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Contest Celebrates African Americans in Arts

Black History Month

By Mick Colageo

Owen Excellent's favorite entry in the Grades 7-12 Creative Expression Contest held by Tri-Town Against Racism is a colorful poster of Martin Luther King Jr. by Dylan Dubois, a junior at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School.

The composition features King's image on the right looking ahead with the Washington Monument at the center and the words above, below and around: "I have a dream that all men are created equal."

"It was worked on very good," said Owen, who is six years old and admitted surprise that he could be a judge.

First, second and third-place winners were announced by Tri-Town Against Racism president Alison Noyce on Saturday at Mattapoisett Library. Also addressing the attendees to discuss the judging of the contest was John Excellent, Owen's father. The contest theme for 2024 was "African Americans in the Arts."

Kaden Ludenai, a junior at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, won first place (and a \$200 cash prize) for his pencil drawing of artist Henry Ossawa Tanner, noting his words, "I will preach with my brush."

Second place went to Mallory Henesey, an Old Rochester Regional High School junior, for her multimedia image of photographer Ming Smith with the quote, "I like catching the moment, catching the light, and the way it plays out." Henesey won a \$100 prize for taking second place.

Taking third place (and \$50) was Old Colony junior Logan Huang, whose striking union of photographs and animated images formed a platform for the words, "We must find a way to look after one another as if we were one single tribe."

Other African Americans in the Arts depicted

On the Cover: Owen Excellent, 6, stands before his favorite entry in the Grades 7-12 Creative Expression Contest held by Tri-Town Against Racism. Owen and his father John were among the judges for the contest with the theme "African Americans in the Arts." Three winners were announced on Saturday during a gathering at Mattapoisett Library. Photo by Mick Colageo

among the 15 entries included some who are living and some from the past. Students celebrated singers Aretha Franklin, Beyonce, Whitney Houston and Tina Turner, President Obama, author Jacob Lawrence, rapper Kendrick Lamar, reggae icon Bob Marley, musician Louis Armstrong and actor Sidney Portier.

Owen's second choice was a colorful "Black Lives Matter" entry made by the youngest student in the young

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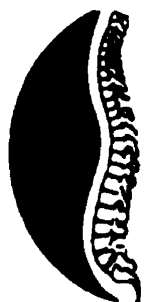
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history of the contest, seventh grader Madelyn Sivil, a student at ORR Junior High School.

"I like that it had a black peace sign and that it had hearts in the background," said Owen, who voted ORR student Carly Mello's Bob Marley poster as his third choice. "We listen to him at our house all day – a lot of time at my house."

Owen, who had Lunedai's winning entry on artist Henry Ossawa Tanner as his fourth choice, does his own art projects in school. "Paper and markers and sometimes crayons, and no colored pencils – we don't have those at my school," he said.

"Regardless of where the life raft takes us – you know, we always try to make space in our life raft to throw some things out – we'll keep that as a fixture on your voyage, your art and your creativity," said John Excellent, noting that President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976. "We discussed (the entrants') stuff. We broke it down, we really talked about it and what feeling that gave us. That's a powerful thing."

John Excellent encouraged listeners to fight the distractions and things that cut into one's time and take away from the desire to express oneself through the arts.

"It's great that small communities like us get together and find ways to celebrate Black History Month," he said.

The other judges were Kendall Smiley, Frances-Feliz Kearns, Jenn Wong, and Jess Kimball-Veeder.

Noyce addressed the gathering, citing her appreciation for some amazing artwork turned in, especially entries that helped her learn about artists she had not known of, but she also expressed a belief that much of the work of ending racism lies ahead.

For more information, visit tritownagainstracism.org/post/black-history-month-2024.

Bauer Facing Potential Challenge

Tri-Town Elections

By Mick Colageo

Kathleen Costello, 51 North Street, has pulled nomination papers indicating a potential run against Jodi

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Bauer for the latter's Mattapoisett Select Board seat. Bauer had already returned her papers, confirming a bid for re-election.

The Mattapoisett School Committee terms of Jim Muse and Tiffini Reedy are up this year. Neither had pulled nomination papers as of February 20, but two potential candidates have: Kathleen McArdle and Jack Lebrun.

Alan Apperson has pulled papers for Leonard Coppola's expiring three-year term on the Mattapoisett Board of Assessors. Coppola has also pulled papers, indicating a bid for re-election.

Lizanne Campbell has pulled papers to run for the expiring seat as Mattapoisett's town moderator. John Eklund, the incumbent, had not pulled papers as of February 20.

Mattapoisett incumbents who have pulled papers indicating a run for re-election include: Library Trustees William Osier and Elizabeth Sylvia; Planning Board member Tom Tucker; Chuck McCullough (Housing Authority), Community Preservation Committee

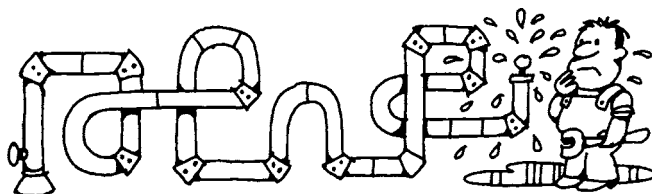
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Other terms set to expire in Mattapoisett include Albert Meninno Jr. (Water/Sewer Commissioners) and Russell Bailey (Board of Health.)

Rochester resident Portia Silk has pulled papers indicating a run for a seat on the Trustees of the Plumb Library in Rochester. As of Monday, no incumbents had pulled papers. The terms of Library Trustees Chair Kelley Medeiros and Co-Chair Shauna Makuch expire this year.

The 2024 Mattapoisett Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21. The deadline in Mattapoisett to pull papers is Friday, March 29, and the deadline to return them is Tuesday, April 2.

Rochester Select Board member Paul Ciaburri has pulled and returned papers, making official his bid for re-

election. As of Monday, no challenger had pulled papers.

Also returning papers confirming his bid for re-election was Rochester Water Commission member David Hughes. Four other Rochester incumbents have pulled papers, indicating they will run for re-election: Robin Rounseville (Rochester School Committee), Matthew Monteiro (Old Rochester Regional School Committee), Michael C. Murphy (Planning Board; and David Arancio (Town Moderator.)

The 2024 Rochester Town Election will be held on Wednesday, May 22. The deadline in Rochester to pull papers is Monday, April 1, and the deadline to return them is Wednesday, April 3.

In Marion, Diane Lopes Flaherty has returned nomination papers, confirming her challenge to Randy Parker for his expiring seat on the Select Board. Parker had already returned his nomination papers, making his re-election bid official.

Alanna Nelson has returned papers, confirming her bid to run for re-election to the Planning Board; Jon Henry has pulled papers indicating he will also run for re-election. Dr. John Howard has returned papers confirming his re-election bid to the Board of Health. Chairperson April Nye and member Michelle Smith have pulled papers indicating they will run for re-election to the Marion School Committee (Smith is also chair of the ORR School Committee.)

Also pulling papers in Marion are incumbents Brad Gordon (town moderator) and George TJ Walker (Board of Assessors.)

The Marion Town Election will be held on Friday, May 17. The deadline in Marion to return papers is Monday, March 25.

Wading into Elective Office

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

Election time is upon us in the Tri-Town area, and nomination papers are out. So far it appears there has been no great stampede to run for office. But there is still time.

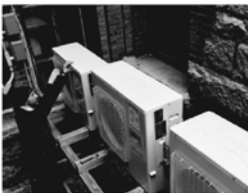
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appointed committee. I was recruited to join a local Bylaw Study Committee. The person who saw my vast potential went on to be a Massachusetts State Representative and later join the U.S. State Department as member of the George W. Bush administration. He became an expert on foreign affairs, an author and a Distinguished Professor of International Development at Texas A&M University. I mention this only to point out that even smart people can make mistakes.


Anyway, a Bylaw Study Committee reviews, analyzes and proposes new laws and decides if they should be presented to a Town Meeting for consideration by the public. During my time, we considered many important issues like whether to allow wood piles on residential property, or if yard sales should be banned on weekends.

Membership on the committee proved that a little power can be a dangerous thing.

My tenure on that committee taught me one thing, to love meetings so much that I began to attend all Finance Committee meetings, Select Board meetings and School Committee meetings. The local newspaper called me the town's "official civic auditor."

I was also on the Police/Fire Study Committee, the Dispatcher Review Committee, the Town Hall Restoration Study Committee and one or two others I have forgotten.

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elected spot on the School Committee. On my second try I won. During my six years as a member in good standing among the ruling class, I learned many things.

Being on the highest rated local cable TV show every week puts your opinions out there for the world to see. I learned that your phone never stops ringing and that few people call to express warm thoughts about those opinions.

Contract negotiations were the most fun. As a teacher myself at the time, it was a bit awkward to be on the adversarial side of the table. The teachers' union lawyer happened to also represent *me* as the lawyer for the faculty at the college where I was teaching.

During one session, a physical education teacher



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on their side who had big muscles (did I mention she was a rugby player in college) and was nicknamed “Killa” by the students, threw a chair across the table. Thankfully, quick reflexes avoided injuries, though the chair was destroyed.

Another time, having to walk through a gauntlet of massive Teamsters, whom the union had enlisted for support, was, admittedly, intimidating.

After every meeting, which sometimes went on past my bedtime, there would be a reporter with a tape recorder asking for a quote. Once I woke up to my voice on the clock radio. None of what I had said was what I heard! They had edited my words to suit their narrative. I got a retraction, which was broadcast at 3:00 pm when nobody was listening. I never responded to a reporter’s questions after that.

There were good times. The superintendent’s Christmas party was always a blast. All expenses paid trips to resorts for conventions were always enjoyable. The annual trip to the State House to lobby our representatives and feast on a giant buffet of delicious food prepared by vocational schools was always fattening ... er, fulfilling. So is public service. Go ahead, dive in.

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Do I Really Need All These Pills?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Ed Hoffer

A prior post discussed the importance of taking medication as prescribed, focusing on medications that were intended to prevent things like strokes, heart attacks and fractured hips. There is another side to the coin.

Doctors are increasingly aware of the problem of “polypharmacy,” taking a lot of pills. Almost 60% of all Americans take at least one prescription medicine, and a third of Americans over 65 take five or more medications daily. Add to these various supplements and over-the-counter (OTC) pills, and that can add up to quite a handful.

At times, this may be appropriate and beneficial. If you have diabetes, hypertension and congestive heart failure, most of your pills may be needed. However, in

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many cases pills have been added by one doctor unaware of what another doctor prescribed.

Your primary-care doctor (if you are fortunate enough to have one) may not even be aware of everything you are taking. Many medications interact in ways that may be harmful. Some may have been intended only for short-term use but were never stopped. Some may have been appropriate when you were younger but have more side effects as you age.

Some specifics: Many drugs to treat bladder problems cause dry mouth in everyone but also constipation, confusion and falls in the elderly. Young patients with diabetes with good home support benefit from having their blood sugar tightly controlled; it

prevents later eye, kidney and vascular problems. Older patients benefit less and are much more at risk of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), which can be a serious threat, even fatal, if they are over-medicated.

Some patients whose blood pressure has been well-controlled can lower or stop their medications and maintain good pressure for extended periods or indefinitely.

Anti-anxiety medications and many sleeping pills have been repeatedly linked to falls in older patients who take them. Digoxin has been used for a century to treat heart failure but more recently has been found to increase death rates in people who take just a bit too much.

What can you do? First, be sure to carry with you a list of every pill you are taking. This may be life-saving should you end up in an emergency department, but it should also be shown to any doctor you see. Periodically it is useful to ask your primary-care doctor to review what each of the pills is for, and to ask whether there are any that might be safely stopped.

I would always ask my patients once a year to make a "brown bag visit," bringing in every pill they had at home, and we would often be able to cull many that were duplicating each other. It was amazing to find that people were often taking the same medication twice, because the pills in the different bottles looked different because of different manufacturers and may have even had different names – one branded, one generic. It may be appropriate to ask if lifestyle changes could take the place of some of your pills. If you are willing to put in the effort, this is often possible.

