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## Sippican Gets New Jungle Jim

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Marion Town Administrator Geoff Gorman have announced the recent completion of a playground addition project at Sippican Elementary School.

The added equipment includes a new multipurpose structure with various slides, climbing structures, a bridge, overhead rung climbers and other features, as well as a six-swing bay.

The new equipment was funded through capital funding designated for the playground project by the Town of Marion and a \$50,000 donation from Tabor Academy.

The equipment was added to the playground behind the Sippican School building. The project was completed in March and has since been opened for use by elementary students. In addition to Sippican students, the playground is also accessible to the community seven days per week.

"This playground structure is a wonderful new addition to our Sippican grounds, and we are excited to have it open to not only our students but all Marion children," Nelson said. "I am grateful to the Town of Marion and Tabor Academy for their contributions to this project. I would also like to thank Facilities Director Eugene Jones for his work guiding this project through the planning and installation process and the Marion Department of Public Works for its assistance and support."

"We are very appreciative of Tabor Academy's donation, which helped to make this project possible," Gorman said. "The playground is a valuable gathering space for our community, and we look forward to seeing the equipment used by Marion's families for years to come."

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*On the Cover: Members of the second-grade class at Center School in Mattapoisett get ready for Monday afternoon's solar eclipse. Specially filtered sunglasses were the item of the day from southwest to northeast across Mexico, the United States and Canada in succession, as millions of people traveled hundreds of miles to observe this rare astronomical phenomenon from the path of totality. Photo courtesy Michele Barry*

## Marion Closing Food Pantry, Recommending Damien's

Marion Town Administrator Geoff Gorman and Council on Aging Director Karen Gregory would like to inform residents about the closing of the Marion Food Pantry and encourage residents to utilize the new Damien's Family Food Pantry in Wareham.

The last day of operation at the Marion Food Pantry will be Tuesday, **April 30**.

While the Marion Food Pantry is ceasing operations, Damien's Family Food Pantry, located at 242 Marion Road in Wareham, is accessible to Marion community members.

Damien's Family Food Pantry began operations in Wareham in February. The location is conveniently located on Route 6, approximately 4 miles down the road from the Marion Food Pantry.

Damien's Family Food Pantry is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The new pantry provides greater space for residents to make food choices and includes freezer and cooler spaces for

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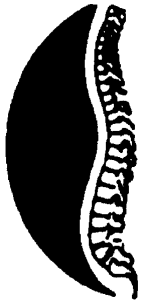
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Applications for new patrons of Damien's Family Food Pantry are available at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center on Route 6. Those interested in volunteering at Damien's Family Food Pantry can visit [damiensfoodpantry.org](http://damiensfoodpantry.org) or call 508-295-3486.

Since its inception in January 2022, the Marion Food Pantry has provided nonperishable food items to thousands of community members in and around Marion. In 2023 alone, the Marion Food Pantry served 1,894 (duplicated count) residents with 1,178 residents over the age of 65.

"On behalf of the Town of Marion, I would like to extend my gratitude to Karen Gregory and the hundreds of volunteers and donors who have contributed to the success of the Marion Food Pantry," said Gorman. "It has been such a benefit to the residents of Marion for the last two years, and we could not be happier to witness the development of the new Damien's Family Food Pantry right down the road as a more than suitable replacement."

Anyone with questions or concerns can contact Gregory at 507-748-3570.

**ORR Receives Music Award**

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson had announced that the ORR School District has been recognized as a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation.

In its 25th year, the Best Communities for Music Education is awarded to districts nationwide that demonstrate outstanding efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

This is the third time ORR has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation, with the last time being in 2023. ORR was among 23 school districts across Massachusetts that were recognized this year.

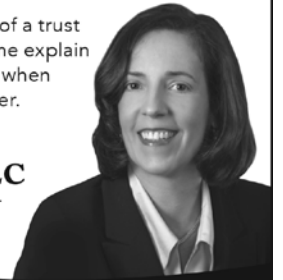
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"I'm very proud of our passionate and dedicated students and music educators," said ORR Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner. "The NAMM Foundation recognizes music excellence, and it comes as no surprise that our district has been the recipient of such honor for a third time."

"We are honored to be recognized as a Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation," said ORRJH General Music and Band Teacher Richard Laprise. "This award is a tribute to the dedication of our music educators, the unwavering support of our administration and families, and most importantly, the passion and talent of our student musicians."

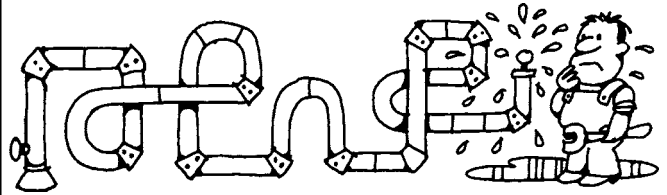
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"I am incredibly proud of our students for receiving this prestigious recognition," Nelson said. "This recognition not only honors their individual excellence but also reflects the collective commitment of our entire school community to nurturing and supporting artistic endeavors. Congratulations to our students and schools on this well-deserved honor."

### Schools Learn about Internet Safety

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson has announced that the ORR School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55, working in collaboration with the Southcoast Public Health Collaborative (SCPHC), recently hosted keynote speaker Katie Greer for a series of internet-safety talks.

Throughout the school day on March 25, Greer gave a presentation to students and staff, grades 4-8 at Rochester Memorial School, Sippican Elementary School, Old Rochester Regional Jr. High School and Old Hammondtown Elementary School on internet safety.

During the evening, Greer gave her presentation "Social Media and Your Child's Mental Health" to

community members and families at the high school. The presentations covered internet trends, privacy and advice for creating a positive online experience, tailoring her discussions based on the age of the students. Greer spoke to families about navigating the digital landscape in a technology-driven society. She provided proactive initiatives to help keep their kids safe while using social media platforms.

"I was very pleased to work with Katie to set up the presentations at all of the schools," Rochester Memorial School Assistant Principal Charles West said. "These kinds of discussions foster a welcoming environment for families to talk about internet safety and decision making in regards to social media."

The partnership with SCPHC included Marion Public Health Nurse Lori A. Desmarais, RN, BSN, Mattapoisett Public Health Nurse Emily Field, MSN, RN, Rochester Public Health Nurse Connie Dolan, RN, and Olive Wicherski, MPH, Shared Services coordinator for the collaborative.

The SCPHC utilized funding from the Public Health Excellence Grant to welcome guest speakers such as Greer to the public schools. Hosting keynote speakers is beneficial in helping to inform the community about the impact of social media on the mental health of young people.

"By engaging experts who shed light on the impact of social media on mental health and overall well-being, we take proactive steps to educate and empower students to navigate these digital landscapes responsibly," said Wicherski. "Through informed discourse and intervention, we strive to foster a healthier digital environment for our youth."

"Although social media has afforded so many individuals a means to connect amid the last couple of years of social isolation (due to the pandemic), it has also been a root cause in the decline of mental health among adolescents and adults alike," said Field. "Anxiety (linked to fear of missing out), depression, and the inability to see in person the potentially harmful effects of shared words and images - these are all ill effects of social media. The public health sector is grateful for dynamic speakers

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such as Katie Greer who remind each of us to navigate the social media world with caution and, more importantly, to keep dignity and respect at the forefront of our actions."

"I'd like to thank the Southcoast Public Health Collaborative for working with us to put this wonderful event on," Nelson said. "Without them, we wouldn't have been able to host Katie and provide an opportunity to educate our students and school community on this important topic."

"Katie gave engaging and informative presentations that were valuable to families navigating the internet with their children," said ORR Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Shari Fedorowicz. "We're grateful to have hosted her and believe that this was a great opportunity to educate the community and answer parents' questions."

**Waiting, Waiting, and More Waiting**

*Thoughts on...*

**By Dick Morgado**

No one likes to go to the doctor. Usually it is wait, wait, and wait some more past your appointed time. If you made the doctor wait that long, he'd send you a bill for the time he had to wait for you.

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for this day at 11:00 am so they should have expected me. I even received a recorded message the day before to confirm that I would be arriving on the scheduled date and time. The message was longer than the time it takes for them to draw my blood.

First, they said the whole thing in Spanish ... what buttons to push to indicate if you are seeing the doctor, having blood work, paying a bill, asking for medical records, etc. I don't speak Spanish. Then they repeated the whole thing in English.

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Not this time!

The card reader was broken so I had to wait for the receptionist to shuffle some papers and answer the phone. Finally, she asked, "What's your name?" "I have an appointment," I said. "A lot of people have appointments," she responded. "All at once?" I muttered under my breath. I respectfully gave her my name. "Go sit over there," she barked as she pointed to the dozen chairs in the empty waiting room.

