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Hogan Rolls on Fast Lane to Success

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

He has an unorthodox bowling style, but then again, Michael Hogan is an unorthodox Special Olympian.

Hogan, 17 and a junior at Old Rochester Regional High School, is turning heads as much as he turns a 15-pound bowling bowl into strikes. Hogan plans on competing in the United States Special Olympics games for bowling in 2026.

This 10-pin prodigy has been bowling for 10 years and averages 215. He once spun a 298, only two points away from a perfect game.

Recently, Hogan and his mom Sharon stopped to talk to a reporter at Wonder Bowl in New Bedford. Hogan says he is not sure if he will try out for the Professional Bowlers Association, but he is in love with bowling and certainly has the numbers to aspire to the PBA level.

"He's really good," said his mother Sharon. "Bowling is definitely where he shines."

Hogan goes about the game with two balls, constantly analyzing oil patterns on the lanes and applying geometry to nail strikes and pick up spares.

"It's like geometry," said Hogan, who brings this same mindset to his second favorite sport, basketball – using angles and analysis to nail shots.

"I'm very proud of him. He's a very good athlete," Sharon Hogan said. "I'm proud of the mental part of it. He's really worked on it."

Sharon Hogan said Michael, who is on the autism spectrum, played team sports when he was younger. She said the individual aspect of bowling has appealed to him.

Michael Hogan, like any athlete, runs into ruts

On the Cover: Seen practicing on Saturday morning at Wonder Bowl in New Bedford, Mattapoisett native Michael Hogan is a Special Olympics champion who registers scores that would be near the top of any league. Hogan has a trick shot in which he places the ball at his feet, spinning it in place and then fanning the ball forward by creating wind with rapid hand movement until it reaches the foul line, at which point he lets go and watches the ball inch forward. The first time we saw this shot, the ball took out the head pin and almost resulted in a strike. Photo by Mick Colageo

but is able to overcome them. Over the years, he has learned to overcome mental frustrations to maintain a high average. At one point, over an eight-game span, Hogan has averaged 260. His highest three-game series is a 781.

Michael Hogan calls his style unorthodox. He rolls the ball with a two-hand release, uses two balls and avoids putting his thumb in the ball. Hogan said the thumb-less approach relieves pain and helps him put more spin on the ball, as well as spinning a wider hook.

"I love strikes," Hogan said with a grin.

This unorthodox style helps him generate more strikes and more smiles, as he often watches all 10 pins crash to the floor.

Michael said he even came close to converting a 7-10 split in which two pins are at opposite sides of the lane. Michael said there is only a 0.8% chance of bowlers converting that spare, but he has come close. Also an encyclopedia of bowling knowledge, Michael says that only four professional bowlers have converted this nearly impossible spare.

His favorite bowler is Australian Jason Belmonte,

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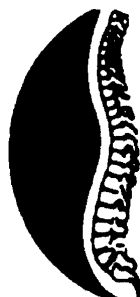
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who last year claimed his fourth career Tournament of Champions title.

Hogan says he follows other sports, and his favorite team is the Celtics. Hogan says his favorite Celtics player is Derrick White. White recently signed a pin for Hogan, who awaits that gift from the Celtics guard.

Sharon Hogan said one problem Michael has encountered is finding suitable competition. Most Special Olympians are not at Michael's level, but that hasn't curbed his motivation or love of the game.

Until then, Michael Hogan will still compete and plans on going for the gold in Minnesota, where the U.S. Special Olympics will be held in 2026.

Bad News Blossoming

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

So, you think we have issues with trees and far-away bureaucrats telling us what to do to them. Pity the poor souls in Washington, D.C., the homeland of bossy bureaucrats who are facing another attack on Mother Nature's offspring.

Here's the bad news. The National Park Service plans to take the chainsaw to 158 of the iconic cherry trees that stand tall between the Potomac River and the National Mall. In total, 300 trees of various species will be removed.

Over 1,500,000 visitors from all over the world come to Washington every year – according to the tourist brochures – to be “entranced by the delicate pale pink blossoms that visitors have enjoyed for more than a century.”

If you haven't made your reservations yet for the National Cherry Blossom Festival, you're too late. Peak bloom came early this year, and the Mall will soon have construction fencing surrounding the casualties for up to two years.

The reason for this surgery is that the retaining wall along the Tidal Basin is crumbling and must be replaced to the tune of \$114,000,000 dollars. Photos of the wall bear a striking resemblance to our own Holmes wharf. Experts say, if the repairs are not made, Washington will become a swamp. What? I thought Washington was already a swamp.

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But I digress.

One of the trees to be cut down is the iconic "Stumpy," a small, hollow, ugly remnant with one or two branches that still bloom. Stumpy's demise has been all over the national news recently, but in case you missed it, the tree was the darling of social media back in 2020 because it has survived numerous storms and floods. Unlike the other trees on death row, Stumpy will be replaced by a "baby tree" in the same spot. Small comfort to its fans.

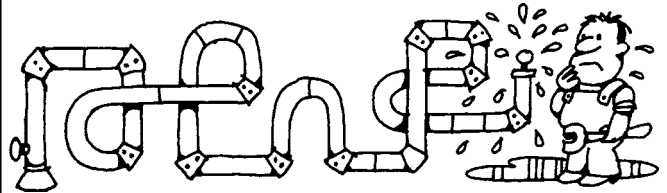
All of this is being done without consulting the district's residents; after all, the Mall is their backyard (and ours). One wonders what George Washington, the expert on cutting down cherry trees, would think. Is it possible that Stumpy is the very stump that old George famously chopped down? Not likely. These cherry trees were gifted to the United States by Japan in 1912. George was long gone by then.

There is some good news, however. The National Arboretum promises to take cuttings from the tree and clone a new one which will be planted somewhere on the

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Mall. Whether it will be hollow and ugly when it matures in 20 years remains to be seen.

Rest assured the other sacrificial trees will be replaced by 275 new saplings. Their predecessors will be ground into mulch and spread around, preserving the historic area as hallowed ground. Maybe a sharp entrepreneur could buy the mulch, package it, and sell it as souvenirs. Just a thought. Anyway, there is more good news. There are 3,800 cherry trees around the Mall, so what's a few missing trees among friends?

And there is still more good news. You might have guessed that the existing walking trail (a sidewalk?) will be widened after the trees are removed during the renovation.

The National Park Service is on a roll. They also plan to cut down 1,200 trees in Rock Creek Park, also in the District. According to a group opposed to the plan, the 8 acres in question "provides significant ecosystem services and habitat to visitors and wildlife." This area of the District has been called the "Lungs of D.C." The removal of the trees will allow the Park Service to ... wait for it ... to rehabilitate a golf course!

Ultra-processed Foods: What Are They? Why Should You Care?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Ed Hoffer

About half the calories consumed by people in

high-income countries such as the United States and Canada come from ultra-processed foods, and such a high consumption of these "Franken-foods" contributes to many health problems.

What are ultra-processed foods?

Most of our food is processed to some degree, if only with preservatives, and not all processing is bad. Pasteurized milk is "processed," and is generally safer than unpasteurized milk. Iodine added to salt gives health benefits.

There are many ways to classify how foods are processed, but the most widely used system is NOVA, developed by academic food scientists in Brazil.

NOVA Group 1 includes unprocessed or minimally processed foods. The latter includes removal of inedible parts, drying, roasting, freezing, etc., with no additives.

Group 2 includes processed ingredients such as salt, sugar and oils that are used as additives.

Group 3 includes foods where the Group 2 ingredients are added to Group 1 food to increase their durability and enhance their flavor.

Group 4 foods are those that are ultra-processed, foods that are manufactured, often in several steps.

Natural food products are fractionated into sugars, protein, oil and fats, starches and fiber. These component parts are then chemically treated, most often by hydrolysis or hydrogenation. The final food product is then assembled with various industrial techniques and colors, flavors and preservatives are added.

Common ultra-processed foods we may consume daily include carbonated soft drinks, packaged snacks, ice cream, flavored breakfast cereals, prepared pies, pasta dishes and pizzas, "nuggets," hot dogs, sausages and powdered instant soups and desserts. Note that some of these may be labelled "all-natural" or organic.

Why should you care? High consumption of ultra-processed foods has been linked to such health problems as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer and many gastrointestinal disorders.

Recent studies have shown that ultra-processed foods, usually high in both sugar and fat, trigger a similar

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Eat fresh or stewed fruit in place of store-bought pies and cakes. For breakfast, have oatmeal or minimally processed granola with fruit rather than sugary cereals. Cook more: Bake chicken or fish rather than heating up prepared frozen dinners.

Look at labels. If a product contains 4 or more ingredients, some of which you cannot pronounce, put it back. If it is obvious where the food came from (eggs come from hens, apples from trees) it is generally OK. If the origin is unclear, try something different.

Don't fall for hype – an "organic natural" packaged cookie might still be ultra-processed.

Tree Committee Requests Oversight

Mattapoissett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoissett Select Board on March 26 were members of the Mattapoissett Tree Committee and others with a singular message: The creation of a committee to oversee and facilitate not only community engagement but decision-making for the

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village road reconstruction project is necessary. The Tree Committee had asked to be placed on the evening's agenda to once again stress their assertion that they have not been included in the process, that complete transparency had not been forthcoming from the Select Board office, and that the enormity of the project warrants the establishment of a committee, the sole purpose of which would be to keep the community informed and assist with the overall design of the project.

Before inviting public comment, Select Board Chairman Jodi Bauer stated that the creation of a committee is not pertinent to a road project. Bauer said she has confidence that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation would do their best and does not want to delay or lose out on \$16,000,000 in grant funding.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo took umbrage at the notion that the public is not being fully informed, saying, "You know everything I know," and reminding all in attendance that there have been numerous public meetings regarding the road-construction project.

Select Board member Jordan Collyer shared that the expected 25% design needing review by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation had missed a deadline, chalking it up to the town's engineer VHB. The Transportation Improvement Program grant is now slated for distribution in the state's 2027 budget cycle. That gives the town an additional year to influence the design, he said. Collyer also reminded the meeting



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members that a public meeting will be scheduled for July.

Select Board member Tyler Macallister said, if the town doesn't move forward with this project, it will be left to another board to tackle this complex project and that with other major projects on the horizon, the disposition of the Town Hall building, possible school consolidation and the town's historic wharves, it was incumbent that the board move forward. He said the road-reconstruction project will be something his grandchildren will benefit from and that delays will only jeopardize the roadways.

