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Students' Handiwork Honors Vietnam Veterans **By Mick Colageo**

Thanks to some industrious and talented teenagers, Vietnam veterans from Rochester have a handsome new memorial commemorating their service just inside the front door at Rochester Town Hall.

Five students from Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School worked on the memorial that was dedicated on March 29 by the Rochester Select Board.

"A beautiful job Old Colony did to honor our Vietnam veterans - very impressive," said Paul Ciaburri, the chairman of the Select Board who publicly thanked Old Colony teachers and students for their work on the project.

Old Colony juniors Davi Pinho-Coelho and Nicholas Fringuelli worked on the carpentry part of the memorial, while William Fringuelli, Wyatt Smiley and Alec Arsenault of the Machine & Tool Technology Department fashioned the brass nameplates.

I think it's great that they served, it's a really hard thing to do," said Pinho-Coelho, who wants to become a finish carpenter and is honing his skills on cabinetry and baseboards.

Doug Sims, who along with Paul Soucy from the Mill & Wood Department and Mike Ferreira from the Machine and Tool Technology Department helped supervise the students' work, explained that Dave Watling, a local veteran widely known for his work on Rochester's waterbodies, applied the polyurethane finish.

Watling used the occasion to publicly recognize Ann Soares for her efforts that have increased the number of veterans attending local meetings from typically just a few to 38 at the March 1 meeting. The American flags atop the new memorial were placed there by Soares, something Watling wanted to include as a symbol of her dedication to local veterans.

Tri-Town Veterans Agent Chris Gerrior credited

On the Cover: Veterans Art Benner and Bob Reed get a closeup look at the new memorial honoring the service of Rochester residents in the Vietnam War. The memorial, the handiwork of Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School students, was unveiled on Friday at Rochester Town Hall. Photo by Mick Colageo

Watling for setting the memorial in motion.

"This is something that a Rochester resident and a veteran thought that needed to be done. He talked to some people, and he made it happen and I think it's great, so thank you Dave," said Gerrior, sparking a round of applause.

Ciaburri noted that Vietnam Veterans Day was proclaimed by President Nixon in 1974, but it was hardly recognized. Gerrior further explained that until 2017 when another proclamation was made, it was considered "a lesser day."

Like Vietnam veterans themselves, whose service during an era of harsh protest went largely unappreciated for many years, the day honoring them had long flown under the community radar. Not anymore.

"It's really just a sign of the times ... like in '74 it was a much different attitude ... but now we're in a different time, and we can look at it differently," said Gerrior. "That's a good thing, finally," said Ciaburri. "I agree," said Gerrior.

Watling said he's been impressed by his interaction with the students whose work produced the

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memorial.

"I feel better about the future," he said. "These kids kind of lifted my spirits."

Old Colony students have been making a difference with their skills on other projects, such as the cupola atop the Plumb Library across Rochester's village green from Town Hall.

Sims noted that Pinho-Coelho is one of 24 Old Colony carpentry students working in synch with an Old Colony electrical class and students from the plumbing department at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on a renovation of the Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion building on Depot Street in Mattapoisett.

"We're renovating two bathrooms and a handicap ramp," said Pinho-Coelho.

The project is 75% complete but facing construction complications with the second bathroom. That has resulted in more work for Old Colony's Architectural and Engineering shop.

"They come out and do site visits and reports," said Sims, who explained that Old Colony students begin taking on these projects as juniors, helping in the community at municipal properties and nonprofit organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity.

School Committee Seats Challenged

Tri-Town Elections By Mick Colageo

Robin Rounseville has confirmed her bid to run for re-election to the Rochester School Committee, while fellow incumbent Jason Chisholm pulled papers but had yet to return them as of Tuesday morning. The deadline to return papers in Rochester was April 3. There are two challengers for seats on the Rochester School Committee: Matthew Bache and Joshua Trombly.

Rochester resident Matthew Monteiro is being challenged by Stacie Noble Shriver for his seat on the Old Rochester Regional School Committee.

Kristina Schmid-Callina is bidding for one of two open seats on the Marion School Committee against incumbents April Nye and Michelle Ouellette-Smith. Kathleen Ann McArdle and Jack Lebrun are



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challenging incumbent Jim Muse for his seat on the Mattapoisett School Committee. on the committee. Two terms expire this year, including that of Tiffini Reedy, who is not seeking re-election.

Along with the local school committees, Select Board seats are being challenged in all three Tri-Towns.

Ben Bailey, a member of both the Rochester Planning Board and Conservation Commission, is challenging Paul Ciaburri for his seat on the Select Board. Marion Select Board member Randy Parker is being challenged by Diane Lopes Flaherty, and Mattapoisett incumbent Jodi Bauer is being challenged by Kathleen Costello.

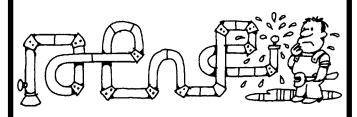
Also in Mattapoisett, incumbent Leonard Coppola is being challenged by Alan Apperson for his seat on the Board of Assessors.

Tom Tucker has returned papers confirming his re-election bid on the Mattapoisett Planning Board. Russell Bailey is not seeking re-election to the Mattapoisett Board of Health, but Alexandra Nicolosi has returned papers and is running for the open seat.

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Sarah Eby is essentially running unopposed in her re-election bid to the Rochester Board of Health, as Dale Barrows' retirement adds an opening for candidate Michael Amato.

The Tri-Town elections are being held by Marion on May 17, by Mattapoisett on May 21 and by Rochester on May 22.

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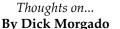
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Carl Reiner, the late American actor, and humorist wrote: "If I don't see my name in the obituaries in the morning, I eat breakfast."

If you scan the obits every day as I do (it's an old person's thing), you will notice that there are not many wakes held as there used to be. The bereaved often opt for a memorial service at a future date.

Personally, I am not surprised. A while back we had a death in the family, then a friend unexpectedly passed on, and I was reminded how much I dislike wakes. And my distaste for them goes way back.

Some kids' dads took them to the zoo, others out sailing, still others to the ballgame. My dad took me to wakes, a father-son bonding experience I would have preferred to avoid.

Growing up in a Portuguese family, attending wakes was almost a weekly event. If a Portuguese person's obituary appeared in the local paper, my father, as a measure of respect, would make it a ritual to attend the wake, and he would drag me along just for good measure.

Going to a funeral home is never a pleasant experience. In those days, it was downright mystifying for a little kid. The rooms where the caskets were displayed were dark and foreboding, filled with people much older and larger than me. They were ideal settings to mourn the passing of a loved one who may or may not have ascended into heaven.

The chapels, as they were called, had few windows which were covered with heavy, dark maroon (always maroon) drapes. The shiny caskets were surrounded with flowers in white wicker baskets or formed into wreaths, hearts and upside-down horseshoes, which I thought was because the deceased was a horse lover.

Women mourners would kneel in front of the casket, say a short prayer, then quietly fill rows of chairs directly behind the family. The men, clad in black suits and black ties, would pass by the bier to pay their

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respects, ask forgiveness for some slight they may have done the corpse in life, then immediately retire to the smoking room in the back and disappear into a blue haze not unlike what I imagined the gates of Hell looked like.

The female members of the decease's family would be seated directly in front of the casket swathed in black behind black veils alternately weeping softly followed by wretched wails, then sorrowful moaning. Someone would inevitably whisper that the deceased looked as though they were sleeping. Ugh! Who sleeps in a suit anyway? To my young mind, the whole thing was nightmare inducing.

Dad would keep one eye on the entrance, knowing that when the priest arrived it was time for prayers that would take two hours. That's when we hightailed it out the door – we might have another wake to attend. It didn't take long before I knew mortician would not be my chosen profession.

Today there are no more maroon curtains or smoking rooms. The chapels are called viewing rooms. They still have rows of chairs, but there is likely to be a sofa or two scattered about. Videos of happier times play on an endless loop ... a celebration of the dear departed's life.

To my regret, dad has long since attended his last wake, where unfortunately he was the primary participant. He was the popular town barber. The queue wrapped around the block. There were hundreds of

