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## Roy's Focus Impacts ORR Hockey Team

By Mick Colageo

"Boom!" the semisonic sound filled the Travis Roy Rink at Tabor Academy, not from the slapshot fired by the Bishop Stang player but when the sizzling puck was kicked away by goaltender Tucker Roy.

His snow-white goalie pads are only a few weeks old but already bear the black scuff marks of many scoring attempts denied.

A sophomore goaltender with an aggressive style of play, Roy has a 2.60 goals-against average, a .918 save percentage and three shutouts. But of greater value is a pure kind of motivation to the current hockey season that, thanks to his and his teammates' performance, will not end with Tuesday's schedule-completing victory over Apponequet.

The 10-8-1 record the Bulldogs took into Tuesday's regular-season finale was already good enough to clinch a postseason berth and render that match a playoff tune-up for the MIAA Division 4 state tournament.

A 16-year-old Rochester resident, Roy has been around the Old Rochester Regional/Fairhaven coop hockey team for a few years now. He practiced with the Bulldogs as an eighth grader, made the team as a freshman and felt strongly that they could improve on their .500 records during those years. He wanted to be part of a team-wide surge.

"I wanted to build on that and go over the hump that we were stuck at," said Roy. "We also wanted to beat Dartmouth and (Bishop) Stang because those are the rivals that we focus on. It was just real big for us to start off like that."

Those back-to-back wins over the Indians and the Spartans set the tone for a bounce-back season for the Bulldogs, who last chased glory in 2017 when they were led by Chase Cunningham, Sam Henrie, Landon Goguen,

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*On the Cover: Friday afternoon provided an opportunity to venture out behind the Benson Brook Landfill to long-abandoned train tracks that will be transformed into a stretch of the Marion Shared Use Path. This view looks west toward Mattapoisett. In the opposite direction, the bike path will cross Route 105, Washburn Park and out to Point Road. Photo by Mick Colageo*

Noah Strawn and the Labonte's to the Division 3 state final at TD Garden where they lost to eventual champion Shrewsbury.

The 2023-24 Bulldogs have a lot of experience to gain before matching their big-brother Bulldogs, but hockey teams are typically built from the net on out, and head coach Zach Ledogar thinks Roy is among the top high school goalies in southeastern Massachusetts.

A young man but an experienced delegator, Ledogar leaves the goalie whispering to his assistant Patrick Aalto, a UMass Dartmouth sophomore who has been instructing young puck stoppers for several years.

"This is my first year working with Old Rochester, and I notice right away when I step on the ice with Tucker and Paddy (Carrier, the backup goalie), they're both very focused, but Tucker especially is very focused, very driven," said Aalto, a Barnstable native who played his varsity hockey at Cushing Academy. "You can tell each day (Roy) gets on the ice, he wants to get better, he wants to learn.

"He can be a little quiet, which is a great trait to

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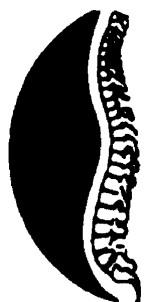
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have for a goaltender. He loves stopping pucks and, at the same time, he plays with a little bit of fire, a little bit of confidence, especially having settled into the (starting) job. When he's in practice, a little bit of that fire comes out because he wants to be the best, he wants to stop every puck."

Not being especially big at 5-foot-8, Roy works regularly on his movement and can often be found in the weight room, where young athletes learn that strength leads to balance.

Aalto is especially impressed with Roy's mental approach to his role on the team and his ability within a highly competitive and sometimes chaotic and emotional environment to remain focused on the elements within his control.

"He does that very well already," said Aalto. "As much as there are so many things that are physical that go into it as a goaltender, a lot of it really is mental. ... By the time you get to those higher levels, every single guy can stop the puck, and it's about who's stronger mentally because that's going to be the foundation of the team."

His choice of 13 for a sweater number is odd for a goalie, but it goes back several years from watching his cousins, Bishop Stang defensemen Jack and Ryan Martin, wear the number when they played their high school hockey.

"I used to go to a lot of their games, I always wore (13) growing up," Roy said, having been part of a rotation taking turns at goalie at ages seven and eight in short-rink, 3-on-3 hockey with the Hetland Panthers. His mother was in charge of getting the players their game sweaters. By age 10, Roy knew he wanted to be a goalie.

Last year, ORR/Fairhaven didn't have a number-13 sweater so Roy wore 1; this year they got new uniforms and he pounced.

With hockey permeating his extended family history, playing the sport was an inevitability for Roy, who skated at Hetland (New Bedford) but also with the Gladiators. In Grade 5, he played with a club based at Bridgewater Ice Arena.

"The first year we weren't great and didn't win a game, but I was getting a lot of shots," said Roy, whose

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skills sharpened some more over the next two summers at Norwell-based MassCrease Goaltending School. "That's helped me too."

Roy also plays football and lacrosse. His sixth-grade brother Henry is also a hockey goalie who plays baseball and football. Their freshman sister Elsie plays field hockey and lacrosse.

The blood lines for hockey run thick through the south coast, and it's not uncommon for many players who grew up in the same youth-hockey associations facing off against one another in emotionally fueled high school games.

Traditionally competing in Division 3, the Bulldogs went out in the opening round of the state tournament in both of the last two years. Heading into the final weekend of the 2023-24 regular season, ORR/Fairhaven was ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in Division 4.

The Bulldogs have also earned a reputation of putting the puck in the net, led by center Caleb Bousquet's 13 goals and 17 assists for 30 points in 17 games this season. He and Connor Galligan (8-22-30 in

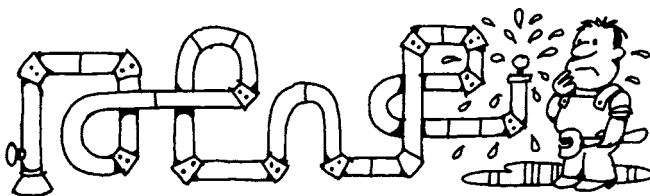
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16GP) ranked third and fourth respectively in MIAA Division 4 scoring and are 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> statewide.

"We're obviously focused in practice. ... We've been doing more competitive drills ... and everyone's, like, locked in," said Roy. "We all talk to each other, even in our group chat. We're all building up each other and motivating each other. We think we're ready, and we want to go far."

### **Parker May Have Opponent** By Mick Colageo

According to Marion Town records, Diane Lopes Flaherty, 1001 Point Road, has taken out nomination papers to run for the Select Board. Incumbent Randy Parker, 735 Mill Street, is up for reelection this year.

Parker has already returned his nomination

papers, making his reelection bid official. Flaherty, according to Town Clerk Lissa Magauran's update on Monday, had yet to return her nomination papers.

Chairman Toby Burr's term ends in 2025, and Norm Hills' term ends in 2026. Marion's Select Board also serves as the town's Water/Sewer commissioners.

Magauran noted that Marion has had 651 residents apply for Vote by Mail ballots. The town had mailed out 644 as of Monday with the remaining seven due to go out on Tuesday. The town has not been able to mail all of the Libertarian Party ballots requested, as the state did not anticipate the high number of requests, according to Magauran, who added the state is working on sending Marion additional ballots that will be mailed out as soon as they are received.

### **Trees, Trees, Trees and Less Trees**

*Thoughts on...*

**By Dick Morgado**

How many times do I have to write about this, people? This is the third column I have devoted to the now infamous Mattapoisett "Big Dig" or, as one wag has called it, the deforestation of paradise.

I am of course referring to the proposed cutting down of multiple trees as part of an immense road reconstruction project along our historic and scenic roadway that meanders along the shore of the town's picturesque harbor. The plan, as I have written before, promises to alter the way the iconic village looks for generations to come.

The latest version, created by engineers – don't get me started on engineers; my blood pressure is high enough already – which has already been approved by the Select Board and the regulators at the state level, is moving on, ever so slowly to a sometime-in-the-future completion.

Currently 26 trees are scheduled to be removed, a number that has raised the hackles of many, including the town's Tree Committee, which is planning an upcoming informational meeting.

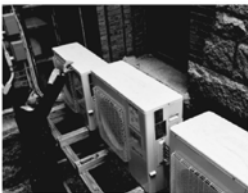
As I recall, there were several sparsely attended public hearings held back in 2017 to gauge the sense of

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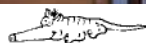
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the community about the proposed project. My ever-fading memory vaguely recalls that trees were a major topic of conversation *and* consternation.

One might have expected a survey to follow, but none was forthcoming despite the fact there seems to have been one for every project that comes down the line. There was one for the Holy Ghost Grounds project, the Route 6 reconstruction, the Master Plan, the merger of the elementary schools and even one inquiring about what hours the Town Hall should be open to the public. But none, so far, for trees.

If senior citizens were asked, I am sure they would rue the loss of summer shade on their afternoon walks. And, if all the male dogs in town were able to respond (they are experts on trees you know), they would say the plan is barking up the wrong tree.

It seems that a rumor has been planted that the Select Board would not allow the Tree Committee to identify the trees to be felled. Hmmmm ... is secrecy afoot in the administrative branch of our government? Are there shady deals lurking in the recesses of Town Hall designed to chop down the people's right to know? I sense a "Treegate" controversy is budding.

In an effort to get to the root of this matter, I decided to put on my investigative reporter hat and seek the guidance of my ever-reliable, secret, confidential source in town government.

Why, I asked my mole, is the Tree Committee not

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Does this include tying yellow ribbons around our old oak trees, I wondered. Yup, it does.

Well, in true rebellious fashion, suddenly 11 trees now have acquired yellow ribbons. As I write this, the culprits of this defiant deed remain unknown to this scribe. Have the powers that be seen the error of their ways and elected to grant a waiver of the offending bylaw? Who knows?

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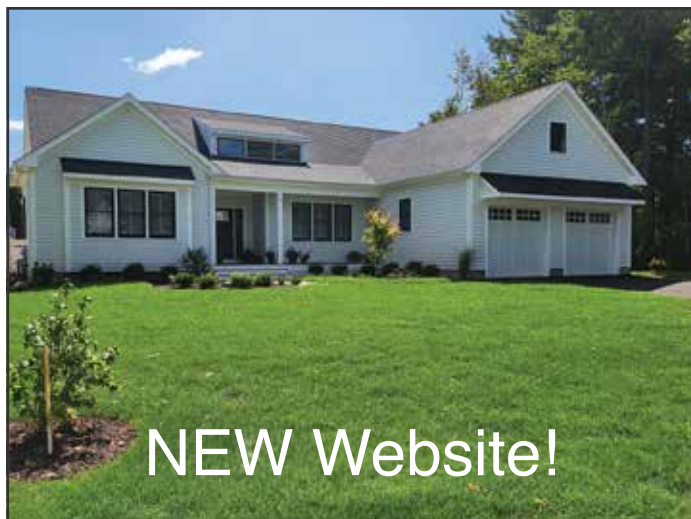
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Or ... we could just risk waiting for Mother Nature to do what she does. I recall when I was a mere sapling, there were no trees in the village, all having been felled by hurricanes. The trees we now cherish are the replacements for old Mother's stiff winds.

Well, I have said enough. I am stumped as to how to solve this dilemma. I guess it is time to leaf this issue to others.

*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.*

## The Heart-Risk Factor No One Knows About

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Ed Hoffer**

Most readers of these columns, I assume, are aware of the relation between elevated cholesterol and coronary heart disease, and of the benefit of reducing high cholesterol with diet and medication. The statins have saved many lives, and newer agents have come to market for those who cannot take statins.

I do hope you are not among the third of Americans who do not know their cholesterol.

What I would like to discuss here is another heart risk factor, which has been prominently discussed recently in the cardiology community but has not received much attention more widely. This is lipoprotein(a), commonly referred to as Lp(a) and verbalized as "L p little a."

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## Personnel Board Rallies for Staff

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

Personnel Board member Kristine Nash told the Rochester Select Board at the latter's public meeting on Tuesday night that a study of the town's Personnel Bylaw is working against Rochester because nine key staffers not subject to collective bargaining have no further step increases and are more likely to be lost in a competitive market.

"I think in the long run, when you see what the cost is, it's really insignificant when you look at the employees who are really the heart and soul," said Nash.

In speaking publicly on Tuesday, Nash summarized the 16-month history of the town's Personnel Board, saying one of its three goals was to review the FY24 compensation and classification plan.

While several "max employees" are affected at an approximate annual \$2,000 or less, one unidentified employee is classified way below what that employee's responsibilities and performance dictate, according to Nash.

The total effect if the town were to correct the problem according to recommendations made: "I would be shocked if it's more than \$35,000," said Nash, adding that bringing parity to those positions whose jobs have responsibilities means "stepping up to the plate."

Nash identified issues with the FY24 plan and made two proposals on behalf of the Personnel Board, one for all bylaw employees and one for all new hires.

The Personnel Bylaw addresses all town employees not covered by contracts. The list of such employees has fluctuated in number and now stands at 21.

These employees are not covered by a CBA so, other than a cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA), there is no outline for an increase. A "max employee" cannot get a step increase under the current system.

What Nash says the board found in studying the bylaw against the town's practices is that there was no clear view of how an employee's grade is determined. Moreover, there are no approved job descriptions, which Nash says are essential to employee evaluation.

