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## Emma's Tree Inspires Poster Contestants By Mick Colageo

The Kousa Dogwood tree donated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is growing outside Old Hammondtown Elementary School. It is a pleasing addition to the campus but more importantly a symbol that Mattapoissett kids care about their trees.

The tree came to the town because Emma Lowe's winning entry in the 2023 fifth-grade tree-poster contest was also the first-place finisher at the state level. Her classmates helped plant it on an island inside the front parking lot at Old Hammondtown.

Emma set a high bar for this year's contest, and of 29 entries, the consensus among 19 judges was that Cabot Van Keuren (first place) and Hadlee Weeden (second place) best captured the spirit of the 2024 contest.

The theme "Healthy Trees, Healthy Towns" was



Mattapoissett Select Board member Jodi Bauer, left, and Mattapoissett Tree Committee Chairperson Sandy Hering check up on the Kousa Dogwood tree that Old Hammondtown Elementary School received from the state after Old Hammondtown student Emma Lowe won the statewide 2023 Fifth Grade Tree Poster Contest. Photo by Mick Colageo

**On the Cover:** Old Hammondtown Elementary School student Cabot Van Keuren, 11, put together an idea so well that his painting for the Mattapoissett Fifth Grade Tree Poster Contest was judged to be the best among the 29 entries that can be seen this week at the Mattapoissett Library. Cabot's poster, following the 2024 theme of "Healthy Trees, Healthy Towns," will be entered in the annual statewide contest that was won last year by Old Hammondtown student Emma Lowe. Photo by Mick Colageo

more than evident in Cabot's colorful depiction of the Mattapoissett Village and Shipyard Park.

"I thought maybe it would be a good idea for Mattapoissett if I did what Mattapoissett's known for – for the wharf. ... This bench, I have known, has been there so I decided to do that," said the 11-year-old. "Healthy trees get mostly more air for the environment to make it healthier. That's pretty much what I thought in the beginning."

Mattapoissett is one of over 3,500 officially recognized as Tree City USA municipalities by the Arbor Day Foundation.

A proposed plan to take down several trees in the village has been the subject of debate during recent public meetings for Sandy Hering, Mattapoissett Tree Committee chairperson, who was thrilled to see the students' artwork when winners were announced on March 15 at Old Hammondtown.

Hadlee, who turns 11 on April 6, deliberated on her own participation until she saw her friends were

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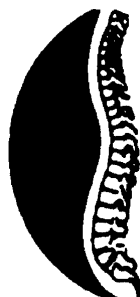
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entering the contest.

"I thought I'll give it a shot, and this is my first year doing it. too," said Hadlee, whose drawing is a dichotomy of sunny day versus cloudy day against the backdrop of recreation areas and houses.

Cabot's drawing illustrates various shades of blue depicting depths of the ocean proportional to their distance from the shore, along with a bright sunset. Cabot said he doesn't consider himself an artist, but he likes a challenge.

"It ended up better than I thought," he said.

Hering, Jodi Bauer of the Mattapoissett Select Board and Nancy Souza of the Tree Committee were on hand to congratulate the students, who received local pizza coupons as a token of their effort.

Like Emma's winning poster last year, Cabot's winning poster will be entered into the statewide competition. All of the entries in this year's contest will be on display through Saturday, March 23, at the Mattapoissett Library.

### Select Board Incumbents Face Competition

*Tri-Town Elections*

**By Mick Colageo**

Jodi Bauer, Paul Ciaburri and Randy Parker will all be challenged in their respective bids to stay on the Mattapoissett, Rochester and Marion Select Boards.

Ben Bailey, a member of the Rochester Planning Board and Conservation Commission, has returned nomination papers in a bid to unseat Ciaburri, a multiterm Select Board incumbent, at Rochester's May 22 Town Election.

In Mattapoissett, Kathleen Costello has returned nomination papers to launch a run at Bauer's seat, and in Marion Diane Lopes Flaherty has returned papers to run for Parker's seat. Bauer, Ciaburri and Parker have all returned papers, confirming their re-election campaigns.

The Marion Town Election will be held on May 17 and Mattapoissett's Town Election will be held on May 21.

As of Tuesday morning, the only Rochester incumbents to return papers were Ciaburri and Water Commission member David Hughes.

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Bailey's term on the Rochester Conservation Commission (vice chairman) expires this year; incumbent Matt Bache has pulled papers indicating he will run for re-election to the ConCom. Bailey's five-year term on the Rochester Planning Board does not expire until 2028.

Also in Rochester, Sarah Eby pulled papers indicating a run for re-election to the Board of Health, which now has a second (two-year) seat open with Monday's announcement that Dale Barrows is retiring from the board.

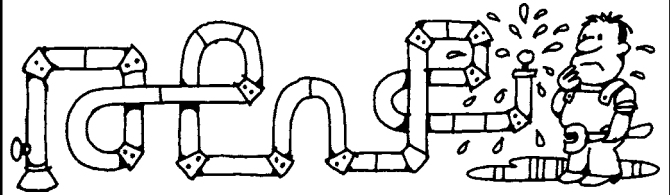
Bache and Joshua Tremblay have pulled papers indicating they will bid for expiring Rochester School Committee seats held by Jason Chisholm and Robin Rounseville, who have both pulled papers indicating a run for re-election. Matthew Monteiro has also pulled papers indicating he will run to maintain his seat on the Old Rochester Regional School Committee.

The terms of Plumb Library Trustees Co-Chairs Kelley Medeiros and Shauna Makuch are up; Makuch has pulled papers indicating she will run for re-election. Sydney Lewis pulled papers, adding her name to that of

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Rochester incumbents Jana Cavanaugh (Assessors) and Jeff Eldridge (tree warden) have also pulled papers for re-election.

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 deadline in Rochester to pull papers is April 1, and the deadline to return them is April 3.

The Mattapoisett School Committee seats held by Jim Muse and Tiffini Reedy are set to expire. Muse has pulled papers and so have challengers Kathleen Ann McArdle and Jack Lebrun.

On January 29, Alan Apperson and incumbent Leonard Coppola both pulled papers for Coppola's seat on the Mattapoisett Board of Assessors.

As of March 11, no other elected offices in Mattapoisett were being officially challenged, but the status of Town Moderator John Eklund was not confirmed; Lizanne Campbell has pulled papers, indicating a run for moderator.

Three Mattapoisett incumbents have returned papers confirming a re-election bid: William Osier (Library Trustees), Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer and Chuck McCullough (Housing Authority).

Tom Tucker has pulled papers, indicating a re-election run to the Planning Board. Other Mattapoisett incumbents who have taken out papers include Elizabeth Sylvia (Library Trustees), Water/Sewer commissioner Albert Meninno Jr. and Community Preservation Committee members James Pierson and Susan Wilbur.

Besides Parker's Select Board seat, no other seat was being contested in Marion as of Monday afternoon.

Other Marion incumbents who have returned papers confirming their run for re-election include: Dr. John Howard (Board of Health), April Nye (Marion School Committee) and Planning Board members Alanna Nelson and Jon Henry. Incumbents Michelle Smith (Marion School Committee), George TJ Walker (Assessor) and Brad Gordon (Town Moderator) have each returned papers, indicating a run for re-election.

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

## A Job, Marriage, or the Draft

*Thoughts on...*

**By Dick Morgado**

I heard that some politicians who probably never served in the military are talking about bringing back the military draft. In the spirit of transparency, I did not serve in the military, but not for lack of trying. My father had given me six months to get a job or get married after college. With no prospects for marriage in sight, I started looking for a job, or the draft would soon be my employer.

My friend Bob and I were the top two in our design class so it should have followed that we would have our picks of jobs after graduation. We both interviewed at one of the top design firms in the country, *and it was in Boston*. The owner hobnobbed with the likes of F. Lee Bailey, the famous attorney who later got O. J. Simpson off the hook and had his own helicopter. Impressive stuff. This guy, who saved O.J.'s behind, could certainly save mine from Dad or marriage or the draft.

My interview was with his chief designer. I thought things went well, but I did not get the job, and neither did Bob. Another friend who was *last* in our class

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No design firms were begging for my services so just before graduation Bob and I and another friend Carl marched to South Station in Boston to the Army/Navy/Air Force joint recruiting station to see what our options were. Bob and Carl signed up for the Army. I opted for the Air Force. I fantasized that I might land a nice, cushy assignment at an airfield in the Bahamas mowing golf-course greens as another friend had the year before.

The enlistment physical was at the infamous Boston Army Base, where endless lines of young men suffered the embarrassment of standing naked in the freezing exam area with hundreds of other recruits for what seemed like hours. (What is it they say about the Army, "hurry up and wait?") Alas, at the end of the day, I was told that because of my eyesight the Air Force did not want me.

Graduation arrived, after which I retreated to Mattapoisett, my deferment expired, to await my call from the Selective Service's version of "Nurse Ratched," Mrs. Stonkas, the head of the Middleboro Draft Board. Not long after, the official letter arrived. Back to the Boston Army Base for another round of prodding, poking

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and penetrating, subsequently to be notified that I had failed *that* physical as well. Confident that I could go on with my life, I began searching for employment ... again.

Yup! Another letter arrived. Back to Boston, hoping it was all a mistake since I had already failed two physicals. This time I passed!

Back to Mattapoisett, to wait to be drafted into the United States Army. Surprise! *Another* letter arrived "inviting" me back to Boston for a fourth round of P.P.P. Upon arrival, I was greeted with "Are you back again?" or "Couldn't stay away, huh?" I was now on a first-name basis with the prodders and pokers.

This exam, including an ophthalmologist and a couple of other "gists," resulted in my being told that my eyes were bad (no kidding!) and my albumin was dangerously high (who knew what albumin was). This time I failed for good. But, they said, I should see my personal doctor immediately.

Dr. York, from whose wife I bought my first car, had me pee in a cup every day for a week. He declared I was fine. Who was I to question the good doctor? (He got shaves from my dad, his barber, every week, which may have influenced his diagnosis.) I was not "sick" again for 35 years.

After basic training, Carl was sent to Army Graphics School where he worked his tail off, assuming that would get him a safe assignment somewhere stateside. He graduated first in his class and was sent to



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Vietnam where, he insisted, he painted naked women on airplanes.

Bob followed Carl to Graphics School a week later. Assuming it didn't matter how well he did, he graduated near last in the class. He spent his whole time during the war driving a Triumph convertible around London, England. I spent the rest of the war corresponding with them and feeling guilty.

Carl came home with a Silver Star, married a piano teacher, had eight kids ranging in age from 21 to four-year-old twins and died of cancer at age 50. I ran into Bob years later in a Walmart parking lot. He had pure white hair and sported a long white beard. I was married and finally had a job.

### Healthcare Fraud

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Ed Hoffer**

Healthcare fraud tends to be "under the radar" for most of us, surfacing when authorities arrest those accused of such behavior or when guilty verdicts are announced and usually in stories buried on the inside pages of the newspaper.

While it is widely acknowledged to be a serious problem, costing the government and private insurers tens of billions of dollars, it is very hard to get factual data. The numbers that reach the press are of perpetrators who are caught. The number of schemes that go undetected is impossible to quantify.

It is also a worldwide problem, not just a North American issue. The National Academies estimated in 2018 that of the \$7,350,000,000,000 spent globally on health care, some \$455,000,000,000 was lost to fraud. Investigators in China estimated that in 10% of healthcare spending, there was waste due to fraud.