My momma always told me to do what I was told so I dutifully sat down and waited and waited.

After what I thought was a reasonable time ... somewhat past my appointment ... I approached her again to ask if there was a problem. "What's your name?" she asked. "I need a wrist band," I said. "I'll be with you in a minute, go sit over there," she directed.

My blood was beginning to boil. I waited. And waited. And waited.

At full boil, I approach another woman who had arrived behind the counter. I told her I had an appointment for blood work, and that the other woman hadn't yet given me a wrist band though I had been waiting a long time. "What's your name "Dracula," I offered, "just kidding." She didn't laugh.

Yelling over to the first woman, she restated my tale. "I did give him a band," the first woman barked back as I stood arms, bare wristed, held up high. "Go sit over there," the second woman instructed.

Shortly I was called back to the first woman. "What's your name?" Finally, I received my wrist band long past my appointed time. Almost immediately I was called into the lab.

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The controversy is how best to detect it early and when to start looking.

Most cancers begin as polyps, some of which slowly develop into cancer. The hallmark of such precancerous polyps is "atypia," which can only be proven with microscopic examination. If all polyps are removed, the likelihood of ever developing cancer is minimal.

Clearly the *gold standard* of early curable cancer detection is colonoscopy. After a good cleanout, allowing the gastroenterologist to see well, any polyps present can be removed and sent for examination. Ideally, everyone over 40 should have a colonoscopy (five years ago, I would have said over 50). If it is entirely normal, your next one can be in 8-10 years. If polyps are removed, that timetable will be shortened.

The problem is that no one *likes* having a colonoscopy. It is really not that bad. When you finish this post, Google "Dave Barry colonoscopy."

No matter how much I or your primary-care doctor urge it, not everyone will consent. There are other ways to detect colorectal cancer before symptoms develop, when it is often advanced.

The commonest test is to check for hidden



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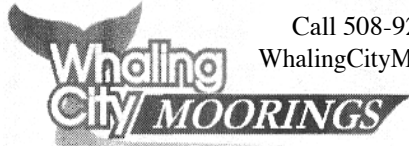


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bleeding in the bowel, which can herald polyps. Of the available tests for this, the current standard is the FIT (fecal immunochemical test), which has only about a 25% predictive value for cancer and advanced polyps when positive. A negative test does *not* guarantee you are in the clear, and to be useful, the test must be done annually.

Another option is a stool DNA test, which is much more specific for advanced polyps and early cancers. On the horizon are blood tests that are fairly accurate.

Key to properly using any stool or blood test is to follow a positive test with a colonoscopy – sadly, only half of people with such positive tests get one in a timely manner.

Buck up – listen to Dave Barry and just do it. The life you save will be your own.

*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.*

### **Cemetery Cleanup Discussed**

*Mattapoissett Select Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

The Mattapoissett Select Board held its April 9 meeting, which included informal discussion full of

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historic undertones.

The agenda listed "cleanup" of town-owned Hammond Cemetery. In an email generated by the Cemetery and Monuments Committee, Chairman Ray Hanks wrote that the committee is aiming to begin cleanup on Saturday, May 4, with tree pruning part of the clearing work needed at the historic site.

"This is in preparation for a formal dedication of our Revolutionary War dead in both Hammond and Barlow Cemeteries by the organization the Sons of the American Revolution," Hanks explained.

Hanks wrote that the committee wishes to complete cleanup work before the 250th anniversary of the war, with a dedication service planned for 2026.

Anyone interested in lending a hand is asked to contact Hanks directly at 508-789-7200.

Select Board member Jordan Collyer thought it might be prudent to have the Cemetery and Monuments Committee work with the Historical Commission in identifying historic burial sites.

Collyer also brought up that there are those in the community who were looking into the process for the possible inclusion of Center School to the National Register. However, he said, "...that's a slippery slope we've been down before."

Collyer said that such recognition could mean that restrictions would be placed on use of the school building. He said that the Massachusetts School Building Administration might frown on loans and grants given to a school building with federal, historical restrictions. Collyer wondered aloud if the building could simply be declared a structure of historic value.

In other business, the Select Board appointed Brent Lydon as town accountant and Elizabeth Carreiro to the Cultural Council.

On April 26, the Town of Mattapoisett will celebrate Arbor Day with the raising of the Arbor Day flag at Town Hall. Mattapoisett has been designated a Tree City by the Arbor Day Association for 16 years, board member Jodi Bauer stated. Collyer read the Arbor Day proclamation that encouraged people to participate in planting activities.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo said that the Select Board would be meeting with the Finance Committee on April 26 to review budget items planned for the Town Meeting warrant. Presently there are 22 articles for Town Meeting to consider, but what those articles are was not fully addressed, as Collyer said he had not yet seen the warrant draft and needs about a week to review the document.

Regarding the Finance Committee, Lorenzo said there are open seats on that committee and asked interested parties with a background in finance to contact his office and send a resume for consideration.

Lorenzo said that there is approximately \$4,600,000 in stabilization accounts currently, while also cautioning that trash-removal services have risen considerably as have school bus fees.

Bauer congratulated Lilly Grace, who holds the honor of reaching 103 years of age, the oldest person in Mattapoisett.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, at 6:00 pm.

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**Grand Scale 'Small' for Garage**  
*Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals*  
**By Mick Colageo**

Michael Walsh has been granted two variances that will allow him to build a 1,600 square-foot, one-story, wood-frame garage on his property 405 Neck Road. The




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Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals granted the variances in two unanimous votes after hearing from Walsh and abutter Jeremy Jones during the board’s March 28 public hearing.

Walsh sought two variances on the provisions of Chapters 20.40, Section E.2 of the Rochester Zoning Bylaw, the first variance granted him permission to exceed 1,000 square feet and the other to locate the garage in the front yard of the property.

Asked by ZBA Chairman Dave Arancio why he needs the garage to exceed 1,000 square feet, Walsh said he has a garage that size in Lakeville and nothing fits in it. He needs to house a boat, antique cars and jet skis. The house has an attached garage, but the design putting the entrance through that garage renders it unusable for storage.

Walsh described his proposed garage as wood frame sitting on a concrete slab with electricity but no plumbing. He plans on vinyl siding to match his house.

There are three structures on the lot, one of which is habitable.

Trees have been cut in the area where the garage is proposed. Walsh said many are overgrown with moss and hanging vines, and he said that some of the trees taken down were dead.

Walsh considered the location of the garage to be in his side yard but says he was told that area is actually his front yard. A driveway not shown on the plan may

eventually be paved but not when first constructed, according to Walsh.

No setbacks will be exceeded, as the garage will sit 287.71 feet from the street where a 40-foot setback is required. One of the side setbacks matches the 40-foot limit, but the side is set back 86.6 feet against the same, 40-foot requirement. The rear setback will not be approached due to the substantial drop-off in topography.

Asked for comment, Jones (309 Neck Road) expressed support for Walsh’s plan and agreed with the applicant’s assertion that putting the garage out back where there is a downslope is not an option. “Both of our properties just drop off, right down to the pond,” said Jones.

Noting his familiarity with the property via a friendship with the prior owner, Jones further stated that the barn on the property is in poor condition and cannot be used for storage. Walsh does not plan on taking the barn down.

ZBA member Richard Cutler noted for the record that abutters who attended the last meeting had no problem with Walsh’s plan.

Upon deliberation, Cutler said he has no problem with the proposal, citing the quirky shape of the property with the downslope in the back. Noting how far it will be set back from the road, Cutler said the garage will not be detrimental to the intent of the town’s zoning bylaws. Member Davis Sullivan concurred.



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Member Donald Spirlet said 1,000 square feet “is not a big building. ... I can usually understand anyone wanting to go bigger than that.” Given the shape and topography of the lot, Spirlet further supported Walsh’s hardship case on the location of the garage.

Member Michelle Upton agreed that Walsh has satisfied the requirements of both variances.

The motion was conditioned so that the proposed garage cannot be converted for residential use nor be used to house animals, and Arancio added that related parking should be off the street.

The ZBA discussed a potential upcoming meeting with the Planning Board and the Historical Commission regarding an application changing for the third time. The original plan to convert a dairy farm into a hobby barn applied for a minor modification, but this modification will propose two buildings instead of one in a Limited Commercial district, also part of the Historic District.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 7:15 pm.