Another discovery was that an employee's hourly rate of pay was a key factor in determining that employee's step increases. "Grades were backed into," said Nash, rather than going forward as prescribed by the bylaw.

In some instances, she discovered duties in lower-grade jobs held more responsibility than those in jobs classified as higher-grade.

"We spent months and months looking at and developing some new proposals for the (Select) Board to consider," said Nash.

The Personnel Board's proposal for FY25 is to classify all current town employees with the goal of eventually bringing everyone to the same level,



something Nash considers impossible in the immediate because of the budgetary ramifications.

"This is really a journey, not an event," she said. "We're trying to address that and trying to do that in a way that is financially sound for the town."

The proposed plan would not change the hourly rate of pay for current employees. It would rid the bylaw of the term "grade" and add four new step increases besides COLA.

Select Board member Adam Murphy asked Nash if the Personnel Board's proposal is comparable to other area towns. Nash said the Personnel Board collected data from Marion, Mattapoisett, Lakeville, Berkley and West Bridgewater, then narrowed down to similar budget and housing costs and population for stricter comparatives.

"Rochester wasn't at the bottom of the barrel ... the problem was lots of variables that we didn't know. ... In most instances, we were in the middle," said Nash.

Select Board member Brad Morse asked about a longevity policy. Nash said the proposal will not add longevity.

Town Administrator Glenn Cannon said that longevity traditional kicks in at the end of the career. Nash said some towns pay longevity in another check but still calculate longevity into retirement.

Murphy recommended posting a public meeting with the Personnel Board, Finance Director Suzanne Szyndlar and himself, then reach out with conclusions to the Finance Committee.

In an earlier appointment, the Select Board heard from Finance Committee Chairman Kris Stoltenberg regarding the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in the annual budget process.

Stoltenberg proposed an idea of allowing the Finance Committee to estimate a 3% COLA so the committee would be spared the incremental adjustments it makes with every meeting during budget season.

"Every time we look at the sheet, we get to the bottom line and then make adjustments," said Stoltenberg, who thinks Szyndlar will have an easier time with revenue sheets making assumptions up front to get closer to real numbers.

Stoltenberg estimates a factor of 3% COLA will impact the town's operating budget by approximately \$60,000. Stressing that FinCom is an advisory committee, he called the proposal one of convenience and said it does not impose anything on other boards' processes.

"We know for a fact we're not going to have a zero (COLA) ... we're probably not going to have a 1% COLA ... probably between 2 and 3%," he said. "If there's

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some dire problem in the town and we can't go to 3% ... it's kind of a circumstance I can't foresee. ... We don't have a point of controversy."

Murphy said he spoke with Szyndlar, and all of the Select Board members said they have no issue with FinCom working on an adjusted scale for the purposes of its own expediency.

"I don't have any issue using the numbers that you're using for your own mechanism," said Murphy.

Ciaburri said it will be nice to have the information, and Morse added it sends a good message out to the employees. "We know this is a tough budget season," said Morse. "Next year's not going to be much better," said Ciaburri.

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds must be appropriated by December 31, but Plymouth County has requested an application from member towns by March 1.

In all, Rochester was awarded \$1,021,846.89 in total ARPA funds, \$216,413 which has been used to acquire digital radios, leaving a remaining amount of \$805,433.89.

Weigel explained that by tying the purchase of a fire truck into healthcare, Rochester is able to use ARPA funding.

Murphy was surprised at the discussion, confessing his assumption that remaining ARPA funding would go to the public-safety construction. He requested the board table the matter pending further discussion.

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With a March 1 Plymouth County deadline to file, it is imperative that the Select Board call a Special Meeting this month. As of Tuesday, the next scheduled meeting of the board is March 4.

Resident Therese Valente made a pitch for Rochester to declare a low-salt status for Route 105 to “protect what we have in the watershed. I don’t think it’ll cost us anything,” said Valente.

Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge was in attendance and said Rochester is “already below what everybody else uses. I don’t know what the designation is going to do.”

Eldridge also noted that Route 105 is already designated for low-salt treatment as a state highway.

Murphy agreed, adding that state vehicles are certified with annually calibrated mixtures but made sure Valente knew her concerns were being heard. “Your message was received, we appreciate your concern, we can definitely look into it and get back to you,” he said.

Eldridge said the standard practice in Rochester is to go out with a salt/sand mix twice, at the beginning of a storm and at the end. “It’s mostly about safety,” he said, noting that it has become increasingly difficult to obtain sand.

Ciaburri said most complaints coming into Town Hall say there isn’t enough salt on the roads.

“I’m trying to balance other safety. I live in this town, I drink the water,” said Eldridge.

Ciaburri said it would be interesting to get the information back from the state, noting that oftentimes Route 105 is dry when other roads are not yet clear of ice. Morse suggested turning it to Eldridge’s purview, and he told the board he would be amenable to hearing back from Valente regarding the state’s response to her questions.

In his Town Administrator’s Report, Cannon said that preliminary budgets are out and that he is working with the Finance Committee to “get a balanced budget to bring to the Select Board.”

The Select Board voted to amend the language of a previously approved bylaw amendment allowing Fire Chief Scott Weigel to postpone his retirement. The state allowed Rochester to cap the limit at age 67. Weigel wants to see through the building of the new fire station.

Weigel announced his department has received an equipment grant of \$15,107 from the state Department of Fire Services.

The Select Board entered executive session and did not return to open session.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, March 4, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center on Dexter Lane, also accessible live via Zoom.

## Sale of Fire Station Hears Objection

*Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Marilou Newell**

With only one hearing on its February 15 agenda, it seemed the Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals



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would be holding a quiet and quick meeting. But what ensued was the reading of a letter by one of the bidders to purchase the decommissioned fire station objecting to the sale, not the Special Permit filing.

The sale of the former fire station, 26 County Road, was handled by the Select Board based on proposed new use and the bid offer.

Local business owner Michael Sudofsky and the business entity Sakonnet Properties LLC of New Bedford both submitted bids when the town offered up the property for sale with an eye towards redevelopment.

Sudofsky initially was the winner with a bid higher than that of Sakonnet Properties, but the bid process carried various stipulations including a deposit by the bidders to be paid in a set period of time. Sudofsky, according to Town Administrator Mike Lorencio, had failed to meet the deadline. As Lorencio explained, "when (Sudofsky's) bid was nonresponsive, the bid went to Sakonnet."

After the presentation by Sakonnet's engineer Steve Gioiosa of SITEC in which he described parking plans, exterior treatment and a plan to redevelop the site into commercial office space with a second-floor apartment, the floor was opened to the public.

Sudofsky said he wanted to read a letter into the minutes, expressing his objections to the manner in which the RFP was handled by the town.

Chairman Susan Akin attempted to explain to

Sudofsky that the board was not responsible for the bid award and was just following through with a Special Permit for change of use. Sudofsky asserted his right to be heard and read the letter.

"I was the original winner ... I proposed a village grocer," Sudofsky began. He claimed that in giving the bid to Sakonnet the town had lost \$300,000, "...the town has breached its duty."

Attorney Chris Saunders, representing Sakonnet, told the board that objections to the bid itself were not germane to the issue at hand, adding that, "my client agreed to the town's directives."

The town's counsel in this matter, Mat Thomas, said, "These issues are not relative to the Special Permit," and that it was the Select Board which had chosen the bid winner.

After reading his letter, Sudofsky exited the meeting and cautioned the board about deciding the matter.

In a follow-up, Lorencio stated, "(Sudofsky) is right, he had the highest bid, but it was deemed a 'no responsive bid' due to his not complying with the terms of the RFP. His claims of unfair terms within the Purchase and Sales (agreement) seem null, as they are the same terms being agreed to by the second bidder."

Lorencio went on to say, "As for his complaints on the following of timeframes in the RFP, I will note the town gave him plenty of time to rectify his nonresponsive



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bid. He refused to comply, so the town was forced to move to the next responsive bidder.”

As for Sakonnet’s proposed redevelopment plans, Gioiosa spoke to the issue of parking, landscaping, ADA compliance and that the look of the completed project will be good for the area.

The ZBA members unanimously approved the Special Permit.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, at 6:00 pm.

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## Fence Fix Will Not Set Precedent

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Rochester Planning Board has improvised in finding an amenable process to the correction of Neck Road Solar’s screening to Neck Road.

During the board’s Zoom-only meeting during the February 13 snowstorm, Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson explained that upon realizing exposure of the framing of the project to an abutting area, the town’s building inspector had put a cease-and-desist order on the field project. Johnson credited Neck Road Solar for an immediate response but noted that the top of the rack remained a little higher than the berm in one area.

After a meeting with Town Planner Nancy Durfee and the applicants’ representatives, Johnson concluded the best solution is to have the applicants complete the field project and then have the fence adjusted to accommodate the final height to achieve the required screening.

“Until the panels are actually installed, we really don’t know how high the fence needs to be,” said Johnson, who will plan a site visit for the board, after which the fence will be altered in accordance with the board’s findings.

Another modification to the board’s prior approval of the project will request that the decision be amended to allow dual use (farming) under the solar panels.

Vice Chairman John DeMaggio said he agrees with the current action but sees a potential problem with future solar applications using the board’s plan as a precedent to bypass the town bylaw requiring that screening first be set up for the sake of a project’s abutters before actual construction.

Asked by DeMaggio if the matter gives him concern, Johnson said no and cited the thorough work done by Neck Road Solar.

“I just want to make sure the record shows that the board is not approving this solar (project) to go forward without full screening,” said DeMaggio. “The applicant did their best on full screening, and they found



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they had an issue and they fixed it right away so, just in case any other applicants out there are listening, you know, this isn't setting precedence for anything."

Johnson agreed that the board does not want its decision to be setting precedence "because that is a major component of our bylaw."

Members present for the entire Zoom-only meeting were Johnson, DeMaggio, Marc Rousseau Jr. and Chris Silveira. Member Ben Bailey joined the call after an ANR decision.

Before Bailey joined the meeting, the board approved an ANR application filed by Alan Cervelli for property located on Hartley Road (Map 35, Lot 42) located "half the field across from the Rochester Grange," according to Johnson. With only four members, Johnson let the applicant decide whether to allow him to vote rather than recuse himself.

Project representative Walter Hartley described the property as just under 6 acres, "with a tiny, little bit of limited wetlands quite far away from the buildable area."

Being divided into two lots of just under 3 acres each and each with 290 feet of frontage along the street with approximately 295 feet at the setback. One is completely situated in the upland and the other contains approximately 10 square feet of wetland, according to Hartley.

Hartley was brought back on the call to address a small laundry list of clerical exercises required to properly carry out the approval. Hartley assured the board that the matters in question had already been addressed.

The ANR filed by Marc Wilson for property located on Bishop Road, Map 43A 72, Lot 1, and Map 43A 71, Lot 2 was withdrawn without prejudice.

The board continued two public hearings to February 27.

First, the board voted to approve an extension to February 27 for a Site Plan Review application for a self-storage facility project filed by JPF Development, LLC, at Kings Highway and Cranberry Highway (Route 28), Map 17, Lots 30, 31A, 55 and 56.

The applicant proposes to develop approximately 15 acres of land as a self-storage facility comprised of



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The board also continued the application of Bluewave Solar dba BWC Snows Pond, LLC, applied for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review for property located at 0 Cushman Road, Map 33, Lots 41 A-O to February 27.

The representative from Weston & Sampson had a presentation ready but lack of attendance would have required the disqualification of another board member, leaving the application without the potential approval votes needed to carry.

The applicant proposes to develop an approximately 2.39 MW, DC single-axis tracking photovoltaic solar array including DC-coupled battery-



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energy storage at a site located no Cushman Road in the RE / AG (Residential / Agricultural) District, Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed, and Groundwater Protection District.

Johnson reported to the members that a recent meeting of the Public Safety Building Committee produced the agreement to send out a RFQ for a project manager to oversee development of a pre-engineered Fire Station.

"We have some drill-down costs," said Johnson, noting that voters at Town Meeting moved over \$50,000 from the expired Feasibility Study Committee. He said Town Administrator Glenn Cannon informed him that there is also COVID relief money left over that will no longer be available after the 2024 calendar year.

Silveira reported that work is ongoing with the Bylaw Subcommittee.

The board voted to approve the Planning Department's Annual Report for FY24.

Johnson informed the board that it has received funding from the Capital Planning Committee to hire Field Engineering to review its Rules and Regulations and also for a needed update to the town's zoning map. The board voted to enter into those contracts.

The board approved payment vouchers for Fileguard (January storage) \$9.75; Hazard Mitigation Plan \$446.88; Master Plan Workshop \$42.63; Dropbox (annual subscription) \$127.37 and Amazon (town planner's desk)

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The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, at Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

**Request Sent Back to Drawing Board**

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

What started out as a seemingly innocuous Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Ian Brady, 1 Mattakiset Road, became a debate lasting nearly an hour. The application was for a proposed two-story garage. The applicants were represented by the contractor

Steve Brodo, who also acts as a part-time building inspector for the town.