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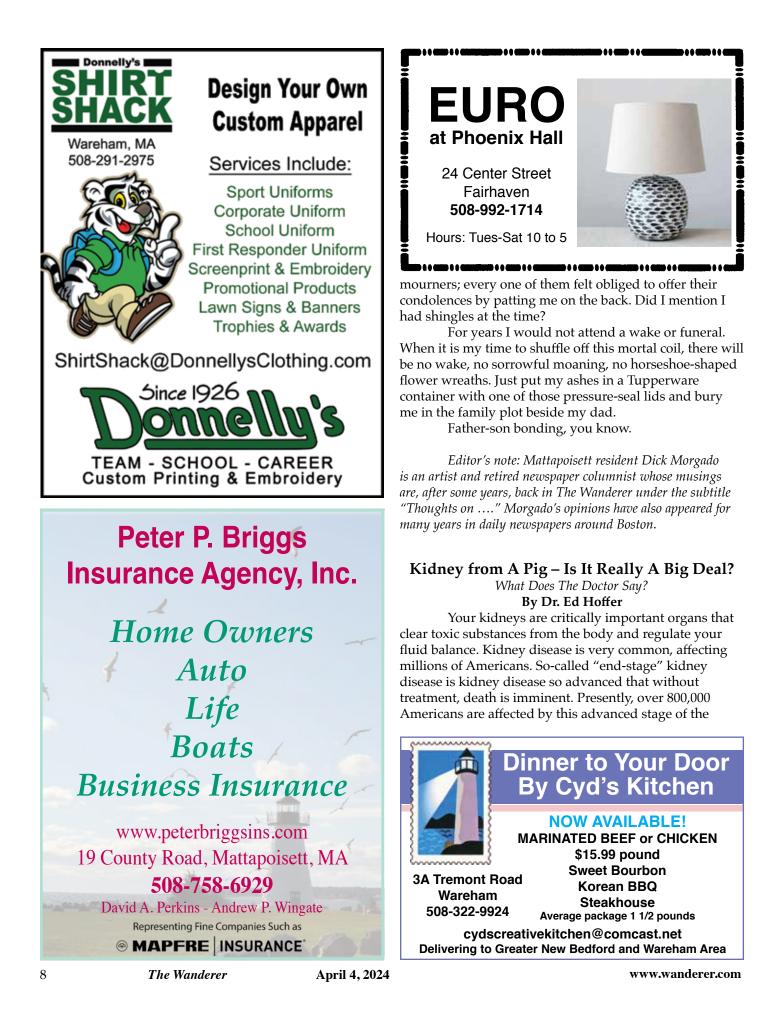
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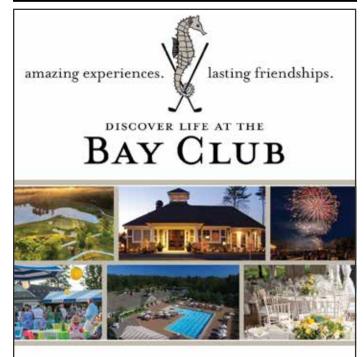
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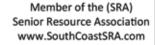


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The number-one cause of chronic kidney failure is poorly controlled, high blood pressure, so if you have hypertension, be sure to have it controlled with medication.

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

Board Moves to Incentivize Firefighters Rochester Select Board By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board Monday approved Fire Chief Scott Weigel's request to increase his department salaries by 2.5% for FY25. Compounded atop the town's 2.5%, across-the-board, Cost of Living Adjustment for its employees, the net 5% raise is designed to help Rochester







lose fewer call firefighters to surrounding towns paying more.

Weigel's request came in the wake of the Finance Committee's effort last week to realize departmental budget cuts to achieve one half of the \$600,000 in spending decreases needed for a balanced FY25 operations budget.

Town Administrator Glenn Cannon told the Finance Committee last week that the Select Board could alter its 2.5% COLA proposal for FY25 salaries before the May 13 Annual Town Meeting warrant is finalized.

Weigel's request was based on the difference that would realize a net 5% increase for firefighters. He won the Select Board's approval of the 2.5% departmental



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increase after repeating his argument that 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 retain the people we have," Weigel explained.

The three Select Board members swiftly agreed. "We're trying to stay competitive with surrounding towns," said Adam Murphy after the vote.

In other action during the brief meeting, the Select Board, in tandem with the town moderator and the Old Colony Regional School District Subcommittee, reappointed Shirley Bourque to the Old Colony Vocational-Technical High School Authority.

The board approved an employee-retirement citation for Karen Walega, who is retiring in June after serving as the Marion-Rochester Health District Director for 31 years and Rochester's Health Director for four years.

The board signed the letter of support for the Wareham waterline extension project and its funding.

The board tabled an agenda item that would have appointed John Walcek, who retired as Wareham Police chief in 2021, as interim Rochester Police Chief. Rochester Police Chief Robert Small has announced his retirement.

The Select Board scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, April 16, at 6 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.





Boat Article Amended Marion Select Board By Mick Colageo

There is no controversy inside Marion town government as to the need for a new patrol boat in its harbor, but arguments on how to fund the boat bloated Tuesday night's Select Board meeting well beyond three hours.

The concern brought to the board by Shay Assad is that voters are likely to reject an article on Town Meeting floor if they feel it represents a broken promise.

"I think that's a mistake. I think the Waterways Fund needs to fund the boat. Period. I fear that if it goes forward as presently structured, you're not going to get a vote. And we need a vote. ... It's not that I don't support boating, I've been a boater for 50 years," said Assad, who stressed that he was not representing the Finance Committee that he chairs but was speaking as a concerned citizen and long-time boater. "I'm suggesting you consider some kind of requirement that the Waterways reimburses the town."

As originally proposed, Article 16 of the warrant for the May 13 Town Meeting would avoid debt in paying for the patrol boat by evenly dividing the \$800,000 cost between the Waterways Account (\$403,250) and the Treasury aka Free Cash (\$400,000).

The ramifications of tapping into free cash, a strategy recommended by Town Administrator Geoff

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Gorman and Finance Director Heather O'Brien on the basis of fiscal responsibility, became a matter of controversy when it was pointed out by Assad that the town had assured taxpayers that the much-needed patrol boat would come entirely out of the Waterways Account, an enterprise fund supported by harbor-related fees.

Much has changed over the past few years, and on this night the Select Board was charged with the closing of the Town Meeting warrant.

Select Board Chairman Toby Burr agreed that despite the changes in the town's financial circumstances as affected by post-COVID inflation exasperated by delays in major municipal projects such as the new Harbormaster headquarters and new Department of Public Works



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Select Board members Randy Parker and Norm Hills made comment, as did Harbormaster Adam Murphy.

The result of the lengthy debate is that voters will see two articles with an opportunity to choose between them. One is to fund the patrol boat according to Article 16 as originally prepared, and the alternative is bonding the entire purchase (\$803,250) to be paid by harbor receipts.

Another article of interest was Number 31, a placeholder for a potential public hearing that could result in Marion's opting out of the state's Stretch Building Code.



Building Commissioner Bob Grillo alerted the board as to changes in the Stretch Code that are scheduled for July 1 and some of the ramifications facing the town. He told the board about the HERS (Home Energy Rating System) that scores homes based on components, including energy efficiency, window seals, leakage and appliances.

Grillo explained there is a Base Code and the Stretch Code, and both are becoming stricter in a lowerequals-more-efficient system. Since its January 2019 adoption, the HERS (55) and Base Code (66) requirements, which to this point have only been applied to new construction, have already become more challenging, as HERS has gone from 55 to 52. On July 1 it will go down to 42, while Base Code will go down to 55.

The Stretch Code, as it affects residential construction, will no longer only apply to new buildings but to additions over 1,000 square feet in space and to renovations exceeding 50% of the house. Either threshold could trigger the code's requirements and not only for the work area but the rest of the existing home as well.

"You can see that there are going to be a lot of 'workarounds' on these things," said Grillo, who anticipates homeowners breaking projects into small groups so as to avoid triggering the Stretch Code. "Ultimately, that might cost a homeowner more money to do things that way, but people are going to find their way around it. ... The Stretch Code was an opt-in; it's changed, rather dramatically, in my opinion."

The HERS Rating four years ago, said Grillo, is the same as the Stretch Code now.

Concerned that this could mean an opt-out by Marion of the state's Green Communities program, Christian Ingerslev and Bill Saltonstall of the Energy Management Committee appeared to discuss many of the advantages of Marion's designation and the money saved through energy-related incentive programs.

Earlier this year while crunching numbers for its proposed fire station and police renovation, the Town of Rochester became the only municipality in Massachusetts to resign from Green Communities and the Stretch Code.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, at 6:45 pm at Sippican Elementary School, and a review of the articles on the warrant will be conducted on April 25 at the Music Hall.

Along with the closing of the warrant, the board approved Rules and Regulations for the Benson Brook Boutique Swap Shop that the DPW wants to open this month and receive goods as soon as possible. Volunteers are lined up and will be trained, some through the community tax-work-off program.

Four Water/Sewer commitments featured a \$1,110,902.38 in quarterly billing dated March 15.

On March 28, the Select Board held a special meeting to discuss a dog complaint filed by Fairhaven resident Miles Grant against Verena Hultsch, 20 Vine Street.



Town Counsel Gregg Corbo of KP Law explained a three-part public hearing in which, first, the person (Grant) who filed the complaint would testify, along with Animal Control Officer Susan Connor and other witnesses involving potential discussion with members of the Select Board. Secondly, the dog owner (Hultsch) would testify and bring forward any witnesses supporting her testimony, and finally the Select Board's deliberation.

Grant reiterated previously delivered testimony about the St. Bernard "Georgie" being off leash and unattended when it attacked his dog Harry, who has recovered from the incident at Silvershell Beach.

One of the letters supporting the complaint read into the record by Gorman requested that the town order that the St. Bernard be kept fenced in on its owner's property and away from any dog gatherings and, if off property and in the public, she be muzzled.

In its decision, the board granted those requests and added that the dog must be trained weekly for six months. Should the training succeed and there be no further incidents after one year, the board will dismiss the complaint, make no finding for one year providing the conditions are met. The board will also consider removing the muzzle requirement, but the dog will be required, when in public, to remain on a 3-foot leash.

The board noted that Animal Control Officer Susan Connor visited the dog owner's property and reported that the fence is adequate. Mr. and Mrs. Hultsch confirmed their acceptance of the conditions.

Should the conditions prove to be unsuccessful, then all of the complaints are back on the table with the potential for further sanctions.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00 pm at the Town House Annex building.