### Professor’s Assistance Sought

*Mattapoissett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

At the end of Monday night’s Mattapoissett Conservation Commission meeting, the commissioners heard from Chairman Michael King, who said that the Select Board was conferring with Christine Hatch of the University of Massachusetts in an effort to learn if soil testing is warranted at The Bogs owned by the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

The commission had asked the board to provide guidance on whether or not soil testing for hazardous chemicals at the site was necessary after it was learned that during winter storms soils had transferred off the former cranberry-bog site. The property has been undergoing a massive restoration that plans indicate will allow the manmade, agricultural features to return to a more natural woodlands, with passive recreational opportunities.

King said the lifting of an Enforcement Order issued to the BBC could not happen if and until a determination is made by the board. He did express, however, that he hopes the matter will be resolved soon.

Hatch is a UMass extension professor and associated director for academics specializing in hydrogeology, water resources and climate change, ecohydrology, and surface-water and groundwater interactions.

In business handled earlier in the meeting, a Notice of Intent filed by Christopher and Mary Riley, 3 Goodspeed Island, for restoration of the coastal bank was conditioned. Also conditioned was a NOI filed by Beth and David Oberlander, 1 Angelica Avenue, for the construction of a new single-family home.

A three-year extension permit filed by Karl and

Elizabeth Pothier was granted for property located at 2 Holmes Street.

Two certificates of compliance were issued to William Fredericks, 30 Holly Woods Road.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 pm.

### Project Not Limited to Bio-Hydraulic Fluids

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday approved the Special Permit and Groundwater Protection District permit for Blue Wave Solar and BWC Snows Pond LLC's plan to build a solar-energy array at 0 Cushman Road.

The 12.55-acre operation on a 31-acre parcel will be built in a Residential/ Agricultural District and a Mattapoissett River Valley Watershed and Groundwater Protection District.

The board signed the project's draft decision to include altering a previous condition that its construction equipment use only bio-hydraulic fluids. Board Chairman Arnold Johnson noted this condition is being changed to allow nonbiodegradable oils.

In a previous meeting, the petitioner's advocates successfully argued that such a relatively small operation would have to frequently drain all its hydraulic equipment. It would be a burdensome, expensive process that would lead vendors to not even bid for the job, they said, noting the size of the operation would not make it worth the effort.

The Planning panel also agreed to create a draft decision for JPF Development's plan to construct a 15-acre, self-storage facility with seven storage buildings and a total of 300 units within the Industrial District at Kings Highway and Route 28.

Here, too, a waiver became the main topic of discussion.

JPF Development's engineering consultant, Bill Madden, complained that the Town of Wareham is not allowing the applicant to access water by connecting to an existing line and hydrant on private property, the


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applicant's previous plan. JPF is being asked instead to move its proposed water line to beneath Cranberry Highway, he said, which will add to the project cost.

Plus, Madden said, the town's consulting engineer, Ken Motta, has requested JPF build a 30-foot utility easement rather than the company's plan of a mere 10-foot easement. Ten feet is all that the project will need, Madden argued.

"That's a pretty big ask, given that an access road that big won't be needed," Madden said. "We are agonizing over this now. The hard and soft costs would be huge. And we won't need much water."

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office and for the five to 10 commercial bays planned for the project.

The board agreed with Madden that a larger easement is not necessary and approved his request to add the waiver for a 10-foot easement to the decision conditions.

Johnson said the town has no money or Water Department to support such a water line. "There's no other project being planned that could tag into that line," he said.

The board closed the public hearing and said the draft decision will be ready to be signed at the second meeting in May.

In other business, the board reviewed the issue of solar-panel toxicity. Johnson said recent YouTube videos have shown solar-array panels shattering and catching fire. Should this happen in Rochester, the materials and chemicals that fall to the ground could create hazardous and groundwater-contamination waste, board members said.

Johnson concluded solar-array companies should add an insurance policy on this issue, and the town should add this condition into the town's solar bylaw.

Town Planner Nancy Durfee said it is too late to make such a change in time for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting. Johnson said the board should make ready this change for the fall Town Meeting.

The Rochester Planning Board will meet next on

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**Food Fees Tailored for Details**

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Marion Board of Health has updated its food-inspection fee schedule, and Marion Health Director / Nurse Lori Desmarais told the board at its April 4 meeting that Marion's fees remain lower than area towns in some aspects.

The goal, according to Desmarais and Marion Health Agent Shallyn Rodriguez, was to sharpen up the

fee structure to be more tailored to specific establishments, be it according to size, its status as a permanent versus seasonal establishment, or a specialty establishment.

Marion has added a Miscellaneous category to address food inspections more specifically, and Desmarais explained the need for an inspection for when new businesses come in and inquire with the town about properties of interest for prospective projects.

Seasonal restaurants are a new category, defined by being open for business less than six months of the year. Marion's Temporary fee schedule is based on three days or less, while the state Department of Health uses 14 days as its definition of temporary.

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There will also be a fee schedule for smaller establishments.

Board members Albin Johnson, Dr. John Howard and Chairman Dr. Ed Hoffer were all present to vote their approval.

In a septic update at 38 Rocky Knook Lane, Rodriguez reported on a meeting with the installer and engineer and was anticipating (by April 5) an analysis result. Desmarais received an email stating that the home remains unoccupied.

There are new businesses opening up for which Rodriguez is planning food inspections.

In the Health Director's report, Desmarais told

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the board that MassDEP that Ansel's Café is connecting to Marion's Public Water system.

Board administrator Maureen Murphy is registering residents for a COVID-19 booster clinic to be held the week of April 15 (date and time TBA). The vaccine has been purchased by the town.

Desmarais is working with Marion Community EMS on a stroke-education-awareness grant application and working with Council on Aging Director Karen Gregory on a May 1 event at the Cushing Community Center.

The South Coast Public Health Collaborative has postponed an April 11, in-person meeting to May (TBD).

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be scheduled for Thursday, April 18, at 4:30 pm at the Town House Annex Building.

### Schools Budget Approved

*ORR School Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Old Rochester School Committee held its FY25 Budget Public Hearing on March 28 and voted unanimously to approve the budget for recommendation to voters at the three town meetings to be held in of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester all on the same night of Monday, May 13.

The proposed FY25 operations budget of \$21,663,474 represents a \$693,178 increase over the FY24



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After Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson explained how the budget process begins with an assessment of needs and is then refined by processes that are governed by the state and at the same time beholden to fiscal responsibility to the three member towns, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howard Barber explained the mechanics and part of the budget process.

Barber gave examples of grants and other special revenues, along with general funds, long-term bonds, short-term bond-anticipation notes and capital stabilization.

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that Chapter 70 state aid (\$3,496,795) only increased by approximately \$30,000 over FY24, slightly less than 1%.

Nelson publicly thanked Barber for his work in laying out the budget in layman's terms. He also recognized the subcommittees and town government officials for their work in assisting the process.

Committee Chairperson Michelle Smith said Barber's work has helped her understand the challenge and the process. Members April Nye, Jim Muse and Joe Pires added their thanks.

Member Matthew Monteiro said for the public's benefit that the expenditures do not represent what the committee wants but rather an act of "paying our bills."

Pires asked Barber what the town representatives' feedback has been given their own budget challenges. Barber said all three towns have offered feedback indicating agreement in the ORR budgeting plan and the intent to approve and recommend to town voters at Town Meeting.

In other business, the committee voted to accept a \$1,000 donation from Cape Cod Five for the annual Credit for Life event.

The committee also voted to recommend the three member towns share \$12,000,000 in new debt to participate with ORR's long-term facility-upgrade goals. Barber explained that debt is coming off the books in February 2025, and now would be the opportune time to begin committing money to capital projects facing the school beginning with a massive upgrade to the HVAC system. The district also lists security in the highest priority; that will take the form of the replacement of 60 exterior doors and a new public-address system that will join the junior and senior high school buildings.

Nye explained from her subcommittee work that the main committee's vote would essentially authorize the towns to vote to appropriate ORR funds for these purposes.

In light of budget challenges in each of the towns, Pires recommended that the committee not vote on the matter.

Nye read the motion on the table to appropriate the funds as planned. Pires' was the only dissenting vote.

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The next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 pm at the Junior High Media Room and remotely via Zoom.

### Sippican Prepares for New Leadership

*Marion School Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Old Rochester Regional School District needs to find a replacement for Sippican Elementary School Principal Marla Brown, who has cited health challenges with her decision to step away, and a new vice principal, as Peter Crisafulli plans to relocate after the school year for family reasons.

In speaking to the Marion School Committee during its March 14 public meeting, ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson offered public thanks to both Brown and Crisafulli for their impactful leadership at Sippican and expressed support for them in their future. He indicated that the hiring process for the 2024-25 school year is underway.

ORR Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes, who is filling in as acting principal for the rest of the 2023-24 school year, called the experience of day-to-day work with Sippican students and teachers “a gift” and thanked the faculty for its support.