Brodo described the proposed project is a garage-like structure that will be used to store small sailboats and other watercraft, not cars, with the second story to be an office space served by a bathroom. Brodo said his clients want to have the flexibility to continue working while summering in Mattapoisett.

There were questions about stormwater management and abutter concerns that any fill used might cause water to migrate to neighboring properties. Brodo explained that he would be leveling the site by removing soils, not adding soils.

The plans submitted by Brodo failed to answer

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questions by the commissioners, given that it was a land survey, not an engineered plan with structural details. Furthermore, since the application was filed as a RDA versus a Notice of Intent (a permit granting the commission greater oversight), the commission would be unable to apply conditions to the construction that aided in upholding performance standards.

Brodo contended that during a site visit in which commissioners David Lawrence and David Nicolosi attended, he was never told a Notice of Intent was necessary, leading him to believe all was well with the application.

Chairman Mike King expressed concern that Brodo had received a building permit before clearing the proposed project through the conservation process.

"In my fourteen years on the commission, no one has ever received a building permit before coming to Conservation," said King, who intended to confirm whether or not a building permit can be issued before clearing a project through the Wetlands Protection Act.

When the commission voted on the RDA application, the members were split evenly both for and against. Brodo was told he could come back on an evening when the commission had an odd number of members in attendance or file a NOI complete with engineered drawings.

The commission also met with Mike Huguenin of the Mattapoisett Land Trust and Sara Quintal of the



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Buzzards Bay Coalition to follow up on the Enforcement Order recently issued to them for flooding and stormwater-drainage problems at the retired bog area simply known as The Bogs.

King lauded the BBC and its contractors for the repair work since the flooding incident but also called for a vote on whether or not the BBC should be required to test soils for agricultural chemicals.

The commissioners were firm in their belief that testing should be done and as King put it, give the public information they were asking for. It was the commission's duty. The commissioners voted to have testing done but to send a letter to the Select Board expressing their position in this matter and asking the board to intercede.

In other business, applications for RDA's received negative decisions for residents Kristine Murray, 12 Angelica Avenue, for a deck extension, and Michael Amaral, 3 Harbor Road, for a driveway expansion.

NOI's filed by Dart Holdings LLC, 12-14 Fairhaven Road, for a septic upgrade, and Robert and Lisa Barbozak, 5 and 7 Shore View Avenue, for a new single-family home, were conditioned.

A NOI filed by Derek and Kylene Gregoire for a single-family home on Goodspeed Island was continued pending notification from the Sewer Department that a connection is available. Barring that, the application will continue review on March 11.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett



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## Bio-Fuel Condition Rescinded

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday revised the Order of Conditions that it approved two weeks ago for BWC Snows Pond LLC's plan to build a 2.39-megawatt, solar-energy array on 12.55 acres of a 31.23-acre parcel at 0 Cushman Road.

The commission removed from the project's Order of Conditions the requirement that the contractor use only biodegradable hydraulic oils for the construction equipment there after input from commissioner and professional excavator William Milka.

Milka advised ConCom members that these types of engine oils, while less likely to harm wetlands, are more expensive and less effective as lubricants. "It hurts a contractor's budget," Milka said. "The requirement will knock every small, local contractor out of the running."

He said there was every reason to believe other means such as containment buoys could be used if these oils spill too close to wetlands or a waterway. These lubricants could cost up to \$10,000 more for the equipment, not counting the cost of added maintenance. "And they don't lubricate as well," he said.

At the commission's February 6 meeting, BWC Snows Pond LLC had asked that the bio-fuel requirement not be made a project condition because the petitioner "could not commit that the selected contractor will be able to supply installation equipment that is compatible..."

Commission member Ben Bailey had said placing this condition on town projects happens all the time, and, in fact, the Planning Board will likely place the use of bio-fuels in its own conditions for the project.

On Tuesday, Milka's input convinced Conservation Commission Chairman Christopher Gerrior otherwise. He reasoned that it would be better instead to make a spill-containment plan a precondition of any Order of Conditions. "It should be brought up at the preconstruction meeting." The resultant vote to delete the



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requirement was unanimous.

In other action, the commission approved a Certificate of Compliance for work "satisfactorily completed" at 169 Clapp Road, the construction of an in-ground pool, surrounding masonry and a pool cabana.

Upon the petitioner's request, the commission continued its hearing into the Notice of Intent filed by JPF Development LLC to build a 15-acre, self-storage facility at 25 Cranberry Highway and 0 Kings Highway until March 5.

The commission reviewed with town Herring Inspector Dave Watling its February 10 site visit of the herring run area from Hartley Farm Pond to the start of the Rochester Boat Race and the Mattapoissett River. Concom's conclusion is that because a "mat of vegetation" might soon impede the herring run there, the bypass canal near the start of the boat race at the Hartley Reservoir needs to be opened up.

Milka noted the pond-herring population has gone down from 125,000 in previous years to 3,000 this year. Watling advised the commission that such work

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should only begin between mid to late summer. The board agreed to first consult state Division of Fish and Wildlife representative Jason Zimmer and seek the use of a grant to get the work done.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported the Buzzards Bay Coalition will conduct its annual monitoring visit of the conservation area at Red Brick Farm East on March 7 at 10:00 am. ConCom members said they will try to attend.

The Rochester Conservation Commission will meet next on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### In-law Apartment Approved

*Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals allowed the construction of a one-bedroom, in-law apartment on an undersized lot at 24 Bennett Road on February 15 after a lengthy struggle over how best to rule on the plan led to a telephone call to Town Counsel.

ZBA Chairman David Arancio's call to the town's lawyers came after board members debated whether the petitioners, Robert and Christine Thompson, would be better served by a Special Permit rather than the use and side setback variances they were requesting. The Thompsons' plan is to move into the 836-square-foot apartment so their son Robert, Jr. can move into the main house with his fiancée' and their soon-to-be-born baby.

Board member Jeffrey Costa said the Thompsons



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may have used the wrong variances and bylaw section to request ZBA approval and should have sought more professional guidance first. A special permit for the building addition may have been a better idea. Arancio said, unfortunately, the zoning panel must take up only what's in the petition before them, and it is the burden of the applicant to get their application right.

Arancio reported after the telephone call that Town Counsel advised him on how to approach both options. If the board deems the plan needs a special permit, the applicants would need to reapply. If the board wants to use the variance route, the hearing can move forward as is.

In the end, the board granted the petition after getting Robert Thompson, Sr. to admit both variances are needed because of the hardships he would experience if he followed the literal regulations. First, the property has a unique topography, an undersized lot and hilly terrain that Thompson plans to alter. Second, there would be a financial hardship for Robert Thompson, Jr. to locate elsewhere.

Before the vote, Robert Thompson, Jr. said in defense of the plan, "I love this town. I would like to start a family here. I would like to stick around."

In other action, the ZBA continued until February 29 its public hearing into a variance request for the construction of a 1,600-square-foot garage at 405 Neck Road, which would be larger than the 1,000 square feet

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allowed by law.

Board members halted the public hearing after discovering the new structure would be placed at the front of the property, which in itself violates zoning bylaw. Yet this aspect of the plan was not on the application.

The applicant, Michael Walsh, explained he recently moved from a larger home in Lakeville and needs a four-bay garage for his vehicles, boat and other storage.

Board member Richard Cutler explained to Walsh that he might have problems selling the property in the future if the panel approved his plan as is now. Board members said they will consult first with the building inspector and Town Counsel.

Also, Arancio reported Town Counsel has clarified the board's quorum rules. Because the ZBA is a five-member board, it takes only three members present to open and conduct a public meeting, counsel told him. However, it still requires the presence of four voting members to approve a petition.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals set its next meeting for Thursday, February 29, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

## Transfer Station Raises Fees

*Mattapoisett Board of Health*

**By Marilou Newell**

During the February 14 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Health, a public hearing was held to determine whether or not rates for services offered at the Transfer Station (an enterprise fund) should be raised.

Mattapoisett Health Agent Gail Joseph has striven since the beginning of her tenure to try and find ways to reduce the department's costs while providing vital services. No small task, given the rising costs associated with trash and recyclable processes.

On this afternoon, Joseph explained that nearly everything brought into the Transfer Station has a cost associated to the town, costs that continue to rise while Transfer Station fees have remained static. No one from the public was in attendance to debate or query the changes.

Vehicle registrations must still be valid and

current to purchase an annual sticker for \$35; a one-day pass valid only for the date issued is \$10, and senior residents over 65 years of age can receive a free sticker.

For building materials, furniture, construction debris, and bulky items, disposal fees are: cars and vans \$20 and up; regular pick-up trucks \$50 and up; full-size pick-ups and trailers \$50 and up; small pick-ups and trailers \$40; and carpets \$30 and up. Larger vehicles will not be permitted without prior approval. The fee for disposing of roof shingles is now \$50 per square.

Appliances with Freon cost \$20. Each television will cost \$20, while computers will cost \$50 each.

Mattresses and box springs are listed as \$40 each for a twin, \$50 each for a full, and \$60 each for a king or queen. Non-recyclable mattresses will cost \$125 each. Sleep sofas or sectionals are \$40 per piece. Recliner chairs and kitchen tables cost \$20 each, while sofas, loveseats and coffee tables are \$30 each.

Large propane tanks are \$20, small camper-style tanks are \$2. Logs over 6 inches and stumps range from \$30 for pick-up trucks or single-axle trailers up to 1 ton dump trucks at \$100 and six-wheel dump trucks \$150. Brush delivered via cars, small trailers and small pick-up trucks cost \$5, large pick-up trucks \$10.

No Sheetrock, fluids, stones, tires, concrete, brick or cement will be accepted.

General rules have remained largely unchanged.

Earlier in the meeting, the board met with members of E.L. Harvey to discuss new contracts. The Harvey team said that most contracts are now for a three-year term. Joseph said the town was attempting to synch up the disposal contract with the recycle-contract cycle, thus a three-year contract would not work now.

The Harvey representatives said they would discuss the matter with corporate decision makers and return with an answer in the next few weeks.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, at 10 am.

## Pencils Pose a Problem

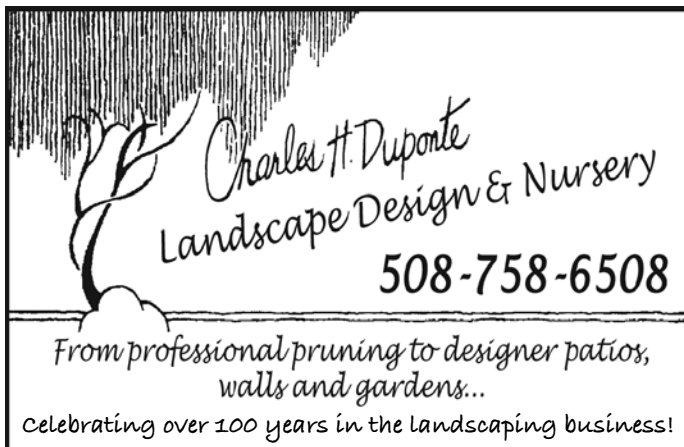
*Marion Board of Health*

**By Mick Colageo**

In her update to the Marion Board of Health during its February 8 public meeting, Health Agent Shalyn Rodriguez reported a troubling discovery. What Rodriguez said she "found odd" was the fact that two body-art establishments in town are reusing pencils that draw the art before microblading begins. Marion does not require disinfecting pencils.

"I called the state and say, 'hey, this is what I found,' and they (said), 'we didn't even know about it ... we didn't know that was a (practice),'"

reported Rodriguez, who received feedback that the state will discuss the matter and could potentially revise its next set of regulations to reflect the requirement that pencils used on bodies in advance of microblading are sanitized in



between clients.

Board member Dr. John Howard does not think art pencils or a pencil sharpener can be effectively sanitized. Board Chairman Dr. Ed Hoffer suggested Marion recommend disposable pencils for the work. Rodriguez said, while a microblade is not as deep as a tattoo, it does scrape the skin and does draw blood.

Howard playfully suggested the board send Hoffer in for treatment under cover. More seriously, Howard suggested the town become a leader since the state is apparently leaving such regulations in the hands of municipalities.

Hoffer asked that a public hearing be held as promptly as possible so that the town could push through a regulation.

A septic update on 38 Rocky Knook Lane included information on a sale of the property, which had received an extension from the Board of Health while looking for a betterment loan.

In the interim, the existing owner could not produce Title 5 certification but said they would pump the system on February 3, but when Health Director Lori Desmarais reached out for confirmation, the company had no record of the service.

The town, meanwhile, had no record of the last pumping. The septic installer said the property was to be sold on February 12 with money put in escrow as part of the sale to replace the system. Desmarais said a 2022

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percolation test will require repeating without test results.

Howard recommended a follow-up on the sale and the status of the construction.

At 51 Bay Road, the situation is murkier, as the property was transferred from the parents to immediate family, but the new owner had not yet pumped the cesspool, which had been treated approximately three years ago.

The town has no record or knowledge of the condition of the cesspool. Hoffer suggested the town request pumping records and, if they cannot be produced, request that the system is pumped in the next 90 days.

Marion has conducted 20 Community EMS visits in 2024.