The same review may be able to identify expensive pills that have an equally good and cheaper alternative.

Myriad of Topics Covered

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The February 26 meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board found its members not only reviewing several departmental budgets but also topics with far-reaching implications for the town and its residents.

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Towards the end of the agenda, Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo mentioned ongoing attempts to partner with the Town of Acushnet to hire a shared municipal planner. In a follow-up, board member Tyler Macallister stated that both communities had a need for a professional planner, however, "...there aren't many planners out there." The two towns have not given up, he noted, and will continue in that search.

On an entirely different track, Lorenzo shared that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Wetlands Protection Act is currently being updated with new regulatory impacts for those owning property along jurisdictional areas. He said that public participation is open and urged people to visit websites providing details and how to participate. He said website links will be posted to the town's website, Mattapoissett.net.

A quick look around the Mass.gov website, we found a December 23, 2023, press release from the governor's office titled "Healy Driscoll Administration Proposes to Strengthen Resilience from Coastal and



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The public-comment clock has been ticking and ends on March 1, the website noted. The release quotes Bonnie Meiple, MassDEP commissioner, who said, "We cannot continue a business-as-usual approach if we want to build more resilient communities." She said that the new requirements will integrate science and green infrastructure techniques to mitigate climate-change impacts. The message also detailed that the coastal floodplain hosts \$55,000,000,000 in structures of which half represents living units for 2,500,000 people within 87 coastal cities and towns.

Coming before the board was Council on Aging Director Jacki Seney. Her commentary included statistics

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on number of people served by the agency. A stunning 1,209 individual, unduplicated contacts were made in 2023, she reported. While many of those are for social activities, many others represent either urgent, local need for services or longer-term support.

Seney asked the board to consider removing one part-time COA position, replacing it with one full-time position in order to maintain continuity of service or for greater outreach. As she has shared in the past, letting people know the types of services available through the local agency is an ongoing effort. The requested COA FY25 budget stands at \$245,651.

American Recovery Program Act funds (also known as ARPA) were also discussed. Lorenzo said

that funds needed to be appropriated for infrastructure projects by the end of December 2024 and spent by 2026. The original sums received from state and local recovery funds was \$1,820,122 with a remaining balance of \$193,529. Since the beginning of the program, Mattapoisett has used or plans to use funding for such needs as the Oakland water line, purchase of water meters, radios and domain servers and computer servers.

Lorenzo offered for the board's consideration of some remaining ARPA funds, an allocation of \$400,000 for a new Water-Sewer building and \$120,000 to complete the new generator installation located at the HUD housing site.

The working draft FY25 general operating fund budget total is \$33,167,521.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Monday, March 4, time to be announced.

Stalled Housing Projects Tighten FY25 Budget

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

In presenting the FY25 Draft Budget to the Marion Select Board during its February 21 meeting, Town Administrator Geoff Gorman said the goal has been a level-services budget, the only increases of which would be related to the cost of doing business.

"Any additional services, requests, if we wanted to hire somebody, if we wanted to make somebody go from part-time (hours) to full-time ... that would be discussed separately, and we do have a couple of those items that the finance director (Heather O'Brien) and I will discuss as we get closer to a balanced budget," said Gorman.

As presented, Marion's Preliminary FY25 Budget of \$28,989,359 includes: \$13,373,309 for education, \$4,371,763 for pension and insurance, \$4,358,972 for public safety, \$2,676,585 for general government, \$2,432,547 for public works, \$857,834 for General Fund debt service, \$526,253 for human services and \$392,056 for culture and recreation.

Gorman characterized FY24 as a busy year that included three collective-bargaining agreements

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not counting the schools, a reorganization of the Harbormaster Department and “retention support” for nonunion employees.

Property-insurance increases of 5-7% are compounded by the requirement to provide individual-building flood insurance that presently affects the Music Hall but will also affect the new Maritime Center, Fire Station 2 and pumping-station projects. Gorman said Marion has 24 buildings in the velocity zone.

Health-insurance premiums went up by 6.4%, reported Gorman, noting that these “nontransient” increases are probable to continue beyond FY25.

Revenue has become a complex matter, as two large residential developments once projected to be under construction by now are not, and Gorman plainly admitted the town does not know their timelines.

“We’re trying to be conservative and look into a very cloudy crystal ball,” he said.

The priority, he said, is to maintain fiscal responsibility and the triple-A bond rating that Marion owns.

Revenue growth for FY25 is estimated at \$679,511, down 18% from FY24.

Free cash is estimated at \$3,060,000, but construction of the new Department of Public Works operations building at Benson Brook is “the largest unknown” that could affect the account.

Expense increases, said Gorman, has been

affected by police reform; this is the first collective-bargaining agreement under the reform act.

Schools will eat up 46% of Marion’s FY25 budget, and increases include 4% (Old Rochester Regional), 6.02% (Sippican Elementary) and 24% (increased enrollment at Upper Cape Tech.)

Curbside collection is up 13%, and Plymouth County retirement costs are up 9%.

O’Brien discussed revenues, noting that property taxes account for 79% of Marion’s estimated revenues for FY25. This is the first municipal budget process for O’Brien, who worked in the private sector before taking over for the retired Judy Mooney at the end of December.

Select Board member Randy Parker asked if the town should increase its annual \$200,000 investment in Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) projects, a source the town had projected income from the two Route 6 residential developments yet to break ground.

In an appointment with the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, CIPC Chairman Dave Janik presented to the board. Attending with Janik were CIPC members Casey Barros, Steve Nojeim and Debra Watson. Janik also credited Mandy Givens, who was unable to attend, for her work on the committee.

In explaining the two-fold purpose of the CIPC, Janik defined capital projects for FY25 as departmental needs costing at least \$10,000 and having a lifetime of at least five years.



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One objective of the CIPC is to go through capital needs with each town department, assemble that information and then work to achieve a consensus on how to rank them in order of priority. Mitigating factors could include urgency, funding source, if the project is being done to comply with the law, a consent decree or a court order, etc.

The worksheet used by the CIPC to interview department heads is under an annual evaluation.

Of the 36 projects presented during departmental interviews with the CIPC, 18 (half) of them were related to the Department of Public Works.

"We used to rank them all together, but the reality is when you do that the DPW projects sometimes have certain qualities about them such as they're for public health and safety, they're paid for by fees, they're under court order; they would always tend to completely outrank the other non-DPW projects," explained Janik.

Therefore, a couple of years ago the CIPC decided to present all DPW requests within a separate category.

Janik said the total funding requested for FY25 capital projects is slightly less than \$9,500,000, approximately \$7,600,000 of which accounts for the DPW subtotal.

The CIPC charted rankings of 18 DPW projects and 18 non-DPW projects.

At the top of the DPW list was a \$160,000 regulatory-compliance sewer project; at the top of the non-DPW list was a \$95,000 Fire/EMS request for cardiac monitor and defibrillator replacement.

The three most-expensive FY25 capital requests were all DPW projects: \$3,213,000 to replace the Creek Road Pumping Station (ranked fourth – DPW/Sewer), \$1,787,000 to repave the Cushing Community Center Parking Lot (13th – DPW/Highway) and \$1,200,000 for emergency generators (third – DPW/Water.)

The three most-expensive FY25 capital requests not related to the DPW: \$804,000 to replace the Harbormaster's patrol boat (ranked fifth – Marine), \$250,000 for town records digitization (seventh) and \$182,000 to refurbish Fire Engine 2 (third – Fire/EMS.)

Gorman said half of the \$250,000 for the town



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records digitization would be covered by grant funding. Janik said that the CIPC was not aware of grant funding when it went through its review and ranking process.

"If we were to rank that project again, recognizing the \$100,000 grant that was obtained for it, it would probably move several spots up," said Janik, who also summarized the CIPC's 10-year plan.

Out of season, usually before September, the CIPC also conducts site visits to be better informed regarding capital projects.

The board thanked the CIPC members.

In his Town Administrator's Report, Gorman said the footings have been poured and are complete on the Harbormaster building under construction. The project is on schedule, and plans are being made to organize a groundbreaking ceremony.

In his DPW building update, Gorman reported that bid documents have been completed and have been available since February 22; sub-bids are due March 21 and general bids on March 28. Once the bid process is complete, Gorman said the town will know what the building will cost.

A lively Community Garden discussion did not include Select Board Chairman Toby Burr, who abstained from participation.

The garden group sought and eventually received authorization to use the ground north of the Cushing Community Center to create raised, planting beds. The

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Parker said it's a great idea and recommended for efficiency's sake that the board pass its authority to the garden group, but Hills was dissatisfied with the lack of detail in the plan and criticized the choice of location because of the distance to water. "I just don't think that you're setting yourself up for success," he said.

The group was eventually voted permission to use the location that the members would clean up, including the removal of invasive species, then come back to the Select Board with a detailed plan.

Cynthia Callow was appointed temporary election warden.

The board approved the warrant to hold the



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presidential primary election on March 5. The board approved a Water/Sewer commitment of \$263.96 (final readings February 12.) The board authorized Gorman to dispose of two old phone systems, some of which have recycling value. The board approved the minutes from its February 6 meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, at 6:00 pm at the Town House Annex building.

Bite Warrants Dog Hearing

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Select Board called a special meeting held Monday afternoon to discuss a dog complaint filed by Fairhaven resident Miles Grant regarding a December 21, 2023, incident at Silvershell Beach in which his dog was bitten by an off-leash St. Bernard owned by Marion resident Verena Hultsch.

Hultsch was unable to attend the meeting, so the board voted to postpone any decision until she and Grant agree to a date for a Dangerous Dog Hearing at which she will be given the opportunity to tell her side of the story.

Upon Grant's arrival at Monday's meeting, board member Norm Hills recused himself from the discussion. Animal Control Officer Susan Connor, who responded to Grant's complaint, also attended the meeting.

A December 23 letter submitted by Grant outlined

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a December 21, 2023, incident in which he stated that he brought his eight-year-old, 55-pound, goldendoodle Harry to the dog group at Silvershell Beach.

While halfway from the parking lot to the concession area, Grant said he and his dog were approached by a fully grown St. Bernard dog off leash and unaccompanied. When he went to greet the dog, it ran around him and attacked Harry. Grant said he kicked the St. Bernard several times, but after momentarily separation St. Bernard chased Harry behind the children's sand pit near the edge of the parking lot and resumed its attack. Grant said it took several kicks to get the St. Bernard off his dog, which he said backed off only a few steps and stared at Grant.

By then, he stated, Hultsch arrived and asked Grant if his dog had attacked her dog. Admittedly upset, Grant said he told Hultsch to remove her dog from the park and that Hultsch replied that her dog had never bitten another dog. Grant said he left immediately thereafter to bring his dog to safety as soon as possible.

Grant told the Select Board that Harry had never bitten another dog nor been bitten. It wasn't until the next morning that Grant discovered a puncture wound on his dog's back and brought Harry to a clinic for repairs. On Monday, he showed the board member photos of the wound. He said the dog is now doing fine.

Citing the fact Grant stated in his letter that he was filing the complaint as much for the owner as the dog, Select Board Chairman Toby Burr asked him, "If the owner had behaved any differently, would you have made a complaint?"

"I don't believe in bad dogs, I believe in bad owners. This dog was taken to a dog park and taken off leash ... irresponsible," said Grant. "If everything had gone down that way ... I still would have been like, 'will this person take the dog back (to the park) and do it again?'"

Connor recommended that the St. Bernard be restrained on a leash at maximum length of 3 feet and be muzzled when off its owner's property. Select Board member Randy Parker asked Grant if he found Connor's recommendation reasonable, and he said it was.



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"The dog is immense, and it's a miracle that it was not worse," said Connor, who also told the board she had met the dog on May 19, 2023. "Prior to this incident, I encountered the dog at Washburn Park ... was out of the truck and the dog was aggressively moving toward me, and I advised the owner that the dog is not suitable to be off leash. ... At that time, she put the dog on a leash, but that was not related to any complaint."