Fraud can take many forms. The most obvious is to bill insurers for services not rendered. A New York-based cardiologist was arrested for billing Medicare and Medicaid \$1,300,000 for Covid testing that was never done.

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Technology has unfortunately made fraud easier. The typical electronic medical record allows the user to populate a note with detailed history and physical finding with a few clicks, whether or not these were done.

Telemedicine, a boon for many during Covid lockdowns, also provided a fertile field for the unscrupulous. One of “America’s Frontline Doctors,” the headline-grabbing vaccination deniers, lost her license for providing ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine after one- to two-minute online visits for which she billed \$90. Telemedicine visits for addiction counselling are supposed to last 45 minutes. The Recovery Connection Centers of America billed insurance programs millions of dollars for visits that lasted an average of five minutes, federal authorities alleged last month.

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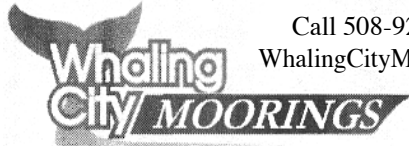
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Current permit holders will receive a welcome letter with a link that will direct users to create a username and password. In the coming days, if you are not a permit holder you will be able to create an account by visiting [marion-ma.townmoorings.com](http://marion-ma.townmoorings.com).

The platform provides users with an easily accessible electronic payment system and the ability to self-manage their personal and vessel information. Users will also have access to the mooring waitlist sign-up, mooring relocation application, boat increase forms, boat berth and kayak waitlist sign-up. This platform allows commercial marinas to manage all of their customers' mooring permits to ensure accurate data for all vessels moored or stored within the Town of Marion.

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Permit-holder payments were due on May 15.

The information on file for current permit holders has been transferred to the new database. If any information is incorrect or outdated, permit holders are encouraged to contact the Harbormaster's office at 508-

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In 2023, the Marion Harbormaster became a division of the Marion Police Department following new legislation — the Police Accountability and Oversight System — by the Baker-Polito Administration. On Oct. 3, 2023, Officer Adam Murphy was appointed as Harbormaster following the recommendation of Chief Nighelli to the Select Board.

“This new platform will streamline the process for our permit holders to electronically manage their accounts and will create an efficient way for our department to track mooring obligations, invoices, permits and more,” Harbormaster Murphy said.

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**Six Represent ORR at Festival**

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Silas Coellner are pleased to share that six Old Rochester Regional Junior High School students participated in the Southeastern Massachusetts Music Educators Association Junior District Festival (SEMMEA) on March 8 and March 9.

The two-day festival was hosted at New Bedford High School. Students from the MMEA Southeastern District participated in the festival after initial auditions were held in December 2023. Family members, friends and districts’ faculty attended the festival in support of student participants.

In attendance there were five ensembles made up of approximately 375 musicians in Jazz Band, Treble Chorus, Mixed Chorus, Orchestra and Concert Band.

“We are extremely proud of every student who participated in the festival this past weekend,” Principal Coellner said. “They have spent significant time practicing and it’s great to see their hard work pay off!”

Concert band eighth-grade students Brianna Cabral (clarinet), Mara Donnelly (flute), Isabella Perez-Dormitzer (voice), Erin Root (voice), Rebecca Schaefer (trumpet) and seventh-grader Sophie Zhou (trombone) participated in rehearsals for two days before performing in a public concert.

“I am incredibly proud of the dedication and talent our musicians displayed at the recent SEMMEA Junior District Festival,” said Instrumental Music Teacher Richard Laprise. “Their hard work and commitment truly paid off with phenomenal performances that resonated with the audience. They are a shining example of the musical excellence we strive for at Old Rochester, and they represented our school with great distinction.”

“I would like to congratulate Brianna, Mara, Isabella, Erin, Rebecca and Sophie on their performances,” said Superintendent Nelson. “This is a great achievement for all involved, including our dedicated music teachers and the families of our students who have provided their support and encouragement.”

The Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) has approximately 1500 members and provides leadership in professional development, advocacy, student assessment, opportunities for students and providing a comprehensive, quality music for all students. MMEA is divided into five districts with a chair and an executive board for each district. Each of the districts organizes honor ensemble festivals and general music events. A percentage of students who participate in district festivals are eligible to audition for All-State honors ensembles.

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The Friends of Old Rochester Music (F.O.R.M.) Scholarship Concerts, hosted in the Old Rochester Regional High School gymnasium, featured the districts' choirs on March 5 and bands on March 12. Both concerts featured students from all five schools across the districts, including Old Hammondtown, Rochester Memorial, Sippican, Old Rochester Regional Junior High School and Old Rochester Regional High School.

The schools' choirs sang a total of 15 songs during the March 7 concert, including "Lovely Day" by Bill Withers and "Best Day of My Life" by American Authors. The five school bands and the Old Rochester Concert Band played a total of 14 songs during the March 12 concert, including "Roar" by Katy Perry and "In Darkest Night" by Barry Kopetz.

"This collaborative concert is a massive undertaking, and I want to recognize our talented musicians and instructors for their efforts to put on yet another incredible show," Superintendent Nelson said. "I also thank F.O.R.M. for all the vital support they give arts throughout our districts."



Superintendent Nelson also expressed his gratitude to Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 staff for their tireless work in directing the concert; Richard Laprise, Angie Vaughn, Pedro Silva, Brent Alger, Susan Audette, Sarah Leahy, Kaitlin Laprise, Hannah Moore and Patricia Richard.

Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning for the district added, "It is wonderful to see our music programs so beloved by students as they participate in another terrific performance."

F.O.R.M. started in 1983 as a nonprofit volunteer organization that supports music programs of the districts. The organization

works alongside the local community to fundraise for performance opportunities and purchase instruments, equipment, supplies and transportation to special events beyond the districts' given budgets.

For 41 years, F.O.R.M. has also awarded scholarships to high school seniors in recognition of their commitment to the arts. The Class of 2023 scholarship recipients included David Costa, Mason Hanks, Sakurako



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"The F.O.R.M. concert is always a heartwarming event and this year's choral show was no exception," said Old Rochester Regional High School Assistant Principal Vanessa Harvey. "Personally, my favorite part of the concert was the traditional closing song where all performers district-wide came together to sing. The unifying event makes me proud to be a part of a district that embraces the arts so strongly for students of all ages."

Additionally this spring, the ORRHS Night of Jazz will take place April 9, the ORRHS Spring Concert will take place May 8 and the ORRJHS Spring Concert will be held May 29. All events will begin at 6:30 pm.

### ORR Proposes Facilities Upgrades

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson presented the Rochester Select Board during its meeting Monday night a plan for a Town Meeting borrowing article to fund safety-related upgrades to ORR School District facilities.

The plan would be to upgrade the HVAC system and the water and heating systems, replace the entry doors and align the public-address systems in all the campus buildings so they can communicate to faculty and students as one.

Nelson noted after the presentation that the school district is looking for an approximate \$20,000,000 borrowing bond to last 20 to 22 years at a cost that would be spread between all three ORR district towns. During the presentation, Nelson explained the school district's current debt is expiring next year, but it needs to start the process for taking on any new debt now.

The preliminary results of a recently completed facilities study revealed the district's facilities needs that have been whittled down to the few items that are the most important to address. ORR Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber said all the items being proposed will address the students' and the faculty's safety needs.

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“We are not looking for a major renovation,” Nelson said. “These are items that have reached the end of their expiration date.”

Select Board member Adam Murphy asked if the public will be able to read the draft report. Nelson said yes, when the executive summary is ready. “That will be important at Town Meeting to explain all this to them,” Murphy said.

Nelson and Barber said the mandated process for this type of proposal means final language won’t be ready until late March. The Select Board concluded the discussion by asking the pair “to keep them informed.”

In other action, the board referred several zoning articles proposed for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting



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to the Planning Board for it to review. These include regulation changes to the Agricultural-Residential District, the Ground-Mounted Solar Installation District and solar-facility battery storage.

The Select Board revealed that Police Chief Robert Small, Jr. announced in a recent letter that he is retiring effective June 28 at 4:00 pm. According to the Rochester Police Department webpage, Small has been a member of the town’s police force since 1988.

The board received Personnel Board Chairperson Kristine Nash’s update on her panel’s proposed new Classification and Compensation Plan. Nash explained that one of the main goals of the Personnel Board’s review was to line up job classifications for noncontract employees with Personnel Bylaw contract employees.

The first goal was to develop job descriptions for the 21, noncontract, town employees not covered by the Personnel Bylaw, which have been completed. The next step will be the Personnel Board’s proposal for a new FY25 Classification and Compensation Plan, which will become an article on the Town Meeting warrant.

The board approved the Annual Tour de Creme Bike Race’s use of town roads on May 19 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The board signed the proposed Transfer Station’s Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection permit application.

The board noted the resignation of Dale Barrows

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from the Board of Health and agreed to send him a letter thanking him for his years of service.

Town Administrator Glenn Cannon reported that SEMASS's PILOT program payment to the town in January was \$409,726. In February, the payment was \$359,010. Cannon also reported the town recently received a Chapter 90 payment of \$308,386. Cannon also announced that the Request for Proposals for the salt shed has been posted.

During a March 14 special meeting, the Select Board voted to transfer the wine and malt license from Matt's Blackboard to Costa's Kitchen located at 565 Rounseville Road. Michael Costa is the new manager. The board also voted a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for town employees for the FY25 Budget in response to the Finance Committee's recommendation.

The Rochester Select Board scheduled its next two meetings for Monday, April 1, and Tuesday, April 16, both to be held at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

### **ARPA to Help Fund Water/Sewer Projects**

*Marion Select Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

Getting down to the nitty-gritty of the FY25 budget season, Marion Town Administrator Geoff Gorman told the Select Board at its meeting Tuesday night that he asked Department of Public Works Director Becky Tilden to "reprioritize" the DPW's capital-projects

wish list with an eye on "what do they really want to get done."

While American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds don't expire until December 31, Plymouth County, the administrator of those funds on an opt-in basis (Marion opted in as it had with CARES Act funding), required applications on a more immediate deadline.

Citing the limit of money available in Water and Sewer Enterprise accounts (\$388,000), Gorman had to innovate, and what he discovered was that ARPA funding can be appropriated to fund Water/Sewer capital projects. Better yet, he reported to the board that the county had approved his request to keep the ARPA-funding application general so long as it remains committed to Water/Sewer capital projects. With Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) funding in place in the amount of \$200,000, Marion would get a \$980,000 total boost toward its Water/Sewer capital projects for FY25.

Other affected capital projects include \$64,000 for the Creek Road pumping station, \$675,000 for two generators and \$100,000 for the Island Wharf water main. There is \$750,000 available from Water Enterprise retained earnings.

Gorman also discussed four items (with asterisks): Town House security, digital radios and a brush truck. In 1960, the Marion Fire Department bought a new brush truck that is no longer operational. Fire Chief Brian Jackvony has secured a \$280,000 grant against a \$349,000



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replacement, leaving a total of \$72,789 that would come out of capital expenditures to complete the purchase.

The lingering question is how to fund a much-needed patrol boat for the Harbormaster. Gorman said that Marion can buy the boat using free cash but noted the townspeople's expectation that it would be funded by the Waterways Enterprise Account. With the patrol boat in the FY25 budget and without including FY25 revenue, \$450,000 will remain in the Waterways Account after FY25.

Gorman said he was told by Finance Director Heather O'Brien that an \$800,000 boat would come with a debt exclusion.