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Thursday February 22, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM 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 Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
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 - Lee Gunschel  
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  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
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 23, 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 Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
5:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Mattapoissett Fire Department Awards Ceremony  
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 24, 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  
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Lee Gunschel  
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
4:30 PM Mattapoissett Fire Department Awards Ceremony  
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 25, 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 Mattapoissett 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 Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
5:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
9:30 PM Mattapoissett Fire Department Awards Ceremony  
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

**Monday February 26, 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  
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM In the Toy Box  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
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2:30 PM The Collective Chat  
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3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:30 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  
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4:30 PM Mattapoissett Fire Department Awards Ceremony  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
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 27, 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  
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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 28, 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 Mattapoissett 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 Mattapoissett 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 Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert  
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6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
7:30 PM Mattapoissett Fire Department Awards Ceremony  
9:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Bourne  
10:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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### GOVERNMENT

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### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
12:00 PM Marion Planning Board  
1:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
2:30 PM Marion School Committee  
3:30 PM Marion Open Space Commission  
4:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
4:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
5:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
7:30 PM ORR School Committee  
9:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
11:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

## ROCHESTER

### GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26

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## Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
9:00 AM Rochester Master Plan Workshop  
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
10:30 AM Rochester School Committee  
12:00 PM ORR School Committee  
2:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
3:30 PM Rochester Master Plan Workshop  
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board  
8:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
8:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
10:00 PM ORR School Committee  
11:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

## EDUCATION

### CHANNEL

### Comcast Channel 8

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### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM Center School and Old Hammondtown - Family Q&A's  
8:00 AM OHS 6th Grade Promotion  
9:30 AM RMS 6th Grade Promotion  
10:30 AM RMS 6th 4th Grade Band Concert  
11:30 AM RMS Chorus Concert  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Old Colony Boys Soccer vs Blue Hills  
2:30 PM Old Colony Volleyball vs Bristol Plymouth  
2:00 PM Old Hammondtown School News  
4:00 PM Old Colony Drama - Alladin  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs GBV  
8:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Seekonk  
9:30 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Fundraiser  
20:30 PM ORR Senior Awards Night

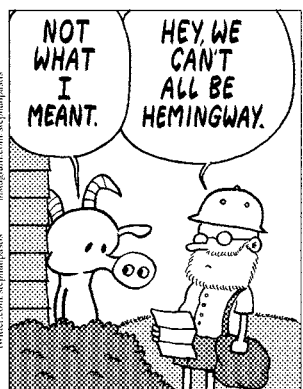
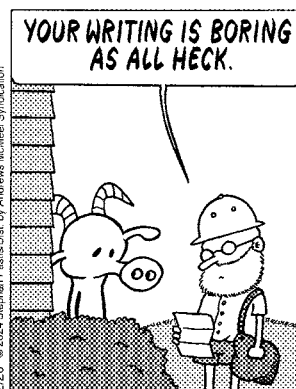
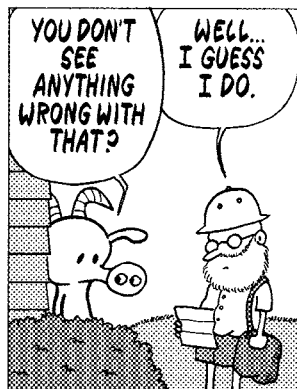
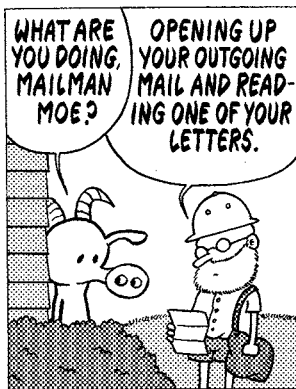
## MATTAPOISETT

### GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26

### Verizon Channel 38

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis





Last year, Marion had 51 cases of tick-borne illness. Desmarais is working with Plymouth County tick expert Blake Dinius on scheduling an event where shoe treatment can be administered.

Board members would like the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project Report to include the number of respondents to the invitation to seek individual home treatment. Desmarais planned to attend the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Information Session.

The members held a discussion on the opioid settlement and Narcan funding and would like to have some influence in the process with town officials.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health was not announced upon adjournment.

## Bulldogs Bring Heat down Stretch

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys' basketball team defeated Bishop Stang, 69-52, on February 16. With the win, the Bulldogs moved their massive win streak up to eight games.

ORR also celebrated senior night, honoring five players, John Higgins, Robert Spenard, John Butler, Noah Mendes and Chase Besancon. All five seniors were named the players of the game.

"It was just a fun night for them to see them go out and win," said ORR head coach Steve Carvalho.



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The game started close with the score being 16-12 at the end of the first quarter, but the Bulldogs never took the foot off the gas for the rest of the game and ran away with the victory.

ORR hosted Fairhaven Tuesday night in the Bulldogs' final game of the regular season and will await MIAA state tournament seedings and word on an opening-round matchup.

## Letters to the Editor

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# OBITUARIES



**Charlotte "Sharlie" (Pratt) Sudduth**, 84, died peacefully at her home in Marion, MA on February 10, 2024.

Born November 1, 1939, Sharlie was the eldest daughter of Aileen and Edwin Pratt. She was born in New York. In her early years she lived on the campus of Westminster School where her father taught, then moved to Cambridge, MA where he was the Headmaster at what is now Buckingham Brown and Nichols School. She graduated from St. Timothy's School and majored in history at Smith College. She transferred to Goucher College for her senior year after marrying Scott Sudduth (her former husband), who was attending medical school at Johns Hopkins. She remained close to the Smith Class of 1961. Later she received a Master's of Counseling Psychology from Lesley College and worked with Habitat for Humanity and Hospice.

Sharlie spent her summers in Marion as a child and later moved there full time. She raised her children in Exeter, NH, where she owned the knitting store, "Charlotte's Web". An accomplished knitter, Sharlie was known for her ability to knit complicated patterns while engaging in the many community meetings she attended. She taught many the joy of knitting in her living room.

Sharlie's lifetime of creativity took a turn at age 60 with a painting workshop on Monhegan Island in Maine. Sharlie went on to produce thousands of watercolor and oil paintings. She painted with the Westport Art Group, Providence Art Club, and the Marion Art Center. Sharlie loved to travel around the world to paint with Monhegan Island, Block Island, England, Portugal and Italy being some of her favorite locations. Many homes display her beautiful paintings, a box of her note cards, or a copy of her book of watercolors, "My Marion".

Sailing was a lifelong passion of Sharlie's. A past member of Beverly Yacht Club, she was a skilled H12 racer and also appreciated an afternoon sail on Sippican Harbor in her boat the Weecapa. On Weecapa she shared her love of sailing with friends, four children and nine grandchildren.

Sharlie is survived by her son Robert and his wife Jean of Marion and their children Katie and Ben; her daughter Jennifer Walsh and her husband Paul of Newton, MA and their children Charlotte, Brin and Liam; her son Matthew and his wife Anne of Brookline, MA and their children Ella and Claire; and by her late son Andrew's children Zoë and Sophie Sudduth and their mother, Saiya Remmler, and his wife Ruth Kennedy Sudduth. Sharlie is also survived by her brother Andrew Pratt, niece and nephews Lisa Humphreys and Ben and Boh Hinds. She was predeceased by her brother Edwin Pratt and her sister Wendy Hinds. The family would like to thank Fran Emery who manages her home and her care companion, Pat Debarros.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Sunday, April 28th, at 1:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion, MA where she was a devoted member. In her honor, the family asks that those who attend wear happy colors as she reveled in the beauty of life's color. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sharlie's

memory may be made to the Marion Art Center, Box 602, Marion, MA 02738. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Alane Hall** passed away on February 10, 2024; and is survived by her husband Larry of 43 years, children Barbara and Ben and their spouses Chris and Aly, grand-children Sebastian, Reagan, Cyrus, and Riley, sister Carla, sister-in-law Mary, niece Heather and nephews David and Carl, and fake daughter Kellie and her family.

Alane was born on January 14, 1950, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She left Massachusetts in 1967 to pursue a bachelor's degree in American studies at Lake Erie College. After working at the New Yorker's Boston office, she went on to receive her master's in historical architecture at Columbia University and later worked for the National Park Service to restore portions of the Boston Navy Yard.

After graduating from college, Alane went on a hiking trip to New Hampshire where she met the love of her life and future husband, Larry. After a long courtship they married and settled in Marion, Massachusetts, where Alane would raise their two kids in what would forever be her home (despite her love-hate relationship with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts).

Over the next four decades, Alane built a life for her family in Marion. She walked her kids to Loft and then Sippican school until they could go by themselves. She was active with her church for most of that time. A master knitter, she worked with a talented group of women to craft hats and clothing and repair toys for those in need. She supported her fellow parishioners in their time of need, frequently volunteering her time and cooking for funeral receptions.

Among family and friends, Alane was known for her incredible cooking. While she was formally trained, she had a natural talent for making food taste good. She was meticulous in her preparation and every year spent days preparing a Christmas Eve smorgasbord for dozens of family and friends. She loved to host but was not an extrovert. She prioritized family and close friends over everything.

Alane was a mom who remembered every school event, special occasion, and holiday. Her love and support were unconditional, but she told you when you were going off course. She was a voracious reader, consuming a minimum of two newspapers a day, hand-purchased at the Marion General Store and never delivered or read online. She was the best nana who read book after book at bedtime and passed her love of reading to all four grandkids. The grandchildren's eyes all lit up when Nana was in the room and the feeling was mutual.

She will be forever missed by her family and friends. We love you Alane, Sammy, Mom, and Nana.

Those who knew Alane know that she would not want flowers (especially the smelly ones). In lieu of flowers, please give those you love a call or hold them a little tighter. A service will be held by the sea in the summer for family and close friends.

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To the Editor;

The Mattapoissett Tree Committee is sponsoring an information hearing on February 28 at 6pm at the Fire Station meeting room. Please, please consider attending this meeting whether you support the Mattapoissett Tree Committee or not. Approximately 26 trees will be cut in the center of town. Yes this is very sad, but unfortunately necessary. Sidewalks in some cases in the center of town are impassable. There are raised and cracked sidewalks and damaged curbstones. Large trees and overgrown roots have taken the place of sidewalk space in some cases. The damaged sidewalks make it very hard if not impossible to walk or maneuver a stroller or a wheelchair or even walk safely on the sidewalk. This is a safety hazard and could possibly violate the American with Disabilities Act. The center of town is where the Town Hall, a school, banks, library, tennis and pickleball courts, wharf, playgrounds, beach, churches, shopping and some restaurants are located. All of these Need and should be accessible to all town residents. Although approximately



*Congratulations to Wayne Nichols, of Mattapoissett, who won the Peter P Briggs Insurance Agency Valentine's Day Give Away. He was one of many local residents who stopped by the office to sign up to win a high-end coffee maker provided by MAPFRE Insurance. The next Raffle will be in the summer.*

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#### **Grade 2 Basketball League**

*The players learned so much this season and finals night was a real nail-biter. In Game 1, the Warriors edged out the Bucks 8-6 in a really close game. In Game 2, the Bulls beat the Celtics 6-2, but the game was very close until the last quarter.*



*The Finals was the Warriors versus the Bulls. Austin Sims scored the first bucket for the Warriors, but Charlotte Medeiros evened it up with a basket for the Bulls. Will Boucher of the Warriors had the 2nd bucket putting them up 4-2 until Adriel Bettencourt of the Bulls tied it up in the 4th quarter. We went into four minute overtime! It was another basket from Austin Sims that sealed the victory for the Warriors. It was a great game and a wonderful season. We hope you will all sign up for Tri-Town basketball next October.*







# MOVIE REVIEW

## Tangled Web

By Rob Gonsalves

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**Madame Web.** Starring Dakota Johnson and Sydney Sweeney. Directed by S.J. Clarkson. Running time: 116 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.

Fun-loving people on the internet would like you to believe that *Madame Web* is so bad it's good. It's not. It is so bad it's *depressing*. It shows every symptom of a thing that was made but not cared about, dropped onto our desks the way a failing student passes in an exam they didn't study for, wincing. It contains the most atrocious ADR (post-production dialogue dubbing) I've ever seen in a released studio film. To be so bad it's good, it would need to be *fun* in some way — campy, weird, wild, a guilty pleasure. *Madame Web* is a guilty displeasure. The hour and fifty-six minutes we kill watching this can be better spent watching a better movie of the same length (say, *Full Metal Jacket*), reading, doing one's taxes...

*Madame Web* is about a paramedic, Cassie Webb (Dakota Johnson), who receives semi-psychic powers, which are sometimey and not under her control. The scenes having to do with Cassie's visions are confusing to say the very least, since they barge into the narrative with no preparation or context; they're also edited as incoherently as every other action scene is here. The gist of the story is that Cassie, whose dead mom was trying to find a special spider in Peru, must protect three teenage girls (Sydney Sweeney, Isabela Merced and Celeste O'Connor) who are in danger from the movie's big bad (Tahir Rahim), who has his own future visions in which he sees the girls, in superhero costumes, killing him. Thus does the movie spoil its own ending about twenty minutes in.