Collyer once again stated that the town has not received the 25% design from VHB.

"In my humble opinion, let's analyze what we have (once the documents have been released by VHB)," said Collyer, adding a suggestion to think about other options that might spare the felling of some trees such as making Water Street one-way. "But we don't have the full picture yet. ... This project frustrates me; no one wants taxes to go up. We have other projects to consider."

Collyer mentioned the large price tag that the town will be facing when capital projects are funded for infrastructure improvements at Old Rochester Regional High School. "We need to talk together now that we have more time," he said.

Tree Committee member Mike Immel rose, saying, "We want to be part of this." Immel said the people have a right to be fully involved. Other attendees agreed with Immel's points, including the creation of a committee to assist the town in the design process with VHB and MassDOT. He said that there were residents in the community qualified in architecture and engineering who can help.

Carlos DeSousa, a retired engineer and chairman of the Mattapoissett Marine Advisory Board, wondered aloud how the board would manage a project of this scope. Collyer said the Highway Department would oversee the construction.

Tree Committee Chairman Sandy Hering also urged the creation of a committee to partner with the Select Board and others in the roadway-reconstruction project. She said that she didn't want to go the route of a citizen's petition but would if necessary. She invited the

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board to vote now for the new committee. Collyer said, "I will give it appropriate consideration." But he also said that a citizen's petition might prove useful because, "...then it will be the will of Town Meeting," and thus the board would be compelled to follow through in establishing a new committee. He concluded, "You can exercise your right."

In other business, the Select Board met with Tech MD, the technology company that has been working with the town on various network programs, hacking fail-safes, and capital planning for future computer needs. The IT team's presentation listed the following changes in the new contract proposal: comparable cost to FY23, increase in 24/7/365 service for all town IT systems, more

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Also coming before the board was King Lion Lynne Foley and member Mike Rosa to discuss the annual Harbor Days event taking place July 18-21. The popular craft booths will be open on July 20 and July 21 with strawberry shortcake and fish fry night still on the menu. The need for traffic review and other safety matters were well in hand, they said. Visit the Lions Club website for more details.

The board also announced the selection of Chris Canney as building commissioner.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Select Board is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00 pm.



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ORR, Town Asked to Divide \$600,000 in Cuts

Rochester Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Rochester Finance Committee made significant headway on Monday night in its effort to achieve the town's half of \$600,000 in requested FY25 budget trims, the other half to be made by the Old Rochester Regional School District.

The committee was not able to nail down the \$300,000 in cuts that it seeks, in part because Finance Director Suzanne Szyndlar was unable to attend the meeting. Finance Committee Chairman Kris Stoltenberg has been discussing revenue assumptions for the

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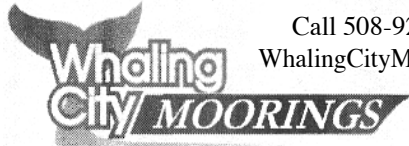
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FY25 Budget with Szyndlar, but some of the details of departmental budget discussions still need clarification.

"We have been out of whack almost every year, but it's never been quite that dramatic," said Stoltenberg of the \$600,000 correction prescribed by the committee. "Suzanne has the numbers and they're pretty hard numbers. Then we fix the budget. She's done as much as she can on the assumption side for the revenue, so now we work with the departments."

On the ORR side of the equation, Town Administrator Glenn Cannon said that the school district, which also includes Marion and Mattapoisett, has already made some recommendations but has yet to "come to the (\$300,000) target, so it's something they're still working

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Stoltenberg was reportedly met with dismay upon letting ORR officials know there is still work to be done to the tune of \$300,000.

"They were a little shocked and surprised at what we were looking for," said Stoltenberg, acknowledging that, "in the end, we're part of the Tri-Town community. Any mismatch, we have to look at (Rochester Memorial

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School). It wasn't a great experience because they were kind of downtrodden when we left that meeting."

During the ORR District's budget presentations to the school committees, level services have been emphasized.

The Finance Committee needs to have the FY25 budget ready for the Select Board's approval by mid-April. The Annual Town Meeting in all three of the Tri-Towns is scheduled for Monday, May 13.

On Monday, the Finance Committee verified plans for FY25 budget cuts with the Police, Fire and Highway departments.

The most complex of issues brought to the committee by a department head on Monday was Fire

Chief Scott Weigel's plan for a 5%, across-the-board net increase in wages for his employees, who are all part-time workers on a call basis. His department request is variable, based on 5% minus the town's cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

Cannon confirmed that the Select Board last week voted to approve a 2.5% COLA for FY25, but he said the board could still alter that number before the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting is finalized. A 2.5% COLA would mean that Weigel wants a 2.5% in-department increase to achieve a net 5% increase.

Weigel explained that as it currently stands, a part-time firefighter can earn \$31 or \$32 per hour in surrounding towns as opposed to \$26 per hour in Rochester.

"We're trying to be competitive; you have to be competitive in order to keep people," he said. "We're trying a dollar and change (increase) just so I can be competitive and keep people we have. I'm just trying to be in line with everybody else."

Stoltenberg told Weigel he will follow up on the matter with Szyndlar with the understanding that no agreement has been made.

Weigel's most significant cut (\$23,229.44) was a request for a part-time, daytime firefighter to work on Saturdays and Sundays. He confirmed other FY25 departmental budget cuts, including approximately \$9,000 related to the red-alert mobile dispatch (computer system), \$4,908 in EMS-related equipment maintenance, oil heat (\$1,000), medical services (\$1,000) and other areas totaling \$42,071.44.

"We asked the chief to cut \$40,000 from his budget so he exceeded (the request)," said Cannon.

Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge confirmed plans to cut to forestry and snow/ice-removal areas. He also canceled several requests to bring his budget back to FY24 levels. He had requested a full-time mechanic in FY24 (\$62,000); that request was cut before it reached voters, and plans to add it this year were scrapped.

Eldridge indicated that a \$5,000 cut from a \$20,000 request for the replacement of equipment and a \$17,000 cut in snow/ice treatment may steer him toward the Capital Planning Committee.

Stoltenberg suspects that a canceled \$79,000 request from the Police Department for a replacement vehicle will succeed as a capital item.

Other departments helping reach the \$300,000 goal include the town clerk (removing a request in clerical hours from 12 to eight, a \$3,408 cut); Planning (removing \$500 clerical and \$300 cleaning costs); Town Building (down \$10,000 – Cannon said that Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel is in the loop); Health (insurance was overbudgeted, according to Stoltenberg, a \$46,000 cut, and \$10,500 more after a plan to increase administrative hours was scrapped).

Stoltenberg said that with Monday's agreements, the bottom line adds up to \$275,358 in FY25 budget cuts.

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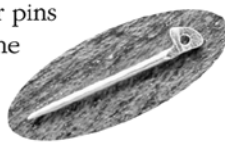
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He didn't necessarily consider the figure to be short of the goal, considering there is still work ahead in finalizing revenue estimates and ironing out details. The exact shortfall is not known.

A much larger matter is the question of how much of the \$300,000 to be cut from the schools budget will affect Rochester Memorial School as opposed to Rochester's share of the ORR Junior or Senior High School budgets.

The next meeting of the Rochester Finance Committee will be scheduled for Monday, April 1, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Breezeway Changes Everything
Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
By Mick Colageo

Carlos and Jennifer Varnum may add a two-story garage and expand their house at 534D Point Road, but a by-right project became a public hearing for a special permit all because of a breezeway.

The only case heard by the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals on March 14 was a "quirky" one by Building Commissioner Bob Grillo's estimation because the breezeway connecting the garage to the existing house triggered the application of Section 230-6.1 e (1) of the Marion Zoning Bylaw that limits the height increase of an existing structure to 10%.

The bylaw allows the reconstruction, extension or

change of a nonconforming single and two-family house with the approval of the building commissioner provided the alteration does not increase the nonconformity.

"The reason it requires a special permit is because they're increasing the height by more than 10 percent, and they're increasing the height of the existing building by more than 10 percent because it's attached," explained Grillo, who offered the applicants the option of going without the breezeway and, given its conforming setbacks, thereby canceling the need for a special permit. "They could have that same structure in the same spot and it wasn't attached, it's by right. But because it's attached, in essence they're increasing the size of the existing structure by more than 10 percent."

Representative Chris Leaver of New Bedford-based Turowski2 "T2" Architecture presented on the Varnums' behalf.

Leaver said that the attached garage, at 24 feet and 8 inches, will exceed the height of the house (19.5 feet at its peak) by more than the allowable 10%. A second part of the project will expand the house in the back but will not add to the height of the house.

Marion's height limit is 35 feet.

Leaver said that the second floor of the garage will be used for storage. He said the owner's business results in many boxes. He said current plans call for an unfinished interior.

"At this current point, it is not going to be looked



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at as any kind of other or additional living dwelling. It is strictly for storage," said Leaver, who clarified by adding there is no plumbing or heating in the plan.

Being a Special Permit application and not a variance, the owner did not need to prove hardship. Leaver referenced a meeting with the Conservation Commission that made comments regarding where an existing shed can be located. There were no comments from neighbors.

Member Will Tifft asked about overall lot coverage. Leaver did not have that information on hand but considers it a small increase percentage-wise because of the size of the lot. Grillo said the 40% lot-coverage limit does not apply to a ZBA application that is not seeking a variance.

"If for some reason when they come in for the permit, I'll be asking for (lot coverage), and if it doesn't match that number, I won't issue the building permit, and they would have to come back (to the ZBA) for a variance)," said Grillo.

Along with Tifft, Chairperson Cindy Callow and members Dani Engwert, Joan Gardner and Jeff Doubrava voted unanimously to grant the Special Permit.

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals did not schedule its next meeting upon adjournment.

Commission Waiting for Directive

Mattapoissett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

On March 25, the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission once again received a report on the status of The Bogs project off Acushnet Road, now owned by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. In recent months, excavation-site work and stormwater volumes had rendered stormwater control systems unable to handle drainage necessary to keep the water on site.

Calls to the commission by abutters expressing concern that stormwater had overtopped temporary drainage systems put in place during full on-site work had been received. Subsequent site evaluation by Brandon Faneuf, the town's environmental agent, bore witness to the massive flooding described by neighbors. The

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Jack's devotion to encouraging sailing has been demonstrated in his years of community service. His service includes being an active board member for both the Low Tide Yacht and Matt Sail. Jack, along with Matt Sail, was instrumental in starting the ORR sailing program in 2008. The team now has 40 sailors and, of course, Jack is a volunteer coach.