Committee Chairperson April Nye expressed appreciation for Brown, noting that she had worked inside the building with VASE when Brown was new on the job.

In the FY25 operating budget public hearing held on March 26, ORR administration presented a level-services operating budget of \$7,080,780 for FY25, an increase of \$414,587 (6.22%) over FY24 (\$6,666,193). The budget was unanimously approved.

Nelson explained that the drivers in the FY25 budget process included tradition ones such as contractually driven aspects dealing with collective bargaining, but the highest departmental increase is a new bus contract with Amaral that will drive up annual costs by 34% in the first year of the new deal. The FY24 figure of \$518,500 rises in FY25 to \$719,414, an increase of \$200,914.

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Operations Howie Barber broke down the budget process for the committee during the March 26 public hearing, identifying approximately \$320,000 in budget offsets and then noting how those offsets can be used.

On March 14 while still engaged in the budget process, Nelson said that while the ORR District is working within "a level-services ideology," the district continues to advocate for "what Sippican needs" had prohibitive challenges in the process not existed. That would include the addition of full-time special-education and reading teachers and a full-time math interventionist.

In her March 14 report, Nye recognized the arduous work done by Barber and Nelson during a difficult budget season. Nye also thanked Marion Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad for recognizing needs at the school. She thanked Town Administrator Geoff Gorman and Finance Director Heather O'Brien for listening well to the school's needs. Select Board Chairman Toby Burr, in attendance at the meeting, was also recognized for his support.

The Transportation Contract was approved at the committee's March 14 meeting, at which Nelson emphasized the rise in busing costs and that contract's effect on the overall FY25 budgeting process.

The current, five-year contract with Amaral expires at the end of the 2023-24 school year. It was originally a three-year deal that was extended two additional years on an optional basis. Coming off two extensions at the same cost, Barber characterized the new bid as essentially a three-year increase. At his recommendation, the board voted unanimously to award the new contract to Amaral.

Barber said the original bidding process was meant to put all four school districts under one contract, but that scenario was not successful. The revised bidding process was based on a town-by-town basis.

Nelson called the new negotiations "a difficult process."

In other business conducted on March 14, the committee voted to accept a \$10,000 FY24 Safe and Supportive Schools Continuation Fund (grant) aimed at supporting social, emotional learning curriculum.

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Nelson used his administration's report for lighter news, saying that Sippican has made progress on \$19,000 in funding for a comfort dog for the school. He also discussed the renovation of the gardens outside the music room and the flagpole area near the bus loop, recognizing the efforts of Jody Dickerson at the Marion Department of Public Works.

Dr. Shari Fedorowicz, ORR's assistant superintendent of Teaching and Learning, updated the committee on the ongoing literacy program.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 pm at Sippican Elementary School.

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**Goldman, Fiano Key Fast Start**

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

The Old Rochester Regional High School softball team defeated Wareham, 13-6, on April 6, making their record to start the season 2-0. Tara Goldman and Alex Fiano were named the players of the game. The Bulldogs' next game will be against Fairhaven on Thursday, April 11, at West Bridgewater.

**Girls Lacrosse**

ORR beat Falmouth, 10-7, in the Bulldogs' season opener on April 2. Kelly Quinlan was named the player of the game. ORR was scheduled to play a road game on Wednesday at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech.

**Girls Tennis**

ORR's girls' tennis team dominated Dartmouth on April 5, winning 5-0. Emily Wyman was named the player of the match. The Bulldogs were scheduled to play on Wednesday at West Bridgewater.

**Baseball**

The Bulldogs evened their record at 1-1 with an 11-2 victory over Wareham 11-2 on April 6. Freshman Malcolm Bean was named the player of the game. ORR was scheduled to visit Dartmouth on Wednesday.

**Boys Lacrosse**

ORR's boys' lacrosse team defeated Dennis-Yarmouth, 16-1, on April 1. Caleb Bousquet was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs were slated to host West Bridgewater on Wednesday.

**Boys Tennis**

ORR's boys' tennis team played at Dartmouth on April 5 and lost 5-0. The Bulldogs were scheduled to host West Bridgewater on Wednesday.

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To the Editor;

Should Marion Remain a Green Community?

In late 2018, Marion was accepted into the Massachusetts Green Community Program. To date, 83% of Mass municipalities have joined the program. To achieve this status, the town had to meet five criteria aimed toward helping the town reduce energy use and transition away from fossil fuels (see Mass.gov for details). Becoming a Green Community opened the door to state funds for improving municipal energy efficiency and thus saving tax dollars. Marion has received nearly \$550,000 in grants that have paid for numerous improvements and upgrades to our municipal buildings and infrastructure. Thanks to these upgrades, our annual energy use has dropped by nearly 25%, which represents a savings of more than \$180,000 this past year relative to energy costs in 2017.

Despite these substantial successes and benefits to the town, questions are now being raised about whether Marion should remain in the Green Community Program.

The rub arises from the requirement to adhere to the so-called stretch building code, which involves more energy-efficient construction than that required by the base building code. The stretch code applies only to new construction and major renovations. Both the normal and stretch building codes have evolved over time to promote additional energy efficiency, as we knew would occur as the state strives to reduce carbon emissions.

Substantial incentive payments are provided by the state to offset additional costs for the more energy-efficient construction required by the stretch code. For example, a new all-electric 4000 sq ft home, after state rebates, costs about \$20,000 less to build relative to one constructed under the base building code, and the cost savings per year for the home buyer (through changes to the downpayment, 30-year mortgage payment, and energy savings) amount to \$548 per year (see Mass.gov for other examples). The stretch code and associated incentives were developed to save energy, reduce building costs, and lower homeowners' energy bills. And remember that the base building code does not differ appreciably from the stretch code -- in a few years, it will become the same as today's stretch code.

If Marion decides to stop complying with the stretch code, we cannot remain in the Green Communities Program. We'd be only the second town in Massachusetts to leave the program. Access to grants for additional municipal improvements and cost savings would be lost. Given the savings we've achieved through being a Green Community, why would Marion want to exit the program? The opposition being raised by a few misinformed residents would eliminate these substantial and ongoing benefits to us all.

Jennifer Francis, PhD

Member of Marion's Energy Management Committee

### Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, April 15: Patriot's Day – no meals served

Tuesday, April 16: Beef burgundy, egg noodles, peas, whole wheat bread, pears

Wednesday, April 17: Tossed salad w/Italian dressing, meatball sub, potato wedges, glazed carrots, sub roll, fresh orange

Thursday, April 18: Grilled chicken w/Jardiniere sauce, rice pilaf, broccoli, multigrain roll, cheesecake

Friday, April 19: Pasta Bolognese w/tomato basil sauce. Brussel sprouts, dinner roll, mixed fruit

### Evangelistic Gospel Event in Mattapoisett

The Lamb of God Christian Church is holding a special Christian event at the Knights Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett on Sunday, **April 21**, at 6:30 pm.

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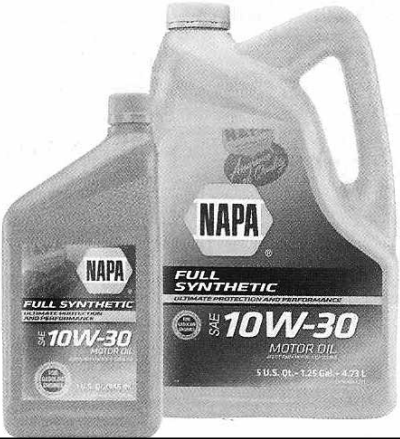


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### Taste of Italy

The Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road, Marion, is hosting a "Taste of Italy" dinner on **April 21**. We will be serving Antipasto, Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo & Chicken Parmigiana. Doors will open at noon for socializing, serving will be at 1 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased by calling Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Cutoff date for purchasing tickets will be **April 17**. Hope to see you there.

### Rochester Women's Club Earth Day Celebration

The Rochester Women's Club is hosting its annual Earth Day celebration this year with our town-wide street

cleanup on Saturday **April 20** from 9 -1 pm. The Women's Club is located at 37 Marion Road. Join us rain or shine for this family-friendly event.

This year we have two starting points in town. The Rochester Women's Club at 37 Marion Road and 136 North Avenue at Your Life and Land. Gather with your family and friends at either spot, grab a snack, water and coffee. Receive your supplies, gloves and trash bags and leave your full bags of trash by the side of the road. Please call 508-322-0998 to register and give us your preferred location to clean.

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We would like to thank the many organizations and companies for supporting us this year.

### Mattapoisett Museum Annual Meeting

The Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street is pleased to announce its Annual Meeting on Thursday, **April 25** at 6:00 pm. After a short business meeting, Curator Connor E. Gaudet will regale the audience with the history of the iconic bark, Wanderer, since it was shipwrecked on the rocks of Cuttyhunk Island.