Department Heads Exceed Budget Goal

Rochester Finance Committee By Mike DeCicco

After Rochester Finance Director Suzanne Szyndlar said the town needs to cut \$300,000 from FY25 to end up with a balanced budget, that goal has been reached and in fact exceeded. At the conclusion of Rochester's Finance Committee on Monday, Szyndlar said, "\$327,921 has been reduced from the FY25 budget, so we are able to make our budget balanced."

The town's overall budget represents a 2.15% increase over FY24, but the town must also deal with a 5.08% increase from the Old Rochester Regional School District. Szyndlar said the Rochester Finance Committee cannot formally approve the town's budget number for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting warrant until ORR approves its final FY25 budget number this week.

"The good news is, if the school's number stays the same, we can balance the budget," she said. To get to that balanced number Monday, Szyndlar





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A Town Hall line item was reduced by \$20,000 to a total of \$569,970 because some of the hours laid aside to employ Old Colony Vocational-Technical High School students for Town Hall work were not used in last year's budget.

The Police Department budget was reduced by \$112,491 to \$1,705,000 by eliminating a request for a patrol vehicle and several other expense requests, Szyndlar said.

The Fire Department's most significant cut was \$23,229 to eliminate a request for a part-time, daytime firefighter to work Saturdays and Sundays. The department also cut approximately \$9,000 from Red Alert Mobile Dispatch, \$4,908 to equipment maintenance, oil heat (\$1,000), and medical services (\$1,000), totaling a reduction of \$42,071.44.

The Highway Department cut a salary request for an additional worker.

The Board of Health budget was reduced by \$11,025 by shaving off 10 additional hours requested for an administrative assistant.

The Council on Aging budget was reduced by cutting van-driving hours from 15 to 10 after Szyndlar discovered there had been less usage this year than what the department had anticipated.

The Rochester Finance Committee will meet next on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Boat Plan May Need Some PR

Marion Finance Committee By Mick Colageo

Marion Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad is concerned that the deviation from the original plan to pay for a new \$800,000 patrol boat may not sit well with voters at the May 13 Annual Town Meeting.

Before committee members voted during Monday night's public meeting to recommend the proposal that will be seen in Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting



warrant, Assad reminded Harbormaster Adam Murphy and Police Chief Richard Nighelli that the original plan was to finance a new patrol boat via the Waterways Account.

"The plan was always for the Waterways fund to carry this in its entirety. That's how the Marine Resources (Commission) pitched it. It will be an article of interest," said Assad.

As proposed, Article 16 pitches a sourcing evenly divided between the Waterways Account (\$403,250) and the Treasury also known as Free Cash (\$400,000). If the article fails in Town Meeting, the plan would be to borrow the money.

"One of the things that I'm trying to do is shift the culture ... the Harbormaster is not a 'they,' it's a department in the town," said Town Administrator Geoff Gorman, further emphasizing that ramifications of statewide police reform.

Noting that the purchase now falls under the Police Department and must be explicitly categorized as public-safety equipment, Gorman said the Harbormaster is "not a stepchild organization" but "part of the police, part of the commission."

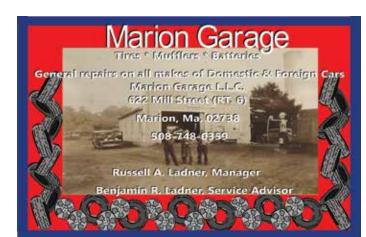
Gorman said the new patrol boat will have firefighting capabilities.

"Right now, we don't have a safe boat," he said. Assad clarified that the Finance Committee does not view the Harbormaster Department in any kind of lesser manner but nonetheless stressed the need to explain

to voters why the financing plan has changed. "I know there are a number of people who are

very sensitive to this. It came up with the harbormaster building itself. You might want to provide some fallback position in an article," said Assad. "The issue is, frankly ... the whole purpose of this Waterways Fund was to cover this kind of stuff. ... I know Judy (Mooney, recently retired finance director) and I were assured this was going to happen. This is going to be an issue with the townspeople."

The original plan to finance the patrol boat entirely out of the Waterways Account went off the rails when construction costs of the new harbormaster





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headquarters presently under construction at Island Wharf were inflated by approximately \$1,000,000.

Meantime, the state's Seaport Economic Council supplied the lion's share of the design and construction costs through grant funding but fell short in the final installment of the amount for which Marion applied. In a Special Town Meeting in October, the town voted to appropriate \$1,200,000 from the Waterways Account to make up the difference.

The Waterways Account has been boosted in the last year by across-the-board, harbor-related fee increases that Gorman told Assad would continue to replenish the fund. Gorman stated that the new plan will save at least half the money in interest.





"At the end of the day, we have three debt articles in a row. This is the one we have two completely different buckets, treasury funds that we can pay without debt," said Gorman.

Finance Committee member Tom Crowley told Gorman, "You're going to want to make this story really tight."

With five committee members attending the remote meeting, four "I" votes were confirmed via roll call, resulting in the committee's recommendation of Article 16.

Informational efforts have been critical to other Town Meeting votes, most notably a second-effort zoning change making land off Route 6 eligible for a townhousestyle, residential development (yet to break ground).

In another move to address post-COVID, construction-cost inflation, the Finance Committee voted to recommend Article 15, which will ask voters to approve the transfer of \$803,195 (for materials) out of Free Cash and to borrow \$896,450 to complete the cost of building the new operations center for the Department of Public Works operations building at Benson Brook.

Gorman reported that bids came in last Friday afternoon, the lowest being from South Coast Improvement Corporation, the same company building the new harbormaster headquarters. The bid was higher than the estimated 2021 Town Meeting appropriation, so Article 15, explained Gorman, will total approximately



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\$1,660,000. Gorman said the resultant annual increase in the average Marion homeowner's annual tax bill will be \$18.

After a brief interview with Old Rochester Regional District Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howard Barber, the committee also approved Article 2, the FY25 operations budget.

The FY25 Schools Budget features a \$7,080,780 assessment for Sippican Elementary (a 6.22% increase over FY24) and a \$5,551,389 assessment to Marion taxpayers for ORR Junior and Senior high schools (a 5.24% increase over FY24).

Nelson and Barber also laid out the results of

a hired firm's recent review of ORR facilities for the committee's consumption. The school district has debt coming off the books at the end of FY24 and discussed the advantages of taking on new debt to address critical needs of the school buildings.

Three major issues are being prioritized: a complete update of the HVAC system, replacement of 60 entry doors and a new public-address technology that will bridge the Junior and Senior high school buildings.

The Select Board was scheduled to close the Annual Town Meeting warrant during its regular public meeting on Tuesday night. The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was not scheduled upon adjournment.





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Three-Lot Subdivision Approved Mattapoisett Planning Board **By Marilou Newell** Coming before the Mattapoisett Planning

Board on April 1, this time with a filing for an Approval Not Required petition, was applicant Colin Labrie, represented by Chris Vandenberghe of Civil and Environmental Consultants.

During an informal meeting in March, Labrie and Vandenberghe met with the board to propose an eight-lot subdivision in a 9-acre parcel in the Holly Woods neighborhood.

That proposal met with some resistance from homeowners in the area, giving voice to concerns over



traffic and stormwater runoff, along with changes to the character of the area. Labrie was encouraged by the board to meet with his neighbors to discuss the project and discuss their concerns. Waivers requested before a formal filing included the requirement of sidewalks and the allowance of a 650-foot, private roadway.

With a formal ANR filing before the Planning Board on Monday, this time for a three-lot plan, board members noted they were compelled to grant the filing, as the proposal met all requirements, and it was the applicant's right to develop the property in this manner.

When asked the difference between the original proposal, a Preliminary Subdivision, and an ANR, Planning Board Chairman Tom Tucker explained that a Preliminary Subdivision required the creation of frontage, whereas with an ANR, due to adequate square footage, frontage was not an issue.

The request was approved with Tucker commenting that, "We can do nothing (to prevent it)."

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, May 6, at 7:00 pm.

Screening Remains a Problem

Rochester Planning Board By Marilou Newell

The March 26 meeting of the Rochester Planning Board included discussion about screening for the solar facility planned by Renewable Energy Development



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Partners, LLC at 109 Neck Road. The project will feature a number of ground-mounted panels, including a newer, solar-construction concept of "dual use," solar-plus agriculture and placement of panels over cranberrybog canals. But the issue of screening remains a bit of a contentious matter.

REDP, headed by Hank Ouimet, came before the board to ask if it would be possible to install a "few" panels to "give a real-life" idea of proposed screening. Planning Board member Ben Bailey agreed in principle to a few panels being installed but cautioned that if more than that were allowed, the developer might use that to prove acceptance of the screening versus testing of the screening's ability to mask the development.



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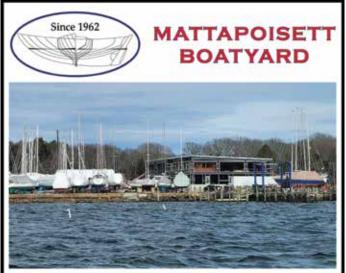
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Bailey said that from Snipatuit Pond, screening in place now looks "horrible ... this is a real, serious screening problem," he said, noting that screening in other locations seems to be missing. He said it looked like an industrial site.

Ouimet said he would look into screening options. The project includes three screening locations along Neck Road, Snipatuit Pond and Long Pond.

The board agreed to the installation of a few panels and requested that Town Planner Nancy Durfee send letters to the three abutters impacted by the project to get their input on screening. The date for that meeting is pending.