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commission saw fit to issue an Enforcement Order to the BBC for immediate remedy to take place.

On-site monitoring of the former bog acreage was put in place to ensure that any future stormwater runoff would be contained on the site through an elaborate system of ditches, ponds and coffer dams.

The commission also suggested that soils transferred from the site from storm flooding might contain harmful agricultural chemicals historically used on cranberry bogs. The issue of whether or not to mandate soil testing was referred to the Select Board, whose response is still pending, Chairman Mike King stated.

The biweekly report noted that erosion controls were holding as designed and that work on the site that will ultimately result in new walking trails and passive, outdoor recreation opportunities, found everything in order.

While the BBC did not request a lifting of the Enforcement Order, King said the commission still needed to hear from the Select Board in the matter of soil testing before lifting the order.

In other business, a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Judith Otter, 15 Bay View Avenue, for improvements to an existing deck received a Negative Box 2 decision.

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completed on Phase 1b of the bike path and to Dan McCarthy, 16-18 Ocean View Avenue, for an invalid Order of Conditions.

The next meeting of the Mattapoiset Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 8, at 6:30 pm.

Wetland Activities Bring Complaints

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

Marion Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee received two, unrelated complaint calls on separate properties last month, both involving clearing activities in wetland areas.

He addressed the Marion Conservation Commission during its March 13 public meeting to discuss a strategy on addressing the complaints, describing one of the properties as a vacant, rear lot.

"You can see there's quite a bit of wetlands there," said Guey-Lee, locating it on the western side of Point Road near a basketball court.

Guey-Lee said that some time ago David Pina met with him and Building Commissioner Bob Grillo with an eye on making a plan to either sell the lot or develop it.

"It kind of fell off the radar ... it's not clear if they sold it. He's not obligated to tell us," said Guey-Lee, noting that an anonymous complaint call about land clearing came in during a time in February when he was

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out of the office with illness. "It's not even clear who I would contact."

Member Shaun Walsh, an attorney, offered to help Guey-Lee with the process.

"If the complaints that the office has received (are considered credible), I would reach out to Mr. Pina ... and find out if he still owns the property," suggested Walsh, recommending reaching out to the Plymouth County of Deeds.

Guey-Lee says he has walked the property at least once but, without regular contact, the next step is complex.

Another complaint also came in February, this one from the state Department of Environmental Protection

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regarding a property owner that had been clearing into a wetland area.

Guey-Lee said that the driveway is the lowest point of that property, which made it difficult for him to get a vantage point to inspect the property. A neighbor told him no one had been at the property since November.

"I would suggest just drilling down and reaching out to the owner, like the other property," suggested Guey-Lee.

Carlos and Jennifer Varnum were voted an Order of Conditions for the construction of an attached garage and living-room additions with a crushed-stone driveway extension (to the existing crushed-stone driveway) and associated grading and utilities.

Nathan Chofay of Principe Engineering based in Tiverton, Rhode Island, presented on the applicants' behalf, noting that portions of the work will be done in the 100-foot buffer zone to the bordering, vegetated wetland. There will be less than 1 acre of disturbance, and no variances are being requested. Chofay also noted that neither house addition nor the garage will be built in the flood zone or velocity zone.

Vice Chairman Emil Assing, running the meeting in the absence of Chairman Jeff Doubrava, asked if the water-side addition to the house will include a foundation. Chofay said he believes the plan calls for the addition to lay on a slab.

Walsh asked about roof runoff and discharge.



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Chofay said it would include downspouts. "I'm good, pretty straightforward project," said Walsh.

In response to comments requested by the Planning Board regarding the application of Johnson Family Investments LLC (Fieldstone Market) for an expansion project, Assing said that there is a small corner of wetland in the back corner, and Matt Schultz said there is work planned inside the 100-foot buffer zone.

Assing said the case should file a Request for Determination of Applicability with the commission but nothing extensive.

Carol Carson spoke to the commissioners about her work with the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance and the importance of restoring the proper elevation for the nesting of turtles in the marsh (coastal dune). The commissioners said they would be happy to arrange site visits to areas of concern and discuss the interests of the NECWA.

Sippican Holdings LLC, scheduled for a public hearing for its NOI for the redevelopment of an existing building and parking lot at 13 Barnabus Road into a self-storage facility requested a continuance, which was granted to the commission's next meeting on March 27.

The Marion Conservation Commission was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, and its next meeting is slated for Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

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Body Art Regulations Approved

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

Marion Board of Health member Albin Johnson asked Marion Health Agent Shallyn Rodriguez if the board’s proposed regulation, including a one-time usage of pencils in body-art businesses resulted in “any blowback.”

Rodriguez, reporting to the board during its March 21 public hearing on amendments to the regulation “Guidance for Body Art Establishments,” said she sent a draft of the regulation to area businesses but had yet to receive any reactions.

Hoffer recommended one more tweak to require

a hot-air hand dryer opposed to paper towels. “A lot of restaurants are using that now,” he said.

With the town’s plan to schedule business permits for renewal at the end of the calendar year, Marion Health Director/Nurse Lori Desmarais asked if the Health Department should prorate permit renewals due to expire during 2024.

Board Chairman Dr. Ed Hoffer agreed it would not be fair to charge a full year’s permit fee from a company with a permit needing renewal in June, for instance.

With that, Hoffer and Johnson voted to approve the regulation as circulated by Rodriguez. Dr. John Howard, the third member of the board, was unable to attend on March 21.

During the board’s review of correspondence, Health Director/Nurse Lori Desmarais reported that a follow-up letter to Lighthouse Liquors, 664 Mill Street, had resulted in the payment of one installment of a fine levied for serving a minor but that the second and third installments were past due as of the March 21 meeting.

Johnson suggested a next step of asking the proprietor to “come in and explain.” Hoffer suggested Desmarais give it a week and then request an appearance at the board’s next meeting on April 11.

The board took note of the Immediate Response Action (IRA) completion report and Permanent Solution with Conditions statement regarding an oil spill at 16 North Great Hill Drive. The spill was noted by Hoffer to be “above ground” and by Johnson to consist of an estimated “23 tons.”

After sending a letter regarding a failed Title 5 septic system at 38 Rocky Knook Lane, Desmarais told the board she has heard from the installer following Monday’s percolation test. The property is unoccupied, and the home is being renovated by Designer Home Properties.

Hoffer said that Eversource Energy has sent out a 2023-27 Five-Year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for eastern Massachusetts, an annual plan to remove trees.

Desmarais let the new owner of property at 1121 Point Road know on February 12 that a Title 5 septic system would be required. The house was sold on January 5.

In her update to the board, Rodriguez reported on Chapter 2 housing inspections and complaint updates, including a visit to 110 Old Knoll Road where a sump pump has failed. Rodriguez said excavators were present upon her visit and discussed the situation. She said an engineer was hired to put chambers in the back of the home to mitigate the escaping water and reported some improvement according to neighbors. The owner, reports Rodriguez, says he’s doing all he can to make sure the sump pump does not drain onto adjacent properties.

In her update to the board, Desmarais reported on a failed Title 5 septic system at 2 West Drive, where she said no one is living. A plan submitted in July 2023

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indicates that the property will connect to town sewer. Plans were sent to Weston & Sampson in December, and a revised plan was to be submitted on March 27. Other neighboring properties are looking to hook up. The building commissioner's approval is waiting on clearance from the Board of Health.

The town received two requests for COVID-19 vaccine on the morning of the March 21 meeting. The minimum order from the town is 10 doses. Southcoast Public Health Collaborative money can be used for vaccines, so Marion will seek reimbursement from the collaborative.

In a Community EMS update, Desmarais reported on a recent presentation on allergies, and another one is in the works for May that will address dog bites.

Hoffer noted that a hospital in Florida is besieged with hundreds of bats, after which Johnson recalled that the meeting room in the Town House Annex Building where the board sat on March 21 used to have a problem with bats.

Johnson recalled that the upper floor of the adjacent Elizabeth Taber Library now occupied by the Marion Museum of Natural History "many years ago" sustained the collapse of its ceiling from the weight of the bats' guano (partially decomposed excrement). Johnson said the town's only cases of rabies in humans have been from bats.

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Desmarais suggested some of the \$5,000 be appropriated to replace the department's plotter (large printer). Desmarais reported that Town Administrator Geoff Gorman was quoted approximately \$9,000 for a replacement of the equipment shared by other departments.

Mosquitoes, if standing water, can apply for help on their own property.

A new Plymouth County program scheduled for winter months will allow residents to call and request the county to remove up to 10 tires. Notification will go out to residents in October.

Hoffer suggested that the board recommend that the Town of Marion withdraw from the Marion-Rochester Health District, which only exists at this point to administer the lone employee's pension. Johnson said the district existed before the Marion Board of Health.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 4:30 pm at the Town House Annex Building.

ORR Joins Fight to Power Down MCAS

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

Old Rochester Regional School Committee member Margaret McSweeney has the entire committee on her side of the MCAS debate, and a unanimous March 7 vote adopted the Thrive Act Resolution recommending that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) downgrade MCAS testing as the sole standard of public education and an essential hurdle to high school graduation.

Appealing to data, local school districts have been arguing that MCAS is a biased test that unfairly divides students according to economic status.

"This doesn't eliminate MCAS, but it does move in the right direction of taking away ... some of the power that it has over school districts and over students trying to graduate and who may not do well on this test

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for multiple reasons,” explained McSweeney before the vote. “The MTA fully supports this act. I want to make sure ORR is on that list of school committees who are in support of this bill and getting over the MCAS and onward.”

McSweeney researched other participating municipalities’ drafts and liked Somerville’s resolution for its breadth and the potential she saw for agreement among ORR committee members “so that MCAS couldn’t hold the scores against it and also it couldn’t stop graduation. And those were the two things that I think the majority of us agreed on.”

McSweeney said the matter will be discussed at the state house next month and encouraged committee members to write the state house as individuals. She later suggested that some of the money spent on MCAS testing could be more effectively be spent in other ways.

Committee Chairperson Michelle Smith recommended the committee go with the Somerville version of the draft. Smith publicly thanked McSweeney for bringing forward the matter and spearheading the committee’s action.

Committee member Matthew Monteiro stressed the importance of understanding that the measure does not remove accountability from the school system to establish academic standards but removes MCAS as the sole measure of those standards.

“There’s plenty of other accountability for students and school systems,” he said.