Enjoy that glimpse of the girls in their Spider-Woman costumes — for that is their destiny, to be Spider-Women, as this film is Spider-Man-adjacent — in that early vision and right at the end, because that's all you get in this supposed superhero movie. Most of it is a matter of Cassie and the girls running from the big bad, except for when Cassie pointlessly goes to Peru to find out her mom, who died while giving birth to her, was looking for that special spider

so she could cure the disease she knew Cassie would be born with. The sequence seems about as useless as the scenes having to do with Ben Parker (Adam Scott), a fellow paramedic, and his pregnant sister Mary (Emma Roberts), who will give birth, the movie hints, to Peter Parker, aka the Spider-Man most of us know.

This movie isn't really for a viewer who has never seen a *Spider-Man* film before, but neither is it for those who have seen every *Spider-Man* film (or even one). The screen is loaded with actors visibly wishing they were anywhere else, most certainly including the dull-affect Dakota Johnson, who narrowly loses the "Calgon, take me away" contest to Zosia Mamet as the big bad's hacker. (Bored-looking Mamet sits at her monitor watching for the girls and delivering pearls like "I think I got them.") The saddest/funniest aspect of the whole ordeal, though, is that it seems convinced it's the first of many adventures with this quartet — the three superpowered girls commanded/protected by Cassie. There will be no such sequels. We will never see these characters again. There will be no great future stories with *Madame Web*, or Cassie Webb, or Jack Webb for that matter.

So the ending is one of those "The end? Nay — the *beginning!*" conclusions meant to make us thirst for more, when what we're craving at that point is simple fresh air, or something stronger. *Madame Web* was directed by S.J. Clarkson, who also gets official screenwriting blame along with three others, and I suppose we've reached the point where women can make superhero movies as empty and unsatisfying as men can. Clarkson has been a prolific TV director, and I hope this film, whose problems are probably most accurately pinned on an insecure studio's meddling, doesn't squash her career. Tahir Rahim, too, is a better actor than this movie, which destroys his performance with that poor dubbing, would indicate. Nobody comes out of *Madame Web* looking good except maybe Kerry Bishé, who, as Cassie's ill-starred mother, at least gets in and out fast. Everyone else has to pull on hip-waders and slosh through this sewage until the finish.



26 trees will be cut, 32 trees will be planted. They will be a smaller more appropriate species, and yes they will be saplings as their predecessors once were but they will grow. The state and federal government is giving the town 9 million dollars (tip funds) for this project at no cost to the taxpayer, which includes repairing sidewalks, curbing, extending sidewalks and curbing, tree removal, tree planting (more than will be cut), street repair and drainage which is sorely needed. The larger oak trees now in the center of town in most cases were planted before sidewalks, curbs, sewer or paved roads. In contrast, where was the concern when 500 trees were cut for the Mattapoissett Rail Trail and not a single tree was replanted? If we do not take these monies, over the cutting of trees, then the town to complete this project will need to borrow the money and that will mean paying that back with interest. That means the costs will be passed on to the taxpayers at approximately \$3,200 per taxpayer. To not take this money is ridiculous and fiscally irresponsible since more trees will be planted than cut. Please attend at let your voices be heard.  
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### Academic Achievements

Below is a list of local students who were named to the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the Fall 2023 semester. In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Feb 11-Feb 17

- Beach St – Health/welfare
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Inland Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – MV collision
- Beach St – EMS/medical
- Luce Ave – B&E/past
- Front St – Larceny/past
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Crapo St – General service
- Bell Guzzle Ln – General service
- Mill St - Arrest
- Parkway Ln – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – General service
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- River Rd – Paper service
- Mill St – Animal bite
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Spring St – MV collision
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious MV
- Stoney Run Ln – Health/welfare
- Pine Hill Ln – Suspicious activity
- Front St – MV collision
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Crapo St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Rezendes Ter – EMS/medical

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Feb 11-Feb 17

- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Brant Beach Ave – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Burglar alarm
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Water St – MV violations
- Wildwood Ter – Animal control
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- Winnatuxett Beach Rd – Ambulance
- Acushnet Rd – 911 call
- North St – MV crash
- Perkins Ln – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Tupola Ln – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- Hiawatha Way – Parking complaint
- North St – General service
- North St – MV violations
- Holly Woods Rd – MV violations
- Mendell Rd – Suspicious MV
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Ocean Dr – Gunshots reported
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Feb 11-Feb 17

- Braley Hill Rd - Medical
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Bates Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Follow up
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Fire alarm
- Mattapoisett Rd – Outside fire
- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing
- Hartley Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- High St – MV collision
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Road hazard
- Cromwell Ln – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Disabled MV
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Burglar alarm
- New Bedford Rd – Erratic MV
- Mattapoisett Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing
- Pine St - Medical
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Pierce St – MV collision
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- Bowens Ln – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- High St – 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 26:** Lasagna w/ tomato basil sauce, green beans, scali bread, peaches

**Tuesday, Feb 27:** Meatloaf w/ onion mushroom gravy, garlic mashed potato, peas, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit

**Wednesday, Feb 28:** Chicken bruschetta, penne pasta, broccoli, multigrain roll, tiramisu, diet: low sugar cake

**Thursday, Feb 29:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges, corn, hamburger roll, banana

**Friday, March 1:** Seafood newburg, penne pasta, Genoa blend, snowflake roll, Mandarin oranges

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb 26:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed broccoli, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Feb 27:** Homemade chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potatoes, savory green beans

**Wednesday, Feb 28:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast

sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Feb 29:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick, carrots

**Friday, March 1:** No menu available

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Feb 26:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed broccoli, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Feb 27:** Homemade chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potatoes, savory green beans

**Wednesday, Feb 28:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Feb 29:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick, carrots

**Friday, March 1:** No menu available

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Feb 26:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed broccoli,

lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Feb 27:** Homemade chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potatoes, savory green beans

**Wednesday, Feb 28:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Feb 29:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick, carrots

**Friday, March 1:** No menu available

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Feb 26:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed broccoli, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Feb 27:** Homemade chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potatoes, savory green beans

**Wednesday, Feb 28:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Feb 29:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick, carrots

**Friday, March 1:** No menu available

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Feb 26:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed broccoli, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Feb 27:** Homemade chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potatoes, savory green beans

**Wednesday, Feb 28:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Feb 29:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick, carrots

**Friday, March 1:** No menu available

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Feb 26:** Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll

**Tuesday, Feb 27:** Cheese pizza quesadilla & fries

**Wednesday, Feb 28:** Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans & garlic bread

**Thursday, Feb 29:** Linguica sandwich & fries

**Friday, March 1:** Assorted pizza



average or better on a four-point scale.

From Marion; **Jacqueline Elizabeth Barrett, David Michael Berman, Rachael Fantoni, Landon Timothy Maxwell, Amaya Catherine McLeod, Ariana Marie Miranda, Sawichaya Phimolmas, Markus Luke Pierre, Dillon Aguilera Romig, Ella Rose Shultz, and Isabelle Grace Tse.** From Mattapoisett; **Mary Clare Butler, Danielle Elizabeth Craig, Liam Geraghty, Benjamin Marc Hall, Meghan Mary Horan, John William Jahn III, Paul Herbert Kippenberger III, Philip Stuart le Gassick, Aurora Pereira, Ethan Samuel Perez-Dormitzer, Marc Francis Pothier, Nathan James Przybyszewski, Emily Madelyn Roberge, Isabella Bianca Russo, Joseph Patrick Sheridan III, Julia Catherine Sheridan.** From Rochester; **Madeline Isibea Dugas, Sakurako Linh Huynh-Aoyama, Felicity Ann Kulak, Christian George Noble Shriver, Jeffrey Alan Radek Jr, Evan Thomas Smith, Jennifer Lynne Williams, and Joe Ziino**

Curry College congratulates **Kathleen Gifford** of Rochester, **Sarah Murdoch** of Marion, and **Matthew Simmons** of Rochester who were named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List.

More than 1,600 students were named to the College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester of the 2023-24 academic year. The following students made the list: **Benjamin Castle** of Marion, Class of 2024, **Failenn Fitzpatrick** of Marion, Class of 2027, **Anne Le Gassick** of Mattapoisett, Class of 2024, **Joel Michaud** of Mattapoisett, Class of 2025, and **Danielle Nutter** of Mattapoisett, Class of 2024

Assumption University has announced that **Charlotte Sisson**, of Rochester, Class of 2027, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

Tufts University recently announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester including; **Charlie Dineen** of Marion, Class of 2024, **Tasha Sudofsky** of Marion, Class of 2027, and **Emma Vivino** of Marion, Class of 2025.

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## **Matt Congo Pancake Breakfast**

The Matt Congo Pancake Breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday, **March 30** from 9:30-11:30 am in Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street I, please call the church office Monday-Thursday 8:00 - 1:00 at 508-758-2671.

## **Sailor's Valentines**

The Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street and the Mattapoisett Land Trust are co-sponsoring a winter vacation activity making Sailor's Valentines on Friday, **February 23** from 10 to 11:30 am at the Museum.

All supplies needed to make your own Sailor's Valentine will be provided. This craft is recommended for ages eight and up. The event is free and open to the public, but donations are always appreciated. Snacks and cider will be provided.

Although the exact origins of the Sailor's Valentines are not clear, documentation shows that they were given as a token of affection by sailors to their loved ones. Sailor's Valentines were most likely not made by the sailors themselves but were handcrafted by women in Barbados, a popular destination amongst whaling ships between 1830-1890. Sailors would then purchase these trinkets at souvenir shops while in port.

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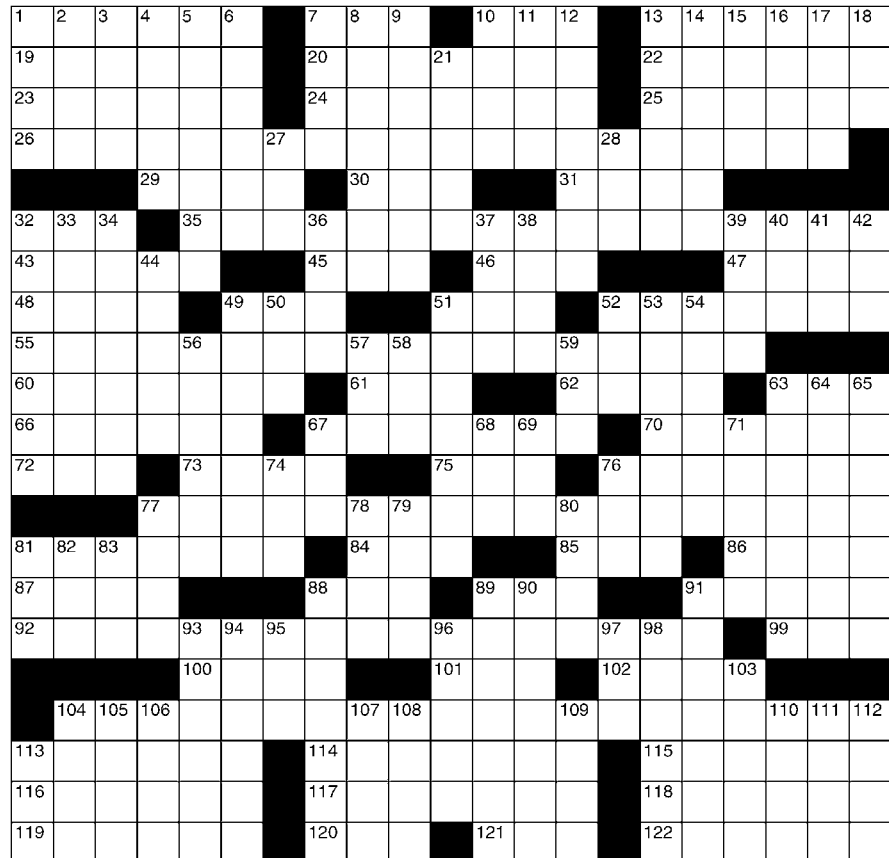
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35 Riddle, part 2  
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81 Oval shape  
84 Dejected  
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89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.  
91 Very long time periods  
92 End of the riddle  
99 Disloyal type

- 100 Impulsive desire  
101 Illusionist  
102 Like planted seeds  
104 Riddle's answer  
113 Enter very quickly  
114 Novelist Caldwell  
115 Common gauge for toy trains  
116 "Despite that ..."  
117 Gets smaller  
118 "Happy Days" actress Ross  
119 Bunks on ships  
120 Mil. ranker  
121 Gym pad  
122 Hole to receive a lace  
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1 Bird's crop  
2 Trellis strip  
3 "Noelle" star  
Kendrick  
4 Glasgow natives  
5 Grandstander  
6 Chimpanzee variety  
7 "— have to wait"  
8 Got married

- 9 Lure for insect extermination  
10 The earth as a goddess  
11 Cut — (dance)  
12 Pago Pago people  
13 "Meteor" actor Martin  
14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film  
15 Long, involved story  
16 Shut loudly  
17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"  
18 Grammy winner Brian  
21 "— the breaks!"  
27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance  
28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"  
32 "Let me!"  
33 Bases-loaded situation  
34 Lightweight kitchen utensils  
36 Peak  
37 Chicago daily, in brief  
38 Global: Abbr.  
39 Mark for life  
40 Easter meat  
41 Adam's mate