Select Board member Randy Parker said he "doesn't want to spend all that free cash" and would like to sit down to discuss the matter. "I want to leave a little cushion. The (Marine Resources Commission), I'd like them to have a look at this too."

Select Board Chairman Toby Burr abstained from participation in a public hearing in which Hills and Parker granted Island Wharf Road, LLC, an Amended License in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of Massachusetts General Laws to store flammables, combustibles or explosives at Barden's Boat Yard, 2 Island Wharf Road.

Cheryl Souza, a member of the town's MRC, represented Barden's and told the board that nothing is changing at the site. The problem, she explained, was a

long-expired license that had not been renewed since 1953 and became a sticking point to the current permitting effort. The above-ground tanks on the site were installed in 1996 and 2007.

"There's nothing new there that wasn't there since I can remember," said Parker, who visited the site.

A continued public hearing for the installation of a utility pole by NSTAR Electric Company, doing business as Eversource Energy, was focused Tuesday on the installation of 44 feet of conduit and two handholes on Front Street.

Representing Eversource, Faye Sweatman was back before the board but again faced questions from Parker, who wanted to see the installation of two extra conduits, so in the event another upgrade is needed, the finished road can remain undisturbed.

Gorman said he can work with Sweatman to coordinate with the contractor and electrician and reach out to Verizon regarding its interest. Parker was confident the contractor would be willing but noted that coordination can be difficult.

"I don't want to dig the road up again," he said.

Upon board member Norm Hills' motion, NSTAR's installation was approved on the condition that spare conduit be added for future needs.

Under Acton Items, Harbormaster Adam Murphy and Animal Control Officer Susan Connors were reappointed as Inspectors of Animals.



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The Benson Brook Boutique Swap Shop Rules and Regulations was discussed following the board's initial read. Gorman said he has already received some comments but looks forward to the Select Board's comments at its next meeting. A second read will consist of a discussion and possible vote. Parker suggested posting the document on the town's website to encourage public feedback.

The board also conducted a first read on Music Hall fee increases, the main feature of which will make users of the facility responsible for cleaning and any damage. A two-hour fee, for instance, would see a \$150 surcharge should the town determine a professional cleaning is necessary. Parker suggested a discount for Marion residents. Hills noted that nonprofit organizations receive a 50% discount on its rentals of the Music Hall.

The board engaged in a second read over the brand-new Water & Sewer Abatement Policy. The next step will be a public discussion and feedback. The matter will also go to Town Counsel.

Gorman sought to postpone the Harbormaster building's easement with Eversource because the town is waiting on the engineering drawing. Parker noted that the ground-mounted transformer has been relocated from behind the pavilion up to within 25 feet of the road to get it out of the flood zone.

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The Marion Art Center's Annual Arts in the Park event will be held on Saturday, July 6 (rain date July 7); Main Street will be closed between Spring Street and Pleasant Street from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

In his Town Administrator's Report, Gorman said the pillars are complete on the new Harbormaster building and that framing is getting underway this month and the building should be weather-tight sometime in April.

Bid documents are completed for the new Department of Public Works operational center at Benson Brook. Subcontractor bids are to be reviewed on March 20, and Gorman is working with the town's public-relations person to get information out to the community.

Design on the Delano Road project in which the Buzzards Bay Coalition has received grant funding for wetland remediation, will focus on two culverts. One is a coastal culvert just north of Great Hill Drive and the other a culvert supporting Wings Cove. Gorman says the work will take approximately a month. Hills anticipates that a road closure will become necessary.

The draft for the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 13, at 6:45 pm at Sippican Elementary School needs to be ready on March 25, said Gorman, so the Finance Committee can see it on March 27 and the Select Board can approve it at its April 2 meeting. An informational warrant meeting, in recent years billed as a Town Meeting rehearsal, will be held on April 25 at the Music Hall.

Gorman told the board he is working on a response document to MassDEP's consideration of regulations revisions and water-quality circulation. The state has extended the comment period to April 30. Gorman reported that other towns are similarly concerned.

Gorman also summarized a highly successful list of four recommendations coming from the town's

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CPA funds will be used for the engineering and design of a new parking lot at Silvershell Beach, a right-of-way easement for the shared-use (bike) path and for engineering and design of a renovation of the Bird Island Lighthouse. The lighthouse has not been fully renovated since 1997. It is listed on the National Historical Registry of Historic Places.

Gorman also noted that while it was learned that CPA funding cannot be used for the digitization of town records, that project will be grant funded. After Watertown digitized its records, said Gorman, the city got rid of 20 tons of paper.



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The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, at 6:00 pm at the Town House Annex building.

### Definitive Subdivision Granted Waivers

*Mattapoisett Planning Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

On March 18, the Mattapoisett Planning Board met with one applicant seeking approval with waivers for the creation of a three-lot Definitive Subdivision off 112 Mattapoisett Neck Road filed by Gaynor and Phillip Frost. The applicants were represented on this night by Ken Motta of Field Engineering, pinch-hitting for the vacationing David Maddigan, Jr.

Motta explained that all elevations for the planned development of Lot 2 would remain unchanged and that the lot would be serviced by a shared 350x24-foot private driveway. The driveway plan had been reviewed by the Police and Fire Departments and found to be acceptable as presented, Motta stated.

Motta also confirmed that wetlands on the property are isolated wetlands, therefore rendering them nonjurisdictional. He said that the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission had reviewed a Request for Determination of Applicability, giving the RDA filing a negative determination.

Waivers granted thus far were: no staking required, no drainage calculation, no soil survey,

no concrete driveway, no sidewalks and no paved turnaround.

The board ruled not to take any action at this time in the matter of a roadway trust. That matter will be determined at the next meeting. They also ruled that two permanent markers are required for the roadway located at the southwest corner and a second at the northeast corner.

The filing was continued until May 6.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, April 1, at 7:00 pm.

### Order Gives Way to Comprehensive Project

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday reacted positively to a Notice of Intent application for work within the wetlands buffer zone at 532 Snipatuit Road to remove an existing houseboat and dock from the edge of the pond, demolish an existing house and construct a new, single-family home with associated site work, a new septic system, an upgraded gravel-base driveway and stone cover.


Noting that the plan was sparked by the commission's Enforcement Order against previous, unpermitted cleanup work there two months ago, the petitioner's engineering consultant, Rick Charon, acknowledged there were a variety of wetlands designations on the property but described the variety of measures the design will include to earn it a permit.

The plan, Charon said, will include removing an old rotting house and replacing an "inadequate" driveway with a new one, but it will also feature a siltation containment system and containment buoys.

"I like the design," Commissioner Bill Milka said.

Chairman Christopher Gerrior questioned if there would be an overlap between the work to remove the old and build the new. Charon answered he doesn't have a timeline set but will supply one when he reaches that stage.

Even an abutter, Steve Crawford, likes the project. He said he has been the property's neighbor for seven



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years, and the old structures there used to scare him because of their hazards. "The demolition would be an improvement," Crawford said. "The structures there were dangerous, hazardous."

Charon said he needed a continuance because he was waiting to hear from Natural Heritage regarding a possible requirement that the project be designed to protect the freshwater mussels in the pond.

The commission approved member Ben Bailey's motion to begin drafting an Order of Conditions for the project. Gerrior asked Charon to prepare a work timeline. The commission then continued the public hearing until its next meeting on April 2.

In other action, the commission, upon the petitioner's request, also continued to April 2 the Notice of Intent hearing for JPF Development's plan to construct a 15-acre, self-storage facility within 100 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland at Kings Highway and 25 Cranberry Highway.

ConCom took the unusual step of dismissing a Notice of Intent application filed for work within the 100-foot buffer zone to wetlands at 120 Snipatuit Road and to refund permit-application fees.

The public hearing was sparked by complaints that the property owners were clearing vegetation close to a wetland pond there, Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly said. The commission learned the property is designated Agricultural and the property owners, Harrison and

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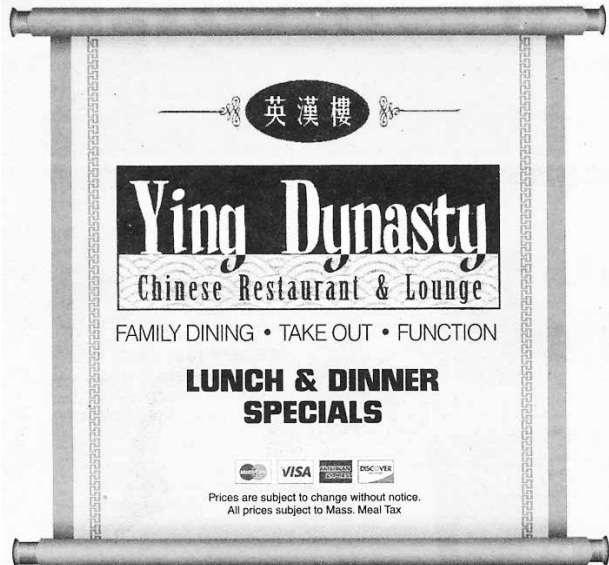
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Kathleen Harding, raise deer there and need to clear land for them to graze on.

The commission learned its plan to clean up the sometimes-clogged, herring-run area from Hartley Farm Pond to the start of the Rochester Boat Race and the Mattapoissett River using just hand labor and minimal equipment if possible.

The commission met over a Zoom call with Brad Chase of Mass Marine Fisheries as a follow-up to the members' February 10 site visit of the herring-run area. The commissioners' conclusion after that tour was that "mat of vegetation" might soon impede the herring run there. Chase said hand labor to do that work would not need a Notice of Intent; a NOI would be needed only if



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equipment is used. The membership said such equipment is available to them.

Chase said he would like to schedule an in-person visit to the site at the commission's convenience. Town Herring Inspector David Watling said the time to do this work is July or August, when the pond is at its driest and that the group Alewives Anonymous could file the NOI for the work with the Rochester Conservation Commission. Gerrior agreed to set up the visit with Chase for around that time.

Kelly reported that the Buzzards Bay Coalition has purchased 34 acres at 84 New Bedford Road for \$1,100,000.

The Rochester Conservation Commission will meet next on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### Town Meeting Won't See Rental Bylaw

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

Planting Island resident Dianne Cosman was admittedly excited at the thought that the Marion Planning Board was about to finalize a bylaw for short-term rentals that would be recommended to voters at the May 13 Annual Town Meeting, but after another lengthy discussion on Monday night, the board was further away from consensus than it had appeared two weeks ago.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee then issued a

reality check, advising the members that procedural hurdles essentially cancel the Planning Board's original plan to have a bylaw drafted in time for the Town Meeting warrant.

"I really was excited tonight, I thought something was going to happen. The discussion makes me irate. We keep going over the same things again," said Cosman, obviously frustrated but making sure to thank the board for its time spent researching and deliberating the matter. "Most of (the owners of short-term rentals) live out of state. ... The people here are going to vote on this. ... We have to put something on the table and have some guidelines. The town is losing out, the neighbors are losing out."

Absent of a realistic chance at getting a bylaw to the May 13 Town Meeting floor, Chairman Tucker Burr and Vice Chairman Andrew Daniel expressed a desire to continue hammering away at the details to at least reach a stage of public feedback to further inform the process.

Member Ryan Burke, noting that Burr proposed no short-term rentals in a residential zone and member Eileen Marum's "serious concerns about housing stock and affordability," hesitated to move forward.