ORR has a transportation contract.

The committee approved separate memorandums of agreement between the district and the local school system for the towns of Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett for 2025 transportation.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howard Barber explained that bids came in higher due to the comprehensive nature of the bid package. The process was redone so that each town had its own bid process suited to its particular needs.

McSweeney said she is grateful to Barber for his work on complex negotiations.

The School Committee discussed the current



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status of the Facilities Condition Assessment, divided by Nelson into two pieces to address over the spring.

Regarding the process, ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson said that during the 60-day window of the town meetings (May 13 in all three towns), the ORR School Committee would need to vote to authorize the towns to take on new debt. All three towns must approve at their respective annual town meetings to move the question to ballots that would allow voters to respond to those ballots.

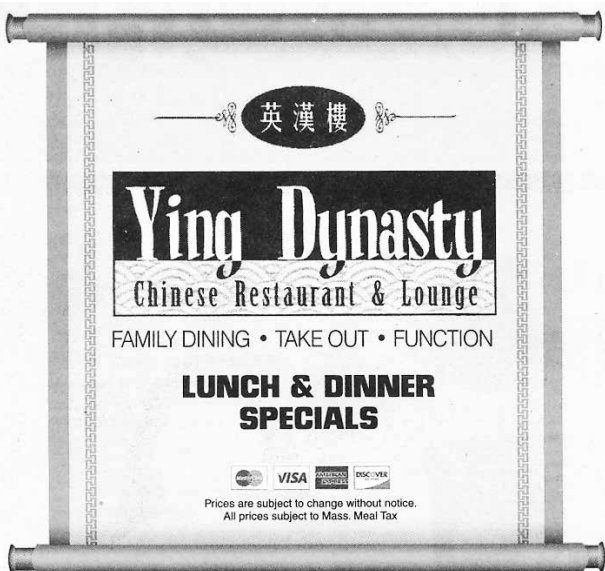
Regarding the goals, the ORR District wants to invest in the building, thus the Facilities Condition Assessment that is essentially complete. The next step would be to identify a set of priorities, most likely starting

with safety, HVAC, etc.

Nelson, in his report, said the FY25 budget negotiations have been among the most challenging of his tenure.

At Barber's recommendation, the committee approved the transfer of \$100,000 from the operations budget to capital planning.

The ORR School Committee voted to approve the continuation of the FY2024 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant, accepting a second \$10,000 grant from the state. Nelson explained that the year-two amount will bring the total for the program to \$20,000. He said the first \$10,000 helped each of the Tri-Town school districts to build a building-based team that could identify areas of



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improvement that they could support in the second year.

Nelson said the year-one effort confirmed the need to address the students' social and emotional needs through explicit instruction. Year-two funds, he said, are meant to identify "what that would look like at the different levels."

Particularly at the elementary and junior high level, they have gone beyond a social-emotional curriculum to a character-strong focus at the junior high and high school, explained Nelson, who further noted that the goals of the program align with the ORR District's Strategic Plan and the Superintendent's Goals.

"It's nice when we have these three moving pieces tied together," he said.

The committee voted unanimously to approve a student trip to Portugal and Spain in April 2026. Mike Nailor was on hand to report on a successful trip to Italy and Greece and discuss the proposed trip to Lisbon, Portugal, for two nights and then to Seville and Madrid, Spain, ending with a bike tour.

The committee was eager to publicly thank Marion resident John Menzel for his \$4,000 donation to the high school for the purchase of two 3D printers in the engineering classroom (technology lab).

In his report to the committee, ORRHS Principal Mike Devoll highlighted achievements and recommended public recognition at a future meeting for senior track athlete Tyler Young, who broke the school record in the

1,000 meters and junior Wesner Archelus, who won the MIAA Division 4 state championship in the 55-meter hurdles with a 7.91-second time in the preliminaries and a 7.77 time in the final.

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

The next meeting of the ORR School Committee will be held on Thursday, April 11, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee will be held on Thursday, March 28. Both meetings will start at 6:30 pm and be held at the ORR Junior High Media Room, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, and via live streaming.

Bulldogs Made a Magical March

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Following their March 16 loss to top-seeded Charlestown for the MIAA Division 4 state championship, members of the Old Rochester Regional High School boys' basketball team were disappointed in the ending. But don't let that make you forget how well they did as a team this season.

"We were obviously very disappointed, but very few kids get an opportunity to play at that point. The accomplishment at the end of the day is more than the disappointment," said ORR head coach Steve Carvalho.

Coming into the 2023-24 season, Old Rochester lost four of their five starters from the previous season. This meant some players had to step into new roles.

"Two of our senior captains, Chase Besancon and John Butler, came off the bench last year. I knew they were both going to blend right into their roles," said Carvalho. "Gavin Martin led the league in assists, which is a great accomplishment ... Zach Mourao, too, what a fabulous year he had."

The starters weren't the only ones stepping it up, however.

"Finn Kavanagh came up this year from (junior varsity) and gave us some good minutes as a sixth man," said Carvalho.

The Bulldogs went on to dominate the South Coast Conference and earn the second seed in the state tournament, winning home playoff games against Foxborough, Salem and Dover-Sherborn before winning a neutral-site semifinal against Pittsfield. They finished with a 21-5 overall record.

Butler, Besancon and Mourao were selected by coaches as SCC All-Stars. Butler was selected as ORR's candidate for the Dave Cowens Award, a regional recognition that goes to an exceptional student-athlete in both boys and girls basketball in southeastern Massachusetts.

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The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 3**. We meet at the Eastman American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5 pm followed by dinner at 6 pm and our speaker for the evening taking the podium at 6:45 pm. Chef Colby is, again, preparing a full, satisfying meal. New members are always welcome. Questions contact cwmccullough@comcast.net

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Come learn a new skill to add to your crafting toolbox. The Making Bows with Bunny workshop will be held at 6:30 pm, Thursday, **April 4**. This free workshop will walk you through tying decorative bows for wreaths, floral displays, gift wrapping and more. Space is limited, registration is required. Sign up on the Events Calendar on our website, www.plumblibrary.com.

The COA Book Club will meet at 1 pm, Tuesday, **April 16** to discuss "Hello Stranger" by Katherine Center. Books & Babble Book club will be discussing "The Kaiju Preservation Society" by John Scalzi at 6:30 pm, Thursday, **April 25**. Books for both clubs are available for pickup at the Library or on the Libby app.

We also have four book clubs for kids. BookBuds meet the first Friday (4 pm and 5 pm) and Saturday (10 am and 11 am) of the month. There are groups for kids from ages 6-teen. See our Events Calendar for more info.

Do you like to knit, crochet, or cross stitch? If so, join us from 6-8 pm on Mondays for a social gathering of handcrafters. Bring your latest project or something from the stash. Maybe your creative outlet involves pen and paper? Join our Writer's Group the third Thursday of every month to keep those ideas flowing. Open to anyone 18+. Next meeting is 6:30 pm, **April 18**.

The Friends of the Library will meet at 6:30 pm Monday, **April 8**. This meeting is open to the public. Join us for discussion of upcoming fundraising efforts, including the spring book sale, scheduled to be held in May.

The Board of Library Trustees is meeting at 6:30 pm., Tuesday, **April 9**. This meeting is open to the public and the agenda is posted here: www.townofrochester.mass.com/node/425/agenda

The Library will be closed on Monday, **April 15** in observance of Patriot's Day. If you are looking for

OBITUARIES



Sheila A. Davidson, 72, of Mattapoisett died Thursday, March 21, 2024 after a long illness. She was the wife of James W. Davidson, Sr., with whom she shared 50 years of marriage.

Born in New Bedford, she was raised in Mattapoisett by her mother and step-father, the late Dorothy (DeMello) Anselmo and Alexander Anselmo, and lived in town for most of her life.

Sheila was formerly employed as a bookkeeper for Fragozo Linguica in New Bedford for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; her son, James W. Davidson, Jr. and his wife Kára; her grandson, Cooper Davidson; her brother, Bradford Anselmo; her sister, Alison Anselmo and her companion Chris Swimm and her two sons Joseph and Alex Mocerri; her brother-in-law, Andy Davidson and his wife Debra; and her sister-in-law, Jane Moreau and her two sons Michael and Brett Moreau.

In addition to her mother and step-father, she was predeceased by her father Edward Andrade.

Her funeral service and burial in Cushing Cemetery were held privately. A public celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sheila's memory may be made to It's All About The Animals, Inc., 103 Marion Rd., Rochester, MA 02770 or a charity of your choice. For the online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Stephen A. Mello, 70, of West Wareham passed away peacefully Friday, March 22, 2024 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of 49 years to Mary E. "Molly" (Pompile) Mello.

Born and raised in New Bedford, son of the late Manuel and Alice B. (Fregeau) Mello, he was a graduate of New Bedford High School and later Cape Cod Community College. He was a self employed Building Contractor. Stephen loved his family and his wonderful life on Blackmore Pond.

He is survived by his loving wife, Molly; his children, Jessica Govoni and her husband David of Marion, Erika Souza and her husband Ryan of Plymouth and Samuel Mello and his wife Joy of West Roxbury; eight grandchildren, Olivia and Harrison Govoni, Ethan, Eloise and Adelyn Souza, and Graham, Hadley and Tyler Mello; Mr. Mello was also the grandfather of the late Evelyn Mello.

In accordance with his wishes he will be cremated and memorial visitation will be held Sunday, April 7, 2024 from 10AM-12PM in the Donaghy New Day Cremation and Funeral Care, 465 County St., New Bedford. For facility directions and memorial register please visit, www.newdayfunerals.com.

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Easter Sunday, **March 31**, begins with the Easter Sunrise Service at Silvershell Beach at 6:15 am. At 10:00 am, join us for Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt outside for the children. Then at 11:00 am, stay for fellowship and a delicious Easter Brunch. All are welcome.

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Along with all of our baked goods, we will be displaying our Mandala Peacock Afghan. Come see it on display. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase. Happy Spring.

Community Programs at the MNHM

March 27 – 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 at 10:30 to 11:30 and remember to RSVP.

April 3 - Frogs and Toads. Come learn about the frogs and toads of our region with Certified Frog Watcher Maggie Payne. We'll take a look at some of our more common species and hopefully some live specimens. We'll also hear about citizen science programs that you can participate in to help keep track of these important forest species. Free event. Meet at the Marion Natural History Museum at 10:30 to 11:30. Please RSVP at www.marionmuseum.org to ensure a seat.

