

Friends' Fresh Baked  
24 oz. Pkg.  
Apple Pie ..... **\$7.99**

Superior on Main  
9.75 oz. Pkg.  
Mini Eclairs ..... **\$4.49**



Hellmann's  
15-30 oz. Selected  
Mayonnaise  
**\$6.99**

Stauffer's - 14 oz.  
Ginger Snaps ..... **\$2.99**

Nabisco - 7-8.5 oz. Selected  
Crackers ..... **\$3.79**

Planters - 16 oz. Selected  
Peanuts ..... **2/\$6**

Cabot - 7 oz. Instant  
Whipped Cream ..... **\$2.99**

Cabot - 16 oz. Selected  
Butter Quarters ..... **\$5.49**

Talenti  
11.16 oz. Selected Gelato, Sorbetto, or  
Novelties ..... **\$4.49**

## Wine



Dry Creek  
750 ml California  
Chenin Fume Blanc  
Wine  
**\$16.99**  
Reg. Price: \$17.99

## Big Game Specials

### PLATTERS:

- Wings
- Sandwiches
- Veggie
- Fruit

CHICKEN WINGS  
BONELESS CHICKEN FINGERS  
CHILI DIP

## Meat, Deli, Prepared Foods & Cheese



Friends'  
Premium Certified  
Black Angus  
85% Lean  
Ground Beef  
**\$6.49**  
lb



Allen's  
Chicken  
Tenders  
**\$3.99**  
lb



Boar's Head  
16 oz. Pkg. Selected  
Bacon  
**\$9.99**

Boar's Head  
American Cheese ..... **\$5.99**  
lb

Boar's Head  
8 oz. Pkg. Imported  
Gouda Cheese ..... **\$6.99**

Land O Lakes - White  
American Cheese ..... **\$6.99**  
lb

Store Packaged  
Asian Noodle Salad ..... **\$6.99**  
lb

Allen's  
Rotisserie Chicken ..... **\$9.99**  
ea

BelGioioso - 8 oz. Pkg. Selected  
Cheese Wedges ..... **\$5.99**



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## BIG GAME BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Friends'  
Premium Certified  
Black Angus, Boneless  
Chuck  
Pot Roast  
**\$6<sup>49</sup><sub>lb</sub>**



Friends'  
Fresh Baked  
Ham  
**\$9<sup>49</sup><sub>lb</sub>**



Catena  
750 ml Argentina  
Malbec  
Wine  
**\$22<sup>99</sup>**  
Reg. Price: \$24.99



Ro•tel  
10 oz. Selected  
Diced  
Tomatoes  
**2/\$3**



Cabot  
6-8 oz. Selected  
Bars, Shredded,  
Cuts, or Slices  
Cheese  
**2/\$7**



Ben & Jerry's  
8-16 oz. Selected  
Frozen Yogurt,  
Non-Dairy, or  
Ice Cream  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



## Quality Produce



Juicy  
Lemons ..... **78¢<sub>ea</sub>**

1 lb. Pkg.  
Strawberries..... **\$4<sup>99</sup>**

6 oz. Pkg.  
Blackberries or Raspberries **\$3<sup>99</sup>**



Fresh  
Broccoli Crowns..... **\$1<sup>99</sup><sub>lb</sub>**

Hot House  
Tomatoes..... **\$2<sup>49</sup><sub>lb</sub>**

Zesty  
Red Onions..... **\$1<sup>29</sup><sub>lb</sub>**

**SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!**