Over the course of Monday's discussion, board members were able to find common ground on basic issues such as a requirement that renters provide off-street parking for their guests, not to put a limit on the number of registrations per owner, not make a renter's personal information available to the public but only to the owner and to eliminate a reference to inspections made by the Police Department.

There was some disagreement, however, over the latest draft with Daniel frustrated by the absence of what he believed were agreed-upon edits from the last meeting.

Cosman hoped that a bylaw would leverage out-of-state operators to sell. "They don't want to file tax returns, they just want to make money. Those houses are finally going to be put on the market," she said. "The devil's in the details. We have a right to vote on this; we need to have something put in front of us."

"We have to have something that's going to pass," suggested member W. Dale Jones. "I would like to see us go in with an acceptable chunk, then next year come back with more."

At Guey-Lee's recommendation, the discussion was continued to the board's next meeting on April 1.

A continued public hearing for major site-plan review for the proposed expansion of Fieldstone Farms Market at 806 Mill Street (Route 6 - Map 17, Lots 12 and 15A, zoned Residence C) cleared an important hurdle after Burr reported that Marion Building Commissioner Bob Grillo clarified his position and that Town Counsel had been consulted.

Burr told the meeting that Grillo does not believe there are any zoning violations in proprietor Arnie Johnson's proposal to combine a residential lot with that of the current retail business, folding them into one



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property as outlined in a previous meeting by Johnson's legal representative, Doug Troyer of Pierce Atwood, CCP.

Johnson will apparently not be required to take his proposal before the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals, and that simplifies the issue of timing for Planning Board deliberations and conditioning of the project.

Guey-Lee recommended the Plymouth-based firm of Beals & Thomas to act as the town's peer-review consultant with SITEC as his second choice. He told the board that either is available to take the job. Along with that, Guey-Lee recommended Johnson's 53G account be increased to \$5,000.

A stormwater report will be required for review.

Waivers requested would include a zoning compliance, and Marum noted that the traffic study had already been waived.

Board member Alanna Nelson asked if there might be an opportunity for synchronicity with the Marion Conservation Commission, which anticipates a Request for Determination of Applicability application from Johnson. Guey-Lee, however, said, "I don't see them being the driving force on this project."

Burr anticipates that once site-plan review has given its report to the applicant, then the Planning Board will be ready to discuss the applicant's response, probably on May 6. In the meantime, the public hearing was continued to April 16 at 7:10 pm.

In a public hearing, an update to the Zoning

Map's Aquifer Protection District to match that shown on MassDEP's map was approved. The recommended changes pursuant to the requirements of General Law Chapter 40A, Section 5 and town General Bylaws will be recommended to voters at the May 13 Annual Town Meeting.

Despite Nelson's effort to sustain progress on the MS4 Stormwater Management Bylaw (sewer), the membership was divided between those with an urgency to demonstrate a commitment to the Environmental Protection Agency and those more concerned to sift out the EPA's requirements from the EPA's suggestions so as to avoid burdening Marion property owners.

Supporting Nelson's push, Marum said that

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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 Paltracast 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 - Dyer Family  
3:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - A Presidential Portrait  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday March 22, 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 Paltracast 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 Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites  
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages  
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday March 23, 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 - Dyer Family  
2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt  
Experience  
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - A Presidential Portrait  
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  
9:00 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites  
9:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages  
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday March 25, 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?  
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3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
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on Europe  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Presidential Portrait  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites  
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 26, 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 Tri-County Symphonic Band - Presidential Portrait  
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 27, 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  
3:45 PM Sippican Week Interviews  
4:00 PM Paltracast 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  
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1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee  
2:30 PM Marion Open Space Commission  
3:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health  
4:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
6:30 PM Marion School Committee  
7:30 PM ORR School Committee  
9:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
11:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

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4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
5:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
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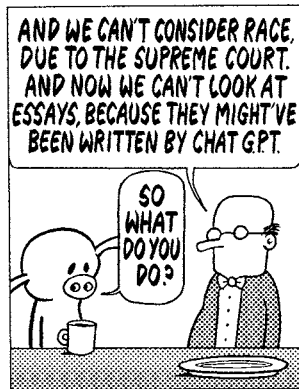
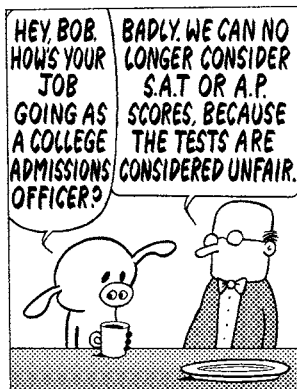
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8:30 AM Bulldog Sports  
9:00 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Bowman  
10:00 AM OHS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony  
11:30 AM Old Hammondton School - Autism Acceptance  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
1:30 PM Bulldog Sports  
2:00 PM ORR Music - A Night of Jazz  
3:00 PM ORR Music Education  
4:00 PM Libraries in the Modern Day  
5:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM Bulldog Sports  
7:00 PM STEAM the Streets Presentation at ORR  
8:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Cohasset  
9:30 PM The Harvard Krokodiles at ORR  
10:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police  
11:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dennis Yarmouth

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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



to meet the terms of the town's stormwater-discharge permit, the town needs to develop a stormwater-management program.

"And I don't believe Marion has one," said Marum, citing a need for education and public participation leading to the establishment of known, best practices. "Townspople need to have a good understanding of what the EPA is charged with."

Daniel and Burr were on the opposite side of the issue. "I would like to see the EPA return with a minimal requirement bylaw," said Daniel. "We can have two different conversations, what we have to have and what we'd like to have for our community," said Burr, insisting the two be distinguished. Otherwise, he feels that the EPA is "holding the town hostage."

Burke said, "We're getting presented with a bylaw and being asked to recommend it." Burke doesn't think the Planning Board should be voting on bylaws that it does not write. "Bring the bylaw back to the EPA standards."

Nelson asserted that an acre of clearing has a significant impact on stormwater. "We need to pick a number and move ahead," she said. "It should be one of our goals as a town."

Daniel said such a bylaw should take into account its financial impact. "This is not a good time, people are struggling. I'm just not going to put anything on them more restrictive," he said.

Nelson said the existing bylaw is vague. "Our erosion-control bylaw is pretty vague and doesn't give the Planning Board the tools that it needs to deal with it," she said.

Select Board member Randy Parker, in attendance, said, "Alanna has a point ... tie it into current zoning. If someone wants to do a project, they have to follow the MS4 for that lot."

Resident Barry Gaffey, attending remotely, was given the floor and suggested that private homeowners are being unfairly targeted.

"Let's just do what the state requires of us," he said. "The town has already allowed some sump pumps into the sewer system ... grandfathered, inspected, but I



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# OBITUARIES



**Suzanne Keith Dixon**, 73, of Rochester, MA, peacefully passed away on March 3, 2024 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham after a decades-long battle with cancer. She was born July 8, 1950, in Wareham, MA, the daughter of the late Wendell T. and Ruth W. (Taber) Keith.

Suzanne graduated from Fairhaven High School, class of '68 and UMass Dartmouth. For most of her life, Suzanne resided in Rochester with her husband of 51 years, Walter H. Dixon, in a home they built together. Early in their marriage, much to their parents' dismay, Suzanne and Walter purchased their property "way out in the country" and spent years making it an incredibly beautiful and special place. Suzanne loved her home and could be found most days reading, knitting, or lost in her vast gardens of flowers. She was creative and clever beyond measure and most who met her were in awe of her resourcefulness and imagination.

For many years, Suzanne could be found at local craft fairs, selling her dried flower arrangements, procured from her garden, or as a first mate on her husband's commercial fishing vessel, the Pedlar. Later in life, she was known by many for her beautiful fresh bouquets that she sold on her home's farm stand.

Suzanne is survived by her husband Walter H. Dixon of Rochester; son, Jacob H. Dixon of Attleboro; daughter, Molly K. (Dixon) and spouse Christopher T. Fournier, and their children, whom she loved fiercely, Winslow, Felix, and Ashby of Rochester. Suzanne is also survived by her half-brother Donald I. Pierce of Reading, MA and was predeceased by her brother Thomas Keith formerly of Fairhaven, MA.

Per Suzanne's wishes, a private Celebration of Life will be held later in the year when her gardens are in bloom. In lieu of flowers, keep those you care for close and tell them you love them every day.

Arrangements are by Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham. To leave a message of condolence, please visit [chapmanfuneral.com](http://chapmanfuneral.com).

**Marie C. (Walker) Haymaker**, 75, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 14, 2024. She was the loving wife of George M. Haymaker.

Born in Brookline, daughter of the late Edgar and Evelyn (Agostini) Walker, she lived in Everett and Mattapoisett most of her life.

Marie enjoyed going to the beach, partying with her friends and family, watching B- grade Sci-Fi movies, and taking care of her grandchildren. She spent many years helping George with the family business, Independent Fasteners.

Marie is survived by her husband, George; her children, William Haymaker of Lakeville, Jeffrey Haymaker



of Minnesota, and Kirk Haymaker and his wife Natalie of Mattapoisett; her sister Cheryl Boutin and her husband Joseph of Fairhaven; and her grandchildren, Skyler, Katie, Keith, and Eli Haymaker.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. For online guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com)

**Adelaide S. "Ada" (Silva) Alves**, 94, of New Bedford, formerly of Mattapoisett died March 14, 2024 at Sippican Health Care Center surrounded by her family.

She was the wife of the late John D. Alves.

Born in Worcester, the daughter of the late John A. and Hortense F. (Lima) Silva, she was raised in New York City and lived in Mattapoisett and New Bedford most of her life.

Ada was formerly employed as a jewelry maker while living in New York. She later worked at Dartmouth Carpet Factory until her retirement.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, crafts and needle point.



Survivors include her 2 daughters, Victoria Duarte of New Bedford and Maria Alves of Mattapoisett; 5 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Kenneth Silva, Frances Torres and Rose Davey.

Her Funeral will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10 am. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday, March 20th from 4-7 pm. For directions and guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Leonard A. Desautels, Jr.**, of Plymouth, MA, died on February 18, 2024, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Len was born in Montague, MA, in 1945, the son of Regina (Walichowski) Desautels and Leonard A. Desautels, Sr. He graduated from Turners Falls High School in 1963 where he lettered in football and baseball. Len attended Greenfield

Community College and Central Connecticut State University where he earned his BA in American History. There he met and married his wife Janice soon after they both received their MA's from Central Connecticut State University and enjoyed 42 years together.

He started his teaching career in Bloomfield, CT after

think we should focus on the big players and some of the gravity (septic systems). ... I'd be in favor of meeting the state's requirements, but when you start talking 50,000 square feet? ... It's an overage."

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, April 1, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Station on Route 6.

### Bulldogs End Postseason Runners-up

*ORR Basketball*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys' basketball team played in the MIAA Division 3 state championship game against Charlestown on March 16 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, and top-seeded Charlestown prevailed, 61-40.

Charlestown (23-2) started off hot, but a surge following a timeout made by the second-seeded Bulldogs (21-5) rallied them back to end the quarter down by three points at 14-11. But a big, 12-point quarter by Charlestown put them up 26-16 at the half.

ORR made many runs, but Charlestown responded. Facing a 45-30 deficit going into the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs ultimately fell short. Chase Besancon put up a team-high 17 points in defeat.