April 12 – Amphibian Ecology and Diversity in the Highest Elevations in New Hampshire. Join us as we welcome Scott Smyers, Senior Scientist with Oxbow Associates. Scott 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 hiking trails, in the White Mountains. We will hear about amphibian species distribution, changes in communities, and shifts in calling phenology that reveal



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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 Patrocast 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 - Edwin Pina
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 29, 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 Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball Div. 3 MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown
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 30, 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
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
9:30 PM Sippican Week Interviews
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday March 31, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show
2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
3:30 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
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Monday April 1, 2024

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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
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1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters

2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM 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 April 2, 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 April 3, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
3:45 PM Sippican Week Interviews
4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Presidential Portrait
9:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages
10:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
9:00 AM Marion Planning Board
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion Open Space Commission
12:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:30 PM Marion Board of Health
Marion
3:30 PM Affordable Housing Trust
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

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

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Daily Schedule

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

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM ORR School Committee
9:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee
11:00 AM ORR Drama - Romeo and Winifred
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 ORR Boys Basketball Div. 3
MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown
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

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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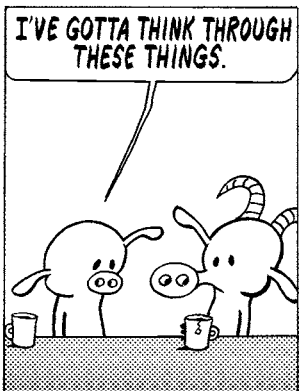
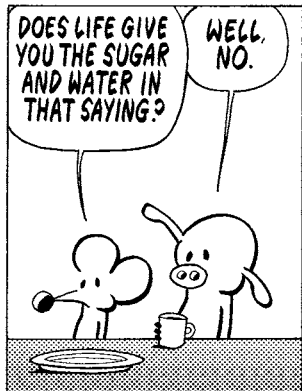
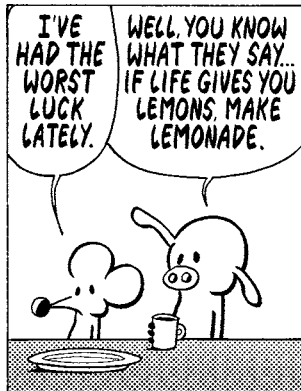
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



how complicated these ecosystems are for amphibian's survival. Program will be held at the Museum from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please remember to RSVP, and there's a \$10.00 suggested donation to the Marion Natural History Museum.

ORR Preschool Openings Available

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that openings are available in the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Project GROW preschool program.

Project GROW was established in an effort to provide high-quality preschooling to children in Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester.

"Our inclusive and accessible Project GROW program exemplifies our commitment to providing every child with the opportunity to learn and thrive regardless of their abilities and background," said Superintendent Nelson. "We are thankful to the staff who work very hard to give these preschoolers a memorable and positive first classroom experience."

The goal of the program is to provide preschool to children whose families have been unable to enroll in another program and who desire a preschool experience. The program also aims to provide an inclusive learning environment for children with special needs.

The program consists of two classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays at \$2,520 per year; and Mondays,



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MOVIE REVIEW

High Anxiety

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Asphalt City*. Starring Sean Penn and Tye Sheridan. Directed by Jean-Stéphane Sauvaire. Running time: 125 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

The stressful, despairing but compelling paramedic drama *Asphalt City* is bound to be compared to 1999's *Bringing Out the Dead*, Martin Scorsese's hyperactive take on New York City EMTs. But the more relevant likeness, I think, is to the cop drama *Colors*. In that film, Sean Penn played a hot-blooded young cop partnered with tired veteran Robert Duvall; here, Penn takes over as the tired veteran, while Tye Sheridan rides shotgun as Penn's rookie partner. There's a lot mentally wrong with Penn's character, Gene "Rut" Rutkovsky, but considering it's Penn, Rut is surprisingly even-tempered, almost gentle. That's meant to throw us off the scent of Rut's less admirable qualities, or perhaps the film is proposing him as an essentially decent man who succumbs to pessimism and, about two-thirds into the movie, makes an inhumane decision that he sees as merciful.

The perhaps too-symbolically-named Ollie Cross (Sheridan) is considered by some of his more hostile colleagues as a tourist in the paramedic life; he's studying to get into med school. Ollie just wants to help people. But the craziness of the job and how much desensitization it requires, especially in a chaotic urban milieu, get inside him and start pushing him towards being a rough customer like Rut or like Lafontaine (Michael Pitt in a juicy performance), a callous EMT who drives with Ollie a few times. People's lives are in the hands of guys whose idea of a prank is to leave a bloody dead dog in someone's locker. But that's kind of a nihilistic rewrite of the doctors in *M*A*S*H*, who cracked jokes while elbow-deep in someone's bowels.

In either case, you don't want an easy weeper coming to slap the paddles on your chest; you want cold technicians who know the boilerplate reassurances ("Stay with us, buddy, you're gonna make it") but can flip their emotional switch and perform the tasks at hand. Surgeons don't often have a warm bedside manner, but EMTs are expected to at least make a patient feel rescued and headed for safety; the paramedics I've personally seen in action have been gracious and positive. But city responders may be a different species; they see the worst at their worst, and even the best are often not their best at their worst. EMTs often arrive to screaming and blood everywhere. The director, Jean-Stéphane Sauvaire,



working from a script by Ryan King and Ben Mac Brown, spatters the screen in grit and gore; the dominant color is red, often flashing in our faces. Sauvaire does a detailed job of creating the inferno these men live and work in. As in *Taxi Driver*, it's not the job but the city that torments the characters.

Asphalt City was once called *Black Flies*, after the Shannon Burke novel it's based on, and that's a finer and more poetic title but also possibly misleading (it sounds like a horror movie about demons — which this sort of is). Black flies are treated as harbingers of death, humming thickly and maddeningly around clotting blood and cooling flesh. Penn and Sheridan deliver anguished turns as men who must co-exist with the flies, and who seem to hear them buzzing inside their skulls constantly. (How insane is their job? Their supervisor is played by Mike Tyson.) I believed in the men, not always in the women they're involved with. Katherine Waterston has a terrific angry scene as Rut's ex-wife; Raquel Nave doesn't bring much to the role of Ollie's booty call (he hesitates to call her a girlfriend). I didn't spot any female paramedics — it's hilarious that *Madame Web* of all films shows this movie up in that area.

I wouldn't call the film sexist, though. The women sadly know they don't fit well into these particular men's lives. And some of the female patients come through with vivid impressions. Kali Reis, a boxer who starred in the most recent season of *True Detective*, pierces our hearts as a pregnant addict whose encounter with Rut leaves them both wounded. Authentic faces like Luisita Salgado and Glorimar Crespo flood the screen with profanity, cracked humanity, lacerated pride. The meaning of city life as seen in this movie boils down to making other people suffer as much as you've suffered, and how do you deal with being surrounded by people like that if you're sworn to help and heal? *Asphalt City* isn't perfect — all the scenes between Ollie and his lover are only there to make a point about his devolution, and we're not terribly invested in the couple. But it has something; it has its own ornery integrity, and wants to stare death and despair full in the face, as its protagonists do every night.

Wednesdays and Fridays at \$3,780 per year.

Classes take place from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Sippican School and Rochester Memorial School, and 8:50 am to 12:50 pm for the Center School. All classes follow the public-school calendar. Families with preschool-aged children participating in the program can attend at the school located in their respective town.

Openings are available to all children who reside in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who will reach age 3 before September 1.

Preference is given to children who may be considered educationally at risk, children who have special needs, children with no preschool experience, children in foster care, children who have experienced homelessness and families that meet tuition-assistance eligibility guidelines. Preference is also given to those with parents who have special needs or a disability, parents in active military service, teen parents and children cared for by a grandparent or guardian.

"Our high-quality preschool program is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where every child, especially those with special needs, can receive an excellent education," said Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes. "Our hope is that every child has the opportunity to learn and grow to their fullest potential."

There will be many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in their child's educational experience through the program, and they are encouraged to participate. Parents and guardians are reminded that they are responsible for providing transportation to and from the program each day. Each preschool class is staffed by a certified teacher and assistant. The program aligns with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and follows the High/Scope curriculum.

To register your child for the program, visit oldrochester.org/departments/early-childhood-programs/project-grow?

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

One of the maps in our current exhibit shows the

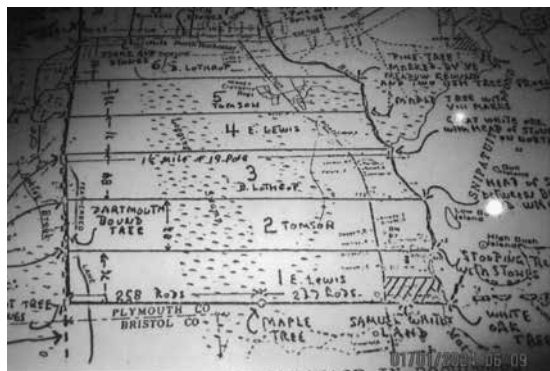
Lothrop-Thomson Purchase of 1673.

The purchase of 1800 acres was made by John Tomson, Joseph Lothrop

and Barnabus Lothrop. They paid 10 pounds to Native Americans, William Wetispaquin, Assaweta, Tobyss and Beevat for the tract of land. The acreage in part bordered Snipatuit Pond and was in the area that became North Rochester.

This purchase of land predated the purchase of the lands of Sepecan and the creation of the town of Rochester. Because of this, the land in the Lothrop-Tomson purchase was not located in any town or county.