Burr said he has spoken with others who frequent Washburn Park, and they told him there is nothing wrong with the St. Bernard.

"That is what the owner contended," said Connor. "In my opinion, it's not safe to encounter a dog that's aggressive to strangers. ... I wouldn't take my dog there, period. ... It's very difficult to have total control of your dog off leash, no matter how much training you have."

Referencing the euthanizing of a Marion dog at the Select Board's order last year after an attack while out of state, Connor stressed the importance that whatever the restrictions decided by the board in this case, the owner must be thoroughly informed.

"In other respects, it's a well-mannered dog ... probably is a nice dog. Unfortunately, the dog we ordered euthanized was a lovely dog," said Connor. "Nobody wants to see a dog suffer for the rest of his life and be in a kennel ... nobody wants to see a dog be euthanized or live a horrible life. Nobody wants to be in that situation."

Connor clarified that a Nuisance Dog hearing

usually relates to property, while a Dangerous Dog hearing relates to a dog that under normal circumstances would harm another dog. Qualifying her recommendation, she said a dangerous dog should either be confined indoors or outdoors with a secure enclosure. They cannot be tied up.

"I don't recommend electric fences for a dangerous dog because the public has no way of knowing that the fence failed," she said.

The board agreed to postpone a decision until a public hearing can be scheduled.

ARPA Funds Not Confined to Fire Truck

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board on Monday afternoon set a special meeting for Wednesday, February 28, at 1:30 pm to decide on spending the remainder of the town's share of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The meeting was scheduled for Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

In the Select Board meeting held on February 19, town officials revealed that the 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.

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Cannon listed the items that will probably be on the list for further ARPA funding. But he added the apportionment costs could have changed by February 28 when the board was scheduled to take another look at ambulance costs, public safety department radios and repeaters, reimbursing costs paid during the COVID pandemic for employees who had to work from home and, as discussed in a previous meeting, a new fire engine.

"We are exploring more avenues for the money than just the fire truck," Select Board member Adam Murphy elaborated, "looking through several projects."

In other action, the board signed the warrant for the Presidential Primary Election. Residents will be able to



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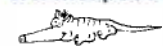


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vote on Tuesday, March 5, at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane, from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The Rochester Select Board's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

Sinkhole Fill Hopes to Beat Next Storm

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

Josiah Hatch will be allowed to fill the sinkholes behind the seawall on his property that were worsened by the December 21, 2023, storm.

On February 14, the Marion Conservation Commission heard from Hatch, who filed a Request for Determination of Applicability to fill approximately eight sinkholes with aggregate and clean fill behind the seawall at his 184 Allen's Point Road home. No work is planned for the seawall.

Noting he was accompanied online by Steve Nicholson, his excavator and mason, Hatch outlined a process whereby Nicholson will apply layers of "loam tails" backed by fabric and compacted, then topsoil, grass and vegetation.

"We're hoping to do it as soon as possible because I don't want to get another one of those storms that we had on December 21 that wreaked havoc with the ground behind the seawall," said Hatch. "Fortunately, there was no damage to the seawall, but my concern is if we get another storm, it's got nothing behind it to hold it."

Conservation Commission Chairman Jeff Doubrava noted from his site visit that it looked like the seawall had been eclipsed by the December 21 water. Hatch said he's been there since 2010 and this was the worst situation to date, putting 2 feet of water on his property in spots.

Member Shaun Walsh wondered aloud how Natural Heritage received information on Hatch's application because the agency does not weigh in on RDA applications.

Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee advised that any time habitat is present, Natural Heritage looks to weigh in. Guey-Lee said priority habitat will influence his

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recommendation of filing with Natural Heritage.

"It's not an issue for us," said Walsh, supporting a negative determination given the project is to fill in sink holes on what had been lawn. "I don't think that should hold up our vote on this."

At Doubrava's motion, the commissioners voted a Negative 2 determination, green-lighting Hatch's plan.

In other business, the commissioners approved Blankenship Trust, LLC's request for a three-year extension permit to demolish a house at 468 Point Road.

Walsh led a discussion of the Boatyard Park Boundary Survey, a 15-acre parcel behind the cove near A&J Boats where exists a diamondback terrapin sandy turtle nesting garden. Walsh said there is public access to



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the area off Point Road, but the area is not marked.

"It's a beautiful site. It's open space, it's just underutilized," said Walsh, citing a lack of signage at the property bordering four, small private lots. "We don't want people trespassing on property that is not owned by the town."

The solution he recommended is to hire a surveyor and signage to inform the public.

Walsh said he submitted an application to the Community Preservation Committee for \$7,100 in CPA funds, an amount he intends to increase to improve the signposts from metal to concrete when he goes back before the CPC Friday, March 8.

CPC-recommended projects are subject to Town Meeting vote.

In other business, the commissioners approved spending \$150 each for Walsh and Guey-Lee to attend the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions 2024 Annual Conference being held on Saturday, March 2, in Worcester.

Finally, Doubrava publicly recognized board administrator Terri Santos in her final meeting with the commission. Santos is retiring but says she will be around.

The Marion Conservation Commission was scheduled to meet on February 28 at 7:00 pm at the Police Station.

Fire Suppression Key to Self-Storage Plan

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board continued the public hearing into the Site Plan Review application for JPF Development's plan to construct a 15-acre, self-storage facility with seven storage buildings and one office structure within the Industrial District at Kings Highway and Route 28 after focusing on one lingering question: What will be the project's fire-suppression system?

The project's engineering consultant, Rick Charron, said a fire-protection engineer has told him a sprinkler fire-protection system is not required by state building code for this type of project, and the town's

consulting engineer, Ken Motta, has agreed with this.

On Tuesday night, the Planning Board brought two high-profile projects one step closer to being approved.

Board Chairman Arnold Johnson responded with questions: What type of fire suppression would be put in place instead of sprinklers? A cistern system? Does the town Fire Department agree with what state code requires there?

As the board approved the continuance, Johnson said the panel will get the full answer to whether fire suppression is required for such a facility in time for its next meeting on Tuesday, March 12.

Before this vote, Charron reported a new calculation, that the 15 buildings will hold a total of 330 storage units when they are fully constructed. He said the applicants are willing to be compliant with any conditions the town may ask of them. They will be willing to allow an easement across part of the property for abutters should public water become available in that area, he added.

The board then came even closer to approving BWC Snows Pond LLC's application to build a solar-energy array and battery-energy storage on 12.55 acres of a 31-acre parcel at 0 Cushman Road in a Residential/Agricultural District, the Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed and Groundwater Protection District.

The project's engineering consultant, Andrew Hamel, reported that Motta has said the applicant has satisfactorily addressed his concerns about the plan's initial design. As a result, the panel approved the bond amounts that the applicant must post and the waivers to town regulations that the applicant was requesting. Johnson said the board will have a draft decision ready for the March 12 meeting.

The board set a decommissioning bond of \$22,700, a two-year landscaping bond of \$95,000 and a five-year maintenance bond of \$16,000. Board member Ben Bailey sought and received approval for one revision to the requested waivers. The trees on the access road will not be cut down indiscriminately. The trees that will be cut will be flagged first so that Town Planner Nancy Durfee can inspect those trees first.

The Rochester Planning Board will meet next on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

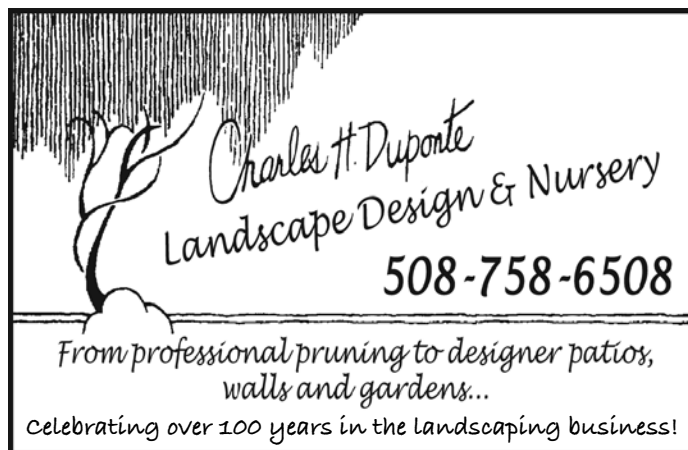
Overgrown Spruce to Be Removed

Marion Cemetery Commission

By Mick Colageo

In response to public feedback received during a February 6 Select Board meeting, the Marion Cemetery Commission met on Tuesday morning to review revisions to its proposed changes in the town's Cemetery Regulations.

The revisions were crafted for the commission's



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consumption by Select Board member Norm Hills, working off a summary of feedback during the February 6 public hearing that was compiled and later organized by Town Administrator Geoff Gorman.

While the Cemetery Commission, made up of Margie Baldwin, Paul St. Don and Helen Hills, has the authority to change or write new regulations, its revised recommendations are likely to be heard in the continued public hearing at the April 17 Select Board meeting.

The commissioners poured over definitions at the meeting also attended by Norm Hills, Department of Public Works Director Becky Tilden and Highway/Parks Supervisor Jody Dickerson.

Some of the many suggestions made by the public on February 6 were incorporated into the revised regulations, which most notably honors a request to remove the overgrown spruce tree at Old Landing.

The commission has relented on its proposed elimination of shepherds' hooks. The revision will require that a shepherd's hook be anchored within the 12-inch planting bed at a gravestone and limited to 3 feet in height.

"This is a good compromise," said Baldwin.

Other suggestions were not incorporated into the revisions, most notably including the commission's rejection of a proposal to grandfather existing, noncompliant gravesites. Nor will an appeal process be added to the commission's decisions.

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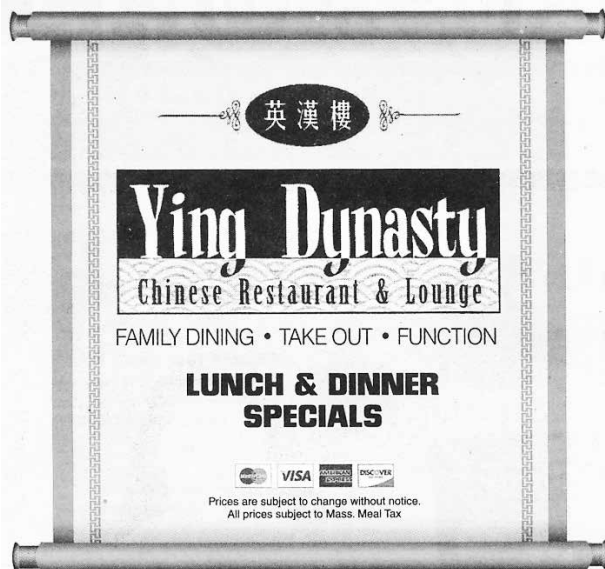


The planting area will remain limited to 12 inches out from the gravestone.

Visiting hours will remain from 8:00 am to sunset or to 7:00 pm, whichever comes first.

Regarding Massachusetts General Law Chapter 272, which was referenced by an attendee at the February 6 public hearing, Norm Hills clarified that the law against removing certain items from a gravesite pertains to unauthorized persons. The town, per the Cemetery Commissions Regulations can, in fact, remove certain items.

For instance, if a tree or shrub on a plot or grave becomes detrimental or inconvenient to routine maintenance, it is the commission's duty to have it



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Thursday February 29, 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 Paltoircast 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 Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday March 1, 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 Paltoircast 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 March 2, 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 March 3, 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 Paltoircast 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 March 4, 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
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow

and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
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 March 5, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Importance of Being Earnest
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday March 6, 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 Paltoircast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM 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!