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This talk at the Annual Meeting is open to all, but only Mattapoissett Museum Members will be asked to vote on new Board Members and changes in bylaws. Self-serve refreshments will be available.

### Amphibian Study Presentation at the MNHM

Scott Smyers, Herpetologist, will be presenting a study of Wood Frog populations in high elevations in the White Mountains of New Hampshire on Friday, **April 12** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Marion Natural History Museum. Scott Smyers has studied the behavior and ecology of amphibian and reptile species native to the eastern United States for more than 20 years. He has also led field studies for pond-breeding amphibians using various trapping techniques. His experience with amphibians includes laboratory studies of three species of pond-breeding salamanders in southern Louisiana, including *Ambystoma opacum*, *A. maculatum* and *A. talpoideum*.

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### Cushing Cemetery

There will be a Biannual Cushing Cemetery meeting at the Mattapoissett Library on **April 20** at 10 am. The meeting will be held downstairs and all Board, and Trustee members are encouraged to attend. This meeting is open to the public if you want to attend.

### Marion Scouts Annual Town Cleanup

The Scouts of Marion Cub Scouts Pack 32 and Troop 32 are once again leading the annual Earth Day celebration for Marion. The scouts are looking for volunteers to join the town-wide Cleanup in conjunction with the DPW and Marion Board of Health. The Scouts invite all community members to join them on Saturday, **April 20**, rain or shine, from 9 am to 12 pm. This family-friendly event will begin at Washburn Park where you will receive a location to clean, yellow safety vests, gloves, water, and of course trash bags.

Any interested party who would prefer to commit to a clean, specific location, would like to participate at another time/date or anyone with questions may contact Kristen SaintDon-Campbell at [ksaintdon@gmail.com](mailto:ksaintdon@gmail.com). Please use the subject line Town Cleanup.

### Mattapoissett Woman’s Club Tag Sale

Find a treasure at the Mattapoissett Woman’s Club tag sale. It’s happening on Saturday **May 4** from 9 am-12 pm in the parking lot between Ying Dynasty and What the Taco. Browse our many tables filled with fun and amazing items you’re unlikely to find anywhere else. Proceeds from the tag sale benefit the Mattapoissett Woman’s Club Scholarship Fund and the needs of other local nonprofits. Cash or check only and no early birds please. Rain date is May 5 same time, same location. We look forward to seeing you on May 4, and may the finds be with you.

### Earth Day: Invest in Mattapoissett, Invest in Our Planet

All hands on deck. Help make our little section of the planet a healthier and safer place to live, work, and play.

The Sustainability Partnership group of the Mattapoissett Library is organizing its second Earth Day rain or shine event on Saturday, **April 20**, to kick off a community cleanup drive that will run from 9 am to 11 am. Please sign up at [Mattapoissettlibrary.org](http://Mattapoissettlibrary.org) through the Events Calendar.

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The Sustainability Partnership has a limited number of tong-like pickup devices for hard-to-reach debris. Volunteers are encouraged to wear gardening gloves and sturdy shoes, bring hand sanitizer and water to stay cool and hydrated and work in teams. Additionally, volunteers are advised not to touch items like needles, syringes and medical waste.

As principal organizer for the Sustainability Partnership's second Earth Day event, Ms. Barbara van Inwegen expressed her gratitude to all those participating in 2024. Last year, "we collected more than 800 pounds of trash," said volunteer Roxanne Bungert, a Mattapoissett Women's Club member.

After the cleanup, volunteers return to the library to drop off supplies and bags of trash for weighing.

By participating in Earth Day's cleanup, on Saturday, April 20, from 9 am to 11 am, volunteers strengthen Mattapoissett's response to solid waste, a significant challenge with escalating consumption that poses significant threats to our environment and public health.

## Mattapoissett Road Race College Stipends

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A limited number of tickets are available.

Admission: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and includes one item for review by this talented team. Additional items may be reviewed at \$10 per item as time permits.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the General Store, Church Office located at the Community Center Tues - Fri 9:00 am -2:00 pm, at Penny Pinchers Exchange, 39 Main St., Wed & Sat 10:00 am -1:00 pm. Additional information and online ticket purchase is available at the Church's website: [www.marionfirstchurch.org](http://www.marionfirstchurch.org).

Limited parking is available in the church's lot at the right rear of the General Store parking lot. We kindly ask all others to park at the Town Wharf on Front Street, opposite the Marion Music Hall.

### Poetry Month at the Mattapoisett Library

Award-winning Providence poets Karen Donovan and Catherine Imbriglio will read from their poetry on Saturday, **April 20** at 2 pm, at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street.

Karen Donovan's latest collection of poems, *Monad+Monadnock*, was published by Wet Cement Press. Her book *Planet Parable* (Etruscan Press) appears in the innovative multiauthor volume *Trio* along with complete books by the poets Diane Raptosh and Daneen Wardrop. Her other books of poems are *Your Enzymes Are Calling the Ancients* (Persea Books), which won the Lexi Rudnitsky / Editor's Choice Award, and *Fugitive*

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Red (University of Massachusetts Press), which won the Juniper Prize. She is also the author of Aard-vark to Axolotl (Etruscan Press), a collection of tiny stories and essays illustrated with engravings from a vintage Webster's dictionary. She has new work in the 2022 anthology Dreaming Awake: New Contemporary Prose Poetry from the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom. From 1985 to 2005 she co-edited ¶: A Magazine of Paragraphs, a print journal of very short prose.



Catherine Imbriglio is the author of two books of poetry, Parts of the Mass (Burning Deck), which received the Norma Farber First Book Award from the Poetry Society of America, and Intimacy (Center for Literary Publishing), which received the Colorado Prize in Poetry. Her poetry and criticism have appeared in After Spicer (John Vincent, ed.), American Letters & Commentary, Aufgabe, A Broken Thing: Poets on the Line, Conjunctions, Contemporary Literature, Denver Quarterly,



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 8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
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 9:00 AM A Conversation With...  
 9:30 AM Pete on the Street  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
 11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
 11:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
 2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Wick Simmons  
 3:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - A Presidential Portrait  
 4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
 5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
 6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
 6:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
 7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
 9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
 10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October  
 11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday April 12, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show  
 8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
 9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
 11:00 AM Cape Conversations  
 11:30 AM A Conversation With...  
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
 3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
 3:30 PM This is America and the World  
 4:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
 4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball Div.  
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 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites  
 7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages  
 9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 10:00 PM Gay USA  
 11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday April 13, 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 - Wick Simmons  
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
 4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - A Presidential Portrait  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
 9:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Tremont Advent Christian Camp  
 9:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages  
 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Sunday April 14, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source  
 6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
 8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
 10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
 11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication  
 11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
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 1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
 3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
 3:30 PM Paltrowitz 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  
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 9:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Tremont Advent Christian Camp  
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 11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
 11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday April 15, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
 8:00 AM For Your Health  
 9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:00 AM A Conversation With...  
 10:30 AM Cape Conversations  
 11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

1:00 PM In the Toy Box  
 1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
 2:00 PM Southcoast Matters  
 2:30 PM The Collective Chat  
 3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
 3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Presidential Portrait  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites  
 7:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
 9:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
 9:30 PM Building the Future  
 10:00 PM Gay USA  
 11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday April 16, 2024

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

11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday April 17, 2024

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

Marion GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
 11:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
 1:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
 4:00 PM Marion Open Space Commission  
 5:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission

7:00 PM Affordable Housing Trust  
 8:00 PM Marion School Committee  
 9:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 7:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
 10:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 1:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
 2:30 PM ORR School Committee  
 4:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 7:40 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 9:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 10:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
 11:30 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 8:00 AM ORR School Committee  
 9:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee  
 11:00 AM Autism Acceptance  
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 1:00 PM ORR Drama  
 2:00 PM ORR Spring Concert  
 3:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs GNBV  
 5:00 PM Check McIntyre  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Plymouth North  
 8:30 PM ORR Class Olympics  
 9:30 PM The Harvard Krokodiles  
 11:00 PM ORR Theatre Class

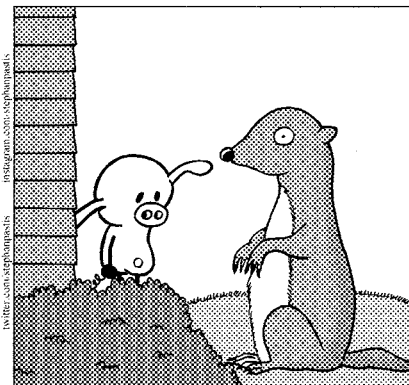
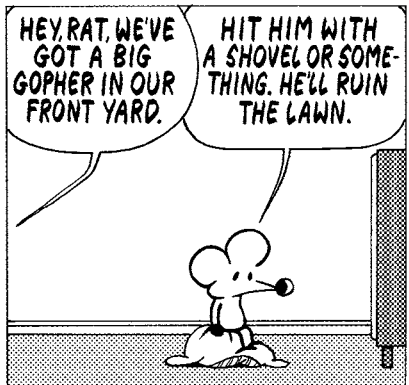
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Daily Schedule

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE  
 by Stephan Pastis



Epoch, Green Mountains Review, New American Writing, Pleiades, Poetry International, The Pact, West Branch, and elsewhere. A selection of her poetry was anthologized in the Iowa Anthology of New American Poetries, ed. Reginald Shepherd (University of Iowa Press). She is a senior editor in poetry for Tupelo Quarterly.