Papers found at the museum show that Barnabus Lothrop petitioned the Governor of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England and the honorable council and House of Representatives in the General Court on the 29th of May in 1706. In his petition, he represented himself and the heirs of Joseph Lothrop and



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights March 17-March 23

- Pleasant St – Suspicious activity
- Washburn Park Rd – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Spring St – Lost property
- Mill St - Trespassing
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Assist other police dept
- Arrowhead Ln – Gas leak
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Route 105 – MV collision
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Way – Larceny/past
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Mental health
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Riverview Ln – EMS/medical
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Ichabod Ln – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – Wildlife services
- Mill St – MV complaint
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Ichabod Ln – Paper service
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Paper service
- County Rd – Emergency services
- Allen St – B&E/past
- Converse Rd – Noise complaint
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – General service

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 17-March 23

- 1195 West – Assist other agency
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Crook's Way – MV violations
- Neds Point Rd – General service
- Perkins Ln – Health/welfare
- North St – MV violations
- Upland Way – General service
- North St – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Crook's Way - Notification
- Chapel Rd – Health/welfare
- Pearl St – 911 call
- Crook's Way – General service
- Mattapoissett Neck Rd – MV violations
- Barstow St – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – MV lockout
- North St – Ambulance request
- North St – By-laws violation
- Aucoot Rd – Animal control
- Peace Pipe Path – 911 abandoned
- Main St – MV violations
- Church St – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- River Rd – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – Property lost
- Massasoit Way – Domestic disturbance
- Tupola Ln – Assist other agency

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 17-March 23

- Walnut Plain Rd – Noise complaint
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marys Pond Rd – Failure to stop
- New Bedford Rd – Burglar alarm
- Snipatuit Rd – Road hazard
- Perrys Ln – Suspicious activity
- Stuart Rd - Medical
- Kings Hwy – Follow up
- North Ave – MV collision/arrest
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – Follow up
- North Ave – Follow up
- Pine St – Follow up
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- County Rd - Disturbance
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Pine St – Follow up
- Alley Rd – Road hazard
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Medical alarm
- Snipatuit Rd – Well being check
- Dexter Ln – MV lockout
- Marys Pond Rd – Animal control
- Old Farm Ln – Inside investigation
- North Ave – Erratic MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation

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



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

- Monday, April 1:** Salisbury steak, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, whole wheat roll, applesauce
- Tuesday, April 2:** Fish sandwich w/tartar sauce, tator tots, mixed vegetables, hamburger roll, banana
- Wednesday, April 3:** Sliced ham w/pineapple cherry sauce, oven roasted potatoes, green beans, multigrain roll, sugar cookie, diet: Lorna Doone
- Thursday, April 4:** Chicken fajita bowl, rice & black beans, peppers & onions, oatmeal bread, pineapple
- Friday, April 5:** Seafood salad, pasta salad, beet salad, hot dog roll, peaches

CENTER SCHOOL

- Monday, April 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty
- Tuesday, April 2:** Loaded tator tot nachos served w/ warm soft pretzel
- Wednesday, April 3:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

- Thursday, April 4:** Creamy mac & cheese w/ side of Tyson whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 5:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

- Monday, April 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty
- Tuesday, April 2:** Loaded tator tot nachos served w/ warm soft pretzel
- Wednesday, April 3:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, April 4:** Creamy mac & cheese w/ side of Tyson whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 5:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

- Monday, April 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty

- Tuesday, April 2:** Loaded tator tot nachos served w/ warm soft pretzel
- Wednesday, April 3:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, April 4:** Creamy mac & cheese w/ side of Tyson whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 5:** Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served with warm marinara sauce

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

- Monday, April 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty
- Tuesday, April 2:** Loaded tator tot nachos served w/ warm soft pretzel
- Wednesday, April 3:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, April 4:** Creamy mac & cheese w/ side of Tyson whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 5:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

- Monday, April 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty
- Tuesday, April 2:** Loaded tator tot nachos served w/ warm soft pretzel
- Wednesday, April 3:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
- Thursday, April 4:** Creamy mac & cheese w/ side of Tyson whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
- Friday, April 5:** Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

- Monday, April 1:** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll OR Shepherd's pie & dinner roll
- Tuesday, April 2:** Chicken nuggets & fries
- Wednesday, April 3:** Cheese lasagna & garlic bread
- Thursday, April 4:** Sloppy Joe's & fries
- Friday, April 5:** Assorted pizza

John Thomson who were deceased. He wrote that their lands “are situate lying and being within the farthest colonies of New Plimoth” and are “not yet put within any town nor county which is found to be very prejudicial and inconvenient to us”.

He sent a second letter on October 18, 1706, repeating his concerns and adding that not being in any county “we know not how to prosecute those that cut and carry away our timber off from our land.” There is a lot more flowery language and prayers to God that a “righteous” decision will be made.

This second letter or petition did the trick and in October, 1706, the council ordered that the tract of land “therein mentioned be annexed to the county of Barnstable and at present put under the constablwick of Rochester until this council shall see cause otherwise to order”. Hopefully, this put an end to the thefts of his timber.

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 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 nonriders alike. This fantastically fun

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March 27
7 PM


A Liturgy of
Shadows



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28
7 PM

Holy
Eucharist and
Foot Washing




GOOD FRIDAY

March 29

2 PM
Stations of
The Cross


7 PM
Solemn
Liturgy with
Passion Play



EASTER VIGIL

March 30
7 PM

Ancient Eucharist
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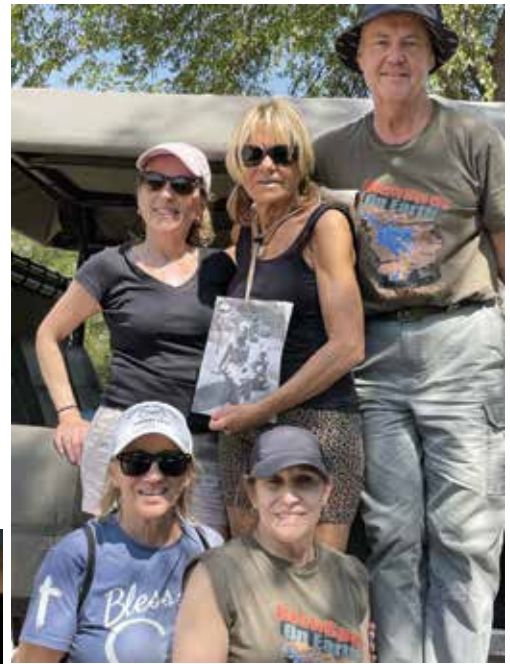




TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The youth group at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion hosted Passover Haggadah dinner on March 22, attended by church members, family and friends. Wendy Reardon is the leader of the youth group, and Father Eric Fialho is the pastor.

The Seder meal was prepared and served by the youth group, and they shared Passover readings. Photo courtesy Kathy Morgan



Tri-Town residents who were part of the Real Impact Missions team that went to Botswana, Africa, from March 1 to 12 included, from left, top row: Patty Maccini, Mattapoissett; Tabitha Tripp, Marion and Michael Coffey, Mattapoissett. Bottom row: Kerin McKinnon, Mattapoissett and Julie Boren, Marion.



Rochester Cub Scouts Pack 31 hosted a Pinewood Derby on March 13 at Rochester Memorial School. Photos by Mick Colageo



The Nurse, played by Trillian White, wraps a paper cut suffered by Lord Montague (Cassidy Moor) in the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School's March 16-17 production of Romeo & Winifred. Photo courtesy ORR District

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

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

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.

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 Mattapoissett 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 Mattapoissett Free Public Library website, contact the library at (508) 758-4171, or email us at mfpl@sailsinc.org.

Tri-County Music Association

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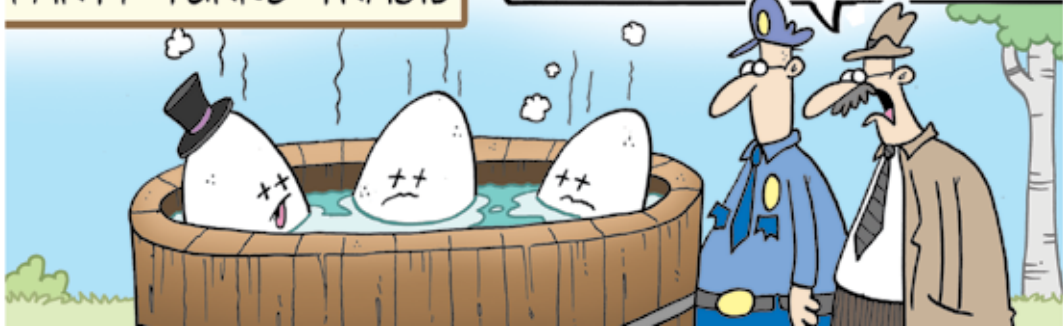


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Summer Study Grant. Each year the Tri-County Music Association awards thousands of dollars to aspiring local high school and college musicians from the Tri-County area. The music scholarships are conditional and available to students who are music 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: tricontysymphonicband.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. Learn more and view past performances at 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 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



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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

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- 11 In addition
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- 19 Steel, e.g.
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- 21 Empty spaces
- 22 World's fair
- 23 Illegal detention
- 25 Columbus is its capital
- 26 British actor Guinness
- 27 "Mind your — business!"
- 28 High, round collar not folding over on itself
- 31 Without any variety
- 35 Ingest
- 36 Boston NBAer, for short
- 37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.
- 41 New Nintendo console of 2012
- 43 Big antlered beast
- 47 Opposite of dep., in an airport

- 48 Thin porridge
- 50 Saw against the main grain, as wood
- 52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent
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- 60 Tiny arachnid
- 61 J. — Hoover
- 64 Like overdue birthday wishes
- 67 Bill & Ted went on one in a 1991 film
- 70 Worms
- 71 Bible book after Prov.
- 74 Q-V linkup
- 75 "Spider-Man" director Sam
- 76 Wedlock not based on love
- 79 Cheer up
- 81 Burros, e.g.
- 82 — occasion (never)
- 83 Paris' river
- 84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.
- 85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe
- 91 "Beloved" novelist Toni
- 94 Buc, Bronco or Niner
- 95 Beatty of film

- 97 Cindy Brady player Susan
- 98 Former jets to the U.K.
- 101 Bit of non-needed body art
- 105 Sour plum
- 107 Stage star Hagen
- 109 Title for Kate Middleton
- 110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps
- 117 Even score
- 118 Forum attire
- 119 In the past
- 120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle
- 125 Coagulate
- 126 Rebuke from Caesar
- 127 Like a dweeb
- 128 About, before a date
- 129 At this place
- 130 Lather (up)
- 131 Gather up
- 132 Hoodwinked

- 5 Whole lotta
- 6 Knightly title
- 7 Bulblike base of a stem
- 8 — cat (two-base game)
- 9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.
- 10 Jewish potato pancake
- 11 Relative of a guinea pig
- 12 Lion portrayer Bert
- 13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair
- 14 "— Mio"
- 15 Crude sheds
- 16 Car shaft
- 17 Project detail, for short
- 18 Sell at a pawnshop
- 24 Opponent
- 29 "I taut I — a puddy tat!"
- 30 Shade trees
- 31 Flip — coin
- 32 DEA worker
- 33 Irish money
- 34 Bring about
- 38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.
- 39 Add-on to the end of a wd.
- 40 Bit of a bray
- 42 Most polar
- 44 Sea nymph
- 45 Sovereign
- 46 Letter two before iota