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which he and his growing family moved to Plymouth, MA, where Len had accepted a teaching position at Bourne High School. He was a dedicated educator who enjoyed teaching history and coaching basketball. His team won the SMC 3 Championship during the 1984-85 season with an 18-3 record and he was named Coach of the Year. After retiring from Bourne HS, Len continued in education at Quincy Community College where he taught American History courses. He was also an assistant basketball coach at UMass Dartmouth for over 17 years. During a brief reappearance of the ABA (semi-pro) League, he was an assistant coach of the Boston Frenzy.

Len loved coaching basketball and was an avid follower of all sports, particularly the Dodgers. Len was also passionate about American history, especially the Civil War. He enjoyed bringing history alive not just to his students, but his family and friends as well, and frequently traveled to historic sites. When not enjoying sports or history, you could count on Len to have tunes playing. He was an enthusiastic fan of 50's and 60's music and collected 45 rpm records as a hobby and to enjoy on his prized jukebox. He particularly enjoyed spending weekends traveling to flea markets and joining friends at record shows to find new additions for this collection. With a smile and a story, he especially enjoyed family holidays and get-togethers, always buoyant, gregarious and fun.

In later life, Len met his companion, Sheri Caron. They enjoyed time together and traveled to Ohio, Aruba, Memphis, Hawaii, and the Southwest. Sheri's care made it possible for Len to live at home for the vast majority of his later years.

He is survived by his son, Eric (Courtney) of Arlington, VA; his son, Mark of Frederick, MD; his granddaughters, Chloe and Alaina Desautels of Arlington, VA; his sister, Jeanne Daly (Joseph) of Mattapoisett, MA; and his significant other, Sheri Caron of Kingston, MA.

Len was predeceased by his wife, Janice; his parents, Len and Regina Desautels; and his young daughter, Laura.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11 AM at St. Rita's Church, 121 Front St., Marion. A private burial will be held in Turners Falls at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Len's family invites those who wish to do so to contribute to the Alzheimer's Association: <https://www.alz.org>. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

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



# MOVIE REVIEW

## Dynamic Duo

By Rob Gonsalves  
[www.robsmovievault.com](http://www.robsmovievault.com)

***Love Lies Bleeding*.** Starring Kristen Stewart and Katy O'Brian. Directed by Rose Glass. Running time: 104 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

The writer-director Rose Glass, who introduced herself five years ago with the well-regarded horror film *Saint Maud*, has a knack for setting up a suggestive yet oppressive mood. She was built, really, for *film noir*, and her latest, *Love Lies Bleeding*, has steamy moments and genuinely horrifying violence. In both films, though, she can't quite stick the landing and some of the more hallucinatory passages risk bad laughter. That's the trouble with movies as serious as Glass's are — she doesn't release our laughter with any comic relief, so it has to be released somehow, and it happens when our protagonist's fantasies are made absurdly literal. Any more detail would be spoiling part of the big finish.

I enjoyed *Love Lies Bleeding* more than *Saint Maud*, but I'm not eager to watch either of them again. Our heroine, Louise or "Lou" (Kristen Stewart), staggers under the weight of the world. A gym manager, Lou likes women but seems to have attracted only bad news like Daisy (Anna Baryshnikov), who is hyperactive and needy in a way that screams drugs, or just desperate loneliness. Soon enough, Lou meets Jackie (Katy O'Brian), a hopeful bodybuilder, and falls in love with her. Jackie seems nice but a little flighty; her instability spikes when she gets hooked on steroids Lou gives her. Jackie happens to have landed work at a shooting range owned by Lou's dad (Ed Harris), a bad motorscooter who uses the range as a front for gunrunning and has left many bodies at the bottom of a ravine.

That's not all. Lou's beloved sister Beth (Jena Malone) is stuck in an abusive relationship with J.J. (Dave Franco), who puts Beth in the hospital one day. Venting her anger, Lou says she wants J.J. dead, and Jackie hears and goes to visit J.J. in a spiral of roid rage. To add to the paranoia, the feds are sniffing around; they'd like to nail Lou's dad for all the bodies in the ravine, plus a new one found down there. For a while, I was with the movie as a sort of artful mirage of passion, in which Lou's desires are answered by Jackie



the leonine figure of mystery. Where did she come from? What does she want? It's all kind of abstract. As if that weren't enough stress, Lou is trying to quit smoking during all this. Good luck with that.

It's capably acted — this deserves to be Katy O'Brian's breakout role, allowing her to explore pleasure and pain and fear and madness, and Stewart has some fine, truthful moments. Her Lou grounds the sometimes strange film in lucidity and gives us someone to relate to. When these two make each other smile, they create a pocket of warmth we don't want to lose, even though this is a *noir* and we know a storm is on the horizon. There's a troublesome, though most likely unintentional, subtext wherein the mixed-race Jackie enters the pale Lou's life and behaves savagely. Again, *noirs* are not nice. But it's tricky to create characters we're meant to care about, and cast actors who can make us care, and then shove them into the meat grinder of *noir*, where by definition everything turns to pulp.

Pulp, of course, can be fun. But Rose Glass has now made a horror movie and a *noir*, both genres that can offer a terrific time, and dipped them in a thick, forbidding mood. Jackie's two major trippy sequences seem to signify more than is there; they pop in for a surreal twinkle, then are gone and unremarked on. Yet this kind of emotionally fuzzy psychodrama, which feels palpably physical but relentlessly interiorized, can poke us in raw places that other movies can't get at. Someday Glass will find a story that consorts well with her dread-ridden tone, and she will make a classic that even I, who feels emotionally adrift in her films to date, will have to acknowledge. I'm also willing to note that the problem could be more mine than hers; something in my store of emotions and responses gets put off by what she's doing or what she's trying. That doesn't make it bad. It certainly doesn't make it *boring*.



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## Tour de Creme

Mark your calendars and clear your schedule: on Sunday, **May 19**, the Tour de Crème bike ride returns for its 6th year. The Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail are thrilled for this year's ride.

Cycle from Mattapoissett through Fairhaven, Freetown, Rochester, Acushnet, Lakeville and

Middleborough, stopping for a free scoop of ice cream at creameries all along the routes. Register and choose between a 9-, 22-, and 45-mile ride; the longer you ride, the more ice cream you'll eat. Afterwards, riders join the post-ride party at Munro Park in Mattapoissett for even more ice cream, food, live music and cold beverages. This is not a race, and riders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Registration is open until **May 12**, and rides tend to fill up quickly, so visit [tourdecreme.org](http://tourdecreme.org) to register and learn more.

Not interested in riding? There are many different volunteer opportunities available; visit the volunteer page of the website to sign up. Fund-raising is also encouraged for riders and non-riders alike. This fantastically fun event is a fund-raiser for the Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail who work to improve and expand hiking and biking trails throughout Mattapoissett.

## Marion Natural History Museum Events

**March 27, 10:30 - 11:30 am**, Inviting Pollinators in your yard with Joe Dwelly. Let's take a look at gardening with the native plantings that our local pollinators rely on including, Monarchs and milkweed, Spicebush Swallowtail and sassafras, and the Mourning Cloak and hackberry. We will also be looking at wing pattern diversity. Meet at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Mattapoisett native Mark Roberts joined Rhode Island-based musician Benedict Gagliardi to perform Celtic music on March 16 at the Mattapoisett Museum. Photo courtesy Robert Price



Six Old Rochester Regional Junior High School students participated in the Southeastern Massachusetts Music Educators Association Junior District Festival (SEMMEA) held March 9-10. From left, Rebecca Schaefer, Brianna Cabral and Mara Donnelly enjoyed their experience at the festival, as did Isabella Perez-Dormitzer, left, and Erin Root. Sophie Zhou plays in the horn section. Photos courtesy ORR District



The Friends of Old Rochester Music (F.O.R.M.) recently held their Scholarship concerts in the ORR High School gymnasium, featuring all five ORR districts. Choirs performed on March 5 and bands on March 12. The Sippican Chorus featured soloists Olivia Crillo and Gigi Arone. Choral music teachers Sarah Leahy (Old-Hammondtown) and Susan Audette (Rochester Memorial School) directed their respective choruses. Photos courtesy ORR District



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



Spring Street, second floor, Marion from 10:30 to 11:30 and remember to RSVP. Free program.

**April 10, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Spring Bird Walk.** Join the Marion Natural History Museum and the Nasketucket Bird Club for a spring bird walk. Great for new birders or those interested in learning more about birds. It will be an opportunity to see and hear local and migrating birds. Walk will be led by Justin Barrett, board member for the Marion Natural History Museum and president of the Nasketucket Bird Club. Meet at Washburn Park at 8:00 am. Free program but RSVP is requested.

**April 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Amphibian Ecology and Diversity in the Highest Elevations in New Hampshire -** Scott Smyers, Senior Scientist with Oxbow Associates, will be presenting his study of Wood Frog populations in high elevations in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Let's take a look at these important ecosystems hidden in plain sight, some right along AMC hiking trails in the White Mountains. We will hear about amphibian species distribution, changes in communities and shifts in calling phenology that reveal how complicated these ecosystems are for amphibian's survival. Event will be held at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, second floor, Marion, MA. There's a suggested donation of \$10.00/person to the Museum. Please register in advance to ensure enough seating at [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

### MFPL's Seed Library is Open





With the days getting longer and the ocean air warming up, it's hard to deny springtime is coming. Have you started gardening yet? The Mattapoisett Free Public Library's seed library is restocked and ready for you. Our seed collection features a variety of options to promote planting, encourage healthy eating and support local agriculture. Some staples include herbs, tomatoes, peppers, beans and Brussels sprouts. We also have flowers and milkweed seeds to enhance your butterfly garden. Anyone with a SAILS library card can borrow seeds. They do not need to be returned. Please stop by to browse our selection of seeds and start growing your garden today.

No library card? No problem. Bring your ID and sign up for one. It's free and provides access to everything offered at the MFPL and surrounding SAILS libraries. For more information about the Seed Library and other library programs, please visit the Mattapoisett Free Public Library website, contact the library at (508) 758-4171, or email us at [mfpl@sailsinc.org](mailto:mfpl@sailsinc.org).