Both poets will have poetry books available for purchase and signing following the reading. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend this event celebrating Poetry Month, April.

### 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 hands-on session will equip you with essential techniques and



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Deviltry

By Rob Gonsalves  
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***The First Omen.* Starring Nell Tiger Free and Bill Nighy. Directed by Arkasha Stevenson. Running time: 119 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

The last time one of these *Omen* things came around — nearly twenty years ago! — I said we seem to get a lot of demonic cinema when there's trouble in the Middle East (more so than *usual*, that is). I don't know why. But the world situation is what it is, and lately we've gotten a slew of brimstone beasties. Last year gave us new installments of *Evil Dead* and *The Exorcist*, along with a group of others; this still-young year has brought *Late Night with the Devil*, *Immaculate*, and now *The First Omen*, a prequel set before the infernal events of the 1976 original. (It's not a prequel to the 2006 remake, since we see a photo of the 1976 film's star Gregory Peck here.) In such times, people prefer being scared by things that don't remind them of the world outside the multiplex, I guess.

Visually, this may be the best-directed *Omen* yet. Cowriter/director Arkasha Stevenson and her cinematographer Aaron Martin offer an early-'70s Rome done up in dark amber and burgundy, the color of hellfire, as though the world capital of Catholicism were hell on earth. Our heroine is Margaret (Nell Tiger Free), an American novitiate who arrives at an orphanage in Rome to take her vows as a nun. Margaret has been plagued by disturbing visions all her life, and she develops concern for an orphan girl named Carlita, whose drawings indicate similar troubling spectres. As Margaret eventually finds out — with the help of Father Brennan (Ralph Ineson), the priest headed for freak impalement in the '76 film — she hasn't been brought to Rome just to become a nun.

The movie is dark and often quiet, and takes its time. Arkasha Stevenson knows her stuff and creates a suffocating mood. It's the script, whose end is designed to click neatly into the 1976 movie's beginning, that lost me. Nell Tiger Free plays Margaret honorably, but as written she's made a bit too perfect, boringly perfect. There's more going on with Margaret's roomie Luz (Maria Caballero), who wants to take Margaret out on the town before they both take their vows, and Sister Silvia (Sonia Braga), the chain-smoking, trampoline-hopping Abbess



of the orphanage. These two women both imply vivid past lives before their calling, and Sonia Braga cast as a nun will amuse fans of her '70s and '80s work. Margaret might have been allowed her own secret quirks and foibles. Or perhaps the writers didn't want to link female individualism with vulnerability to demonic interest.

In these movies it's usually a virginal innocent (almost always female) who attracts the notice of Old Splitfoot, the better for her to lure him and risk being defiled by him. Such narratives tend not to be especially feminist. They're not built to be. Stevenson and her collaborators try, however, to make this a glancingly empowering story by establishing rapport between women (this film, incidentally, would pass the Bechdel Test breezing). The problem is, the script doesn't create any pockets of warmth between them, no funky humanity whose violation we can mourn. Even in the sober-sided original film there was David Warner as a skeezy tabloid photographer whose manner amusingly rubbed Gregory Peck the wrong way. There's no David Warner figure in *The First Omen*, and it could have used one, desperately.

It does occur to me that these lacks may have more to do with studio meddling than with the creators, who may have initially delivered a movie more in line with what I might've liked. As it is, the film — despite freaky bits like a demonic birth that almost got an NC-17 rating — feels, like many prequels, like a bland and unnecessary story. We know, after all, that Damien will be born and taken into the highest halls of power until he grows up to be Sam Neill. Nothing in this film will — or be allowed to — change that. The only story here is how Margaret, a nun from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, ends up being part of the Damien saga. She has nothing much intriguing about her aside from that, and despite what I'm sure were the writers' best intentions, she becomes reduced to what these movies always reduce women to: her body.



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### Mattapoissett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoissett 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, Mattapoissett. 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**.

here is always good food, good people and a cash bar. Candidates, please RSVP by Friday, **April 12**, [PCMattyGOP@proton.me](mailto: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.

Want to offload some art supplies? The MAC will sell your unwanted materials. The Marion Art Center will retain a 50% commission on all sales. Items must be in good condition and approved by the YArt Sale committee in advance. All vendors will pay a \$25 registration fee once accepted, which will be refunded after vendors collect all unsold goods. Have a lot of items

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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.

### 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

## OBITUARIES



**Mary Jane Rimmer-Doherty**, 81, of Mattapoisett died March 30, 2024 at Sippican Health Care Center surrounded by her family.

She was the wife of James M. Doherty.

Born and raised in New Bedford, the daughter of the late J. Clinton and M. Annita (Rogers) Rimmer, she lived in

Mattapoisett most of her life.

Mary Jane graduated from St. Anne's School of Nursing and later received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Salve Regina University.

She was formerly employed as an E.M.T. with the Town of Mattapoisett for over 20 years until her retirement.

Mary Jane enjoyed traveling throughout the Caribbean Islands and Europe and spent many winters at her place in Stuart, FL with her husband Jim.

She enjoyed gardening, knitting and making Nantucket baskets.

Her family would like to thank the staff at Sippican Health Care Center and at the Saunders-Dwyer Home For Funerals.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Hans Doherty of Naples, FL; 3 sisters, Margaret Ferreira of Mattapoisett, Susan Desnoyers of New Bedford and Martha Simmons of Fairhaven; 2 grandchildren, Althea and Owen; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Anne Motta.

Her Funeral Service and burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Barbara A. (Kubik) Bowman**, 82, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on Saturday April 6, 2024 at Tobey Hospital after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Wesley N. Bowman.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late John and Beatrice (Moore) Kubik, she spent most of her life in Mattapoisett.

Barbara worked as a bookkeeper for the family business, Wesley Bowman & Sons, where she was a whiz at numbers and was very well organized. She had also been a bookkeeper for the Mattapoisett Highway Department from 1988-2006 while her husband was the Town Highway Surveyor. It was a job she was proud to undertake.

Known for her great sense of humor and quick wit, she had a soft spot for animals, loved reading history books, and decorating her home for the holidays. She adored her grandchildren and in her earlier years spent a lot of time being the coolest Gram. She cherished her time spent with them and was a very proud grandmother.

The family would like to thank her caregiver, Sarah Mello for the loving care and attention shown to Barbara.

She is survived by her four children, Wesley Bowman, Jr., Nancy Duff, Susan Henshaw and her husband Todd, and Gary Bowman and his wife Kim; ten grandchildren, Mitchell Duff, Wesley Bowman III, Timothy Bowman, Marissa Donovan, Rachael Sweet, Mary-Louise Hansen, T.J. Henshaw, Matthew "Joe" Duff, Mason Henshaw, and John Kubik Bowman; six great-grandchildren, Colin Sweet, Travis Sweet, Chase Bowman, Caleb Bowman, Daisy Louise Donovan, and William George Henshaw; and her sister, Nancy M. Kubik. She also had many special nieces and nephews, including Robert Bessette, Dennis Bessette, and Lisa Cardoza and her daughter Holly Cardoza.

She was predeceased by her brother John Kubik.

At her request, her funeral services and burial in Pine Island Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be made to the Mattapoisett Police Department, P.O. Box 436, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

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

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 cakewalk was a pre-Civil War dance originally performed by enslaved peoples on plantation grounds. The evolution of the creative dance-step/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](http://marionartcenter.org).

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

Most often I am writing about articles, letters or pictures that I find in our museum collection, but this time I'm writing about objects, most specifically, ones that show how our ancestors spent their free time. Our new exhibit will be debuting on the weekend of June 22 and 23 along with an expanded two-day Historic Fair. The fair will include a living history exhibition, a chance to practice mustering like a Colonial soldier, a scavenger hunt, music, bake sale, a Treasure Hunt using compasses, old games, maybe animals and much more. The exhibit is titled; Past Pastimes-How We Entertained Ourselves for the Last 337 Years.