- 49 VIP vehicle
- 51 Margarine
- 53 Deprives of weapons
- 54 "Sorry, too busy"
- 55 Bodily digit
- 56 Big striped cat, in French
- 57 A/C output qty.
- 62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —
- 63 Like low-quality eggs
- 64 City transport
- 65 Alcohol in liquor
- 66 Landlords or landladies
- 67 Empty
- 68 Having protruding hearing organs
- 69 Yang go-with
- 72 Sings gently
- 73 U.S. pres., militarily
- 77 Inquires
- 78 "Continue"
- 80 Architect Maya
- 83 Chiang Kai- —
- 84 Broody rock genre
- 86 Investigate pryingly
- 87 Very loudly, in music

- 88 Miami loc.
- 89 Stud money
- 90 Old Storms and Trackers
- 92 Paraphrase
- 93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.
- 96 Two, in Chile
- 99 Maintenance job on a car
- 100 Indy sponsor
- 102 Ballet outfit
- 103 Something very easy
- 104 Vegas casino
- 106 Some Siouan speakers
- 108 MetLife rival
- 110 Concern for a dermatologist
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- 112 Horror film lab assistant
- 113 Twice tetra-
- 114 "Psst" cousin
- 115 — avis
- 116 Some old Fords
- 121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
- 122 Hosp. zones
- 123 Ideal serve
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- 1 Global finance org.
- 2 Teacher's union, in brief
- 3 Old TV ministry inits.
- 4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The last lingering days of winter leave the rambunctious Ram more restless than usual. Put all of the extra energy into strengthening a long-neglected relationship.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The clever Bull will ignore outward appearances and dig a little deeper to find important hidden facts before making a decision. Meanwhile, a friend needs you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to reorganize around your home and on the job. Missing items will seem to magically reappear once you discard the clutter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Tame that skeptical nature of yours. Be open to well-intended advice from a family member. A co-worker also has a suggestion that can be beneficial to the both of you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A so-called bargain could turn out to be a mite more risky than you thought. Keep your purse closed for now. A better deal is just down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A sudden romantic overture emerges out of the past and catches you off guard. Respond with your usual honesty. This is not the time for coyness.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Romantic aspects are especially favorable this week. A career move also holds positive potential. Check out possible drawbacks before making a final decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You dislike changing plans, but it could be a wise move to be a little more flexible than usual. The reason will become apparent very soon.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A loved one may feel left out of your life as you pursue your objectives this week. Take time to offer reassurances that your priorities haven't changed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to stop nursing your wounded pride and start repairing a strained friendship. Take the first step now and let the healing process begin.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Expect good news about a particular health problem. Then go out and celebrate with friends and family. There's good news about your financial health as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A state of confusion marks the early part of this week, but explanations will come in time to clear things up for you. Be cautious about making promises.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love being with people, whether it's a crowd or the company of just a few friends. You have strong family loyalties and can be counted on in crisis situations.

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

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 1**.

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

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

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.

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 or (508) 999-6363.

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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1205</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Dennis Clemishaw, for property located at 99 Perry's Lane, Rochester, MA 02770, Map 9, Lot 16D. The applicant seeks to remove dead and dying pine trees.</p> <p>This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88364861065 Meeting ID: 883 6486 1065 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 3/28</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT ON PROPOSED DE MINIMIS IMPACT DETERMINATION ON SECTION 4(F) RESOURCES – (Washburn Park and Washburn Park Conservation Area)</p> <p>PROJECT: SHARED USE PATH CONSTRUCTION (PHASE 1), FROM THE MARION-MATTAPOISETT T.L. TO POINT ROAD MassDOT Project #607979 PROPONENT: Town of Marion</p>
<p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1206</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The Town of Mattapoisett is requesting sealed bids from General Contractors for the construction of the Town Highway Dept. Garage: Phase One in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Stephen Kelleher Architects, Inc.. Bid Forms and Contract Documents shall be available online at www.Projectdog.com beginning on March 27, 2024. Log in and enter the Project Code #861005 in the search box and select "Acquire Documents" for a free, downloadable bid set. Hard copy documents may also be viewed, but not removed, from the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. Neither Owner nor Architect shall be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than Projectdog Inc. General Bids will be received until 2:00 pm, prevailing time, on April 26, 2024 and publicly opened online, forthwith. Filed sub-bids for the trades listed in the documents will be received until 2:00 pm, prevailing time, on April 12, 2024 and opened online, forthwith. The Town of Mattapoisett reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality, and to make the award as may be in the best interest of the Town. 3/28, 4/4</p>	<p>This notice is being published to solicit public comments regarding the above-referenced federal aid transportation improvement project pursuant to Section 4(f) of the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Act of 1966 (23 CFR 774). Information specific to the proposed project and its impacts, avoidance, minimization, mitigation, or enhancement measures may be obtained from: Alex Lamarche, 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, MA 02116, alex.g.lamarche@dot.state.ma.us.</p>
<p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)</p> <p>On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:05 pm, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing to recommend the proposed bylaw changes for the Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 40A, s. 5 and the Town's General Bylaws. The proposed changes pertain to the following sections: 230-2.3 Powers of Board of Appeals (230-2.3D) 230-4.2 Table of Principal Uses 230-5.3 Multifamily Residential Housing 230-5.6 Special Permit and Local Initiative Program Dwelling Units (230-5.6A; 230-5.6B(5)) 230-6.1 Nonconforming Uses and Structures (§D, §E.2) 230-6.2 Signs (230-6.2A(4); 230-6.2A(5); 230-6.2D(4)) 230-11.2 Definitions</p> <p>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, Town Clerk during normal business hours, or online at the Town of Marion Planning Board website.</p> <p>Please email Danyca Filiatreault for the remote meeting information: dfiliatreault@marionma.gov. If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you identify your name and address for the record. Tucker Burr, Chairman Andrew Daniel, Vice Chairman 3/28, 4/4</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a public hearing of the Rochester School Committee regarding school choice for the 2024-2025 school year at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, April 4, 2024. This hybrid meeting will be held at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA 02770. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/96815845547?pwd=MIJtRVFXOVlPTWVHaUllcEg3U2l1QT09 Meeting ID: 968 1584 5547 Passcode: 146869</p> <p>Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 3/28</p>	<p>The Town of Marion in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) proposes to construct a 10-foot wide shared-use path (SUP) from the Mattapoisett/Marion town line to Point Road in Marion. The project, as designed, will require permanent and temporary easements within Washburn Park off Front Street and along Washburn Lane for construction of the shared-use path, parking area, and related improvements. The project will also require permanent and temporary easements within Washburn Park Conservation Area off Interstate 195 and Point Road for construction of the shared-use path, wetland replication area, and related improvements. The park and conservation area, which are owned by the Town of Marion, are protected as significant public recreational resources under Section 4(f) of the DOT Act.</p> <p>MassDOT intends to pursue a determination that the proposed use of the permanent easements for the construction of a shared-use path, parking area, wetland replication area, and related improvements within the park and conservation area meet the definition of de minimis (or minor) impacts, as specified under 23 CFR 774.17(5). A de minimis finding is being made based on the preliminary assessment that the proposed use of this resource will have no adverse effects on the recreational activities, features or attributes qualifying it for Section 4(f) protection. All persons wishing to comment on the project should write or email to the address noted above within 15 days of this notice. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project-related decisions. 3/28</p> <p>-----</p> <p>ORRS SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a public hearing of the Old Rochester School Committee regarding school choice for the 2024-2025 school year at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, April 11, 2024. This hybrid meeting will be held in the Media Room located at the Jr. High School at 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/96815845547?pwd=MIJtRVFXOVlPTWVHaUllcEg3U2l1QT09</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 48</i></p>



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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.

March 28 at 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday. This somber service includes Communion, Scripture reading and the gradual extinguishing of lights in the Sanctuary to impress upon the hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior’s sacrifice. Since this is such a solemn service, we ask that attendees enter and exit in silence.

March 29 at 7:00 pm – Good Friday. This Good Friday gathering will include Communion and a special message called “Leave It on the Cross.”

March 31 – Resurrection Sunday. Our sunrise gathering begins at 7:30 am on the Church Green and will be followed by a free Easter breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. An Easter worship gathering will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am during which we will celebrate that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is alive. So that we can adequately prepare for the free breakfast, we ask that you call the church office at 508-763-4314 by **March 24** to let us know you’re coming.

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.

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



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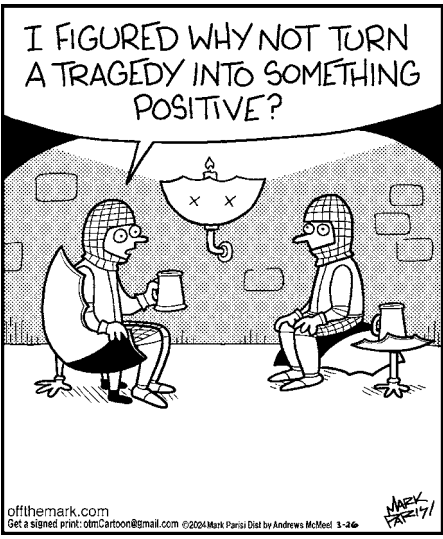
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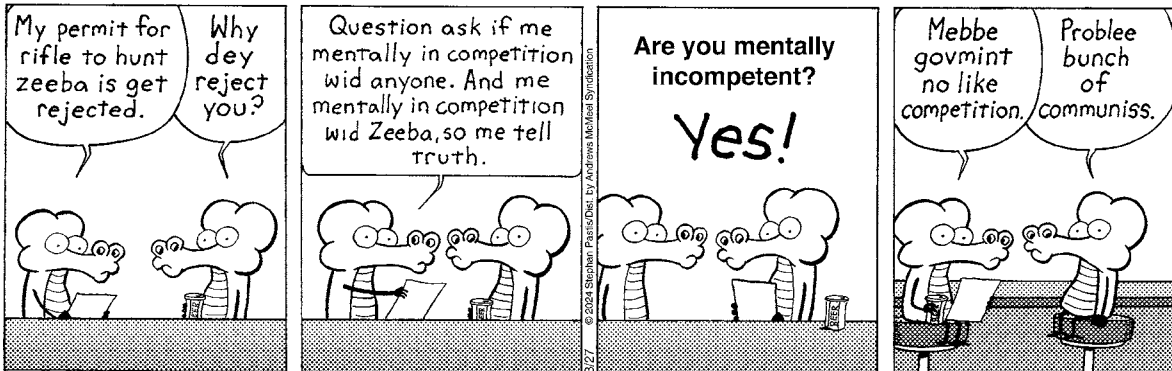
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ORCTV Annual Meeting

ORCTV will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, **May 2** at the ORCTV studio. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm and will include the election of officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. All current ORCTV station members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The nominees for 2024 are:

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

MATTREC Programs

Mattapoisett Recreation is pleased to announce late Spring program sign-ups are now open online. We have Youth and Adult pickleball starting in late April along with running club for grades K-6. Summer planning is well underway, and we plan to have online registration open for our Seahorse Explorers program for Mattapoisett Town residents only starting **April 1**. We will then open to nonresident returning campers on April 4 and to nonresident new campers on **April 8**.