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Marion Planning Board
10:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
1:30 PM Marion Open Space Commission
2:00 PM Marion Board of Health
3:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
3:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
5:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
6:30 PM ORR School Committee
8:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
10:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
11:00 PM Marion Planning Board

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee
1:30 PM ORR School Committee
3:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
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11:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

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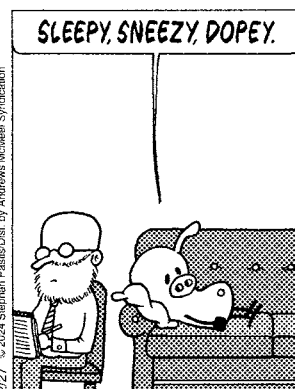
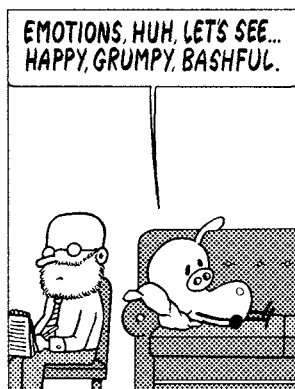
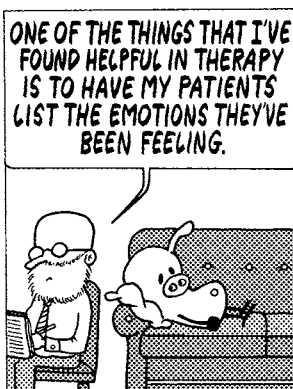
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM RMS 5th and 6th Grade Concert
8:30 AM Center School Family Q&A's
9:00 AM Sippican 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
10:30 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Bowman
11:30 AM Old Colony TV
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Old Colony Football vs Holbrook
2:00 PM Old Colony Volleyball vs Blue Hills
3:30 PM ORR/JHS Drama - Alien Invasion!
4:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Gun Safety Forum at GNBV
8:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police
9:30 PM ORR Girls Volleyball vs Apponequet
10:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



removed. The February 27 revision added that no shrubs, trees or bushes may be planted on burial plots in town cemeteries.

An effort to allow cars to park on the grass was rejected.

According to state law, burials must be permitted; that had not been previously specified in Marion's Cemetery Regulations.

Photos and videos are permitted on cemetery grounds, but if being done for commercial purposes, they need the commission's approval.

Some matters considered complicated will require more research, and Norm Hills plans to edit another set of proposed regulations with Tuesday's tweaks.

A notification system was also discussed, and Tilden suggested an "e-blast" (email) with the printing of a new brochure with the revised regulations.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Cemetery Commission was not set at adjournment, but the commission is scheduled to meet with the Select Board on April 17 at the Town House Annex Building.

FY25 Budget Driven by Cost of Doing Business

Marion School Committee

By Mick Colageo

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Schools Mike Nelson told the Marion School Committee during its February 8 meeting that he had met with the Marion Finance Committee and Finance Director Heather O'Brien.

"We are at a place where the cost of doing business is driving the overall number that we are seeing in the FY25 budget," said Nelson, relaying a presentation from Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber (who was not present), categorizing departmental increases according to contractual obligations (staffing, etc.), utility contracts (gas, power, electricity) student services (transportation, special needs), and technology (devices and software.) "Inflation has certainly taken a toll on the budget process thus far. ...

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Pink donuts have become a symbol of mental-health awareness and suicide prevention in Marion. On Monday, the town took part in "Pink Donuts for Alec Day" honoring the memory of Alec White by enjoying his favorite donut, pink frosted. Residents are encouraged to celebrate Alec's memory and raise awareness by posting a social-media photo with a pink donut and the hashtag #pinkdonutsforalec. Photos courtesy Town of Marion



Greta Anderly and Lily Hinds doing some night tubing at Cranmore Mountain in North Conway, New Hampshire, during the February school break.



By the numbers, the Tabor Academy community service co-curricular has produced this winter: 300 cookies and 22 lasagnas for local senior citizens and the Good Shepherd Church; 6 tables set and 48 place settings for 8 weekly dinners for local people in need; dozens of toys cleaned and prepared for local children; pounds of trash collected from local beaches; 10 hours volunteering at elementary school programs; and many new friends, including 1 iguana. Photos courtesy Tabor Academy



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Obviously, the town has the responsibility of supporting every department's budget, but our job here is to support what we think the kids and families need and the staff members here at Sippican School."

The Budget Subcommittee had met earlier in the day, Nelson noted.

The Marion School Committee will eventually hold a budget hearing, presumably vote to approve so that the budget can be approved by the Select Board and go on the warrant for Town Meeting.

The bid process for the busing contract has closed, and the administration is weighing two proposals.

In her Chairperson's Report, April Nye talked about the 50th anniversary of the Volunteers at Sippican Elementary (VASE.) Nye alluded to the many enrichment experiences, including field trips, activities, visits from artists of various kinds made available by the organization's grassroots, community volunteerism.

"It's such an integral part of what Sippican truly is, and I just want to personally thank them," said Nye.

The committee took several votes during the meeting.

The members approved the following donations: \$500 from the Cape Cod 5 Foundation for Sarah Jacques' project Sippican Snack Squad, \$2,080.77 donation from Shutterfly for photos, \$1,895.30 donation from Art to Remember to programs at Sippican School.

The committee approved two grants: an

\$8,321 Federal Targeted Special Education Program Improvement Grant for individuals with disabilities and \$50,000 for the Math Acceleration Academies.

"I want to express our thanks to, obviously, everybody in the superintendent's office, especially Dr. (Shari) Fedorowicz for getting these grants. They're so important for the students," said April Nye. "If families haven't signed up, take advantage of it. It's such a great opportunity for them to do so. And we obviously thank the state for providing that \$50,000 because it's much needed."

Nelson added his gratitude to ORR District teachers who participate in the out-of-calendar program, citing the value of having students see familiar

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James Russell Buckley, 78, of Mattapoisett, MA died February 23, 2024 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, MA. Born in New York, NY, son of James Buchanan Buckley and Jean Russell Buckley. He lived in Fairhaven and Mattapoisett, Massachusetts for most of his life.

Russ attended the Rogers School in Fairhaven, Friends Academy in Dartmouth, and graduated from Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island and the University of Pennsylvania. Russ worked for many years as a consultant for non-profit organizations. He was a past Senior Consultant for Marts & Lundy, Inc., Vice-President of the Williamson Group, and a past Director of Resource Development for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford/Wareham. He also served as a Board Member for United States Fund for UNICEF. He loved his family, friends, boating, and traveling.

He is survived by his loving companion, Kris Brammer of Mattapoisett, MA, his daughter Sara and her husband Brian Sayers of Salisbury, New Hampshire, his son Alex Buckley of New Bedford, MA; as well as Kris's children, Shaundra and Joseph Goding of Sturbridge, MA; and Jordan and Kelly Brammer of Milton, FL, and grandchildren, Taylor and Mason Goding. He is also survived by his sisters, Barbara Buckley of Mill Valley, CA, Karen Shorr of Beverly, MA, and his brother, William Buckley of Venice, FL.

Per his wishes, there will be no calling hours. Memorial and burial will be private. If you have any special memories or stories you would like to share with his family members, please send them to jrussellbuckley@comcast.net and Kris will share them with his family and friends. In his memory please consider making a gift in his name to the Boys and Girls Club of New Bedford/Wareham.



Elizabeth (Chase) Helm, 95, formerly of Marion, MA, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family in Norwell on January 22, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years Robert Helm in 2017. Bette was born in Wolfeboro, NH and moved to Newton, MA where she attended Newton High School, Mt. Ida Jr. College, and Framingham State.

She trained as a flight attendant and after marrying worked as an Administrative Assistant at Harvard University. She later worked at Needham High School in the Foreign Language Department. Bette and Bob lived in Needham for many years before retiring to Marion, MA in 1978.

Bette is survived by four sons and their wives: Stephen Bradford Helm and wife Julie of Sewickley, PA; W. Jeffrey Helm and wife Cynthia of Scituate, MA, Mark Willard Helm and wife Lynn of Walpole, MA; and Peter Starbuck

Helm and wife Jeanne Herrick of Canterbury, NH. She leaves 11 loving grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

As a mother of four sons, she was a dedicated Cub Scouts Den Mother, Sunday School teacher at Christ Church Episcopal Needham, and an active volunteer heading up the high school band parent organizations.

She summered as a child in Mattapoisett. When they moved to Marion Village, they moored their sailboat 'Caprice' in Marion and loved sailing Buzzards Bay. She and Bob were active members of the Beverly Yacht Club, serving as House Chair and on several racing committees. She enjoyed sailing with Bob and BYC on their many cruises to Down East Maine.

Her interests were in many local groups including quilting and knitting, tennis, and especially gardening. Her flowers brought smiles to so many, and her gardens were often on local garden tours.

She loved St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion and volunteered at Friendship Tables and Damien's Pantry. Bette enjoyed a love of music, especially playing her organ and piano. She and Bob loved attending the New Bedford Symphony.

A memorial service will be held at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front St., Marion, MA on Sunday, March 10th at 1:00 pm.

In Lieu of Flowers, contributions may be made in Bette's name to St. Gabriel's Mission, 124 Front St., PO Box 545, Marion, MA 02738, <https://stgabrielsmarion.org/>, or to the Alzheimer's Association <https://alz.org>.



Mrs. Carol F. Doherty, RN, age 96, of Cumberland, RI, formerly of Attleboro, MA passed away at the Hattie Ide Chaffee Home in Riverside, RI on February 15, 2024. She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Edward J. Doherty, DDS who had a dental practice in Attleboro for many years.

Born in Taunton, she was the daughter of the late Taunton Police Detective John P. Flynn and the late Margaret (Brady) Flynn. Mrs. Doherty was the sister of the late John J. Flynn, a Washington DC lobbyist of Falmouth, MA. Mrs. Doherty is survived by her sons, retired Wrentham District Court Clerk-Magistrate Edward J. Doherty and his wife Joanne of Mattapoisett & Colonel Brendan P. Doherty, retired Rhode Island State Police Superintendent and his wife Michele of Narragansett, RI.

She was predeceased by her youngest son Christopher J. Doherty of West Yarmouth, co-owner of the 19th Hole Tavern in Hyannis. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Matthew J. Doherty and his wife Kristin of Wayland, Chris-

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instructors.

The committee voted to support the School Health Unit Application through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as submitted by Sippican Elementary School Nurse Megan Morais. The agreement has been endorsed and signed by the nurse, school physician Dr. Steven Mendes and Nelson.

The committee approved the READS Collaborative Agreement Amendment.

The committee conducted an initial discussion on School Choice for FY25. Historically, Sippican is not a School Choice school district. The committee is obliged to hold a public hearing on the matter annually.

The committee discussed the possibility of a community resource animal and voted to add one, provided all the variables line up. Sippican Elementary now has a School Resource Officer, Jonathan Tracy, and Nelson had already discussed adding a resource animal with Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli.

"We've been able to secure some of that grant funding ... we're already in a good place policy wise," said Nelson. "I'm at a place now that, if we can figure out the resource pieces, I'm hoping you'll take a vote tonight to say, 'yes, we want a community resource animal here at Sippican School, if the resources are available.'"

Nelson said the administration tracks students for allergies and is prepared to make any accommodations.

In relaying Barber's report, Nelson said Marion had \$444,957 remaining in the FY24 operating budget, calling it a good place to be.

A play structure donated to Sippican School by Tabor Academy has been installed and will include a second swing set. Nye publicly thanked Tabor for the support.

The committee entered executive session to discuss collective bargaining and only returned to adjourn the public meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 pm at Sippican Elementary School.

Tournament Time for ORR, Old Colony

MIAA State Tournaments

By Mick Colageo

Opening-round pairings for Old Rochester Regional High School and Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School for MIAA state tournament basketball and hockey are as follows:

ORR Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs (17-4) are seeded second in Division 3 behind Charlestown (18-2) and open the tournament season Friday night on home court against the winner of Tuesday night's Preliminary Round game between Foxboro (5-17) and Lynn Classical (11-7.) Tipoff for ORR's boys' basketball playoff opener is Friday, March 1, at 6:30 pm at the ORRHS Gym.