At the Museum, we have quite a few pieces that will be on display. There's an early bathing suit, a set of cement children's blocks, hoops to roll and a lot of board games from the 50's and 60's and-- yes, our old



games are close to 75 yrs. old.

We are looking to expand the exhibit with both adult and children's items. Think a wooden Chinese checkers game, older crafts, autograph books, scrapbooks, card playing paraphernalia and how to play whist or canasta or pictures of card parties.

An old Victrola, Magic lantern, old dolls or wooden toys, cap pistols, Davy Crocket hat, old baseball glove or wooden skates. I think you can see what we're looking for and the older the better. Items can be a donation or a loan, and you can get your antique back at the end of the exhibit. We'll give a receipt for any loaners.

Pictures and reminisces would be great. We found at our board meeting that just naming a game from our childhoods sent us on a trip down memory lane.

We appreciate your help with this. Arrangements for drop-off or pickup can be coordinated with Connie (617 750 2818 [eshbach2@aol.com](mailto:eshbach2@aol.com) or Sue 508 295 8908 [sash48@comcast.net](mailto:sash48@comcast.net)).

Watch for more info on the upcoming Maxi Fair with a Colonial Flair. With a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, we are greatly expanding our events. Many are geared to our youngest residents and visitors, so we hope you circle the date.

### Mattapoisett Library Children's Room

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# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



*Jane Hathaway captured this photo of Monday's solar eclipse in Mattapoisett.*



*Local photographer Robert Price was in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, for Monday afternoon's solar eclipse and shared his photos with The Wanderer.*



*Mattapoisett Harbor and a view of the bay from Point Connett. Photo courtesy Ruth A. Griffin*



*A Virginia rail used a horse run-in on Aucoot Road in Mattapoisett as an April 4 rest stop during its northward migration. This small, secretive bird lives in freshwater and brackish marshes throughout New England during the warm months but is rarely seen. Photo courtesy Tom Richardson*

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

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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

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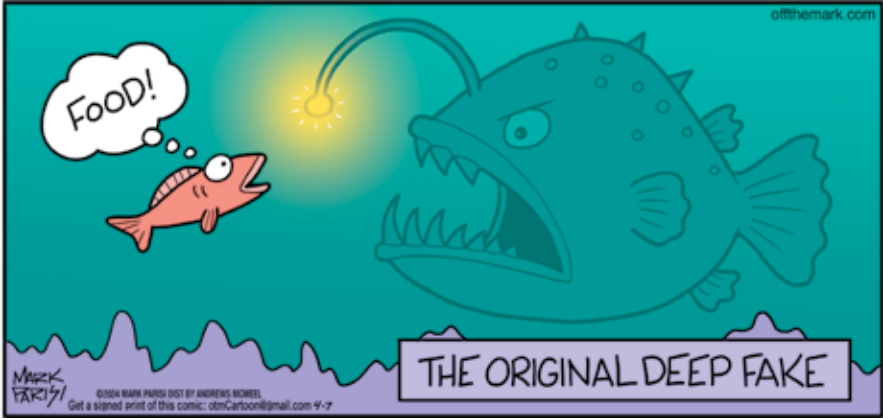


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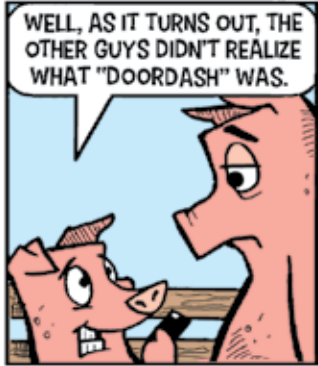
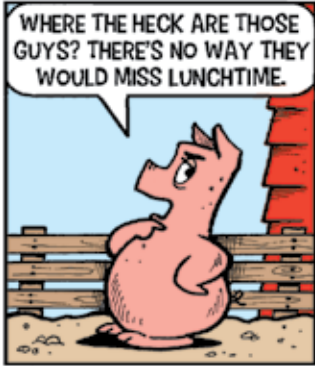
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**Tundra**  
by Chad Carpenter



**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps





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.

On Wednesday, **April 17** at 10:30 am, join us for Toddler Seed Starting. Join the muddy madness. Watch your little one plant their first green buddy and watch it grow. Perfect for tiny tots aged 2 and up. Visit our website to register.

On Thursday, **April 18** at 3:30 pm, stop in for Spring Wreath Craft. Come get crafty with us and make a vibrant wreath using a mishmash of materials to greet spring with style. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Visit our website to register.

The Quahog Book Award concludes this month. If you are a reader or know a reader participating, time is running out to complete your group(s). Voting Week 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 [mkskaar@sailsinc.org](mailto:mkskaar@sailsinc.org). You can also find more information on our website at [MattapoissettLibrary.org](http://MattapoissettLibrary.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



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to join us for a complimentary round of golf on either Sunday, April 21 or Wednesday, April 24.

Tee times are available on Sunday between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm and Wednesday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

Reservations may be made by calling 508-207-9215.

Please note, reservations will be on a first come basis and can be booked 7 days in advance. Carts are available for a fee.

Proper golf attire as well as a basic knowledge and ability to play the game are required.

# Super Crossword

## PUTTING ON A GOOD FACE

### ACROSS

- 1 Very little bit
- 5 Large Indian city
- 10 Discover by chance
- 15 Elegant
- 19 Liposuction target
- 20 Take out — (borrow cash)
- 21 Journalist — Rogers St. Johns
- 22 Actor Cronyn
- 23 Initial impression
- 25 Printer cartridge contents
- 27 Still in the future
- 28 Harsh review
- 30 Admit defeat
- 31 Wonder
- 32 Like bedroom communities
- 35 Partners of 84-Down
- 36 Metal sleeve in an engine's piston
- 40 Slide down a slope
- 41 Cuts of pork
- 42 Disney who drew
- 43 Toot one's own horn
- 46 Gaius' garb
- 50 Rand of objectivism
- 51 "Viva — Vegas"
- 52 Base coat on a wall, maybe
- 54 Is a little too fond of
- 57 Rest on top of
- 59 Writer Nin
- 60 Prefix with conscious
- 61 Dock
- 62 Honey liquor
- 64 Cpl., e.g.
- 65 Big grant-giving group
- 72 Totally
- 73 Granny
- 74 Dog food brand
- 75 Places with lots of IVs
- 76 Mental picture
- 78 Dictators
- 81 Row of PC-screen buttons
- 85 Cabaret where the cancan originated
- 87 Kilmer of "Tombstone"
- 88 Kitchen utensil brand
- 89 "Little" actress Rae
- 90 Decorative tattoo dye
- 91 Very little
- 93 Garden pest

- 95 Mem. of the family
- 97 Annotation in the text of Christian scripture
- 100 Server overseer, informally
- 103 Convention speeches
- 105 "... flaw — feature?"
- 106 Mixed with cognac, e.g.
- 108 Flip (out)
- 109 Clip out
- 113 Something cast at sunset
- 116 What you have passed when you figure out this puzzle's theme?
- 118 Hydroxyl compound
- 119 Cooling, as champagne
- 120 French gal pals
- 121 To be, to Livy
- 122 Really resist
- 123 Former quarterback Rodney
- 124 French governing body
- 125 Letters after pis

- ### DOWN
- 1 Not definite
  - 2 "Rolie Polie —" (kids' book)
  - 3 Sour
  - 4 Refrain from drinking
  - 5 Patted lightly
  - 6 Fanning of "Teen Spirit"
  - 7 Baseball's Gehrig
  - 8 Wields influence
  - 9 Occupy
  - 10 TV's Linden
  - 11 Lupino or Tarbell
  - 12 Actress Thompson of "Creed"
  - 13 Brand of fake 69-Down
  - 14 — a one (zero)
  - 15 Go through the motions
  - 16 1/16 pound
  - 17 Aroma
  - 18 "— Johnny!"
  - 24 Small cities
  - 26 Ankara native
  - 29 Convent sister
  - 32 Span. women
  - 33 Steel support for concrete
  - 34 Grill
  - 36 Dressed (in)
  - 37 "Around-the-world" toy