- 42 — Moines  
44 Bob of choreography  
49 Tahitian skirts  
50 Package delivery co.  
51 Carpentry material for some cabinets  
52 Chi follower  
53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage  
54 Taxonomic subdivisions  
56 Become lively  
57 Cheer yell  
58 With 63-Across, for the time being  
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63 Oven used to bake naan  
64 Spiny anteater  
65 Most unkind  
67 Conservation org. with a panda logo  
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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Put that restless Arian surge to good use this week by preparing your winter-weary home for spring. Also, be more flexible about accepting a workplace change.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your well-known ability to be patient is challenged as you wait for more news about a promising opportunity that could lead you down a new career path.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A setback in your travel plans could prove to be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to help close a growing gap between you and a family member.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't let a sudden sense of separation between you and your partner go unchallenged. It's important to make a strong effort to clear things up.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Use the information you recently received to make some long-deferred changes regarding a personal situation. Also, continue to exercise financial restraint.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) That new responsibility you're now considering could lead to many opportunities. But be sure you have all the facts before you agree to take it on.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A friend might try to advise you against a potentially risky move. Ultimately, the decision is yours, but hear them out before you decide.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in demanding an apology, but it might be wiser to settle things so that today's adversary doesn't become tomorrow's enemy.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Good news: Expect a more positive aspect to dominate your personal and professional lives. In addition, someone close to you seeks your counsel.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A disappointment can turn into a learning experience. Now, at least, you know what not to do. Meanwhile, expect more options to open up.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) What goes around comes around as a friend from the past returns a favor. Don't be timid about accepting it with good grace. You deserve it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your spiritual strength helps you deal with a family member's problem. Expect some difficulties, but stay with it until it's ultimately resolved.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can observe people and situations with absolute honesty. You'd be a fine social worker, psychoanalyst or member of the clergy.  
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## Bring Your Own Book to the Silent Book Club

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is kicking off the first meeting of its Silent Book Club on Thursday, **February 29** at 3 pm in the upstairs Reading Rooms. This new book club, not just for introverts because it's actually also social, joins the "more than 500 chapters in 50 countries around the world led by local volunteers. Of SBC members who gather in public at bars, cafes, bookstores, libraries and online to read together in quiet camaraderie," according to its founders in San Francisco, Guinevere de la Mare and Laura Gluhanich. Their aim was just to get together and get some reading done that they couldn't do at home. Everyone brings their own book.

At the Mattapoisett Library, the first meeting will be celebrated with a traditional afternoon tea. Participants will enjoy delicious sweet and savory treats and tea. It will be limited to just 20 readers due to space limitations, so please call the circulation desk to sign up at 508-758-4171 or visit the library. The event is for members of the public ages 16 and up.

At Silent Book Club, there's no assigned reading. Everyone brings a book to read, and at the outset, chats about their choice and helps themselves to refreshments. Then the facilitator will announce that it's time to read for 30 minutes. After that time, readers may resume talking (or not) and then break until the next meeting. There is no obligation to attend every meeting.

Join in the pleasure of reading with friends, acquaintances and strangers and hear about your next interesting book to read. More information about Silent Book Groups is available online on Instagram and Facebook. The official group sends out a newsletter that interested readers may sign up to receive.

## Mattapoisett Woman's Club Offers Scholarships

For this, the 2023-24 academic year, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is pleased to be able to offer two (2) \$2,500.00 scholarship awards to Mattapoisett residents, male or female, who are high school seniors planning to graduate during the current academic year.

Scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Offices at Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Tabor Academy, Bristol County Agricultural, or other certified secondary school and online at [www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org](http://www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org) (see Scholarships.)

The final deadline for returning completed applications is **March 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

In addition, this spring the Club will also be offering one (1) Continuing Education \$1,500.00 scholarship award to a Mattapoisett resident who is planning to pursue a bachelors, masters, CAGS, doctorate,

or other academic degree or advanced career or trade certification during the coming year.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events to help generate the revenue for these and other charitable donations. Our scholarships are intended to support the club's belief in the importance of education as well as its grateful dedication to the community for supporting the necessary fundraising.

Membership in the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is open to any woman interested in furthering and supporting the philanthropic, academic, civic, and social goals and objectives of the organization.

## Old Rochester's Mask Making Tradition

Every fall, just in time for Halloween, Old Rochester's Ceramic I students embark on a captivating investigation of masks, as tools of transformation and cultural significance. Students researched selected masks from a diverse range of global masking traditions, studying symbolism and contextual rituals and /or celebrations before reinterpreting them through ceramic artistry.

Each mask became an expression of the student's imagination, infused with vibrant colors, intricate shapes, and meaningful designs, symbolic of the story, purpose, and power each student invented for their mask. From the initial crafting of maquettes to the final unveiling of final, life-size masks, students blended ancient traditions with personal narratives to produce the body of work you see before you.

As visitors to this exhibit, we are invited to immerse ourselves in the rich tapestry of human history and creativity, exploring the stories and symbolism behind each mask. Through their artistry, Old Rochester's Ceramic I students offer a glimpse into the enduring power of cultural traditions and the transformative potential of the mask as artistic expression.

## Plumb Library Upcoming Events

Book Group at the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) - Our COA Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month and everyone is welcome. On Tuesday, **February 20** at 1:00 pm we will be discussing *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout. March's book will be *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton and copies will be available at the meeting to borrow. Please bring your library card.

World Bookmark Day - Free Bookmark Swap - Did you know that World Bookmark Day is in February? Come celebrate with us on Saturday, **February 24** anytime between 10:00 am-2:00 pm at our free bookmark swap. Bring as many as you like and take as many as you like, all for free. Would you prefer to make your own? Pick up a template at the library, get creative, and then bring your design to us by Wednesday, February 21. We'll print out



# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Richard and Judy Gomes recently visited Turning Stone resort and casino in Verona, New York upstate.



Photo by Jen Shepley



Eileen Newell shared this photo of daughter Reese Newell, with a French fry that looks like Salty from their recent takeout.



On February 14, the Marion Natural History Museum afterschool group had a great time dissecting owl pellets. The students located skulls, both rodent and avian, and other assorted bones. After identification and close inspection under microscopes, these were then mounted on project boards to bring home. The Marion Natural History museum wishes to thank Tabor Academy volunteers Camden Jeppsin, Eddy Yeon, Noah Divon, Ryan Francis and Sulaiman Al Harthy for their help with this project. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



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a few of our favorites on cardstock and laminate them for the swap.

Local Author Matt Davis - Matt Davis was born and raised in New Bedford, but his career as a professor and researcher at a university in California provided him with many opportunities to explore the world. In his new book, *At Home in the World: Reflections of a Travel Addict*, Matt shares some of his favorite experiences while traveling internationally. Please join us on Saturday, **March 9** at 12:30 pm for a talk where he will share photos and some stories from the book and discuss how his passion for travel developed during his childhood years. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$20.00, cash or check, please). There are 25 spots available for this event. Please register through our online Events Calendar.

### **BBAHFH Ramp Donation Program**

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) is seeking metal wheelchair ramp donations for their recently introduced Ramp Donation Program. The ramps will be loaned to homeowners needing accessible access into their homes. When a family no longer requires the ramp, it will be picked up by BBAHFH and will be loaned to another family in need. The Ramp Donation Program will be helpful for those with existing accessibility issues, temporary injury, or checking out of rehabilitation facilities.

Explains Executive Director Christine Lacourse, "Along with building homes that are affordable for low-

income families along the SouthCoast, we also service the community by helping with other homeowners' critical housing repair needs. By collecting and storing metal ramps, we will have an inventory available to be installed by our volunteers when needed by a local family. Ramps are surprisingly expensive, often needed on short notice, and frequently are needed only temporarily. Our ramp program can give homeowners the accessibility that is needed to keep their independence and remain in their homes."

According to Lacourse, "When we installed a ramp for one housebound woman this past year, she was so excited that she raced down the ramp in her wheelchair calling out, 'I'm free. I'm free.' Her first trip was to get an



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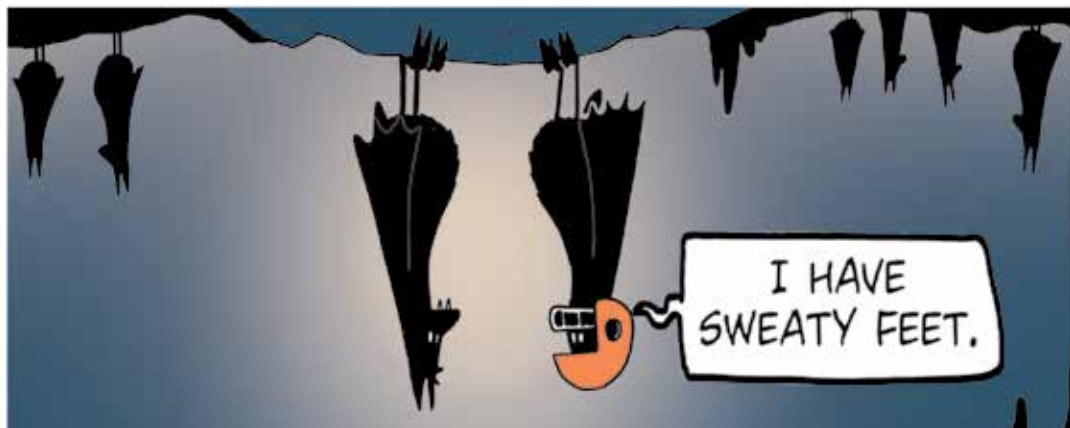


### **Shaun's lawns**

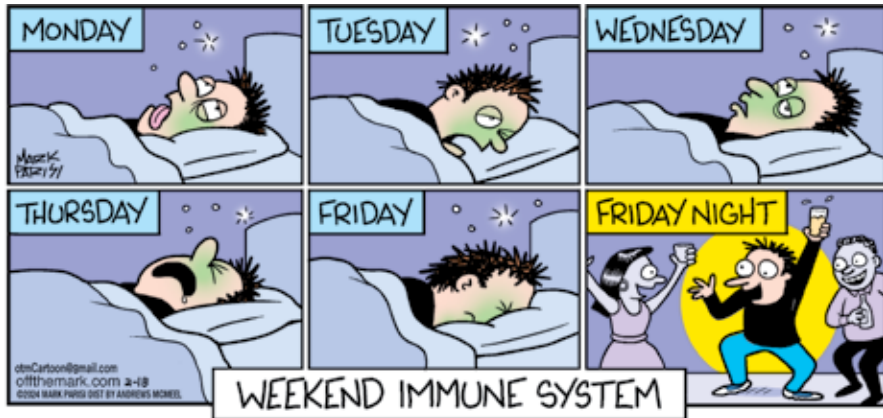
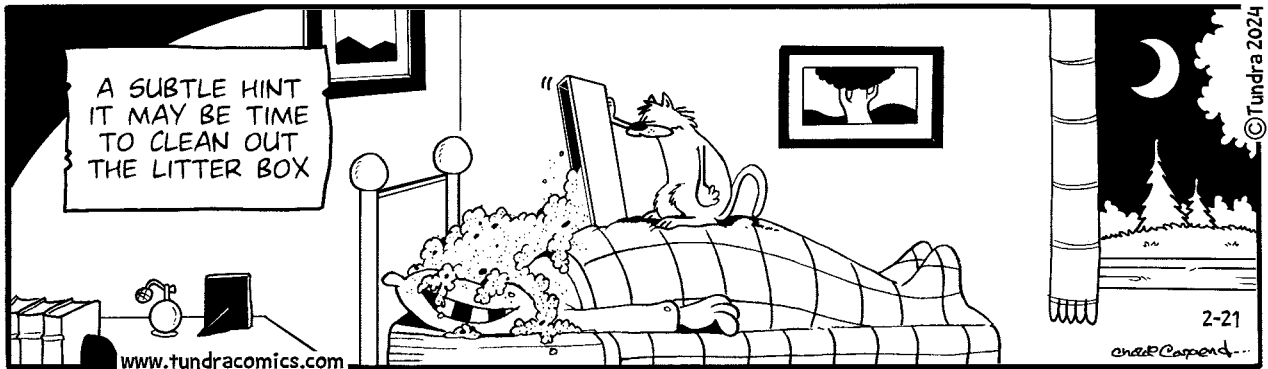
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BBAHFH is currently both looking for ramps to add to their inventory and for applicants in need of a ramp. The organization collaborates with other nonprofits in the region including the Councils of Aging, Coastal Neighbors Network, and the Association for Relief of Aged Women.

In addition to providing ramps, BBAHFH’s Brush with Kindness program also helps low-income people with critical home exteriors such as painting, minor exterior repairs, wheelchair ramps, weatherization, and exterior clean-up, as well as other Aging-in-Place renovations. BBAHFH can often keep repair costs to a minimum due to discounted materials and volunteer labor and may even provide the family with a no-interest loan to cover the expenses.

Since Habitat for Humanity is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization, ramp donations are tax deductible per IRS code. In addition to tax deductions, donors benefit from the removal of unwanted ramps and can feel good about helping families in need of housing.

BBAHFH was first established in 1996 and serves the nine communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham and Westport.