ORR Girls Basketball

At 15-6, the ORR girls' basketball team is seeded 22nd in Division 3 and earned a Preliminary Round bye into a Round of 32 matchup on the road Friday night, March 1, at 11th seed Watertown (15-5.) Tipoff is 6 pm; win it and the Bulldogs most likely take a shorter ride to play sixth-seeded Norton (also 15-5), which only needs to defeat the winner of Tuesday's Preliminary Round game between 27 seed Newburyport and 38 seed Southeastern.

ORR-Fairhaven Hockey

The 12-8-1 Bulldogs are seeded 11th in Division 4 and host 22nd-ranked Cohasset (11-9-0) on Thursday, February 29, at 6:00 pm at Tabor Academy. The winner gets the winner of Wednesday's game between sixth-seeded Hanover and 27 seed St. Bernard's in the Round of 16.

Old Colony Boys Basketball

Old Colony boys went 18-2, but the power-rankings system seeded the Cougars 21st in Division 5, so they opened Tuesday night on home court against 10-10 Notre Dame Cristo Rey, the 44th seed. A win would send the Cougars into a Friday, March 1, 7:00 pm Round of 32 game against John J. Duggan Academy (18-2) at the Springfield High School of Science and Technology (1250 State Street, Springfield.) Also in Old Colony's bracket is a potential game at Mahar Regional in Orange (gas up the bus.)



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tine E. Ehlers, RN and her husband Dan of Lakeville, Shelby E. Matzell and her husband Evan of East Greenwich, RI and Kaitlin M. Wirth and her husband Jonathan of Marion. Mrs. Doherty leaves ten great-grandchildren - Brayden, Jack, & Quinn Doherty, Adalyn, Lucy, & Rose Ehlers, Ryan & Cavan Matzell, and Joseph & Molly Wirth.

Mrs. Doherty was a Registered Nurse, a graduate of St. Mary's High School and Morton Hospital School of Nursing in Taunton. She studied at the graduate level at Boston University, Simmons College and McGill University. She worked at Boston City Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital and others in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and beyond. Mrs. Doherty was a contributing member of the World Health Organization and had been trained in the use of the Iron Lung which she ran to save many lives during the polio epidemic. Her resilience and strength were evident when, after contracting COVID, she survived the dreaded virus shortly before her 93rd birthday and then again later!

Mrs. Doherty will always be remembered as a strong, yet kind and generous lady who lived for her family and talked about them to anyone who would listen. The Doherty family is abundantly grateful to the doctors, nurses and staff at Hattie Ide Chaffee Home and Hope Health Hospice for their unwavering care, devotion and kindness.

At the family's request all services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shamrock Fund at Bishop Feehan High School 70 Holcott Drive, Attleboro, MA 02703 in her memory would be appreciated. For online condolences, visit boyleandsonfunerals.com



Bernard "Bernie" J. Flattery, 78, of Rochester, MA passed away peacefully at home on Valentines' Day, February 14, 2024, after a period of declining health due to Progressive Supra-nuclear Palsy (PSP), a rare neurodegenerative disorder.

Born in Buffalo, NY, to the late George R. and Florence M. (Hackett) Flattery, Bernie was the youngest of nine children.

Bernie was the beloved husband and best friend for over 32 years of Sandra (Gillpatrick) Flattery.

Bernie also leaves one devoted son, Brian Flattery and his wife Susan, as well as two wonderful grandchildren, Grace and Devin Flattery, of Swansea, MA.

Bernie graduated from Bishop Turner High School in Buffalo, NY. He earned a B.S. in Management from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI, and he was a proud Veteran who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, stationed in Korea. He was employed by Shaw's Supermarkets in Massachusetts for 37 years, retiring at age 60. He also helped many people over the years by preparing their income tax returns, offering advice and service to anyone in need.

Bernie and Sandra moved from Massachusetts to

Leesburg, FL in 2008, still spending each summer in Plymouth, MA. During his years in Florida, Bernie loved serving as an umpire for the 'The Lake Senior Men's Softball League.' Although generally, a soft-spoken soul, when it came to umpiring, there was no doubt when he made a call, loudly shouting, "Strike, Out or Safe!"

Bernie loved playing sports when he was younger, and was a lifelong fan of his beloved New York Yankees and Buffalo Bills. Living most of his life in "Red Sox and Patriots Nations" never deterred him from proudly wearing his N.Y. teams' hats and jackets, which often sparked interesting conversations.

In 2020, Bernie and Sandra moved back to Massachusetts full-time, settling in the beautiful town of Rochester. Bernie greatly enjoyed watching Grace and Devin as they excelled at their respective sports.

Bernie will be greatly missed by his brother Walter (late Joy) Flattery, his sisters Joan (late Jack) Connors and Joyce (late Chuck) Bastian, sisters-in-law Ann Bauman, Betsy (Fred) Cunningham, Ellen (Michael) Anderson and Gail Gillpatrick, brothers-in-law Jeffrey Gillpatrick (Rosemary Dalton-Gillpatrick) and Bradford Gillpatrick, along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

He also is survived by his former wife, Carolyn (Dias) Flattery.

Bernie was also predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Russell and Phyllis Gillpatrick, and his siblings: Jean (late Bob) Bauman, Jane (late Tom) Johnston, George (late Jean) Flattery, William (late Joan) Flattery, and Janet (late Gary Bastian), (late John) Bullock.

Bernie donated his body to The Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Per his wishes, a 'Celebration of Life' will be held privately.

The Family thanks Bernie's Caregivers: Stephanie, Doug, Amy and the trio of sisters, Paula, Nesia and Raquel for their kind and compassionate care. Also, we greatly appreciate the wonderful assistance provided by the Southcoast Hospice Team, with a special thanks to Fatima.

If so inclined, donations in memory of Bernard J. Flattery may be sent to 'CURE PSP' at 325 Hudson St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10013 (www.psp.org.)



Joseph S. Betts, M.D. passed away on February 20, 2024, at the age of 88. The youngest child of Frances and Carroll Betts, he was born in Alma, Michigan, spending his childhood years in Gaylord, Michigan.

Always a student, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 14, becoming the third member of his family to do so. From a young age, Joe aspired to be a physician, and

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To the Editor

This is to follow up on my letters regarding the sale of the Mattapoisett Fire Station under RFP# 22-26.

I attended and spoke during the Town of Mattapoisett Board of Appeals hearing on February 16, 2024 to protest the issuance of a Special Permit.

I was the original winning bidder to the RFP# 22-26 put out by the Town of Mattapoisett, which I proposed a village grocery and offered a sum of \$650K.

The Town of Mattapoisett then failed to abide by the dates contained in the RFP and failed to give me a Purchase Agreement in a timely manner. The Town Attorney then added terms to the purchase agreement not contained in the RFP including terms which would prevent financing of the project as proposed.

The Town then ignored my requests to resolve the issues and awarded the RFP to the second bidder for the amount which I believe is \$325K to the Town of Mattapoisett Taxpayers. Which if correct is also \$125K less than the RFP's suggested minimum bid.

The Town has breached their fiduciary duty to the taxpayers with this bad faith award of the RFP for the firehouse property.

I am of the opinion that the people of Mattapoisett deserve far better treatment than what was shown in this joke of a real estate deal and that there is significant evidence within the RFP document, the various Sale Agreements, as well as minutes from the hearing to affect significant personnel change in Town Hall as well as with their Council.

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went on to attend the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, where he spent his entire academic career.

He was a cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, and a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Prior to going into private practice, Joe held the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland. The bulk of his career was spent at Healthcare for Women in New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he practiced OBGYN for nearly 35 years, and delivered an estimated 9,000 babies.

In his later years, Joe took up golf, playing at both The Kittansett Club in Marion, Massachusetts, where his love of the sea combined with his new passion, and at Naples Lakes Country Club in Naples, Florida, where he made his home.

He is survived by his wife Jane-Lee, son Michael (Diana), daughter Jennifer Fisher (Scott) and father to Susanah Quirion (Michael). In addition, he leaves four grandchildren, Alex Fisher, Gray Betts, Owen Quirion and Samantha Quirion as well as Chloe kitty, who never left his side.

Donations may be made in his name to Community Nurse Home Care, 62 Center St., Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719.

Private arrangements are being overseen by the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.

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



MOVIE REVIEW

The Sound of Violence

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

The Zone of Interest. Starring Christian Friedel and Sandra Hüller. Directed by Jonathan Glazer. Running time: 104 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in select theaters and streaming.

The star of the experimental Holocaust drama *The Zone of Interest* is sound designer Johnnie Burn, without whose subtle and detailed work the movie would be nothing. The movie, written and directed by Jonathan Glazer (*Under the Skin*) and inspired by Martin Amis' novel, unfolds mostly in and around a nice Polish house with a spacious high-walled garden. The house is occupied by Rudolph Höss (Christian Friedel), his wife Hedwig (Sandra Hüller), their children, and various servants. On the other side of those garden walls, mere yards away, is the Auschwitz concentration camp, where Höss serves as commandant.

As you may have heard, Glazer *shows* us nothing of the prisoners' suffering. He lets us hear it, at a distance. The sound of the crematorium is a constant death-rumble that we get used to and eventually don't notice, which conveys the movie's horrifying point — how human beings, infected with the mind virus of hatred, can learn to live with genocide literally next door and tune out the noises of hell on earth. Thus does dictatorship numb the spirit of those who enforce it. And if you think Glazer's film is only about a specific atrocity decades ago, you might not be listening.

Much of the movie feels like slice-of-life, afternoon-teatime scenes, or domestic scenes between parents and children, or child to child. About the only dramatic incident happens when Rudolph has to tell Hedwig they've been transferred and have to move; Hedwig loves the house and refuses to go. Yet every scene has an eerie tone, an uneasy texture, an insistent backdrop of apocalypse. Not all the intrusions are sound-related. We see one of Höss's sons trap his younger brother in the winter greenhouse and hiss tauntingly, mimicking the gas chambers. We also see humanity, when one of the Polish servants sneaks out at night with apples and pears she places around the work areas for the prisoners. One time, the servant finds a scrap of paper with music on it, and plays it at the piano (it is a real song composed in an Auschwitz subcamp by prisoner Joseph Wulf).

We're focused on the sound, but Glazer and cinematographer Lukasz Żal (*Cold War*) don't shirk their visual duties. The compositions are pristine yet removed — we always seem to be looking down desolate



Kubrickian hallways, or watching people putter around alone inside rooms we wouldn't want to be in for long. The surroundings aren't beautiful, they're *nice*, in a banal way that underscores the horror. Even Hedwig's beloved garden is nourished by the ashes of the cremated. Pure beauty is not really possible in this nightmare world. That servant girl's act of mercy is filmed at night with thermal cameras, making it look cold and ghostly.

The Zone of Interest is less a narrative than an immersive experience. Every scene is there to make the point that, for some people, indifference to others' suffering comes naturally, and for others, thankfully, it doesn't. Hedwig's mother comes to stay at the house, and while she spouts some standard antisemitic views she really isn't up to being so close to the Final Solution that she can hear and smell it. Without the irrefutable proof of her senses, she can pretend to herself that these are merely labor camps for the war effort and that her daughter and son-in-law haven't paid for their comfortable life with gallons of other people's blood.

And yet the lead actors import some of their own humanity into characters who have renounced humanity. Sandra Hüller's Hedwig comes from a poor background, and now finds herself in a place where she can dote on her garden (tended by servants she can always have Rudolph take to the other side of the wall if they displease her, and she makes sure they know that) and try on a fur coat stolen from a prisoner. She ignores the carnage like a good German so she can maintain her lifestyle. Hüller puts across the fear underneath all of this without any special pleading for Hedwig. Christian Friedel has a trickier job as Rudolph; he seems to decide to lean into his unintimidating physical presence to suggest an insecure man welcomed into a cult of the most toxic masculinity and determined to prove by his very apathy that he belongs there. We don't read bloodthirst in him, but the sort of moral vacuity and deadness that live under the famous Nazi quote, "I was only following orders."