The board also held an informal discussion with Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering regarding a proposed hobby-barn construction for Mark and Ashley Briggs at 0 New Bedford Road.

The site as described by Madden is 10 acres with 3 acres planned for development. He said that the project still needs to be approved via Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and is also pending a sign-off letter from the Historical Commission.

The former dairy farm has lain undeveloped for years, he said. Test pits were completed, and stormwater drainage design includes infiltration systems. Fire safety for the 7,500 square-foot barn will include a sprinkler system, and a mechanical closet will contain utilities.

Chairman Arnie Johnson asked for a joint meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Historical Commission and the Planning Board. A meeting date and time is pending.

The Planning Board also met informally with Highland Development Ventures for the Rochester Crossroads project, self-storage facility on Cranberry Highway. The project will feature both interior units and drive-up units and a floor-drainage system.

Johnson said that the Highway Surveyor needed to weigh in on the project over possible roadway-surface impact from heavy construction vehicles.

Another self-storage facility, planned for Kings Highway and Cranberry Highway by JPF Development Ventures, was heard in a reopened, public site-plan

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review. This project contains seven buildings and an office. Madden also represented JPF Development Ventures.

Madden said peer-review consultant Ken Motta of Field Engineering made no comment regarding previously requested waivers, that the fire-protection engineer had no issues but that a final review/report from Motta is pending. Johnson said the site-plan review should be completed during the next meeting.

The board also met with Eric Weinstein of New Leaf Energy regarding battery storage units and with Matt Monteiro of the Rochester Land Trust regarding Agricultural mapping.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board



is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm.

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Academic Achievements

Mason Tucker of Marion, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Tucker was initiated at University of Rhode



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Intro to Photoshop Workshop at to the MAC

Join professional local photographer Cathleen Broderick for class at the Marion Art Center, Introduction to Photoshop: Unleash Your Creativity with Digital Editing. The one-day workshop is scheduled Saturday, **May 4**, 10:00 am-2:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater.

Are you ready to transform your digital imagery and unleash your creative potential? Join us for an exhilarating journey into the world of Adobe Photoshop. Whether you're a budding photographer, a graphic designer, or simply eager to learn new digital skills, this



workshop is tailored just for you. In this introductory workshop, participants will dive headfirst into the fundamentals of Photoshop, the industry-standard software for image editing and manipulation. This handson session will equip you with essential techniques and tools to bring your artistic visions to life.

The cost is \$75 for MAC members and \$90 for nonmembers. Students will need a laptop with Photoshop installed. (A link for a free 7-day trial can be found on the workshop registration page.) Students should also bring lunch or snacks; there will be breaks throughout the day. Learn more and register online at marionartcenter.org/ events.



Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee welcomes all to join us on Thursday, **April 18** from 6 to 8:30 pm to attend our annual "Meet the Candidates Night" at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Candidates up for election on **May 21** are welcome the opportunity to share with the community their overview of qualifications for the position and why they are seeking office in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

Opening the meeting at 6:30 pm is Guest Speaker, Tom Johnson with a presentation reminding us that it is We the People responsible for enforcing, through peaceful, lawful means, the magnificent Law that our Founders left us and that beginning our reformation at the local level is essential. Very fitting since our voices will be heard at the ballot box on **May 21**.

There is always good food, good people, and a cash bar. Candidates, please RSVP by Friday, **April 12**, PCMattyGOP@proton.me

MAC's First Ever YArt Sale

The Marion Art Center will host its first ever "YArt" Sale on Saturday, **April 27** from 10 am-2 pm in the multipurpose room at Sippican Elementary School (16 Spring Street, Marion). Come shop for lightly used art supplies, equipment, books, and teaching resources.

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Students Appointed to Governor's Youth Advisory Council

Old Rochester Regional District Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, ORRHS Principal Mike Devoll and Director of Guidance Lauren Millette are pleased to announce that ORR senior Jaymison Gunschel and junior Emerson Gonet have been selected to serve on Governor Maura Healey's Youth Advisory Council.

Gunschel and Gonet were sworn in at the State House on **March 25** and will immediately begin serving on the Youth Advisory Council Executive Committee.

"I am extremely excited and honored to be a part of Governor Healey's Youth Advisory Council. I look forward to working with my peers all over Massachusetts to try to instill younger thoughts into older minds," Gonet said.

"We are incredibly proud of Jaymison and Emerson for this incredible accomplishment," Nelson said. "Their hard work and dedication to representing their peers on the state level is impressive, and we are excited to see what they achieve while on the council."

Governor Healey signed Executive Order #617 in September to create the Governor's Youth Advisory Council. The council is made up of 60 people ages 16-21 throughout Massachusetts. Throughout their two-year term, members advise the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the administration on important issues affecting Massachusetts, including civic engagement, education, the environment, housing and youth violence.

"By advising Governor Healey on her Youth Advisory Council, Jaymison and Emerson will elevate the voices of adolescents everywhere and provide valuable insight for decision-making," Millette said. "When students use their voice, the most meaningful changes take place. I feel hopeful that students across the state will be better served as a result of Jaymison and Emerson's involvement in this council."

While serving on the Executive Committee of the council, members will lead initiatives, listening sessions

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and working groups alongside other council applicants.

Rabies Clinic

There will be a Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs at the Mattapoisett Highway Department, 5 Mendell Road, on Sunday, **April 7** from 10 am until 12 pm. The cost of vaccination is \$15 per animal. Town of Mattapoisett Dog Licenses will be available for purchase. The license fee is \$9 for spayed or neutered dogs, all others are \$ 12. Residents and nonresidents are welcome. All pets must be properly restrained, cats in carriers, dogs on leashes.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will host an "All You Can Eat Pizza & Salad Night" at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, 242 Robinson Rd, Acushnet on **April 15** at 6:30 pm. Jim Wallace, of Gun Owners Action League (G.O.A.L.), will be the guest speaker. A head count is needed for this night so reserve your spot by calling Craig at 508-763-5245 or Bill at 508-272-6793.

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Remember, even briefly staring at the eclipse without eye protection can lead to serious and permanent vision damage, making eclipse glasses the perfect preventative accessory to wear this **April 8**. For more information on how to enjoy this momentous occasion, please visit www.eclipse.aas.org.

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **April 8** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The Public and new members welcome. The Meeting is for the purpose of electing the new committee officers.

New Exhibit at Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce its newest exhibition, featuring paintings by Joshua Baptista and Bernie Klim. The show runs **April 13 through May 17**, with an opening reception on Saturday, **April 13** from 3-5 pm at the MAC.

Primarily a painter, Joshua Baptista also mixes various media to create a parallel world filled with strange, mercurial, and innocently curious creatures.





Heavily influenced by his roots in the 90's skateboarding and street art scenes in New England, he projects a "hesher" mindset in his pieces, but does so with a wit and sharpness that illuminates the beauty in the oddities.

Bernie Klim was raised in Cambridge, MA and attended Massachusetts College of Art (BFA, 1983) and Cambridge College (MEd, 2009). Klim continued his painting interests as a member of the Waltham Artists Association where he exhibited his work each year at their annual Open Studios event along with a number of galleries, coffee houses, and retail stores in the Boston area. Today, Klim resides in Mattapoisett, MA where he has summered since birth and now lives year round.

Klim will be exhibiting paintings from his



series, Nature's Cakewalks. The cakewalks. The cakewalk was a pre-Civil War dance originally performed by enslaved peoples on plantation grounds. The evolution of the creative dancestep/stroll, where the dancer creates their own style and rhythm,



inspired numerous composers and musicians over the years. In 1908, the dance inspired Claude Debussy to compose a piano piece called Golliwog's Cakewalk, and years later in 1972, American Blues musician Taj Mahal's Cakewalk into Town was released. Klim states, "I found myself humming [to these songs] during my walks, rides in the car, and while painting... these two [songs] are the inspiration for my recent paintings."

"The collection of paintings shown here explores the different stages of my painting process. Like many painters, the intuitive exploration allows me to wander and wonder around ideas for interesting composition, color, light, subject matter, painterly relationships, and application. Some paintings are left at their initial response while others are more realized for their subject, color and light."

To learn more and see all upcoming events and programs, visit marionartcenter.org.

Mattapoisett Library Children's Room

Spring has sprung in the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Children's Room.

Storytimes start up again on Thursday, April 11 at 10:30 am with Spring Storytime. Join us for our weekly storytime, suitable for all ages. Enjoy stories, songs, creative crafts, and much more. On Friday, **April 12** at 10:30 am, join us for the return of Baby Storytime. Littles





ages 0 to 24 months are welcome to participate in songs, stories, bounces, and more on Friday each week. No registration required.

On Friday, **April 12** at 3:30 pm, Graphic Novel Book Club will be meeting to discuss Misfit Mansion by Kay Davault. Copies are available at the library. For ages 9 and up. Visit our website to register.

Celebrate April Vacation with us. Come pick up one of two vacation take home kits: Lady Bug or Bird Kite kit. Each kit will include a craft and a variety of activities to help you enjoy your vacation to the fullest. April Vacation Take Home Kits will be available from Friday, April 12 to Saturday, April 20 or while supplies last. No registration required, just stop in the children's room to pick one up.