Visit our website at www.mattrec.net to see all of our program offerings.

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.

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More Music at the MAC in April

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

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Mattapoissett Yacht Club 2024 Season

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

Mattapoissett Yacht Club Annual Spring Fling 2024 Social will be held on **May 18**. Look for our flyer coming shortly. It's always great to start the season with a party. MYC members and their guests celebrate the beginning of summer and start making their plans. The most discussed topic: "when is your boat going in?" Appetizers and drinks are provided. It's a great way to catch up after a

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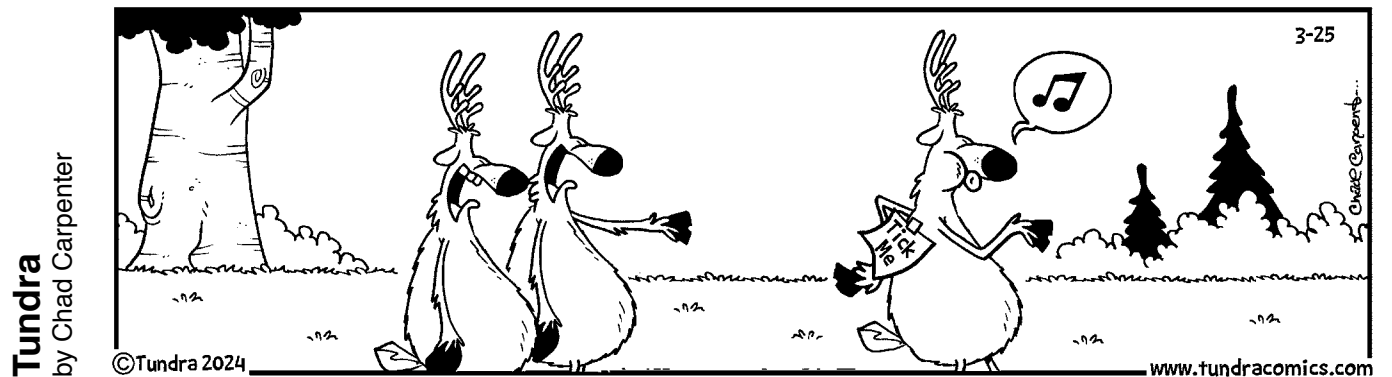
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- Gabriella Berg March 30
- Kyle Medeiros March 30
- Liam Patrick Murray March 30
- Rhonda Criscuolo March 30
- Tom Figueiredo March 30
- Colin Surdam March 31
- Lauren MacLean Fontaine March 31
- Michael A. Cahillane March 31
- Robert R. Bolduc March 31
- Zoë Motta March 31
- Amanda Eldridge April 1
- Mildred Souza April 1
- Hazel Kakley April 2
- Mary Duff April 2
- Rebecca Longworth April 2
- Sam Dorothy April 2
- Timothy Dunn April 2
- Carrie Tucker April 3
- Christian Bertram April 3
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Mattapoissett Woman's Club Offers Scholarships

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

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

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

In addition, this spring the Club will also be offering one (1) Continuing Education \$1,500.00 scholarship award to a Mattapoissett resident who is planning to pursue a bachelors, masters, CAGS, doctorate, or other academic degree or advanced career or trade

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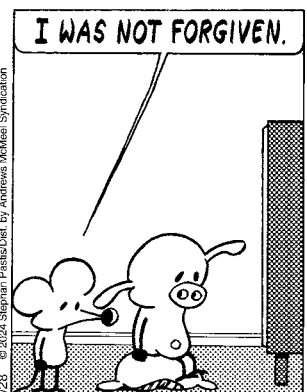
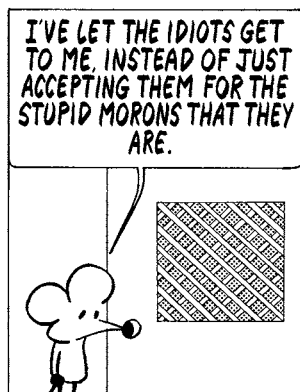
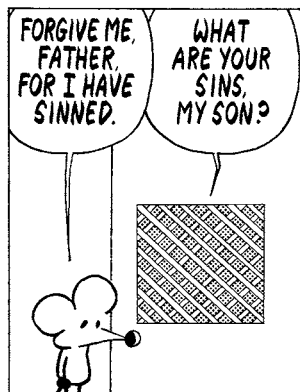
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



certification during the coming year.

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

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

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Cruising Club

Join in the fun as MYC announces its 2024 Cruising dates and locations. Membership does have its privileges and MYC is now accepting new members. To join: www.mattapoisettyc.org/membership-registration.

First Cruise: **June 28-29-30**. Bassett Island cruise at Redbook Harbor leaving on Friday afternoon and returning on Sunday. Activities include gatherings in the evenings at Bassett Island or Pocasset Landing and/or Chart Room in Cataumet.

Cruise Captain: Wesley

Second Cruise: **July 3-7**. Fourth of July Cruise to Marion, New Bedford, and Edgartown. Join for one night or several. The dates may change depending on date of fireworks in Marion.

Cruise Captain: Ken

Third Cruise: **July 19-August 6**. Extended cruise to Maine. Harbors include Gloucester, Kittery Maine, Portland ME, Boothbay harbor, North Haven and return through Kittery Maine, Gloucester, and Provincetown. Departure from each harbor will be based upon weather and cruise captain directives.

Cruise Captain: Carlos

Fourth Cruise: **August 30-September 3**. Labor Day Cruise includes Cuttyhunk and Return Home or extend through Narragansett Bay. Social gathering and beach fire at Cuttyhunk is anticipated based upon weather.

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MHC Needs Your Help

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission has contracted with a Preservation Consultant to complete a multiphase community-wide inventory of its historic and cultural resources. Holy Ghost Grounds has been identified as a priority resource due to its significance in the history and development of the Town of Mattapoisett.

The Commission is looking for information and old photographs to include in its documentation of Holy Ghost Grounds. We would be most appreciative if you could forward copies to the Commission. Please submit copies only as we have no secure storage.

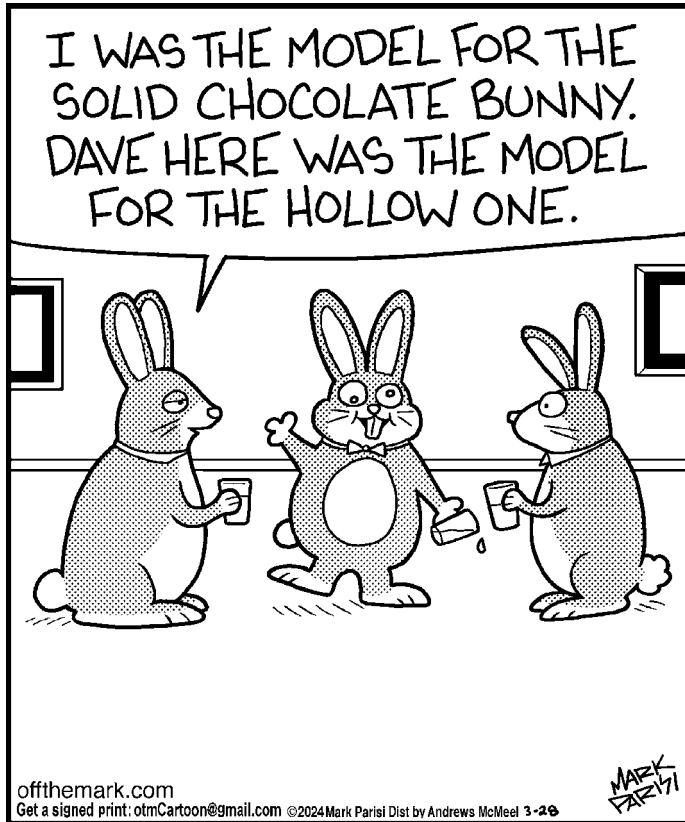
The inventory of historic resources is documented on Massachusetts Historical Commission forms. The forms are forwarded to the Massachusetts Historical Commission where they are digitized and placed on an easily accessible website. They are also available in hard copy at the public library.

Please email Rachel McGourthy: cranber440@aol.com with any information.

Thank you for your help in preserving and protecting the history of Mattapoisett.

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Mattapoisett Land Trust Inc	Walker, James M Adm Walker, George By Adm	0 Union Ave	Mattapoisett	03/08/2024	10,000.00
Mcguire, Cheryl A	Mcguire, Cheryl A TR Indian Head NT	4 Tinkham Ln	Mattapoisett	03/08/2024	242,000.00
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Byron, Michael G Byron, Morgan Matthews	Long Built Homes Inc	3 Cooper Way	Mattapoisett	03/11/2024	775,365.00
Leech, Coralina	Long Built Homes Inc	2 Cooper Way	Mattapoisett	03/12/2024	784,165.00

Local Tides



Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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
Monday	April 8	8:18	8:42	2:02	2:00
Tuesday	April 9	9:07	9:30	2:55	2:42
Wednesday	April 10	9:56	10:19	3:45	3:25
Thursday	April 11	10:46	11:10	4:31	4:08
Friday	April 12	11:39		5:15	4:51
Saturday	April 13	12:04	12:34	6:02	5:36
Sunday	April 14	1:02	1:31	7:10	6:29

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	April 1st
	New Moon	April 9th
	First Quarter	April 15th
	Full Moon	April 23rd

I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the March 21, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 1

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

- Crease
- Debate;
- Denial;
- Cheat

Today's Word
ATHLETIC

Sudoku Answer

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

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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