Here is to anyone with courage and the willingness to stand for honest office for new Mattapoissett Town Governance.

Sincerely,
Michael Sudofsky

Academic Achievements

The following students were named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the Fall semester of the 2023-2024 academic year:

-**Emma Thorell** of Mattapoissett, who is in the physician assistant program.

-**Cecilia Prefontaine** of Rochester, who is in the ASL-English interpretation program.

-**Lucy Zhang** of Rochester, who is in the computer science program.

-**Anthony Mackay** of Rochester, who is in the software engineering program.

Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students named to the Fall 2023 Deans' List, including **Elizabeth Hall** of Mattapoissett, **Brooke Hammond** of Rochester, **Sydney Mendonca** of Mattapoissett, and **Aiden Woods** of Marion.

American International College (AIC) congratulates student-athlete **Leah Przybyszewski** of Mattapoissett for induction into the Athletic Director's 3.0 Club for the Fall 2023 semester. Przybyszewski is majoring in Family Nurse Practitioner.

New Exhibit at Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center welcomes three artists to its newest exhibition, *Perspectives*, featuring photography by Lucio Garofalo, Andrew Kepinski and Tianxu Zhou. The show runs **March 2 through April 5**, with an opening reception on Saturday, **March 2** from 3-5 pm at the MAC.

The photography reflects the different backgrounds and interests of the artists. Lucio Garofalo lives in Italy but has spent time in Boston photographing varied landmarks and the process of preservation. He works across mediums and engages the visual to support his journalistic endeavors. His work reflects his interests in architecture and construction



(source: www.lucioagarofalogiornalista.com/photography). Andrew Kepinski is a local artist, whose work is well known across genres - extraordinary portraits, fashion, unusual landscapes with an eye for structure and architectural interest. Dr. Tianxu Zhou is a choral teacher (Tabor Academy), opera singer, performer and photographer.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Feb 18-Feb 24

- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Field Stone Ln – EMS/medical
- Hermitage Rd – MV collision
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Lewis St – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Mansfield Ave – Found property
- David's Cross Rd – EMS/medical
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – General service
- Mill St - Fraud
- Spring St – Gas leak
- Mill St – Larceny/past
- Main St – Paper service
- Beach St – 911 abandoned
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Animal control
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Rosebook Way – EMS/medical
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Front St – General service
- Mill St – MV collision
- Main St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Vandalism/past

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 18-Feb 24

- Acushnet Rd – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Kerwin Ave – Health/welfare
- Church St – Medical alarm
- Pearl St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd - Disturbance
- County Rd – 911 call
- North St – MV violations
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Crystal Spring Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd – Parking complaint
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Main St – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – Follow up
- Bay Club Dr – MV lockout
- North St – MV lockout
- Edgewood Ln – Medical alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV violations
- Main St – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Main St – MV violations
- County Rd – Protective custody
- North St – MV violations
- Upland Way – 911 call

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Feb 18-Feb 24

- Cranberry Hwy – MV lockout
- County Rd – Disabled MV
- Cushman Rd – Inside gas leak
- Pierce St – General service
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Paradise Ln – Detector issue
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Noise complaint
- Dexter Ln – MV lockout
- High St - Medical
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/towed
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Benson Rd - Medical
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious activity
- Stuart Rd – Outside investigation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Parlowtown Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Outside fire
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – General services
- Cushman Rd – Burglar alarm
- Cushman Rd – MV collision
- Bedford Ln – Lost animal
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Mendell Rd – Inside gas leak

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 4: American chop suey, Italian blend, multigrain roll, pineapple
Tuesday, March 5: Portuguese chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, breadstick, Mandarin oranges
Wednesday, March 6: Asian vegetable soup, beef & broccoli, rice, oatmeal roll, oreo cookie day, Diet: graham wafers
Thursday, March 7: Turkey a la king, egg noodles, brussels sprouts, dinner roll, pears
Friday, March 8: Whole grain stuffed shells, Florentine sauce, green beans, whole wheat roll, fresh orange

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, March 4: Kayem Hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, March 5: Loaded tator tots nachos served with warm pretzel
Wednesday, March 6: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet

potato rounds, orange smiles
Thursday, March 7: American chop suey, savory green beans, warm breadstick
Friday, March 8: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, March 4: Kayem Hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, March 5: Loaded tator tots nachos served with warm pretzel

Wednesday, March 6: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds, orange smiles

Thursday, March 7: American chop suey, savory green beans, warm breadstick

Friday, March 8: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, March 4: Kayem Hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French

fries
Tuesday, March 5: Loaded tator tots nachos served with warm pretzel
Wednesday, March 6: Early release – no lunch served
Thursday, March 7: American chop suey, savory green beans, warm breadstick
Friday, March 8: Cheese quesadillas (OR) chicken quesadillas, fiesta rice, golden corn, black bean salad

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, March 4: Kayem Hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, March 5: Loaded tator tots nachos served with warm pretzel

Wednesday, March 6: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds, orange smiles

Thursday, March 7: American chop suey, savory green beans, warm breadstick

Friday, March 8: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, March 4: Kayem Hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

Tuesday, March 5: Loaded tator tots nachos served with warm pretzel

Wednesday, March 6: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds, orange smiles

Thursday, March 7: American chop suey, savory green beans, warm breadstick

Friday, March 8: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, March 4: Steak & cheese sub, peppers, onions & mushrooms

Tuesday, March 5: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread

Wednesday, March 6: Grilled cheese & chili

Thursday, March 7: Build a baked potato

Friday, March 8: Assorted pizza

This exhibit is a reminder that our creative spirit can find many outlets for expression.

More Music at the MAC in April

The Marion Art Center's second Unplugged event this year features Don Legge (guitar) and Jack Coleman (piano), upstairs in the MAC Gallery on Friday, **April 12**. There will be two 45-minute sessions, with the first seating at 7:00 pm and the second at 8:15 pm. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this "unplugged" performance featuring mainly acoustic sound, without the volume and density often experienced during larger concerts in the MAC Theater. Guests may bring their own beverages and snacks to enjoy in this intimate setting. With only 24 guests per seating, advanced reservations are strongly recommended. Tickets are just \$12 for members and \$15 for nonmembers, and can be purchased online at marionartcenter.org/events.

Paul Bielutowicz returns to the MAC with his Solo Tour 2024: A Musical Journey - A multimedia adventure of music and stories from a 20-year touring career on Saturday, **April 6** at 7:30 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. Paul Bielutowicz has recorded and toured with some of the biggest names in progressive rock, including Carl Palmer, Neal Morse, Dream Theater, Yes, Todd Rundgren, Arthur Brown, Alan Parsons Project and more. When the great plague of 2020 stopped all touring, Paul turned his attention to composing and spent a few prolific years writing various projects, including a prog rock soundtrack for the 1922 classic silent horror *Nosferatu*, which he performed on the MAC stage in 2023. Tickets for MAC members (\$20) are on sale now, while tickets for nonmembers (\$25) go on sale **March 1**. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to become a member, visit marionartcenter.org/events.

Rochester Democratic Town Committee

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee will hold an election for delegates to the Democratic State Convention at 6:00 pm, **March 11**, at the Joseph

H. Memorial Library Community Conference Room Downstairs at 17 Constitutional Way, Rochester. Sign-in for the election will begin at 5:30 pm. Only registered Rochester Democrats and preregistered Democrats shall be allowed to vote. Preregistered Democrats must be 16 years old by the day of the caucus and may register from 5:00 to 5:30 pm prior to the actual caucus meeting. No absentee or proxy voting is allowed at the caucus. The Massachusetts Democratic Convention will be held June 1 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

For more information about the caucus, please contact the Rochester Democratic Town Committee at 1686rtdc@gmail.com.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will meet on Wednesday, **March 13**, at 6:30 pm, at the North Rochester Congregational Church, located at 247 North Ave, Rochester. You do not have to be a committee member to attend. All are welcome.

"Little Shop of Horrors" at ORRHS

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club's Spring production of "Little Shop of Horrors" will take the stage on **March 21, 22, and 23** at 7 pm and **March 24** at 2 pm. This will be the sixth show for Director Maxx Domingos and fifth show for Assistant Director Sarah Whinnem as they end their third year with the ORRHS

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Drama Club. Music direction will be done by Jenna Kendall. Principal cast members include Jorge Carrillo as Seymour Krelborn, Mackenzie Caton as Audrey, Aidan Silk as Mr. Mushnick, Jackson Veugen as Orin, Emerson Roy as Audrey II (Voice) and the following students as Urchins; Chloe Bean, Eloise Casi, Alia Cusolito, Kennedy McKay, Amanda Tomasso and Emily Wyman. Sound design by John Farrell. The play would best be enjoyed by adults and young patrons grade 5 and above. Since the story contains topics of death, it may be inappropriate for younger audiences. Please note the ORR High School is currently a latex-free building.

Tickets are for sale at the Marion General Store, Isabelle's in Mattapoisett, Friends' Marketplace in Rochester beginning **March 1, 2024** and at the door for all performances. Also, tickets can be purchased for a small service fee through Eventbrite at bit.ly/ORRDrama-LittleShop-2024. Students & Senior Citizens \$12.00, General Admission \$15.00.

Show Summary for "Little Shop of Horrors": Shy amateur botanist Seymour tinkers his nights away in the basement of Mushnik's failing Flower Shop, hoping to create a fetching plant which will save the 'skid row' business on skids (and his much-needed job.) His only other work perk is working alongside floral designer Audrey, a lovely girl that looks for love but lands a sadist - Orin Scrivello, DDS. Seymour's salvation falls to earth in the form of a man-eating plant from outer space - Audrey II - with the power to give poor Seymour everything he lacks in life. When Audrey II's appetite becomes insatiable, Seymour must choose between the high life or the high road. The plant grows and grows, as does Seymour's infatuation for Audrey, but who will get her first?

Marion Reminders for Presidential Primary

Marion Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman and Town Clerk Lissa Magauran would like to remind registered voters of important dates and details ahead of the Massachusetts Presidential Primary.

The 2024 Massachusetts Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 5. Residents can check their voter registration status at sec.state.ma.us.

The last day to request a vote by mail ballot was Tuesday at 5:00 pm. In-person early voting at the Town Clerk's Office began on February 24 and will continue through March 1. This week's hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and on Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

All registered voters who haven't already voted by mail are welcome at any in-person session. In-person Absentee Voting is also available until noon on Monday, March 4, during regular business hours.

Voting on the day of the Presidential Primary, Tuesday, March 5, will take place at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street (Route 6), from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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For questions or additional information, contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502 or email Imagauran@marionma.gov. Sample ballot and voting information can also be found at marionma.gov/Election-Information.

March Events in the Children's Room

March is a busy month for the Children's room of the Mattapoisett Library. Our storytimes continue with Winter Storytime for all ages taking place on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am and Baby Storytime for ages 0 to 24 months taking place on Friday mornings at 10:30 am. No registration required.

Explore your creativity this month with Painted Rock Photo Holders on Tuesday, **March 5** at 3:30 pm. Participants will create their own photo holder out of a rock they painted themselves and some wire. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Visit our website to register.

On Friday, **March 15** at 3:30 pm, Graphic Novel Book Club will be meeting to discuss *Be Prepared* by Vera Brosgol. Copies are available at the library. For ages 9 and up. Visit our website to register.

On Saturday, **March 16** at 10:30 am, bring your little one in for Toddler Vegetable Stamp Art. Littles will be able to paint a picture of an egg with fun veggie tools. Recommended for ages 2 and up. Visit our website to register.

On Wednesday, **March 20** from 3 pm to 6 pm, patrons are invited to stop in for Drop-in Craft: Recycled CD Wind Spinner. Recommended for ages 5 and up. No registration required. While supplies last.

Our Quahog Award Reading Program continues. Registration remains open until Sunday, **March 3**. Those interested in participating can register at the library. Throughout the month of March, Quahog participants are welcome to participate in the annual Quahog Scavenger Hunt. Those who complete it will earn a raffle ticket towards the end of program prizes.