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Saturday April 6, 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 - Paul Thomas 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 Brand - 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 7one 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 April 7, 2024

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

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 McIntvre 1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show 2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider 3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show 3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz 4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers 4:30 PM The World Fusion Show 5:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict 7one 9:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites 9:30 PM Sippican Historical Society -Wampanoag Art for the Ages 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday April 8, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape 8:00 AM For Your Health 9:00 AM Reeina: The Movie Review Show 9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show 10:00 AM A Conversation With 10:30 AM Cape Conversations 11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road 11:30 AM Tri-Town TV 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline 1:00 PM In the Toy Box 1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntvre 2:00 PM Southcoast Matters 2:30 PM The Collective Chat

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11:00 PM Democracy Now! Wednesday April 10, 2024 7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape 8:30 AM For Your Health

9:10 PM Falmouth Academy

Community Series

10:00 PM Gay USA

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road

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Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 **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 Finance Committee 2:00 PM Marion Open Space Commission 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



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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly 8:00 AM ORR School Committee 9:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee 11:00 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Bowman 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 1:00 PM ORR Drama 2:00 PM Old Colony Vision for the Future 2:30 PM ORRJHS Guppy Tank 3:00 PM Libraries in the Modern Day 4:00 PM FORM Instrumental Concert 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 7:00 PM STEAM the streets at ORR 8:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball Div. 3 MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown 9:00 PM_ORR Girls Basketball vs NBVT 10:00 PM Old Colony Volleyball vs Blue Hills 11:30 PM Old Colony Drama -Shakespeare on the Green.

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT **Comcast Channel 26** Verizon Channel 38

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begins on Tuesday, April 9 and runs through Sunday, **April 14**. The last day to check in will be the last day of voting.

We will be celebrating the conclusion of the Quahog Book Award with two programs. On Tuesday, **April 9** at 4 pm, join us for Bonus Quahog Bingo. Bingo winners will earn prizes. No registration required, but be participating in Quahog.

The Quahog Pizza Party will be held on Tuesday, **April 23** at 4 pm. In order to attend the Quahog Pizza Party you must be a Quahog reader who completed one group and voted for their favorite. Then you need to register at the library. Contact the Children's Department with any questions.

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

Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race

The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race.

A boat building seminar will be held at the Rochester Fire Station, Saturday, **April 13**, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The focus will be on the wooden boat construction. We are planning on demonstrating the process of building a Mattapoisett River Racer on a small scale to show the process and techniques. We are asking people who have a





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OBITUARIES



Elizabeth "Beth" Anne Schaefer passed away peacefully at Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, MA with family by her side, on March 23, 2024, following a long illness. Beth was born on March 24, 1969 to Loretta (Buechling) and Richard P. Schaefer in Bronxville, NY. Soon after

her birth, Beth's family relocated to Marion, MA, where Beth lived most of her younger years. Most recently, she split her time between Marion and Hallsberg, Sweden, with her long-time partner, Michael Malmer, and his family. She was a graduate of Bishop Stang High School in North Dartmouth, MA, and Mount Ida College in Newton, MA. Beth proudly worked as a special education assistant in the Westborough school system for many years. Later she held various roles at Community Nurse of Fairhaven and Family Service Association in Fall River. Beth was a kind, caring and thoughtful person who always wanted to help people. Above all, she was an animal lover who had many rescues over the years and could win over even the most difficult dog.

Beth was predeceased by her mother, Loretta B. Schaefer, and her partner, Michael Malmer, of Hallsberg, Sweden. She is survived by her father, Richard P. Schaefer, of Marion, MA, her sisters Catherine Nellis of Barrington, RI, and Christine Gleason of Dover, MA, along with brothers-inlaw, Doug Shattuck (Catherine) and Joshua Gleason (Christine); and her nephews, Eli, Theo, James and Andrew. Per Beth's wishes, her burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, Beth requested that donations be made in her memory to: Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA): MSPCA-Angell, Attn: Donations, 350 South Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130 or online: www.mspca. org. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Dale Muther Allison, Ph.D. age 81 of Marion, MA formerly of Honolulu, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and Newtown Highlands passed away just as she wished in her beloved residence and childhood summer home. She was the widowed wife of W. Anthony Allison, M.D. with whom she shared 54 years of marriage, and was the mother of Patricia Dillard, Vivian Shel-

ton, Anita Allison and her beloved dog Max.

Born in Newton, MA, the daughter of Donald Muther and Florence (Briggs) Muther. Dale and her brother Brahm were raised by her WWII widowed mother in Newton Highlands. She was a graduate of Newton South High School, Boston University, and the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Dale Allison has more than 50 years of experience as a Registered Nurse, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner,

Family Nurse Practitioner, Professor of Community Health, and Acting Dean. She began her nursing career as a public health nurse in Southeast, Washington, D.C.. Dale continued her work at UPenn teaching women's health and working with predominantly African American pregnant adolescents. After completing a Master of Science in Nursing at UPenn, she taught maternity nursing students at Bryn Mawr Hospital before returning to UPenn to work as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. After finishing her doctorate, Dale moved to Hawaii and was on the faculty at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. Dale transitioned to Hawaii Pacific University where she moved up the ranks from professor, to Assistant Dean, to Acting Dean before her retirement in 2013. Dale was most proud of her work with underserved populations on the North Shore of Oahu and the community health centers where she was a director of a program integrating traditional Hawaiian healing practices with Western Medicine, bringing people into healthcare. Teaching, Practice, and Research have been her focus throughout her career to help people to understand their health care issues.

Dale was a loving wife, mother, family member and friend who opened her heart and home to all. As a practicing Quaker, social causes and groups were of particular importance to her. She volunteered as a "spy" for the Fair Housing Counsel, was a Girl Scout Leader, was active in supporting like-minded political candidates, and was instrumental in the 1989 court case US v. Lansdowne Swim Club, integrating the pool. While in Hawaii she explored and challenged herself in new pursuits such as learning to motorcycle, scuba dive, surf, and paddle an outrigger canoe. Dale loved swimming, boating, and porch sitting with loved ones at her home in Marion.

Dale is survived by her three daughters, Patricia M. Dillard and her husband Gregory of Texas; Vivian A. Shelton and her husband Zachary of Virginia; Anita N. Allison of Massachusetts; and, 6 grandchildren, Gregory III, Lydia and Jeramiah Dillard and Jaden, Sophia and Jewel Shelton.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 10 am in the Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn, 180 Washington St., Fairhaven. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Marion.

For online tributes, please visit: www.waring-sullivan.com



Margaret M. (Innis) McGowan, 80, of Grand Junction, Colorado peacefully passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at HopeWest Hospice Center in Grand Junction. Margaret was born on April 19, 1943, in Milford, MA, to the late Charles S. Innis and Angelina M. (Macini) Innis. She attended Milford High School and Worcester State College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in teaching. Margaret



boat that is no longer needed to bring it to the Fire Station to sell, give, or loan to someone looking for a boat to use. Anyone in need of a boat should come and see what's available for them.

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoisett River will take place on Monday, **May 27**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoisett Herring Weir at River Road and Route 6.

A Kayak Division will again be included in the race this year. Basic guidelines for the division are: minimum age 18, single person kayak that the contestant can sit inside of the cockpit, contestant must wear an approved USCG personal flotation device for the entire race, and there will be a \$10 entry fee. See the rules document for all information pertaining to the kayak division.

For the Mattapoisett River Racer (MRR) boats, the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat.

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The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include the new kayak division and the MRR open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, coed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are



began her career as a special education teacher for elementary school children in Milford before marrying her husband, John P. McGowan II. They were happily married for 53 years until his passing. Margaret was a dedicated mother who prioritized her children's education and well-being.

She later returned to teaching as a reading specialist, retiring from Sippican Elementary School in Marion, MA.

In her retirement, Margaret cherished spending time at the beach and hosting the annual family clam bake to spend time with close family. She loved going out to breakfast with friends, shopping at the local shops and was an avid reader. She relocated to Grand Junction to be closer to her Colorado family in her later years. She is survived by her daughter Mary (McGowan) Brahms and her husband Eric of Centerville, her son Michael McGowan and his wife Marie of Colorado, and her six beloved granddaughters. Margaret was preceded in death by her son John Patrick "Pat" McGowan III in 2019. She is also survived by her brother Paul Innis of Florida, numerous nieces, and nephews. She was the sister of the late Charles and Richard Innis.

Services were held in Medway, Mass .on March 11 and 12 followed by burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne .

Margaret will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her, and her memory will live on in the hearts of those she touched. Memorial donations may be made in Margaret's name for a tribute to be placed at Sippican School in Marion, Mass.

Please mail or deliver to : Margaret McGowan Memorial Account c/o Abington Bank 350 Front Street Marion , Mass. 02738

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

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club performed "Little Shop of Horrors" on March 21-24. Photos courtesy Michelle Cusolito





From left, veterans Art Benner, Bob Reed and Bill Vincent get a close-up look at the names of Rochester residents who served on the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial that was installed on Friday at Town Hall. Rochester Select Board Chairman Paul Ciaburri. veterans Art Benner, Dave Watling and Bob Reed and Select Board members Adam Murphy and Brad Morse were among those on hand to celebrate the occasion. Photos by Kelly Smith Studios



Old Rochester Regional High School students Emerson Gonet and Jaymison Gunschel have been appointed to Governor Maura Healey's Youth Advisory Council. Photo courtesy ORR District



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

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

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both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old). Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

Preregistration is required. Only one registration session will be held at the Rochester Council on Aging (RCOA) Senior Center, 67 Dexter's Ln, Friday, **May 17** at 6:30 to 8:00. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained by April 13 at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman Road or at the registration session or email Art (artbenner@comcast.net) and request the rules and registration form.