### Tri-County Music Association



The Tri-County Music Association is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2024 John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship and Summer Study Grant. Each year the Tri-County Music Association awards thousands of dollars to aspiring local high school and college musicians from the Tri-County area. The music scholarships are conditional and

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	<b>TENEBRAE</b>	March 27 7 PM	A Liturgy of Shadows
	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	March 28 7 PM	Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing
	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	March 29	2 PM Stations of The Cross 7 PM Solemn Liturgy with Passion Play
	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	March 30 7 PM	Ancient Eucharist Rite with Easter Bonfire and Baptisms
	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	March 31 8 AM & 10 AM	Holy Eucharist

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights March 10-March 16

- Joanne Dr – Suspicious activity
- Front St – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Point Rd – General service
- Clark St – Parking enforcement
- Front St – Road hazard
- Front St – MV collision
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Animal complaint
- Ichabod Ln – General service
- Point Rd – General service
- South St – General offense
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Burglar alarm
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Oakdale Ave – Road hazard
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Brigg's Ter – EMS/medical
- Mill St – General service
- Ichabod Ln – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Converse Rd – MV complaint
- Pont Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Burglar alarm
- Stoney Run Ln – Health/welfare
- Benson Brook Rd – Abandoned 911 call
- Front St – EMS/medical

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights March 10-March 16

- Pinehurst Ave – General services
- North St – MV violations
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Railroad Ave – Parking violations
- Cove St - 911 abandoned
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Upland Way – MV violations
- Upland Way – Medical assist
- Barstow St – Animal control
- County Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Church St – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Railroad Ave – Parking violations
- Water St – Animal control
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Brandt Island Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Depot St – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – General service
- County Rd – Follow up investigation
- Prospect Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Aucoot Rd – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Deerfield Rd – MV violations
- North Woods Ln – Suspicious persons
- Long Plain Rd – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights March 10-March 16

- County Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – Road hazard
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Alley Rd – General services
- Neck Rd – Burglar alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – Noise complaint
- Cranberry Hwy - Larceny
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- Cranberry Hwy – Follow up
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Bennett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Rd – Erratic MV
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Pine St - Larceny
- Mattapoisett Rd – Traffic complaint
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Bowens Ln – Animal control
- Pine St – Follow up
- New Bedford Rd – Failure to stop
- Dexter Ln – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well being check
- Pine St - Medical
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – Noise complaint

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



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, March 25:** BBQ pulled pork, whipped sweet potatoes, green & wax beans, oatmeal bread, pineapple

**Tuesday, March 26:** Orange chicken, fluffy white rice, winter blend veg, multigrain roll, mixed fruit

**Wednesday, March 27:** Tossed salad w/Italian dressing, Shepherd's pie, Roman blend, oatmeal roll, applesauce

**Thursday, March 28:** Turkey w/ gravy, parsley mashed potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat roll, chocolate cake, diet: low sugar cake

**Friday, March 29:** "Catch of the Day", roasted potatoes, broccoli, snowflake roll, fig newton

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, March 25:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, March 26:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

## Wednesday, March 27:

Pancakes, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 28:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick

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

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, March 25:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, March 26:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, March 27:** Pancakes, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 28:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick

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

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, March 25:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

## Tuesday, March 26:

Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

## Wednesday, March 27:

Pancakes, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 28:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick

**Friday, March 29:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, March 25:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, March 26:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

## Wednesday, March 27:

Pancakes, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 28:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick

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

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, March 25:** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, March 26:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, March 27:** Pancakes, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty

**Thursday, March 28:** Chicken & broccoli alfredo, garlic breadstick

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

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, March 25:** General Tso's chicken bowl & dinner roll

**Tuesday, March 26:** Mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce & fries

**Wednesday, March 27:** Home-made chicken quesadilla, salsa & sour cream

**Thursday, March 28:** Meatball sub & fries

**Friday, March 29:** No school

available to students who are music majors attending a four-year college or university. The summer study grants are available to high school students who wish to further their musical experiences through advanced camps, clinics or private lessons. Interested students are encouraged to apply for either or both opportunities and previous applicants and recipients are welcome to reapply. Applications and requirements are linked on our website: [tricountysymphonicband.org/scholarships-grants/](http://tricountysymphonicband.org/scholarships-grants/) The deadline to apply is Friday, **April 12**.

### A Night of Jazz

As a proud beneficiary of Mass Cultural Council grants from the Towns of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester, the Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) has 100 complimentary tickets available to seniors and veterans for the Night of Jazz musical event on Tuesday, **April 9**. If you would like to enjoy this instrumental and choral evening at the ORR High School auditorium beginning at 6:30 pm, please contact your local Council on Aging or Tri-Town Veterans office for free passes or email [FORM@OldRochester.org](mailto:FORM@OldRochester.org). Learn more and view past performances at [FriendsofOldRochesterMusic.org](http://FriendsofOldRochesterMusic.org)

### Rochester Historical Society News

Now that Spring is almost here and our evening light lasts longer, it will soon be time to resume our Wednesday evening meetings. It seems like a long time

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# Super Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Ran after
- 8 — oil (trendy marijuana extract, for short)
- 11 Old TV ET
- 14 Feudal peons
- 19 More ill-bred
- 20 Loaf in a deli
- 21 Palme — (Cannes award)
- 22 "La Traviata," e.g.
- 23 120-Across #1
- 25 "Over here!"
- 26 Sieved, as potatoes
- 27 Folk rocker DiFranco
- 28 Drink holders
- 29 120-Across #2
- 31 120-Across #3
- 36 Suffix of enzymes
- 37 Don
- 38 Toxin-fighting fluids
- 39 Functional unit of a kidney
- 42 Wield a
- 45 Sky twinkler
- 48 Stray calf
- 49 120-Across #4
- 55 Plead
- 56 Cabinet chief: Abbr.
- 57 Muse of poetry
- 58 Mimosa tree, e.g.
- 62 "Put — Happy Face"
- 64 DiCaprio of "Titanic"
- 70 120-Across #5
- 75 More furtive
- 76 Possess
- 77 Gets the impression
- 78 Core belief
- 81 Light tan
- 84 Groom's vow
- 85 120-Across #6
- 94 "Take —" ("Jot this note")
- 95 Water spigots
- 96 Extort money from
- 97 Fit to reside in
- 100 Architect
- 103 Island near Bora Bora
- 107 Rage
- 108 120-Across #7

**113 120-Across #8**

- 116 Male sweetie
- 117 Day, to
- 118 Totally lost
- 119 Bruins' Bobby
- 120 What this puzzle literally provides
- 124 Wee
- 125 Hitler's stat
- 126 Single-named R&B singer
- 127 Erase
- 128 Some Canadian gas stations
- 129 Tot's "piggy"
- 130 Bible translation, e.g.: Abbr.
- 131 Lobby sofas

**DOWN**

- 1 The Sims or Minecraft, say
- 2 Muse of astronomy
- 3 Fast part of a river ride
- 4 Govt. stipend
- 5 Adm.'s org.
- 6 Brain wave test: Abbr.
- 7 Harry Potter bully Malfoy
- 8 Burial vaults
- 9 Poet Percy — Shelley
- 10 — Moines, Iowa
- 11 One-off, as a committee
- 12 Lerner's songwriting partner
- 13 Skillet
- 14 Lik
- 15 Grand-scale
- 16 Give new energy to
- 17 Region prohibiting slavery prior to the Civil War
- 18 Made unhappy
- 24 — -Puf (facial sponge)
- 29 Really hate
- 30 Suffix with serpent
- 32 Resist boldly
- 33 Singer Lisa
- 34 City in Sicily
- 35 Once, once
- 40 Word file alternative
- 41 — polloi
- 43 Syringe
- 44 Stretch (out)
- 46 — Lingus (Irish carrier)
- 47 Writer Dahl

**49 The Beatles' "— Work It Out"**

- 50 Tequila plant
- 51 Sacred image
- 52 Big Apple address abbr.
- 53 Sch. near the Rio Grande
- 54 Axes, e.g.
- 55 Scrooge's outbursts
- 59 U.S. spy org.
- 60 Fluid in a pen
- 61 Anxiousness
- 63 In times past
- 65 Scot's denial
- 66 Novelist Rand
- 67 Varnish stuff
- 68 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
- 69 — buco
- 71 Artist Jan van der —
- 72 "Nola" composer Felix
- 73 Actor Wilson
- 74 How much '90s music was recorded
- 79 LAX info
- 80 High-quality
- 82 CSA soldier
- 83 Web address
- 85 Certify
- 86 The "E" of UAE
- 87 Overturns
- 88 Singer Sumac
- 89 Word before goblin
- 90 Employed
- 91 — bad example
- 92 Split
- 93 Ritalin treats it, for short
- 98 Science writer Willy or ESPN anchor Bob
- 99 Urge strongly
- 101 Kind of steak
- 102 Like some headsets
- 104 Chemist's "I"
- 105 Brief pang
- 106 For a really long time
- 109 Muscle car booster
- 110 Macabre
- 111 Interval
- 112 Is really angry
- 114 Lotto variant
- 115 Deposits, as eggs
- 120 License-issuing agcy.
- 121 Palindromic file suffix
- 122 Fitting
- 123 Cashew, e.g.

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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're correct to want to help someone who seems to need assistance. But be careful that they aren't pulling the wool over those gorgeous Sheep's eyes. You need more facts.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's optimism will soon dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, the good news you recently received is part of a fuller message that is yet to come.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy that you need to meet your own challenges. Wish them well and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show up in mid-March.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat crabby these days. So, watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up -- you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Don't let yourself get pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open up a path to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks that you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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since we've all been together. The first meeting at 7:00 pm on **April 17** will feature Russ and Wendy Keeler discussing the Rochester Land Trust's many trails and acquisitions. Afterwards, there will be refreshments and a chance to gather and catch up after the winter.

We are still encouraging current members to renew their memberships for 2024 if they have not already done so, and we are always looking for new members. There are membership forms at the Plumb Library, and you can also request info from Connie at 617-750-2818 or Sue, 508-295-8908.

### **OCTC Easter Egg Hunt**

Please join us for our first Old Colony Theater Company Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **March 24** from 1-3, Rain date, Saturday, March 30. The event will be at Old Colony High School, 476 North Ave, Rochester. Egg Hunt by Age Groups, pictures with the Easter Bunny, crafts, games with prizes and a Bake Sale. The cost is \$10 per family.

### **Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library**

Get your team together to challenge friends and neighbors in a battle of wits at the Third Annual Lizzy T Trivia Bee – Friday, **April 5** at 7pm at the Marion Music Hall. \$200 for team registration, team sizes limited to 5-6 people. Silent auction, cash bar and free table snacks available. Spaces are limited, get your registration form at the library. All proceeds benefit the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Storytimes for all ages, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am.

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

### **From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society**

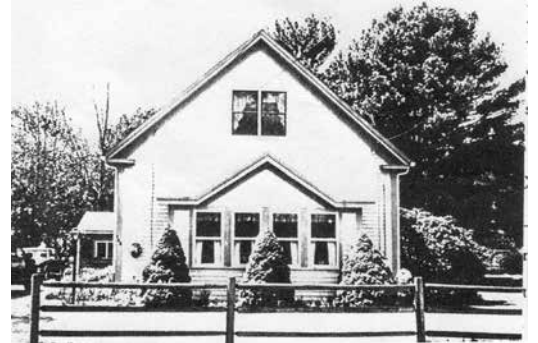
**By Connie Eshbach**

Over the last months I've written about various buildings in North Rochester; the old telephone office, the boarding house/ tavern/ private home and others. There is one that I haven't mentioned and that is a house at 765 Snipatuit Rd. Now a private residence, it was first the site of the North Rochester Social Union.

The North Rochester Social Union was an organization created before 1879, and its members were families from the area. At first, the group met in the homes of up to 40-50 members. However, records show two deeds from August 5, 1879. In one, Jason White sold a lot of land on Snipatuit Rd. to George F. Bartlett for a dollar. The second has Bartlett selling the land (again for \$1.00) to Jason White, Allen G. Ashley, George B. Allen, Richard N. Clark, Marcus Maxim, Clarence W. Maxim and

Charles Maxim.

This group of men purchased the property for "the use and benefit" of the organization. It is not clear when the building was constructed, but it is believed that it wasn't long after the purchase of the land. Most likely it was between 1879 and 1883. A deed from Dec. 18, 1903 mentions the existence of a building on the site.



The North Rochester Social Union saw the building "as a place of meeting

for social, recreational, charitable and patriotic uses". While the North Rochester Social Club never officially disbanded, it more or less faded away. The hall became known simply as Union Hall, and in 1906, the Rochester Grange #257 was organized on Feb. 12 and held its first meeting there. At one time, there was a move to name it Sippican Grange, but the idea was not well supported.