We are also offering two other programs for Quahog readers this month. Starting on Thursday, **March 7** at 3:30 pm with Quahog Keychain Craft. Use our stash of cool beads to make a one of a kind keychain. No registration is required.

The second program for Quahog readers is Candy Bar Bingo taking place on Wednesday, **March 20** at 4 pm. Participants will play Bingo to win full size candy bars and more. No registration is required. Must be participating in the Quahog Book Award to participate in Quahog programs and all attendees will receive a raffle ticket to go toward the end of program prizes.

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

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The newest art exhibit at the Marion Council on Aging is both a sublime and exciting partnership between local schools and the COA. Works have been created by students from Sippican Elementary and Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior high schools. Art instructors Joanne Mogilnicki from the high school and Katie Kirk from the elementary school have inspired their students in fine art and craft techniques. The younger students created expressionistic paintings and the older students from Ceramics Art I a series of tribal-like masks. Art for the community center is now curated by Rosemary Grey, whose trained eye on all things art is helping to continue the work begun by Mary Ross in bringing the community together through art. The installation will be available for viewing through March. Photos by Marilou Newell



Leo Couto, 4, with his mother Bethany Couto of Mattapoisett were among those participating in the Mattapoisett Land Trust program of Sailors' Valentines that took place on February 23 at the Mattapoisett Museum. Photos courtesy MLT



Jen Shepley shared this photo taken at Ned's Point.



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Machacam Club

The March meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 6**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Doors open at 5 pm for social time followed by dinner at 6 pm. Our speaker will begin at 6:45. Chef Colby is planning another fulfilling meal. All are welcome. Callers please provide your numbers by Monday evening March 4. Questions may be sent to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

Sailors' Valentine

During February Vacation week, the Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Mattapoissett Museum collaborated to recreate the Antique art of a Sailors' Valentine. The program turned out to be an intergenerational crafting event with older adults, parents and young children, including an ambitious four year old.

Housed in a small exhibit room encased in glass, the Museum holds an original Sailors' Valentine, dated the 1830's, according to Carole Clifford, President. She said "the object is most likely from Barbados where commissioned pieces of art by sailors visiting the West Indies would be returned to their loved ones. Each attendee toured the Museum and Carriage house before starting their recreations.

Our program was inspired by history and a book borrowed from the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, "Sailors' Valentines Their Journey Through Time by Grace L. Madeira, Constance Marshall Miller, Mary S. Page and

Ann T. Schutt including over 200 photographs.

Much of the materials we used were collected from either natural shells, moss, dried flowers and pine cones, or those purchased to look natural, beads, pearls, silk flowers, refined rope, black octagonal plates and white dollies.

The program emphasized the art of preserving history using local shells from the sea, and becoming familiar with your surroundings and the environment.

Ellen P. Flynn, Director and Chair of Education, with her committee members Joann Porter, Mary Cabral, and Caitlin Porter, 6th grader at Old Hammondtown School, all helped to plan and volunteered to guide the attendees. Carol Clifford, the Museums' president



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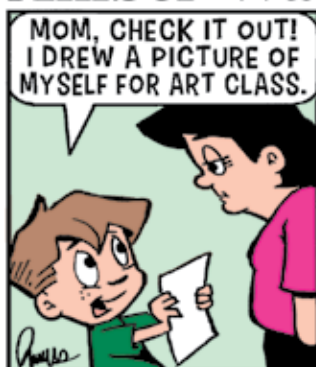


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and Missy, from the museum were on hand to answer historical questions.

Refreshments were served and each child was given a white or red flower to take home with their Sailors' Valentine.

Plumb Library Events

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.

Doodle & Tranquility Workshop with Cara Bean (ages 8+) - Would you like to have fun drawing in a relaxed environment helping you achieve mindfulness? Sign up for an interactive doodling workshop on Saturday, **March 16** from 10:30 am -12:30 pm with Cara Bean, local author, teacher and artist. This workshop for ages 8 and up will begin with a quick presentation about the mental benefits of doodling. Then the group is led through a calming mindful drawing activity. There will also be fun doodling games. This program is funded by a grant from the Rochester Cultural Council.

Find out about more upcoming programs by viewing our Events Calendar on plumblibrary.com.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club 2024 Season

MYC has set up its 2024 calendar with an exciting blend of social gatherings, a summer cruising schedule for powerboats and sailboats along with our multiple racing regattas and one design series. There is something for everyone. Two big events start the season:

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Annual Spring Fling 2024



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Social will be held on **May 18**. Look for our flyer coming shortly. It's always great to start the season with a party. MYC members and their guests celebrate the beginning of summer and start making their plans. The most discussed topic: "when is your boat going in?" Appetizers and drinks are provided. It's a great way to catch up after a long winter.

The next event is on **June 1**, Skippers/Cruisers meeting and Social. Open to everyone who would like more information about the Mattapoisett Yacht Club. Find out what we do, where we go, and who we are. Various information tables will be set up and members will be able to answer any questions you might have. The number one question is usually "Why should I join?" followed by question number two, which is "How can I join?" Racing and cruising agendas are discussed as well. Appetizers and drinks of course. Visit our website ahead of time and see you all there. www.mattapoisettyc.org.

Greater New Bedford Garden Club Scholarship

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is offering two \$2000 scholarships to residents of the Greater New Bedford area who are high school seniors graduating in June and who are planning to attend a four year college and pursue a career in horticulture, agriculture, landscape design, agriculture design, forestry, conservation or environmental design.



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<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #821</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The property, located at 534D Point Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 6 as Lot 39A. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 2/22, 2/29</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 13, 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 Notice of Intent, submitted by Carlos & Jennifer Varum, Jr. for the construction of garage and living room additions with permeable driveway extension and associated grading & utilities at 534D Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 39A & 39D on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeffrey J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at Dgueylee@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/29</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Meeting Option), on for a Notice of Intent, submitted by Sippican Holdings, LLC for the redevelopment of existing maintenance building and parking lot into a self-storage building with associated parking, stormwater controls and utilities at 13 Barnabas Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots 10B & 10L on Marion Assessors' Map 24. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeffrey J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Doug Guey-Lee at dgueylee@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/29</p> <hr/> <p>MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS SE Regional Office 20 Riverside Drive Lakeville, MA 02347 PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L.</p>	<p>c. 21 §§ 26 - 53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for NAE-2024-00132 mosquito control by Plymouth County Mosquito Control, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, MA 02360, on Noyes Avenue in Mattapoisett, MA for a project to reduce mosquito breeding by extending existing salt marsh ditches and improving tidal flow to areas of the Noyes Avenue marsh. Additional information may be obtained from Matt McPhee, Plymouth County Mosquito Control, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, MA 02360, Tel. 781-585-5450. Written comments should be sent to MassDEP Division of Wetlands and Waterways, SE Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 within twenty-one days of this notice.</p> <p>Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. 2/29</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS</p> <p>Cross Neck Road/Point Road Drainage Improvements (Project # 2024-1)</p> <p>Sealed bids for construction of the Cross Neck Road/Point Road Drainage Improvements Project will be received by the Marion Select Board at the Marion Town House – Select Board's Office, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 until 1:00 pm prevailing time, Thursday March 21, 2024. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 1:30 pm prevailing time, Thursday March 21, 2024 at the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, Marion Massachusetts 02738.</p> <p>All bidders will be notified of the apparent low bidder. All bidding procedures will be in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M inclusive as amended.</p> <p>The work under this Contract consists of improvements in the Town of Marion. The limits of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of drainage system improvements at Cross Neck Road and Point Road. <p>The contractor shall furnish all materials, labor, supervision, and equipment to perform all work shown on the plans consisting of, but not limited to excavation and disposal of an existing catch basin, saw cutting and removal of pavement, trenching, excavating, boulder removal, placement of granular fill materials, installation of a catch basin, drain manhole, drainage structures, drainage pipe, pavement restoration, loaming and seeding.</p> <p>There will be no pre-bid conference. Questions and comments shall be completed in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders</p> <p>The Project value is estimated to be \$110,000. Prevailing Wages, as determined under M.G.L. c. 149, § 26-27H shall apply on this project. Materials, equipment and supplies used on this project are exempt from sales tax to the extent provided by M.G.L. c. 64H, § 6(f). The Project is expected to commence on or about April 27, 2024 and be substantially complete no later than May 27, 2024. The project shall be fully completed by June 27, 2024. Time is of the essence for the completion of this project.</p>	<p>Bid Documents, including Details and Specifications for the proposed work, may be obtained electronically on and after February 28, 2024. To obtain electronic copies of the plans and specifications send a request by email to the Town of Marion Engineering Manager, Meghan Davis, at mdavis@marionma.gov.</p> <p>Bidders shall be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Only bidders pre-qualified by MassDOT may receive an official proposal format of the bidding documents. Official forms for Prequalification can be found at: https://www.mass.gov/prequalification-of-horizontal-construction-firms.</p> <p>Bid Deposits shall be submitted in the amount of 5% of the bid price including any alternates. The Bid Deposit shall be made payable to the Town of Marion and shall be in the form of a bid bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreement contained in the bid. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject or approve a surety. The Bid Deposits of the three (3) lowest responsible and eligible bidders shall be retained until the execution and delivery of the Contract.</p> <p>The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the Town of Marion to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. Selection of the successful bidder will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance on similar projects and bid price. The Contract award is subject to the availability of funding.</p> <p>The successful general bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each of which shall be in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.</p> <p>The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any bid which, in its judgment, fails to meet the requirements of this Advertisement for Bids or which is incomplete, conditional, or obscure, or which contains additions or irregularities, or in which errors occur in addition to the foregoing. The Town of Marion also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it deems such rejection(s) to be in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Marion further reserves the right to waive any minor discrepancies or informalities, to permit a bidder to clarify discrepancies or to conduct discussions with all qualified bidders in any manner necessary to serve the best interests of the Town. Any fees or other expenses of the bidders associated with this Advertisement for Bid process are solely the responsibility of the bidders.</p> <p>No bidder may withdraw its bid within thirty (30) days (Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excluded) after the date designated above for the opening of the bids. Any bid submitted will be binding for sixty (60) days after the time of bid opening.</p> <p>All questions and correspondence in connection with this Project should be made via email only to both the Marion Engineering Manager, Meghan Davis, at mdavis@marionma.gov and William F. Madden, P.E. at bill@gafenginc.com.</p> <p>The Town of Marion is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and encourages participation from certified minority and women-owned businesses in this Advertisement for Bid. The target goals of five percent (5%) for MBE and five percent (5%) for WBE are to be attained.</p>

The goals of The Greater New Bedford Garden Club are to offer educational and inspirational programs and to encourage the advancement of gardening, flower arranging, horticulture, the beautification of the community and the conservation of natural resources. Scholarships are given out every year as a way to support these objectives.

The scholarship applications are available to high school seniors in the guidance offices of New Bedford High School, Fairhaven High School, Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical Regional High School, Dartmouth High School, Westport High School, Old Rochester High School, Old Colony Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Global Learning High School and Bristol County Agriculture High School.

The deadline for applications and required paperwork is **April**, and must be postmarked by that date.

For further information, contact virginiasheehan427@comcast.net.