You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Rd. Or, you may return the forms by email but you must bring the original, signed forms, to the registration session. OR, you may return them by regular mail (USPS). If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgment that they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art, assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, May 17, 8:00 pm in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position this year. Kayak contestants will draw starting positions after the MRRs.

The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA, Senior Center at, 67 Dexter's Ln, Saturday, **May 25**, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Supper ticket price: adults, \$10.00, children under 12, \$5.00.

There will be raffles for each of two carbon fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III and a silent auction for each of two carbon fiber paddles. And also, a raffle for a hand crocheted afghan, made by Cecelia Hall. Tickets will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

For further information, contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email; artbenner@comcast.net. Check Facebook 'Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race for updated info.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

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Grab free eclipse glasses at the library.

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

Join the artists from Pop Up Art School to design and decorate your own building with cardboard on Tuesday April 16 at 1 pm. Spaces are limited, please sign up at the library for this free event.

Come to our Cookbook Swap on Thursday **April 18** from 4 to 8 pm. Bring in a gently used cookbook and



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MOVIE REVIEW Small Town

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Dogville (2004). Starring Nicole Kidman and Lauren Bacall. Directed by Lars von Trier. Running time: 178 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on home streaming and physical media.

Artists ranging from Nina Simone to Marianne Faithfull have covered the *Threepenny Opera* song "Pirate Jenny," and back in 2004 Lars von Trier became the latest. His *Dogville*, which sparked controversy and debate ever since premiering at Cannes (it opened in America twenty years ago March 29), takes the Brecht/Weill ditty as its inspiration, wedding it to the homespun theatrics of Thornton Wilder. *Dogville* is, at first, ostentatiously stagey: The entire film unfolds on a vast soundstage, with chalk marks denoting the outlines of the streets and dilapidated homes of the town, not to mention benches and gooseberry bushes and even the town dog Moses. Yet this minimalist, digital-video-shot film has its own cinematic flash and thunder, and does things only movies can do.

Told in "nine chapters and a prologue," *Dogville* introduces us to the inhabitants of a near-death mountain town (during the Depression, one assumes), and a more motley crew would be hard to imagine. The youthful, philosophical, and rather pompous Tom Edison (Paul Bettany) is the town's nagging conscience, exhorting them to be "open" to new ideas. But most of them, including the weary laborer Chuck (Stellan Skarsgård, in one of his finest performances) and Tom's own father (Philip Baker Hall), a hypochondriacal doctor, don't care to hear it. The townspeople — numbering fifteen in all — attend Tom's "meetings" mostly to humor him, but probably also because, well, what *else* have they got to do?

Into this close-knit town comes Grace (Nicole Kidman), pursued by shadowy men with guns. Tom finds her first, and offers to take her in. She gratefully accepts, and the town agrees to give her two weeks in Dogville, so that they can get to know her. Grace spends this time offering her services doing things that don't necessarily need doing (there's so little work in Dogville that the townspeople pretty much have it covered). In time, Grace is accepted. She seems ready to start her life over in this placid, unchanging locale. But



the story doesn't end there.

Von Trier originally intended *Dogville* as the first film in a trilogy. But it could also function as the final film in an unofficial trilogy that began with his Breaking the Waves (1996) and continued with Dancer in the Dark (2000). All three focus on women put to grueling tests by larger forces — fate, society, religion. Nicole Kidman, who has run hot and cold with me, weighs in here with a performance of willing subservience — to the material and to the director — that rivals the work of Emily Watson and Björk in von Trier's earlier dramas. Everyone in the large ensemble seems to jump at the opportunity to work with such meaty yet primal material, from youngsters like Jeremy Davies (as a shy doofus) and Chloë Sevigny (as his acerbic sister) to veterans Lauren Bacall (as the stubborn tender of the gooseberry bushes) and Ben Gazzara (as a blind man too proud to admit his disability). Presiding over everything is the God's-eye narration, spoken by John Hurt in nostalgic, dulcet tones.

The town brings Grace to her knees over the span of three hours of screen time, yet *Dogville*, for all its "stage"-set whimsy and its imaginary trees and houses, never lags. The downward spiral is transfixing, the apocalyptic finale shocking. At heart, *Dogville* is a cinematic novel about hypocrisy, an attack on those who espouse "American values" without practicing them. The film is not called *Grace*; the town rejects grace (the quality and the person) and the possibility of redemption through hard work. Grace is running from a past worth running from, and Dogville's resident moralists prove themselves only too eager to throw her back to the wolves. In doing so, they become no better than the wolves, and we are left to judge them worthy of their fate. "Pirate Jenny" is a fantasy, a song of empowerment sung by a maid, and it's possible to read the climax of *Dogville* that way, too. But I doubt that's the interpretation von Trier had in mind.

swap it for a new favorite. Please only bring cookbooks in good condition.

Celebrate the new Taylor Swift album release at the library on Friday **April 19** at 3 pm. Join us for Karaoke, friendship bracelets, and treats.

Lego club starts up again this April, join us to play and create on Thursdays at 3 pm.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252

Exploring Nests and Eggs with the MNHM

The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had fun learning about nests and eggs of some of our local birds. Colorization of the eggs can signify different things in different species and the speckles on eggs are not always random. The kids had a chance to color their own eggs based on what we learned. We also took a close look and several different nest types and then tried to weave our own nests using grass, twigs, ivy, feathers and lichen. Our upcoming after-school programs can be viewed on the museum's website: www. marionmuseum.org.

FYI some of the programs were filled immediately and luckily we were able to offer a second date for Rockets, as well as the Bird Island and Ram Island boat trips. Please go to the website to register. These programs tend to fill up fast.



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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS

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Log highlights March 24-March 30

- Riverview Ln EMS/medical
- County Rd Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd General service
- Wareham Rd EMS/medical
- Front St Health/welfare
- Ridgewood Ln Smoke investigation
- Front St EMS/medical
- Front St Suspicious MV
- Point Rd Road hazard
- Spring St Juvenile offense
- Dexter Rd Health/welfare
- Gifford's Corner Rd Health/welfare
- Ichabod Ln EMS/medical
- Spring St Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd Animal control
- Front St General service
- Converse Rd Lockout
- Bullivant Farm Rd EMS/medical
- Route195 West MV collision
- · Pleasant St Follow up investigation
- Converse Rd MV stop/arrest
- Delano Rd Parking enforcement
- Mill St General service
- Route 195 East Suspicious activity
- Mansfield Ave Animal complaint
- Olde Knoll Rd Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd MV collision
- Front St MV stop/citation ٠
- Spring St Vandalism/in progress

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 24-March 30

- North St MV crash ٠
- Greenbough Dr General service
- Railroad Ave - Parking enforcement
- Fairhaven Rd MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd 911 call
- North St Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd MV violations
- County Rd Officer wanted
- Sherwood Ave 911 call
- County Rd Larceny/forgery/fraud •
- Fairhaven Rd Domestic disturbance
- Brandt Island Rd Medical/assist
- Crystal Spring Rd Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd Assist other agency
- Railroad Ave Parking complaint
- County Rd MV crash
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Animal complaint
- Martha's Way Notification •
- Fairhaven Rd MV repossessed •
- I195 West Assist other agency
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd Burglar alarm ٠
- Lebaron Way General service
- Marion Rd Suspicious persons
- County Rd Assist citizen
- Bridle Path Domestic disturbance
- Chapel Rd Death notification
- Shaw St General service
- · Holly Woods Rd General service

New Bedford Rd – MV collision Gerrish Rd – 911 call

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- Cranberry Hwy 911 call
- Mattapoisett Rd - Road hazard

Log highlights March 24-March 30

New Bedford Rd - Disturbance

County Rd – Burglar alarm

Dexter Ln - Harassment

Hartley Rd - Medical alarm

North Ave – Animal control Dexter Ln - Vandalism

- Dexter Ln Follow up
- Vaughn Hill Rd MV collision
- Mattapoisett Rd Medical alarm
- Snipatuit Rd Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy MV stop/towed
- Pine St Medical
- Allev Rd Animal control
- Dexter Ln General service
- · Bassett St Investigation
- Pine St General services
- Dexter Ln – Firearms licensing
- Stuart Rd Public assist •
- Stevens Rd Assist other agency
- Mattapoisett Rd Animal control
- County Rd Animal control
- Dexter Ln General service
- North Ave – Erratic MV
- Dexter Ln Firearms licensing •
- · Snipatuit Rd Disturbance

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dressing, roasted chic peas

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

tomato, pickle

bean salad

links, tator tots

garlic breadstick

ranch flat bread

pizza, garden salad, assorted salad

Monday, April 8: Hamburger (OR)

cheeseburger, oven baked potato

wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce &

Tuesday, April 9: Taco nacho platter,

brown rice, taco toppings bar, black

Wednesday, April 10: Whole grain

French toast sticks, maple syrup, cheese stick, Jones low salt sausage

Thursday, April 11: Chicken &

Friday, April 12: Stuffed crust

dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

or buffalo mac & cheese

mein & chop suey veggies

broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli,

pizza, garden salad, assorted salad

Monday, April 8: BBQ chicken bacon

Tuesday, April 9: Macaroni & cheese

Wednesday, April 10: Chicken chow

Thursday. April 11: Italian sub & fries

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Friday, April 12: Assorted pizza