The hall was described as a "small area lit by oil lamps". There was a kitchen and dining space upstairs on the second floor. The hall had no water so when it was needed, it was brought from the neighbor, George Allen's house. The Grange not only held meetings here but also suppers and dances to raise money for the organization. By 1923, they had enough money to build their own hall. They moved there in 1924 and are still there today.

The last trustee of the North Rochester Social Union was Clarence W. Maxim who died in July of 1931. Before his death, he appointed three new trustees who went on to sell the land and buildings to Clara (Bennett) Rice and Mary E. Bennett for \$675.00. The sisters were downsizing from their home at Bennett Farm, also in North Rochester.

### **SLT Helen A. Arthur Scholarship**

The Sippican Lands Trust seeks applicants for its Helen A. Arthur Scholarship. The applicant for this \$1,000 award must be a Marion resident in their last year of high school or enrolled as a freshman or sophomore in college elsewhere. The following schools will be notified: Bishop Stang High School, Old Rochester Regional High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School and Tabor Academy. A preference will be given to applicants who are majoring in or plan to major in environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship Fund. This award was created and named after Helen Adams Arthur

# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Ellen Scholter shared these photos of the first day of practice for the Old Rochester Regional High School sailing team on March 18.



(right) Author Roxana Robinson speaks at the Mattapoissett Library on March 16. Photo courtesy Kathleen Flaherty, Friends of the Mattapoissett Library

(left) Photo by Jen Shepley



Deer in Robert Pina's backyard on Point Road in Marion.



On March 13, the Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group enjoyed hearing about planets, stars, galaxies and the universe with amateur astronomer Peter Marshall. Peter specializes in studying and taking photos of these rarely seen objects from his home in Rochester, and the kids were happy to share their astronomical insights with the group. Peter also shared incredible photos from NASA's spacecrafts, Voyagers 1 and 2. The students were then invited to create their own planets with the knowledge they'd learned. Some planets had rings similar to Saturn, others had waterbodies, and many had mountainous terrain. The museum wishes to thank Peter Marshall for sharing his expertise with our group. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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(1940-2008), who was a beloved resident of Marion and alongside her husband Richard I. "Dick" Arthur, a long-time volunteer for the organization. Helen held a deep interest in the preservation of the beautiful open spaces in Marion.

SLT's Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and will award the scholarship to the student(s) whose pursuits most closely reflect Helen's wishes, as mirrored by the mission of Sippican Lands Trust: to acquire, preserve and provide access to open space throughout Marion for the benefit of the public today and for future generations.

Requirements for the application include:

- A completed Helen A. Arthur Scholarship information sheet
- A personal statement highlighting the applicant's educational goals and interests. Please include information about environmental course(s) taken, community service completed, volunteer involvement, or jobs held, as applicable.
- Two letters of reference with contact information (examples: teacher, guidance counselor, coach, employer, Scout leader, community leader, etc.).

All forms will be available in guidance offices and on the SLT website at [www.sippicanlandstrust.org/scholarship](http://www.sippicanlandstrust.org/scholarship).

Completed applications should be postmarked by **May 1, 2024** and mailed to: Sippican Lands Trust, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 848, Marion, MA 02738. All applicants will be notified of status by email by **June**

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For more information, contact the Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080 or [info@sippicanlandstrust.org](mailto:info@sippicanlandstrust.org). Please note that volunteer opportunities are available at the Sippican Lands Trust.

### 31st Annual Buzzards Bay Swim

Mark your calendars for a day filled with fun and fitness for a good cause at the 31st annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, **June 22**, in New Bedford and Fairhaven, benefitting the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Registration is now open. Join this iconic event and support clean water by signing up at [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim)



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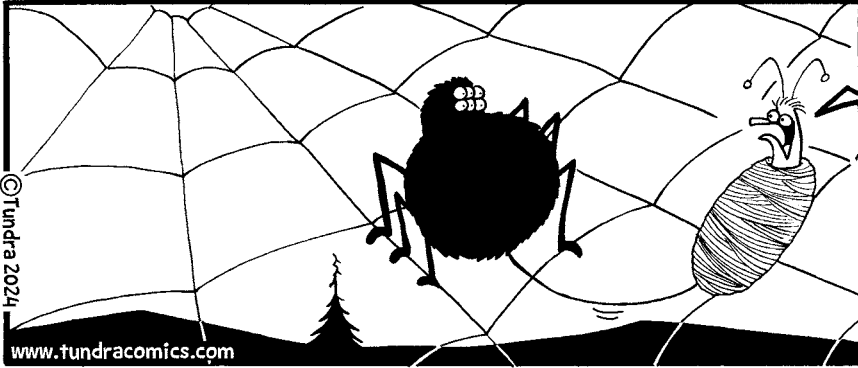
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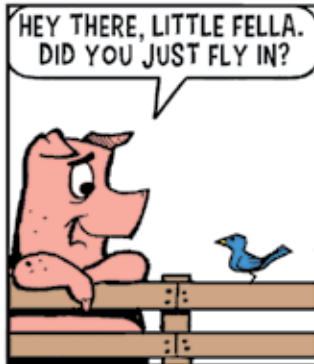
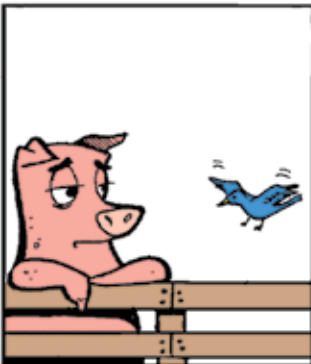
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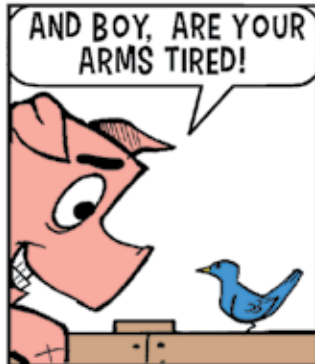
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# Amber Waves

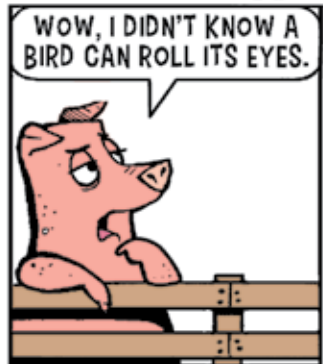
by Dave T. Phipps



HEY THERE, LITTLE FELLA.  
DID YOU JUST FLY IN?



AND BOY, ARE YOUR  
ARMS TIRED!



WOW, I DIDN'T KNOW A  
BIRD CAN ROLL ITS EYES.

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Established in 1993, the Buzzards Bay Swim offers an exhilarating outdoor adventure suitable for swimmers of all abilities and fitness levels aged 11 and up. Against the stunning backdrop of Buzzards Bay, participants will embark on a scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open water course, starting from Cisco Brewers Kitchen and Bar in New Bedford's South End. The route showcases breathtaking views, passing by landmarks such as the historic Butler Flats Lighthouse and the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier before culminating at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven.

As they cross the finish line, swimmers will be greeted by cheering supporters and awarded with a custom finisher medal and event tee. The festivities continue with live music, a hot pancake breakfast and an awards ceremony with prizes. First-time and novice swimmers can also opt for additional support by swimming alongside a personal kayak escort.

Registration for the Buzzards Bay Swim is \$25, with swimmers committing to raise a minimum of \$300 each (\$150 for youth) with all funds directly benefitting the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Don't miss this chance to have a blast and make a lasting impact on the health of Buzzards Bay at the 31st annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, **June 22**. Secure your spot today at [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim).

The Buzzards Bay Swim is one of two signature outdoor fundraising events hosted by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. The other is the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, a 100, 75, or 35 mile bike ride that traverses the Buzzards Bay watershed from Little Compton to Woods Hole. The 2024 Watershed Ride is scheduled for Sunday, October 6. For more information, contact the Coalition at [events@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:events@savebuzzardsbay.org) or (508) 999-6363.

### FCCR Holy Week Worship Opportunities

First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester, is pleased to announce its Holy Week schedule. We invite you to come and worship with us. Our gatherings will also be live streamed on our website, [www.rochestercongregational.com](http://www.rochestercongregational.com).

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**TOWN OF MARION  
SELECT BOARD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:00pm, in the Conference Room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, to address a complaint concerning a dog owned by Verena Hultsch, 20 Vine Street, Marion.  
Carleton Burr, Jr. – Chair 3/14, 3/21

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

PROJECT: Marion Shared Use Path  
LOCATION: Marion, MA  
PROPOSER: Town of Marion

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form (“ENF”) to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before March 15, 2024.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (“MEPA,” M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Kevin Slattery, HDR Engineering Inc., Agent for MassDOT, Kevin.Slattery@hdrinc.com, (617) 816-1861

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Marion, MA.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.  
By Town of Marion 3/21

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**TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1205**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Kristian & Judith Stoltenberg, for property located at 17 Gerrish Rd, identified on Assessor’s Map 43A, Lot 12, who are seeking a Variance on the required 40-foot side setback on a proposed one-story, one-room addition, required under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.  
David Arancio, Chairman 3/21, 3/28

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**TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1206**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Donald & Judith Spirlet, for property located at 305 Braley Hill Rd, identified

**LEGAL NOTICES**

on Assessor’s Map 48, Lot 14, who are seeking a Special Permit for the conversion of the basement into an additional dwelling unit, under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.  
David Arancio, Chairman 3/21, 3/28

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**off the mark by Mark Parisi**

A cartoon illustration showing two people sitting at a table in a room. A dog is sitting on the floor under the table. A speech bubble from the dog says "BECAUSE A TREAT BOUNCED UNDER THERE IN 2017". The cartoon is signed "MARK PARISI" in the bottom right corner.

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### **Improv Workshop comes to the MAC**

The MAC welcomes Watermelon Alligator back for a new Improvisation Workshop on **March 28** from 6:30-9:00 pm. Highly experienced theater practitioners Garrett Olson and Jess Wilson will be conducting the workshop. This course is a basic introduction to the art of improvisation. Coursework includes beginner games and exercises exploring awareness, relaxation, observation, the senses, voice and physicality. Students should dress comfortably and be prepared to move during the class, because anything can happen in improv. Students are encouraged to bring any and all questions regarding all aspects of improvisation. The cost to participate is \$35 for MAC Members: \$35 and \$45 for nonmembers. Register online at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

### **Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom with Lisa Elliott**

Instructor Lisa Elliott returns to the Marion Art Center to teach the next 5-week session of Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom. The class runs **April 25 – through May 23** and meets Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm in the MAC Studio. The cost is \$150 for MAC members and \$160 for nonmembers, plus a \$10 loom/equipment fee payable to the instructor. Register online at [marionartcenter.org/adult-classes](http://marionartcenter.org/adult-classes).

Class description: Learn a new fiber skill on a rigid heddle loom. Have you ever wanted to try weaving but not sure where to begin? In this course over five weeks, you can create and take home your very first woven project. Students will weave one of the following: a scarf, table runner, set of placemats, or set of tea towels. Looms and weaving equipment are provided for a \$10 fee, but let us know if you have your own rigid heddle loom that you would like to bring to class. Students will provide their own yarns. After registering, students will contact the instructor before the first class to discuss your project and calculate the amount of appropriate yarn needed for your project.