Looking Back & Stepping Into the Parlor

Those attending the Sippican Woman’s Club’s monthly meeting on Friday, **March 8** will have an opportunity to visit “The Gay Nineties” (1880’s – 1899’s) when families entertained friends in “The Parlor.” It was a time before radio, TV, or computers and the internet. Mack and Cathy Phinney, a local West Wareham couple, whose interests are focused on history have prepared a power point presentation which will bring us back to a time when families entertained both family and friends in

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<p>where possible, by the General Contractor. The successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other basis prohibited by law.</p> <p>Each bidder shall visit the site of the proposed work and shall fully acquaint himself with the conditions as they exist and shall also thoroughly examine the contract documents. Failure of bidder to visit the site and acquaint himself with the contract documents shall in no way relieve the bidder from any obligation with respect to his bid. 2/29</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, Marion, on the application of Island Wharf Road, LLC for an Amended License in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the General Laws of Massachusetts for a license to store flammables, combustibles or explosives at Barden’s Boat Yard, 2 Island Wharf Road Carleton Burr., Jr. – Chair 2/29</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>In accordance with the Town of Mattapoisett Rules and Regulations Governing the Sub-division of Land, the Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. This hearing will be on the petition of Phillip & Gaynor Frost, 2 Oaks LLC, 112 Mattapoisett Neck Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 to approve a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land located at 112 Mattapoisett Neck Road (Assessors Map 15, Lots 29 and 30). Thomas M. Tucker, Chair 2/29, 3/7</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Caroline’s Way Trust. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling, crushed shell driveway, to install a sewage disposal system and underground</p>	<p>utilities and to fill and grade.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 17) & within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank & Coastal Beach.</p> <p>The property is located at Goodspeed Island and is further identified as Lot #29A on Assessors Map #10. 2/29</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for March 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Shipyard Inn Group, 13 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Requesting a transfer of All Alcohol Beverage License, and Common Victualler’s License from The Inn on Shipyard Park.</p> <p>Manager on record to be Chrissie Soares..</p> <p>Jodi L. Bauer, Chairman Jordan Collyer, Vice Chair R. Tyler Macallister, Clerk 2/29</p> <p>-----</p>

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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 a Notice of Intent submitted by Allyson R. Bradford, 10 Oakland Terrace, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct an addition to residence for one-bedroom family-related apartment per Town by-laws. Proposed work located within buffer zone of bordering wetlands. The project is located at 10 Oakland Terrace, and is further identified as Lot 154 & 62 on Assessor Map 8.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/29

TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Harrison and Kathleen Harding for property located at 120 Snipatuit Road, Rochester, MA, 02770 designated as Lot 42C on Assessors Map 35. The applicant is clearing vegetation within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone to a Wetland Resource Area.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86859857340
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Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 2/29

TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing will be held via Teams* at 7:05 pm.

On March 18, 2024, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw pursuant to the requirements of G.L. c.40A, s.5 and the Town's General Bylaws. To see if the Town will vote at the Town Meeting, to approve the proposed revisions as follows:

Zoning Map Changes

LEGAL NOTICES

1. Update the Aquifer Protection District (Identification # 4169000-04G) to comply with that shown on the map provided by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection letter dated April 20, 2021
2. Changes zoning of three parcels (1) Map 11/Lot 24E, (2) Map 11/Lot 25, NS (3) MAP 11/LOT43 from current zoning designation of Residence A and C to the zoning designation of General Business as approved by Article 10 of the October 21, 2019, Special Town Meeting.
3. Changes zoning of (1) Map 24/Lot 36A, (2) Map 24/Lot 37, (3) Map 24/Lot 37A, and (4) Map 24/Lot 38 to zoning designation Residence E as approved by Article 33 of the May 14, 2018, Annual Town Meeting.
4. Changes of zoning of (1) Map 7/Lot 24, (2) Map 7/Lot 25, (3) Map 7/Lot 27, (4) Map 7 Lot 28C, (5) Map 7 Lot 29 from current zoning designation of Residence C to zoning designation Residence E as approved by Article 32 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting.

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: <https://www.marionma.gov>.

* Please email Doug Guey-Lee for the remote meeting information during regular business hours: dgueylee@marionma.gov. 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 2/29, 3/7

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Shipyard Inn Group, 13 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Requesting a transfer of Entertainment License and Lodging License from The Inn on Shipyard Park.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

In the early days of Rochester when people had to go somewhere, they walked. When Abraham Holmes was sent to find out the results of the Battle of Concord and Lexington, he headed toward Middleboro on foot. As time passed, horses and wagons came into town, but few people traveled far from home.

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In 1794, mail began to be carried on this route. The word "Post" added to the names of roads came from those roads being used to deliver the mail. Records show that Jesse Smith had a contract to run a stage three times a week to carry mail from West Middleboro to North Rochester from 1836-1841.

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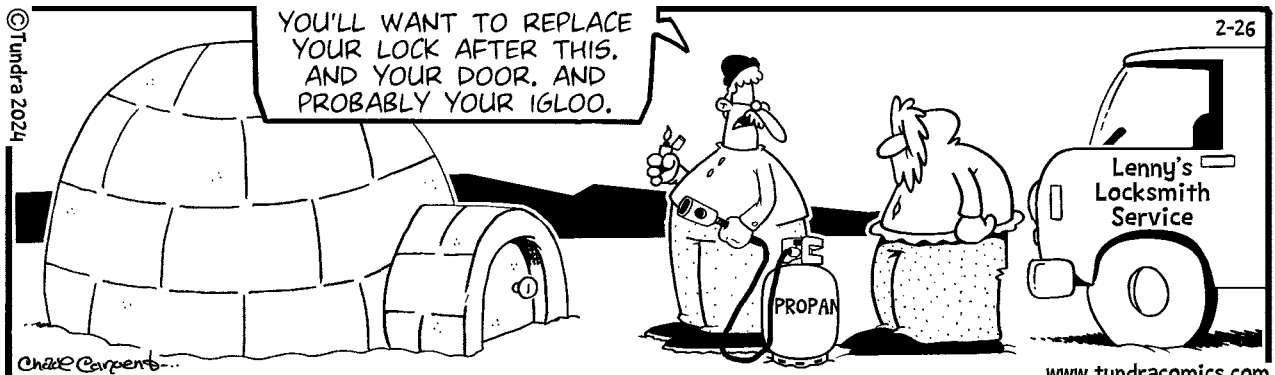
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hand as stagecoaches stopped at taverns which often acted as rest stops for both horses and passengers. In addition to carrying passengers, some stagecoaches carried freight and express baggage on some of their routes.

The early routes that ran through southeastern Massachusetts were originally nothing more than foot or horse paths. They were barely big enough for the stage. The earliest drivers with their helpers had to whack their way through trees and underbrush. The rough roads made for uncomfortable rides for passengers who after being tossed about were happy for tavern stops.

Stage travel could also be dangerous. There are records that show at least two drivers froze to death driving in the dead of winter. Another report from the end of the 18th century tells of a stagecoach accident. Snowdrifts had hidden the edge of a pond and the coach fell through the ice. The driver and a passenger drowned.

The stagecoach traveling on the road and rushing into town was an impressive sight. Some with four horses harnessed together made people stop to watch and some were so accurate that they could set their clocks by them. The stagecoaches were eventually replaced by trains putting an end to an era.

Rochester Historical Society Membership Drive

We are looking both for new members and membership renewals. Anyone who needs a membership form can pick up one at the Plumb Library or get in touch with either Sue at sash48@comcast.com or 508 295 8908 or Connie at eshbach2@aol.com or 617 750 2818.

Turning Point Golf Tournament

Turning Point is hosting their 8th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, **April 28** at The Bay Pointe Club in Buzzards Bay. The entry fee is \$125 per person (\$500/team) and includes 18 holes of golf, carts, and the post tournament dinner. The Bay Pointe Club's recent renovations will create a new experience for golfers. Non-golfers can help by sponsoring a Tee Sign on one of the holes, marked by a sign naming the company or individual donating. Businesses, individuals, and

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This event is the culmination of Turning Point's 20th Anniversary celebration, and all proceeds benefit Turning Point programs and services for homeless or near homeless individuals and families. For more information on golf registration, sponsorship levels, to purchase a Tee Sign or make a donation, please call Turning Point's golf tournament organizer Rick Duffy at 508-759-7872, the Turning Point mobile at 508-728-5384, or email turningpointwareham@gmail.com with the subject Golf Tournament.

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.

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online at www.mattapoissettwomansclub.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 Mattapoissett 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 Mattapoissett 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 Mattapoissett 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.

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 in Mattapoissett. All are welcome to attend for pancakes, sausage, toppings, drinks, and fellowship. Freewill offering will be accepted to help support the church's work. For more information, please call the church office Monday-Thursday 8:00 - 1:00 at 508-758-2671.

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 ice cream cone."

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, Mattapoissett, 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

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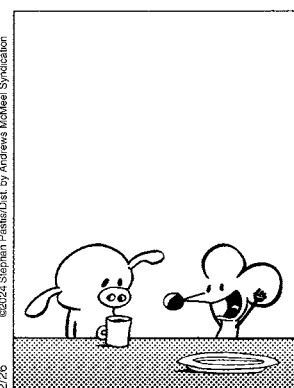
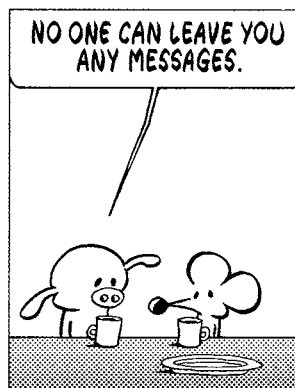
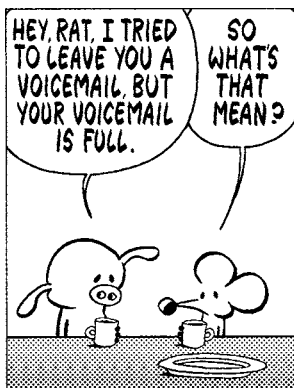
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



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 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-associationor. If you're interested in volunteering for the BPAA, we welcome you to contact us directly at bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com.

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



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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.

Janet Wallace, President of the Friends, is pleased 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.

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.

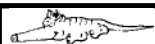
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Potential Properties LLC	Flaherty, Diane Lopes Payne, Diane M Watson, Diane <i>and 31 others</i>	109 Point Road	Marion	2/9/24	100,000



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	March 11	9:28	9:52	3:06	3:17
Tuesday	March 12	10:16	10:41	3:57	3:57
Wednesday	March 13	11:06	11:33	4:45	4:36
Thursday	March 14	11:59		5:32	5:17
Friday	March 15	12:27	12:55	6:25	6:01
Saturday	March 16	1:25	1:53	7:58	6:54
Sunday	March 17	2:25	2:53	9:52	8:05
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		March 3rd March 10th March 17th March 25th	



I Found the Aardvark!

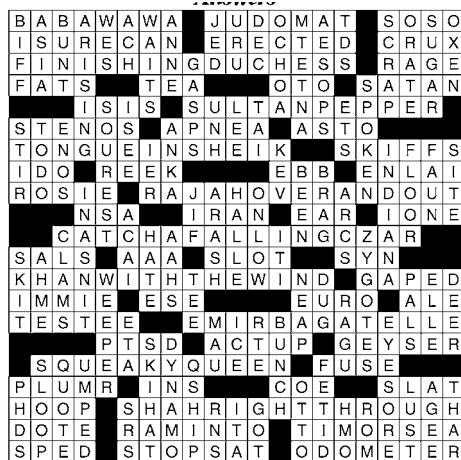
Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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

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

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SCRAMBLERS

solution

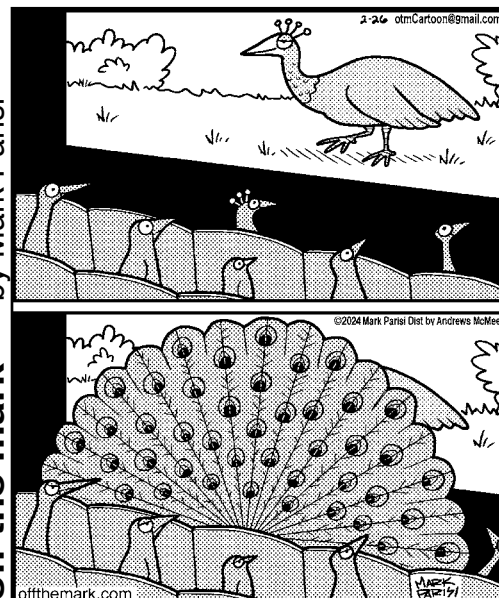
1. Cache 2. Lather;
3. Infer; 4. Menial

Today's Word
FATHER

Sudoku Answer

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

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off the mark



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