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

tomato, pickle

bean salad

links. tator tots

garlic breadstick

fresh veggie sticks

tomato, pickle

bean salad

links, tator tots

garlic breadstick

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Tuesday, April 9: Taco nacho platter,

brown rice, taco toppings bar, black

Wednesday, April 10: Whole grain

cheese stick, Jones low salt sausage

French toast sticks, maple syrup,

Thursday, April 11: Chicken &

broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli,

Friday, April 12: Hot buffalo chicken

dip served w/whole grain tortilla chips,

Monday, April 8: Hamburger (OR)

cheeseburger, oven baked potato

wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce &

Tuesday, April 9: Taco nacho platter,

brown rice, taco toppings bar, black

Wednesday, April 10: Whole grain

cheese stick, Jones low salt sausage

French toast sticks, maple svrup,

Thursday, April 11: Chicken &

Friday, April 12: Stuffed crust

broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli,

EGIONAL LUNCH

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 8: Sloppy Joe's, potato wedges, hot pineapple slaw, hamburger roll, pears

Tuesday, April 9: Kale soup, Portuguese chicken, yellow rice, broccoli, whole wheat bread, pound cake

Wednesday, April 10: Pork lo mein, Oriental vegetables, oatmeal roll, clementine

Thursday, April 11: Crustless turkey pot pie, whipped potatoes, biscuit, mixed fruit

Friday, April 12: Chili garlic cod. rice pilaf, green beans, honey wheat bread, applesauce

CENTER SCHOOL

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Monday, April 8: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday. April 9: Taco nacho platter. brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, April 10: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, cheese stick. Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots

The Wanderer

Thursday, April 11: Chicken & broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick Friday, April 12: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

Monday, April 8: Hamburger (OR)

cheeseburger, oven baked potato

wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce &

Tuesday, April 9: Taco nacho platter,

brown rice, taco toppings bar, black

Wednesday, April 10: Whole grain

cheese stick, Jones low salt sausage

French toast sticks, maple syrup,

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Monday, April 8: Hamburger (OR)

wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce &

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cheeseburger, oven baked potato

dressing, roasted chic peas

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

broccoli alfredo, steamed broccoli,

pizza, garden salad, assorted salad

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

tomato, pickle

bean salad

links, tator tots

garlic breadstick

Rochester Christian Learning Center

Rochester Christian Learning Center is a Christian homeschool cooperative sponsored by First Congregational Church of Rochester. There will be a parent & family information session on **April 13** at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall of the church. Please preregister to attend the info session by visiting the website www. RochesterChristianLC.org

Applications for September enrollment for children in Grades K-8 are being accepted and can also be found on the website.

Upcoming Event at Rochester Historical Society Museum

Now that April is here the date for our first meeting is right around the corner. Russ and Wendy Keeler will be speaking about the Rochester Land Trust at the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Road. The meeting is at 7:00 pm on **April 17**.

Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

"An Antarctic Adventure: a photographic essay of the incredible beauty of Antarctica." Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library through **April 30** to see the Artist Series exhibit by Mattapoisett resident Ray Rose. Called "An Antarctic Adventure: a photographic essay of the incredible beauty of Antarctica," Rose took the photographs during his recent trip to the Antarctic. Rose has traveled the world and has been to all seven continents. Of all the places he visited, Rose feels Antarctica was the most incredible. The exhibit is free and open to all.

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, Mattapoisett 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."

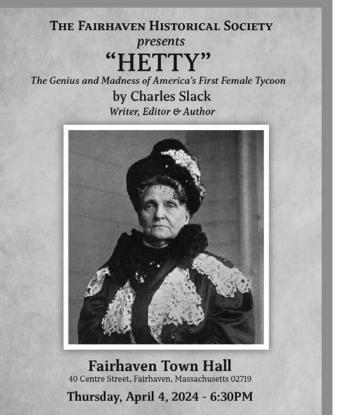
The goal of the program is to provide preschool to children whose families have been unable to enroll in another program and who desire a preschool experience. The program also aims to provide an inclusive learning environment for children with special needs.

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



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel a little sheepish about admitting your feelings for a certain someone. But do it anyway. Your sincerity will make the right impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to clean out the clutter in your home. It's also a good time to sort out personal priorities and make decisions about certain relationships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid getting caught up in conflicting advice, even from trusted friends and family members. You need to dig for your own facts and make choices accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Conflicting aspects cause some confusion, both on the job and in your personal life. Try to keep your balance as you work things out to your benefit.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters become especially taxing for many Leos this week. Pay careful attention to details so that you can avoid more complicated financial problems later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let regret for a past, rash act keep you from moving on. Meanwhile, a good friend reaches out to help you, and a family dispute needs to be resolved quickly.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone you thought was an ally suddenly creates on-the-job problems. Wait for the fuss and fury to end before going ahead with your plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're moving into a more favorable period in your personal life. Continue to be patient and allow those pesky problems to work themselves out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Ask questions about a financial matter in your family. Don't rely on reassurances. Insist on proof that all is as it should be. And if isn't, why not?

RICORN (December 22 to January 19) onal relationships continue to improve. information comes in about a matter you almost gave up on. Ask a trusted d for advice on a major purchase. JARIUS (January 20 to February 18) financial situation continues to ime. Meanwhile, a family member makes ands on your time. Give what you can, ave some for yourself. You need it. CES (February 19 to March 20) That antic attraction you've tried to ignore s stronger. In addition, a former busiassociate turns up with important news could affect your financial future. N THIS WEEK: You have a quiet gth that often surprises people. You are itive to the needs of others, even if you etimes ignore your own. 024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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-childhoodprograms/project-grow?

Rochester Historical Society

While we all know Rochester was once larger than it is today, we may not remember exactly how large. Before it was decided to create Wareham out of land from both Rochester and Plymouth, Rochester extended as far as the Narrows. Long before Marion and Mattapoisett separated from the town, other boundary line changes occurred.

Papers at the Rochester Historical Museum from 1757 contain the following discussion. "Know all men by these present that whereas there hath been a long contest and controversy between the Town of Dartmouth and the Town of Rochester about and concerning the dividing line between the said two towns and sundry meetings and adjudications between the agents for the towns" that an agreement would seem to be near.

The agents for Dartmouth, according to the document wanted a boundary line that ran north from a



2 Main Street Acushnet 508-995-6272 212 Emerson St New Bedford 508-999-6269

"known" black oak tree about 3 miles east of the Acushnet River and then "running up and into the woods for 8 miles".



On the other hand, Rochester wanted a straight line from the same tree to a peaked rock with 2 trees next to it "which rock is commonly known by the name of Peaked Rock and stands near the old Plimouth Path". This line was more westerly than the line wanted by Dartmouth.

On June 4, 1757, Seth Pope, Thomas Taber and Jonathan Delano who were agents for Dartmouth and Samuel Prince, Aaron Barlow and John Hammond, agents for Rochester, met to "fix and settle the siad line". The description of the line includes a "heap of stones lying upon the beach", the same black oak tree and the peaked rock.

Unfortunately for us, the rest of the document is missing, but we do know that today the peaked rock is





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in Acushnet near the Rochester line and quite a distance from Dartmouth.

I find it interesting how fluid the lines between towns and counties were in the early years of our communities and also, how impermanent the land markers were that were used to describe the boundary lines. Who knows if the black oak or piles of stones are still there today. Thank Heaven for Peak Rock.

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 Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail are thrilled for this year's ride.

Cycle from Mattapoisett 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 Mattapoisett 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 event is a fund-raiser for the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail who work to improve and expand hiking and biking trails throughout Mattapoisett.

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 Mattapoisett Free Public Library's seed library is restocked and ready for you. Our seed collection features a variety of options to promote planting, encourage healthy eating and support local agriculture. Some staples include herbs, tomatoes, peppers, beans and Brussels sprouts. We also have flowers and milkweed seeds to enhance your butterfly garden. Anyone with a SAILS library card can borrow seeds. They do not need to be returned. Please stop by to browse our selection of seeds and start growing your garden today.

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



74 County Road Mattapoisett, MA 508-538-1625

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TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)

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

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.

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

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC NOTICE

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

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Matta-

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

Case #1535: Application of: Robert & Lisa Barboza, 28 Greengate, Plymouth, MA 02360-3174 RE:5&7 Shoreview Avenue. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Article 3, Section 3.1.2.2. as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to Demolish existing ground level cottage for the purpose of constructing a 3-story single family dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 12, Lot 26 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 18, 2024

Case #1536: Application of: Brett J. & Emily A. L'Esperance, 36 Highland Circle, Wayland, MA 01778 RE: 0 Tupola Lane & 9 Ned's Point Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Article 6, Section 6.2.2. as provided by Section 7.2.2. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to develop vacant lot 7.0-14.0, constructing a single-family dwelling. The property is further described as Plot 7, Lot 14 & 27 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Susan Akin, Chairperson

Anthony Tranfaglia, Co Chair Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Jordan Rodrigues 4/4, 4/11

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by 18 Water Street Realty Trust.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to pour a concrete pad within eroded areas of the lawn caused by winter coastal storms, to restore other areas of the lawn with loam and seed and to perform maintenance on the concrete/stone seawall.