For more information on donating or requesting ramps, email Christine Lacourse at BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com, or call (508) 758-

4517.

### ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association

The ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) had set a goal of \$3,500 for its fundraising drive, to coincide with the kickoff of the association during Homecoming 2023. Through events held from Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 22, 2023, Alumni Weekend was organized for graduates of ORRJHS and ORRHS to come together in support of our school and to establish an outlet for alumni and friends to volunteer and contribute resources in service to students, teachers, and staff. The BPAA was committed to organizing an inclusive experience that brought together the common alumni experience that span decades. With attendance at the three events by over 100 alumni, the BPAA was able to reach its goals.

The BPAA is proud to announce that donations received during Homecoming 2023 totaled \$11,708 with an additional \$23,000 in pledges through 2028. The amount that the BPAA raised during Alumni Weekend at Homecoming 2023 reached \$34,708. This amount will go towards the BPAA bursary fund. The BPAA met its financial obligations through ticket sales, other forms of fundraising and other financial contributions received, with the intention of off-setting administrative costs.

The association would like to thank all the alumni who attended the events and were generous with their



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<p>THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 605311</p> <p>A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacement of Marion Road and Wareham Road (Route 6) Over the Weweantic River design-build project in Marion and Wareham, MA. WHEN: 6:00-8:00 pm, Wednesday, February 28, 2024</p> <p>PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement project of Wareham Road/Marion Road over the Weweantic River. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing two (2) bridges on US 6 over the Weweantic River. The bridges are separated by an approximate 400-foot-long causeway. The bridges and causeway will be widened to accommodate a wider shoulder and one 10-foot wide Shared Use Path on each side of the roadway. The Marion-Wareham bridge is currently a 2-span bridge and the Wareham bridge is currently a 3-span bridge. The span arrangement will remain the same however, the spans will be lengthened to accommodate a larger vertical profile while retaining the same hydraulic opening by building the abutments behind the existing abutments. The proposed project will provide bridge and roadway safety improvements and MassDOT will use staged construction to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction during construction. Pedestrian access will also be maintained throughout construction with the use of temporary sidewalks.</p> <p>The Project will also include complete and partial removal of the existing bridge structures, roadway reconstruction, highway drainage improvements, salt marsh replication and protection, traffic and pedestrian management, pavement markings and signage, utility relocation/protection and all other related bridge and highway work.</p> <p>A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.</p> <p>Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to <a href="mailto:massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us">massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us</a> or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 605311. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is hosted.</p> <p>This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights</p>	<p>Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (<a href="mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us">MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us</a>). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing. This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events">https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events</a></p> <p>JONATHAN GULLIVER, HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E., CHIEF ENGINEER 2/15, 2/22</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT MATTAPOISETT SELF STORAGE, Inc. SELF STORAGE FACILITY AUCTION SALE</p> <p>Mattapoisett Self Storage Operator's Sale for nonpayment of Storage Charges pursuant to the power of sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4. The following property will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 am on March 4, 2024, on the premises of Mattapoisett Self Storage, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques, miscellany held for: John Buckley, Unit C084; Andrea Cebula, Unit C225. Sale per order of Mattapoisett Self Storage. Tel: 508-758-4311. Terms: Cash. Units sold by the entirety. Sales are subject to postponement and/or cancellation. <a href="http://www.StorageAuctionSolutions.com">www.StorageAuctionSolutions.com</a> Lic # 350. 2/15, 2/22</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday March 8, 2024 beginning at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held by Microsoft Teams. Please contact the committee chair, Jeff Doubrava, at <a href="mailto:CommunityPreservation@marionma.gov">CommunityPreservation@marionma.gov</a> for log-in details.</p> <p>The agenda for this meeting is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review, amend and approve minutes of the February 9, 2024 meeting.</li> <li>Review and discuss applications for CPA funding. Vote to present applications for consideration at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles.</li> <li>The following applications will be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boatyard Park Boundary Survey and Sign Posting</li> <li>Silvershell Parking Lot Engineering</li> <li>Protection of Historic Files</li> <li>Marion Shared Use Bike Path ROW Easements</li> <li>Bird Island Lighthouse Engineering</li> <li>Marion Shared Use Bike Path Engineering Update</li> <li>Irrigation System Install</li> <li>Cemetery Records Management Software</li> <li>Historical Markers and Primary Source Education</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Jeff Doubrava, CPC Chair 2/15, 2/22</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Teams (Remote Meeting Option)</p>	<p>On March 4, 2024, at 7:05 pm the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw pursuant to the requirements of MGL c.40A, s.5. To see if the Town will vote at Town Meeting to re-classify the following lots, located at 207-215 Wareham Street, from General Business Zoning District to Residence E Zoning District. FSJ Holdings LLC petition the Select Board pursuant to MGL Chapter 39, Section 10 to insert the following article into the warrant for the annual town meeting to be held in spring 2024.</p> <p>To determine if the Town will vote at the Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to Article V, Section 230-5.3 of the Zoning bylaws, Town of Marion, Massachusetts to re-classify the following lots, located on 207-215 Wareham Street as Zoning District Residence E:</p> <p>Map 11 Lot 90 Map 11 Lot 91 Map 11 Lot 91A Map 11 Lot 91B</p> <p>Said lots are further shown as Lot #2, 3, 4 &amp; 5 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Marion, Mass. prepared for Abilio Rodriguez", dated May 1970, by Arthur C. Thompson, Inc. Engineering &amp; Surveyors, Marion, Massachusetts and filed in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 15, Page 789.</p> <p>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, Town Clerk or online at: <a href="https://www.marionma.gov">https://www.marionma.gov</a>.</p> <p>* Please email Doug Guey-Lee for the remote meeting information during regular business hours: <a href="mailto:dgueylee@marionma.gov">dgueylee@marionma.gov</a>. If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you identify your name and address for the record. Tucker Burr, Chair Andrew Daniel, Vice Chair 2/15, 2/22</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Teams (Remote Meeting Option)</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 4, 2024, at 7:25 pm to consider the request of the Johnson Family Investments, LLC for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1 of the Code of the Town of Marion for the proposed construction of an addition to the existing Fieldstone Farm Market building.</p> <p>The property is located at 806 Mill Street, Marion MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 17, Lot 12 &amp; 15A, zoned Residence C.</p> <p>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Terri Santos for the virtual meeting information: <a href="mailto:tsantos@marionma.gov">tsantos@marionma.gov</a> or 508-748-3517 during normal business hours. Tucker Burr, Chair Andrew Daniel, Vice-Chair 2/15, 2/22</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Continued on page 42</i></p>

time and financial resources. From connections built over Alumni Weekend, volunteers came forward to assist the association in reaching our long-term goals as a charitable organization.

With support from local businesses through their generous donations, the BPAA was able to offer select products and services to alumni at two of the three events organized over Alumni Weekend.

The mission of the BPAA is to assist the ORR community, by providing financial and human resources for the benefit of not just a few but to improve the experience of many. The funds raised over Homecoming 2023 will go directly to supporting scholarships and grants to benefit students, faculty and staff of ORR. The volunteer efforts will be directed towards providing alumni expertise through a mentorship program.

The BPAA is a recognized charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, operating as a section 501(c)(3) non-profit. All donations to ORR BPAA are tax-deductible. To help the BPAA help the ORR community, go to [givebutter.com/bulldog-pride-alumni-association](https://givebutter.com/bulldog-pride-alumni-association). If you're interested in volunteering for the BPAA, we welcome you to contact us directly at [bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com](mailto:bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com)

### **Bulldog Pride Award**

In its quarterly executive committee meeting on Sunday, January 28, the executive committee of the ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) unanimously voted to approve the Bulldog Pride Award for a five-year period from 2024-2028, providing a one-time award to a senior of each of these graduating classes, establishing the foundation for a long-term commitment to alumni-sponsored awards.

Pursuant to this, the executive committee unanimously approved the allocation of funding in the amount of \$5000 to be given annually to one graduating senior of the Classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 in the amount of \$1000. Committed to the efforts of the alumni involved in the '88 Bulldog Pride Award, which awarded \$300 to a graduating senior of the Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, the executive committee's decision marks a 260% increase in funding. The executive committee, based on future fundraising efforts, may be in a position to increase the funding allocation and will review this allocation annually.

The Bulldog Pride Award builds on the precedent of the The '88 Bulldog Pride Award which was funded by classmates and friends of the Class of 1988. The winners of this award were: Michaela Mattson '19 of Marion, Meghan McCullough '20 of Mattapoisett, Daphne Poirier '21 of Marion, John Kassabian '22 of Mattapoisett and Failenn Fitzpatrick '23 of Marion.

The BPAA is committed to continuing this legacy of awarding an outstanding graduating senior of the Class of 2024 who evinces pride for ORR, through a record of volunteerism in school-based activities and having made

significant contributions to class-specific activities during the student's tenure at Old Rochester Regional High School.

The ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) invites all interested graduating seniors of the Class of 2024, who have demonstrated pride for ORR through a record of participation and leadership in activities of the school, to apply for this award. We encourage our community members who may know an outstanding senior to nominate them.

For applications, send a request for the application packet to [bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com](mailto:bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com). The application period ends on April 2. The winner of the award will be announced no later than June 4.

The BPAA is a recognized charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and operates as a section 501(c)(3) non-profit. All donations to the BPAA are tax-deductible. Please consider giving in any amount to help the BPAA assist the community of ORR: [givebutter.com/bulldog-pride-alumni-association](https://givebutter.com/bulldog-pride-alumni-association)

### **MAC Playwrights Incubator Program**

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage. Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MTPI is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and

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Pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain and adjacent to wetlands. Funding would be provided through Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Town of Marion to replace and improve the deteriorating Creek Road Wastewater Pump Station to mitigate against the risk of flood damage.

The proposed action is located on Creek Road in Marion. The project would raise the ground elevation of the 0.1-acre site to 12 feet above sea level by importing approximately a net of 6,500 cubic feet of clean fill. A new enclosed structure would be constructed on concrete columns to elevate the lowest floor to 24 feet above sea level. The enclosed structure would house electrical equipment, system controls, and a new diesel emergency generator. Pumps, motors, and other system components that cannot be housed in the elevated structure would be replaced with submersible equipment. Below-grade pump chambers would be relocated within the site further from the adjacent wetlands and the pipes conveying water into and away from the pump station would be relocated to accommodate the changes in pump station configuration.

The project is within a coastal area with a 1% or greater annual chance of flooding and additional hazard associated with storm waves. The project is adjacent to a tidal wetland connected to the Briggs Cove estuary. A map of the area of available upon request.

Alternatives considered included the relocation of the pump station and the "no action" alternative. Three properties were identified as the most feasible locations within a 1-mile radius of the existing pump station. None of the alternative sites identified were outside of mapped flood zones, however each of the three sites were in lower-risk areas than the current site. The alternative locations were analyzed based on parcel ownership, flood zone, proximity to a residence, required depth of excavation, cost of construction, site elevation, proximity to the existing site, and effects on environmental resources. The current site was found to be the only practicable location and solution to address existing risk without disrupting sewer ser-

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vice and to prevent release of hazardous pollutants during flooding.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain and wetland impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:  
Alexander Miller, Environmental Protection Specialist  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Cambridge, MA  
Alexander.Miller@fema.dhs.gov; (202)-746-6856  
2/22

TOWN OF MARION  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 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 an Amended Order of Conditions, SE 041-1389, submitted by Jonathan G. & Jill J. Castle to extend the level area at the rear of the house as part of a previously amended scope to raze and rebuild the remaining 2-story portion of the original house, and relocate and install a new septic system at 406 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 16 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.  
Jeffrey J. Doubrava, Chair  
\*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/22

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom \*\*) on the Request for Amended Order of Conditions submitted by Quinn Henshaw for Prospect Road (off Chesapeake Run), Map 5, Lot 188 in Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with associated grading, drilling of well and utility connections.  
\*\*Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/22

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TOWN OF MARION  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #821


The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2024 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Carlos and Jennifer Varnum, represented by T2 Architecture, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1E(1) of the zoning by-law to allow an increase in height of a non-conforming structure, greater than 10 per cent, but less than the allowable 35 feet.

The property, located at 534D Point Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 6 as Lot 39A.  
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 2/22, 2/29

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
SELECT BOARD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing has been scheduled for February 26, 2024, at 5:35 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of What the Taco, 20 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 requesting an Entertainment License.

Manager of record to be Megan St. John  
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by Linda Thistle

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production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights. These plays are small cast shows with one to six characters. Selected playwrights will work with two mentors who are experienced theater artists to fine-tune their plays over the course of several months and prepare the script for production. After regular writing evaluations, when the script is ready, the mentors will work with the MAC to find a director and assist her or him in casting the show with appropriate actors. One or more readings with a select focus group audience will include a feedback/response process, and the end result is a completed script, ready for debut performance for a live audience on stage at the Marion Art Center.