### **Marion Social Club Chicken Dinner**

The Marion Social Club located at 44 Pumping Station Road, will be having a Chicken Dinner on Sunday **March 24** at 1 pm. Doors will open at 12:00 pm for socializing, and we would love to have you attend. We will be serving barbequed chicken, baked potato, vegetable & dessert for \$15.00 each. For ticket info, please

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### **All You Want To Know About Property Taxes and Affordable Housing**

On Sunday **March 24** from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee will host its third in a series of speaker's forums on Affordable Housing, Property Taxes and Ideas for Easing the Tax Burden for Mattapoisett Residents.

Joining the conversation will be Kathleen Costello who retired from the Town in December 2022 after more than a decade as the Administrator of Assessing. Ms. Costello is currently the Executive Director for the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, the governing authority of the Massachusetts Assessors. Ms. Costello brings a wealth of experience to the discussion of affordable housing and what we as a community can do to make it happen for our young and aging residents.

Ms. Costello will be joined by Mattapoisett Town Administrator Mike Lorencio who will share what the Town has done and is doing in an effort to keep our property taxes at a reasonable level while also ensuring our Town's services are adequately funded.

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The nominees for 2024 are:

- Bill Tilden – Marion seat
- Tim Smith – Mattapoisett seat
- Nancy Sparklin – Rochester seat
- Chris Charyk – Membership seat

### Dog Adventure Hike

Mattapoisett Land Trust is leading a Dog Adventure Hike with a local dog training organization through the land trust's Old Aucoot woods on Friday, **March 22**. This free hike is meant for dog owners and their dogs. Meet at the MLT kiosk on Hollywoods Road and park on the west side of the road. We will be on the trail from 9:00-11:00 am. Please be sure to bring a leash and baggies and wear sturdy shoes for hiking. Registration is required for this free walk; please see MLT's events calendar at [mattlandtrust.org/events](http://mattlandtrust.org/events) and follow the link for registration. Email [manager@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:manager@mattlandtrust.org) with any questions.

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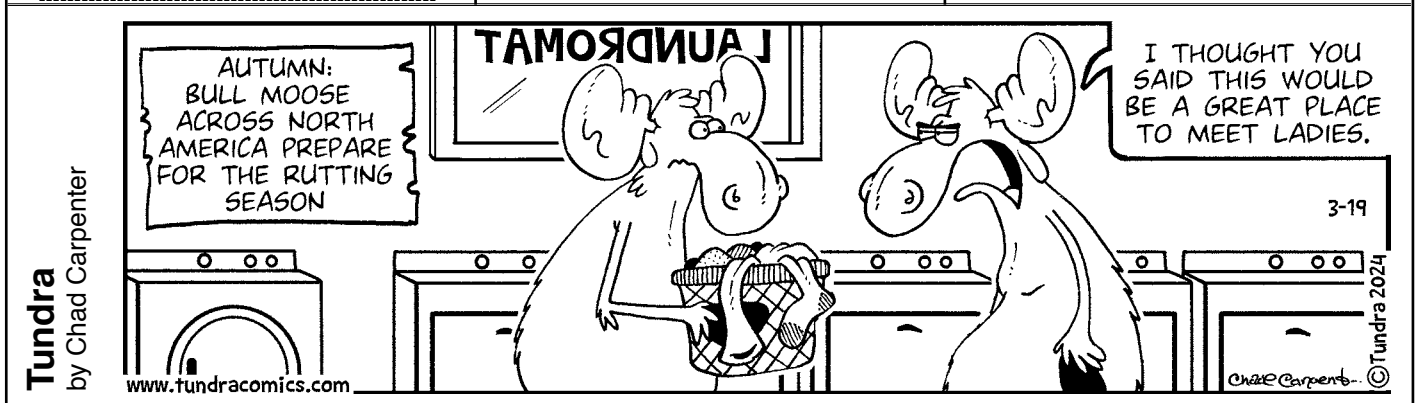
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## Nasketucket Bird Club

The next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on Wednesday, **March 27** at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoissett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street. Free and open to the public. More bird info at the Nasketucket Bird Club website: [www.nbcbirdclub.com](http://www.nbcbirdclub.com) or the Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/NasketucketBirdClub](http://www.facebook.com/NasketucketBirdClub).

The meeting program will feature Shawn Carey who will be speaking about Iceland.

## Mattapoissett Republican Party Meeting

The Mattapoissett Republican Party welcomes all to join us on Thursday, **March 21** from 6 to 8:00 pm for our monthly scheduled meeting. Be a part of the discussion on local initiatives, support of candidates in future elections and share ideas with like-minded neighbors.

This month's guest speaker is Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald, Jr. He is the 30th High Sheriff of Plymouth County and leader of perhaps the oldest law enforcement agency in America. The Plymouth County Sheriff office strives to be an integral part of public safety systems providing vital communications services to our emergency medical systems, local fire, and police departments. In the name of public safety, please join us to learn about and discuss new ideas to make a difference for all of us. Guest speaker begins at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett. There is always good food, good people, and a cash bar.

For additional information contact, Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee at [PCMattyGOP@proton.me](mailto:PCMattyGOP@proton.me)

## Marion Garden Group

If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind? Peeking up through the crusty old sticks and leaves, the wonder of rebirth dazzles our senses. And gardeners throughout the world are looking for their gloves, rakes and trowels to help Mother Nature with her magic transformation.

The Marion Garden Group has not been idle these last few months. Enlightening, informative programs have been held via Zoom. In-person meetings resume in March. Plans are underway for refurbishing the beautification

projects around town. Window boxes, planters, urns and of course the horse trough will be tended by MGG teams of volunteers. Tree tagging continues too.

The popular Plant Sale will be held on **May 11** in Bicentennial Park. Annuals, perennials, cuttings and bulbs from local gardens plus seedlings nurtured over the winter will be for sale at the biannual event. For more information, please visit MGG website: [www.mariongardengroup.org](http://www.mariongardengroup.org).

## MNHM Coastal Explorations

The Marion Natural History Museum is offering two summer sessions of Coastal Explorations. During our weeklong programs, we explore some of Marion's unique natural areas, including shorelines, salt marshes, estuaries, riverbanks, ponds, swamps and bogs. These programs are designed for small groups of students entering grades 3-6. We meet from 9 - 12 in a variety of locations in town. Our first session is **July 8 to 12** and second session is **August 6 to 10**, and registrations are now open at the museum's website [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org). Come join us for a week of summer fun exploring our natural areas.

## Rochester Christian Learning Center

Rochester Christian Learning Center is a homeschool cooperative whose doors will open in September 2024 for Grades K-8 at First Congregational Church of Rochester. Homeschooling is a growing popular



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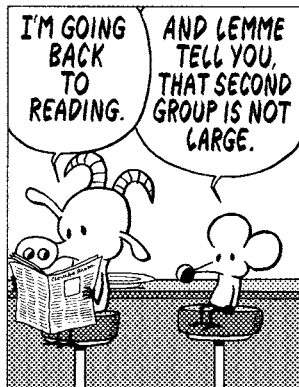
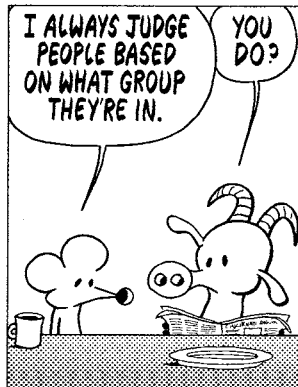
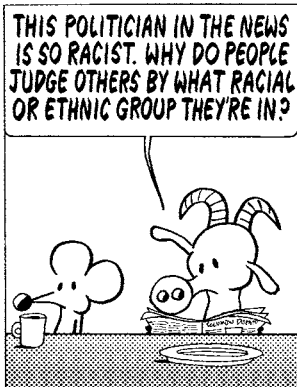
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
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option for parents who want to directly educate their children. A Learning Center is an organized group of home-schooled children that meet at a facility sponsored by an organization such as a church. The advantage of a Learning Center is that families can pool their resources to help with their children's education and activities. Parents remain the primary educators of their children.

To learn more about Rochester Christian Learning Center, there are two presentations offered to families on Saturday, **March 23** and Saturday, **April 13**, at 10:00 am at First Congregational Church of Rochester.

Families can register to attend one of these sessions via email at RochesterChristianLC@gmail.com.

### “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 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.

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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](http://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?

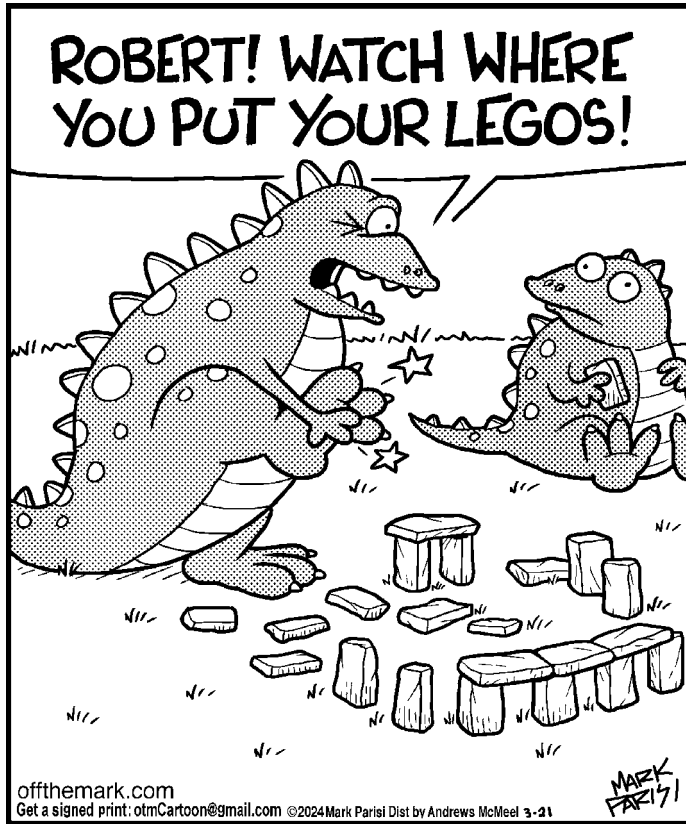
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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	March 21	6:39	6:51	12:02	12:55
Friday	March 22	7:20	7:32	12:38	1:18
Saturday	March 23	7:55	8:09	1:14	1:42
Sunday	March 24	8:27	8:42	1:52	2:10
Monday	March 25	8:58	9:14	2:31	2:39
Tuesday	March 26	9:29	9:45	3:09	3:09
Wednesday	March 27	10:02	10:18	3:45	3:39
Thursday	March 28	10:38	10:53	4:18	4:10
Friday	March 29	11:18	11:34	4:51	4:42
Saturday	March 30		12:05	5:26	5:18
Sunday	March 31	12:23	12:57	6:08	6:03
Monday	April 1	1:18	1:54	7:05	7:03
Tuesday	April 2	2:19	2:54	8:31	8:22
Wednesday	April 3	3:24	4:00	10:10	9:53
Thursday	April 4	4:33	5:07	11:11	11:11
Friday	April 5	5:40	6:08	11:56	
Saturday	April 6	6:37	7:03	12:13	12:38
Sunday	April 7	7:29	7:53	1:08	1:18

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	March 25th
	Last Quarter	April 1st
	New Moon	April 9th
	First Quarter	April 15th



### I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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### PUZZLE ANSWERS

#### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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### SCRAMBLERS

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2. Pesky;
3. Tome;
4. Somber

Today's Word

### MATCHBOOK

Sudoku Answer

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

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