Work to be performed within the 100 ft. buffer zone of a Coastal Bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (E1. 18 and 21).

The address where the activity will occur is 18 Water Street which is further identified as Lot #190 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #9. 4/4

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Laura and John Hartnett, 6 Ocean View Avenue, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is for after the fact filing for work done to restore existing rock armor along existing sea wall. Proposed sea grass/beach rose behind rock armor. The project is located at 6 Ocean View Avenue, and is further identified as Lot 118 on Assessor Map 14.

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**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/4

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall for a Definitive Subdivision Plan for land situated on Ocean Drive prepared for David J. Duchaine.

The Applicant proposes to create the frontage for a residential house lot through the submittal of a Definitive Subdivision Plan.

The subject property is identified as the northerly portion of Lot #16B on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #15B.

Plans are available for viewing at the Planning Board Office at Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. or at the office of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., 81A County Road, Unit G, Mattapoisett we recommend calling in advance to view the plans at (508) 758-7866 ext. 203. 4/4, 4/11

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by David J. Duchaine.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information

The Applicants propose to construct 20' wide gravel roadway for a Definitive Subdivision. A minor portion of the work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone AE (E1. 15).

The address where the activity will occur is Ocean Drive which is further identified as a portion of Lot #16B on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #15B. 4/4

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 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.

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. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613054619 Meeting ID: 886 1305 4619 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 4/4

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Tri-County Music Association

The Tri-County Music Association is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2024 John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship and Summer Study Grant. Each year the Tri-County Music Association awards thousands of dollars to aspiring local high school and college musicians from the Tri-County area. The music scholarships are conditional and available to students who are music majors attending a four-year college or university. The summer study grants are available to high school students who wish to further their musical experiences through advanced camps, clinics or private lessons. Interested students are encouraged to apply for either or both opportunities and previous applicants and recipients are welcome to reapply. Applications and requirements are linked on our website: tricountysymphonicband.org/scholarshipsgrants/ 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.

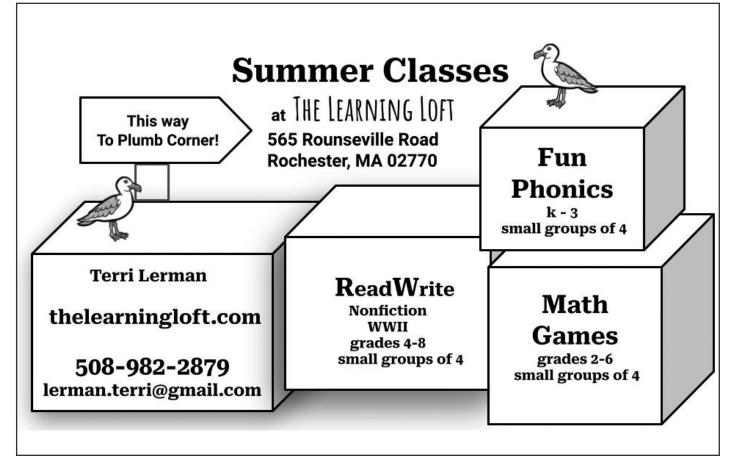
Rochester Historical Society News

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 Sue, 508-295-8908.

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,



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Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School and Tabor Academy. A preference will be given to applicants who are majoring in or plan to major in environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship Fund. This award was created and named after Helen Adams Arthur (1940-2008), who was a beloved resident of Marion and alongside her husband Richard I. "Dick" Arthur, a longtime 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** 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.





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31st Annual Buzzards Bay Swim

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

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-topoint 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.





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.

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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.

MNHM Coastal Explorations

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

More Music at the MAC in April

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

Paul Bielatowicz returns to the MAC with his Solo Tour 2024: A Musical Journey - A multimedia adventure of music and stories from a 20-year touring career on Saturday, **April 6** at 7:30 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. Paul Bielatowicz has recorded and toured with some of the biggest names in progressive



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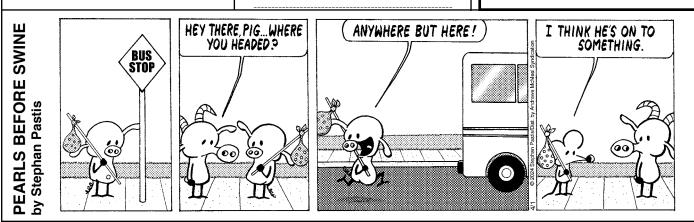
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rock, including Carl Palmer, Neal Morse, Dream Theater, Yes, Todd Rundgren, Arthur Brown, Alan Parsons Project and more. When the great plague of 2020 stopped all touring, Paul turned his attention to composing and spent a few prolific years writing various projects, including a prog rock soundtrack for the 1922 classic silent horror Nosferatu, which he performed on the MAC stage in 2023. Tickets for MAC members (\$20) are on sale now, while tickets for nonmembers (\$25) go on sale **March 1**. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to become a member, visit marionartcenter.org/events.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club 2024 Season

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

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

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



Turning Point Golf Tournament

Turning Point is hosting their 8th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, **April 28** at The Bay Pointe Club in Buzzards Bay. The entry fee is \$125 per person (\$500/team) and includes 18 holes of golf, carts, and the post tournament dinner. The Bay Pointe Club's recent renovations will create a new experience for golfers. Nongolfers can help by sponsoring a Tee Sign on one of the holes, marked by a sign naming the company or individual donating. Businesses, individuals and organizations can become Event Sponsors, with gold, silver and bronze level options. "It will be a fun day for everyone, commented Turning Point Executive Director Shirley Santos, "and a great way to support neighbors in need."

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

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price		
Marques, Victor C Camargos Camargos, Luciana L Pinto		133 High St	Rochester	03/13/2024	660,000.00		
Camargos, Euclana E Finio	Buchinsky, Jennifer Buchinsky, Jennifer Coral						
Beatons Inc	Eagle Holt Co Inc	0 Perrys Ln Perry Rd	Marion	03/15/2024	325,000.00		
Nazario, Pedro M Rodriguez Velazquez, Paola Quinones	5	1 Chapel Rd	Mattapoisett	03/15/2024	592,899.00		
Denham, Barry J	Denham, Barry J Lupo, Penny L	11 Hawthorne St	Mattapoisett	03/18/2024	110,000.00		
Kelley, Thomas E	R J Motto Inc	130 Brandt Island Rd	Mattapoisett	03/19/2024	883,250.00		

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THIS!		Sunday	April 7	7:29	7:53	1:08	1:18
Ooohhh! What's THIS?!		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
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		Sunday	April 14	1:02	1:31	7:10	6:29
		Monday	April 15	2:01	2:29	9:11	7:39
		Tuesday	April 16	3:02	3:29	10:19	9:32
V JO BULY		Wednesday	April 17	4:06	4:31	11:04	10:50
97TB		Thursday	April 18	5:09	5:30	11:36	11:34
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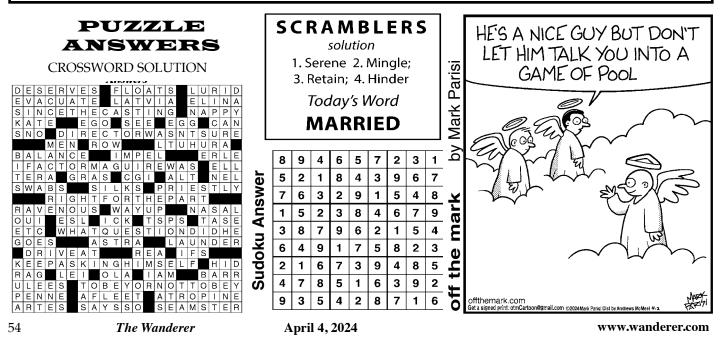
I Found the Aardvark!

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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 28, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 57



Friday, April 5th — Thursday, April 11th, 2024 SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, April 5th — Thursday, April 11th, 2024 565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770 Phone: 508.763.5333 at PLUMB CORNER Open Daily: 7am-8pm							
Post Great Grains 13.5-16 oz. Selected Cereal SA99 Lactaid 64 oz. Selected Lactose-Free Milk S399 Del Monte 15-15.25 oz. Can, Selected Fruit	Annie's Homegrown 6 oz. Selected Pasta & Cheese 2/S (2) Destry Crocker (2/S (2) Betty Crocker (2/S (2) Destry Crocker (2/S (2) <td>Image: Second state sta</td>	Image: Second state sta					
15 oz. Selected 4/\$5 Organic Beans	14.7-18 oz. Selected Frozen Fruit Bars	Pork Chops\$399 Pork Chops Fresh Bone-In Pork Roast					
Our March Madness Inventory Reduction Sale has been Extended thru Mid-April!!	Fresh Baked 12 ct. Pkg. Selected Cookies	Boar's Head - Dell Sliced Vermont Cheddar Cheese					
Find some incredible deals on amazing wines. We're making room for some updates in our wine	Sourdough Bread\$599 CHIEF PREPARED Delicious & Made Fresh Dally! Spicy Peanut Noodles\$1099	Store Made Meatball Subs					
section. Don't miss out on this once a year opportunity! All sale wines are labeled	Chicken \$1299 \$1899 Pot Pie \$1299 \$1899 Shepherd's \$1299 \$1799	Cedar's - 10 oz. Tub. Selected 2/\$7 Hommus					
All sale willes are labeled and priced to sell! SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!							