Any new writer who has not yet been published or had a play produced is invited to submit her or his script or outline for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program. Selected applicants are required to sign an agreement with the MAC Theater, outlining expectations and a commitment to the program. Playwrights must be available to meet on site with mentors, for readings and all aspects of the production process including auditions, rehearsals, tech work and performances. Apply online at [marionartcenter.org/mtpi](http://marionartcenter.org/mtpi). Applications are due by March 31, 2024. The selected playwright for the 2024-2025 program will be announced in early May. Please send any questions to [mtpi@marionartcenter.org](mailto:mtpi@marionartcenter.org).

The MAC's 2023-2024 playwright, Stella Ferra, will be premiering her original work, *All the Frozen Ones*, during ArtWeek SouthCoast, a regional cultural festival, on May 9, 10, 11, 2024 at the Marion Art Center. Ferra is an actor, playwright, director, and dramaturg. She is a recent graduate of NYU Tisch School of the Arts where she trained at Playwrights Horizons, Stella Adler Studio of Acting, and Stonestreet Studios. Stella was selected for New York Theatre Workshop's Mind the Gap Playwriting Program, acted as a dramaturg for The Tank's *Mr. Electric*, and her play, *Brushing Her Hair*, was featured in *Naked Angels' Young Writers Festival*.

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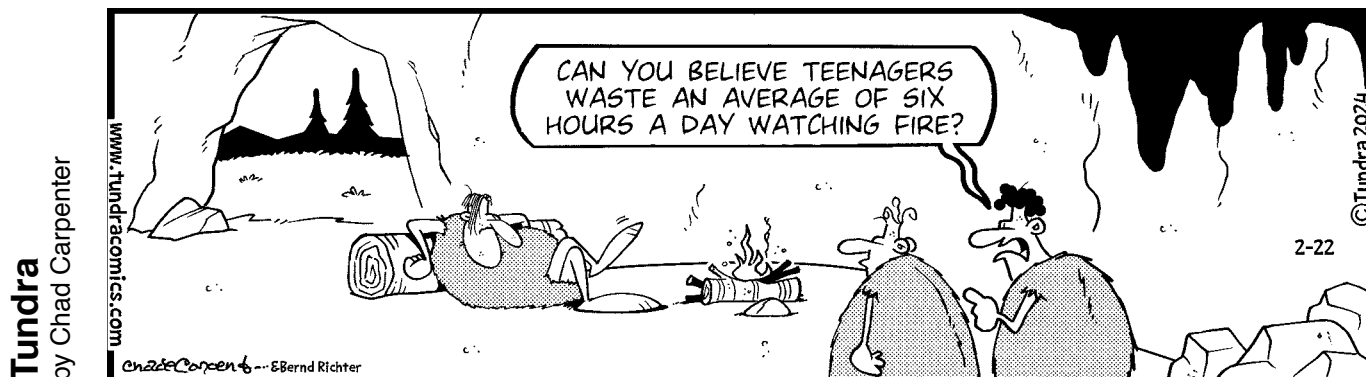
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**From the Files of the  
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By Connie Eshbach**

Due to its distance from Rochester Center, North Rochester developed almost as a separate town with its own church, tavern and quite a bit of industry. As mentioned in previous articles, there was at one time a flourishing fur and felt hat manufacturing business, the Stillwater Mills, Chaduck's Academy and Coombs Tavern as well as more than one store.

Along with these businesses, there was also a fulling mill in the 1800's operated by a man named Leonard. For many years he was engaged in manufacturing broadcloth. There were also carpenters building and selling furniture in this area.

One listed business in particular caught my attention. While North Rochester has always had its share of brooks and streams; is close to Big and Little Quittacus Ponds and abuts Snipatuit Pond, it was a considerable distance from the ocean. However, around 1838, Jethro Coffin bought the farm of Marcus Maxim (later known as the Nute Barrows homestead) and for five years or more was in the business of building whaleboats.

Whaleboats, of course, are the smaller boats carried on whaleships. The originals were double-ended boats of a lapstrake design. They were open to the weather and meant to be rowed by a crew of six using rising single banked oars as well as a steering oar. There would be a "loggerhead" by which the "whale-rope" attached to the harpoon would be controlled.

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in the crow's nest of the mother ship would see that a whale had been caught, the ship would move next to the whaleboat and the dead whale would be lashed to its side before being processed for its oil.

I wonder how Coffin got his whaleboats to their purchasers on a logging type transport or floating down some brook or river?

## ORRHS Second Term Honor Roll

The following students have achieved honors for the second term at Old Rochester Regional High School;

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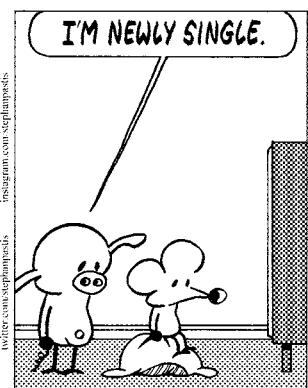
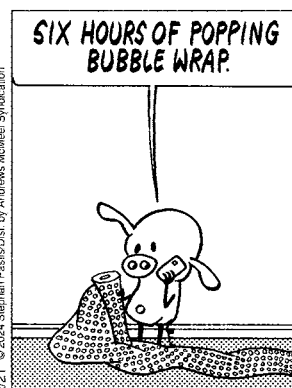
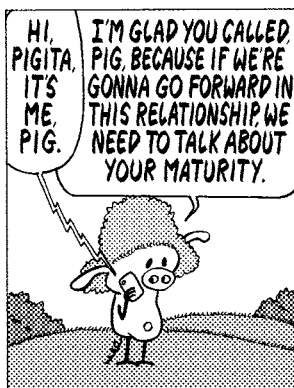
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Sylvia-Everett, Catherine Sylvia-Everett, Olivia Thompson, Katherine Thomsen, Noah Thorell, Angela Tomasso, Arielle Troupe, Richard Troy, Rachel Tse, Cassandra Tseki, Cameron Van Ness, Jackson Veugen, Nolin Vieira, Matthew Williams, Tyler Williams, Caitlin Wilson, Jenna Woodward, Molly Wronski, Emily Wyman, Dayvie Zuckerman, Kennedy Zussy

### Thomas H. Lynch: Fine Art and Corporate Design

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library between **March 1 and 31** to view the Artist Series Exhibit called Fine Art and Corporate Design by Thomas H. Lynch, National Artist and Designer. Lynch has been working professionally for some 40 years. His BFA in design is complemented by a lifetime pursuit of artistic development and excellence, which has enabled him to create award winning works of art and design for a large number of distinguished clients nationwide. Additionally, his experience as an Art Director, Senior Designer and Creative Project Director in the corporate design world has made him a world class visual arts communicator. Lynch has a Gallery in the Ropewalk Mall in Mattapoisett. Lynch will also be available for a Meet & Greet at the Mattapoisett Library on Sunday, **March 10** from 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm to speak about his work.

### Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library Gala Event

A performance of her latest dramatization, "Her Majesty--Queen Elizabeth II" will be presented on Sunday, **March 24** at the Marion Music Hall by actress Sheryl Faye. The performance will be preceded by an elegant Afternoon Tea at 3 pm featuring in the British manner, a selection of sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and preserves and a variety of special sweets.

This gala event, of appeal to both men and women, is sponsored by the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library, a fund-raising and support group for the library. Tickets, which are \$40, can be purchased from a member of the Friends or at the library. Only 100 tickets will be sold, and are limited to those age 12 and older. Tables of four or six can be reserved by calling Paula Meere at 508-274-3195. Gluten-free needs can be communicated to her as well.

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to announce that this will be the first performance in the area of this new one-act play about the queen by Sheryl Faye. Ms Faye has an enthusiastic following among those who have enjoyed her other portrayals of historic women, which include Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Helen Keller and Eleanor Roosevelt and others that she has brought to life in the 20 years in which she has been developing her repertoire.

### FCCR Chili Supper

The community is invited to a Chili Supper at First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester, on Saturday, **February 24** at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$8/ person, under 10 years old eat free. Proceeds will go to the Fellowship Hall Roof Repair Fund. Contact the church office at [rochestercongregational@comcast.net](mailto:rochestercongregational@comcast.net) or 508-763-4314 to reserve your tickets.

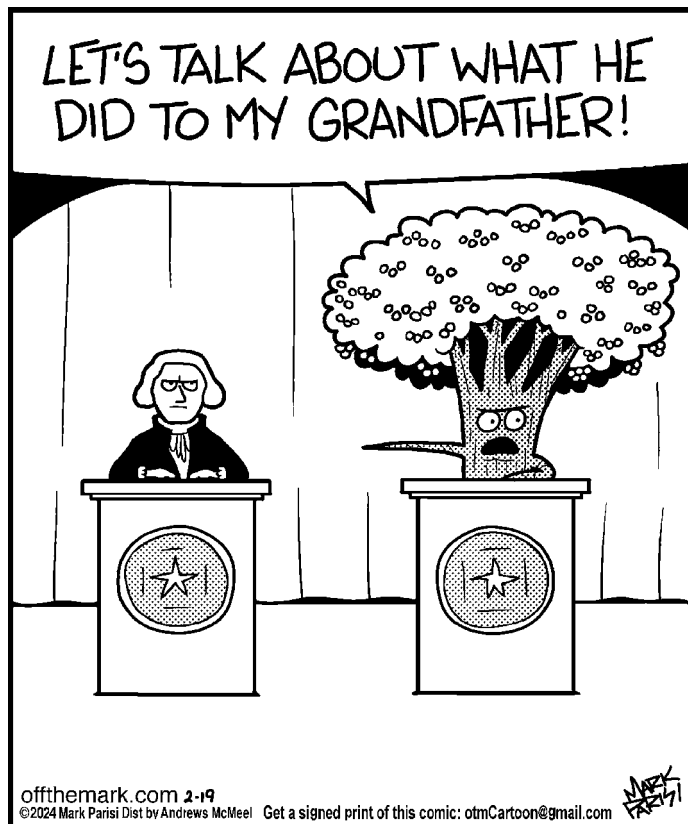
### Rochester Homeschool Cooperative

A Homeschool Christian Cooperative will open its doors in Rochester in September, for Grades K-8.

Rochester Christian Learning Center is a ministry of the First Congregational Church of Rochester and will open three days per week on the property of the church, located in the center of Rochester.

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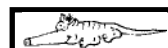


## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 22	6:46	6:58	12:35	1:02
Friday	February 23	7:23	7:37	12:30	1:27
Saturday	February 24	7:58	8:13	1:10	1:53
Sunday	February 25	8:30	8:47	1:50	2:20
Monday	February 26	9:01	9:20	2:29	2:48
Tuesday	February 27	9:32	9:53	3:06	3:15
Wednesday	February 28	10:06	10:27	3:41	3:43
Thursday	February 29	10:44	11:06	4:16	4:13
Friday	March 1	11:27	11:50	4:52	4:47
Saturday	March 2		12:16	5:36	5:30
Sunday	March 3	12:41	1:11	6:35	6:29
Monday	March 4	1:39	2:12	8:04	7:45
Tuesday	March 5	2:45	3:20	9:40	9:07
Wednesday	March 6	3:58	4:30	10:41	10:20
Thursday	March 7	5:04	5:30	11:29	11:22
Friday	March 8	6:00	6:24		12:12
Saturday	March 9	6:51	7:14	12:18	12:55
Sunday	March 10	8:40	9:03	1:12	2:36

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	February 24th
	Last Quarter	March 3rd
	New Moon	March 10th
	First Quarter	March 17th



## 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).

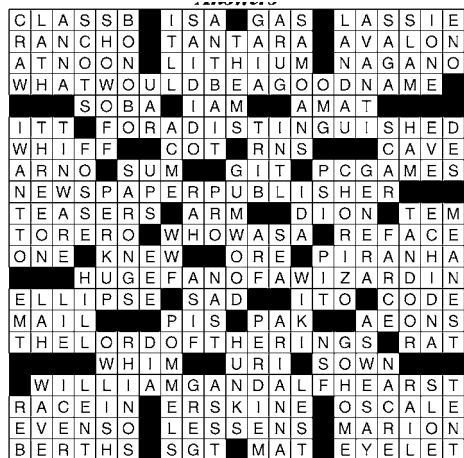
Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## SCRAMBLERS

## solution

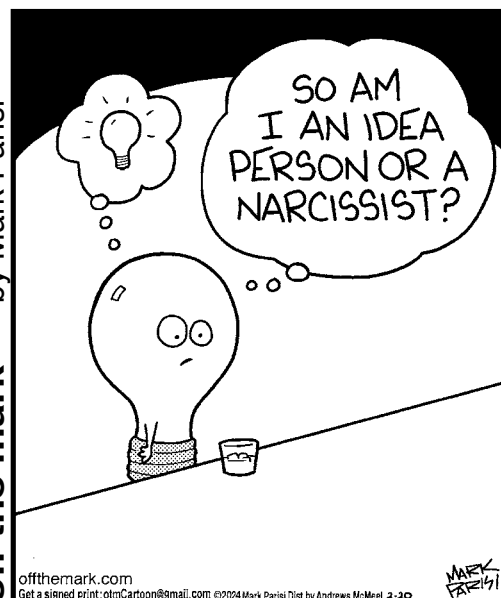
1. Ethnic 2. Alarm;  
3. Donate; 4. Impose

Today's Word  
**MOTHER**

Sudoku Answer

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

by Mark Parisi off the mark





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