- 38 Dryer fluff
- 39 Actor McGregor
- 40 Fuel additive brand
- 44 Strong ill will
- 45 Dutch artist Jan
- 47 Certain Arab
- 48 State Farm alternative
- 49 Fiery crime
- 51 Spa sponge
- 52 Actress Valerie of "Lenny"
- 53 Storm-finding systems
- 55 Cartoon cry
- 56 Act starter
- 57 Qatar export
- 58 Letter #22
- 61 Take selfish advantage of
- 63 "It's —!" ("You're on!")
- 65 "Darkman" director Sam
- 66 Actor Edward James —
- 67 Santa —
- 68 — nous
- 69 Liposuction target
- 70 Mantra words
- 71 "For shame!"
- 77 In a harshly bright way
- 79 Pass quickly on foot
- 80 "To repeat ..."
- 81 Unveiling cry

- 82 — -chic
- 83 Pivot point
- 84 Fishing sticks
- 86 Devils' org.
- 87 Dirt Devils, e.g., in brief
- 91 Nissan car models
- 92 Reason for extra innings
- 93 Get — on reality
- 94 Ceiling coat
- 96 Terminates
- 98 Arrow shooter
- 99 Short-horned grasshopper
- 100 Differently — (other-skilled)
- 101 Pilotless craft
- 102 Lead-in to "the cloth" or "the hour"
- 103 Cartoonist Bill
- 104 Comic and actor Murphy
- 107 Breakfast chain, in brief
- 109 "I — bad moon rising"
- 110 Meeting period, slangily
- 111 — buco (veal dish)
- 112 Map nos.
- 114 Tenth mo.
- 115 Very little
- 117 Cousins, e.g.

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# SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) New opportunities spring up for the Arians. Kick up those heels and go, go, go for them. Remember, someone special will be rooting for your success.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Indulge in your love of beauty. Buy something marvelous for your home, then plan a romantic dinner at a special place with your special person.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your diligent search for the truth pays off. You can now go ahead and make a decision fully armed with the facts. But expect some resistance to your plans.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Travel is favored, but be prepared to be flexible in planning your trip. A family situation may cause you to delay your original departure date.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful to whom you confide in with your secrets. While you certainly have your admirers, you also have detractors who would love to puncture the Lion's pride.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A certain family problem still needs your attention. It would be unwise at this time to let things slide. Things start to look more promising on the job.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your mate seems to feel increasingly ignored. Try for a better balance between your home and work commitments. Start with a romantic weekend getaway.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Missed opportunities usually come from miscommunication, but it's not too late to correct the wrong assumptions. A timely call can help reestablish important contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your usually keen sense of direction needs some sharpening this week. Stay focused on your goals despite some pesky distractions. Your efforts will soon pay off.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't automatically reject suggestions from friends and family members. Some of their ideas might be helpful. Check them out before you decide to chuck them out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Expect to be pleasantly startled when a promise from the past finally comes through for you. Use this as an opportunity to restart a long-delayed project.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An air of conspiracy dominates the workplace. Avoid taking sides. This is one time when you need to concentrate on being your own best friend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You despise hypocrisy. Your honesty is admired, although your friends sometimes feel you could be less blunt and a little more diplomatic. You love living life to the fullest.

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are planning on demonstrating the process of building a Mattapoissett River Racer on a small scale to show the process and techniques. We are asking people who have a 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 Mattapoissett 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 Mattapoissett 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 Mattapoissett River Racer (MRR) boats, the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. 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, co-ed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are 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

# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights March 31-April 6

- Converse Rd – MV complaint
- Brookhaven Ln – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Wildlife services
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Burglar alarm
- Wianno Rd – EMS/medical
- County Rd – MV collision
- Vine St – General service
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Delano Rd – Parking enforcement
- Mill St – Family offense
- Washburn Park Rd – General offense
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Cove St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Oakdale Ave – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Identity theft
- Pleasant St – EMS/medical
- Joanne Dr – Paper service
- Mill St – Animal bite
- Dexter Rd – Health/welfare
- Brookhaven Ln – MV complaint
- Ichabod Ln – Follow up investigation
- Delano Rd – Lost property
- Beach St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Animal complaint
- Front St – Larceny/past
- Village Dr – EMS/medical

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights March 31-April 6

- Chapel Rd – MV violations
- Holly Woods Rd – General service
- Wildwood Ter – 911 call
- Long Plain Rd – Brush fire
- Ocean Breeze Ln – Suspicious MV
- Long Plain Rd – Assist citizen
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- Randall Rd – Suspicious persons
- Bay Club Dr - Assist citizen
- River Rd – General service
- County Rd – Property found
- County Rd – No trespass order
- Tinkham Ln - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Briar Rd – General service
- Pine Island Rd – Noise complaint
- Church St – Medical alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – Carbon monoxide
- Brandt Island Rd – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Medical alarm
- Driscoll Ln – MV violations
- County Rd – MV crash
- North St – Health/welfare
- County Rd – MV crash
- Baptist St – 911 call
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Crystal Spring Rd – 911 call

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights March 31-April 6

- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Ashley Brook Ln – Panic alarm
- North Ave – General services
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Erratic MV
- Randall Rd – General services
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Randall Rd – Follow up
- High St – MV fire
- Cranberry Hwy – Failure to stop
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- Sarabeth Ln - Threats
- Noble Rd – General services
- Forbes Rd – Medical alarm
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – Burglar alarm
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Douglas Corner Rd – Suspicious activity
- Stuart Rd – Road hazard
- Cranberry Hwy – General services
- Clapp Rd – Disabled MV/towed
- Noble Rd – Follow up
- North Ave – General services
- Mendell Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity

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



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<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoissett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held in the Mattapoissett 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.</p> <p>Case #1535: Application of: Robert &amp; Lisa Barboza, 28 Greengate, Plymouth, MA 02360-3174 RE:5&amp;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</p> <p>Case #1536: Application of: Brett J. &amp; Emily A. L'Esperance, 36 Highland Circle, Wayland, MA 01778 RE: 0 Tupola Lane &amp; 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 &amp; 27 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 18, 2024.</p> <p>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</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoissett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoissett Town Hall for a Definitive Subdivision Plan for land situated on Ocean Drive prepared for David J. Duchaine.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to create the frontage for a residential house lot through the submittal of a Definitive Subdivision Plan.</p> <p>The subject property is identified as the northerly portion of Lot #16B on Mattapoissett Assessors Map #15B.</p> <p>Plans are available for viewing at the Planning Board Office at Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA. or at the office of Schneider, Davignon &amp; Leone, Inc., 81A County Road, Unit G, Mattapoissett we recommend calling in advance to view the plans at (508) 758-7866 ext. 203. 4/4, 4/11</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/TOWN PLANNER PUBLIC NOTICE</b></p> <p>The Office of the Town Administrator of the Town of Rochester, MA will receive sealed Bids for the construction of Proposed Roadway and Site Improvements in Rochester until Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 1:00 pm local time, at the Office</p>	<p>of the Town Planner, Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA 02770 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. All Bids shall be submitted within a sealed envelope addressed to the Town Administrator/ Procurement Officer c/o the Rochester Town Planner and entitled "Bid for Contract- CHSGOD Infrastructure Improvements". A non- mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 10:00 am. All interested bidders are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>The project consists of construction of installation of water infrastructure and associated work, including additional construction of bituminous concrete and concrete sidewalks, ADA accessible ramps, vertical granite curbing, adjustment and replacement of catch basin frames and grates, removal of existing drainage structures, closure of existing curb cuts, creation of new curb cuts, paving, loaming and seeding, all earthwork necessary to complete the installations, and appurtenant Work in accordance with the drawings and specifications (Contract Documents).</p> <p>The Contractor shall supply all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work shown on the Contract Drawings and hereinafter contained in the Specifications. The Contractor shall pay for all water connection fees associated with the project as payable to the Town of Wareham Water Fire District. These fees are ESTIMATED at approximately \$71,913.26 as outlined in an estimate provided by the Wareham Fire District. The Contractor shall be required to verify this estimate as appropriate.</p> <p>Bidding documents are available in electronic PDF format and hard copy format. Electronic files can be obtained by contacting Phil Cordeiro at Allen &amp; Major Associates, Inc., 10 Main Street, Lakeville, MA, 02347-1674 or e-mail at PCordeiro@allenmajor.com. Hard copy documents may be obtained from the office of Allen &amp; Major Associates, Inc., 10 Main Street, Lakeville, MA, 02347-1674, during normal business hours, generally 8:30 am to 5:00 pm local time Monday through Friday.</p> <p>A complete set of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Engineer, Allen &amp; Major, Inc., for a deposit of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) or Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for plans only in cash or check, made payable to Allen &amp; Major Associates, Inc. This deposit will be refunded to document holders of record who return the Bidding Documents to the Engineer in good condition within fourteen (14) days after the opening of bids.</p> <p>All requests for mailing of Bidding Documents shall be accompanied by a separate nonrefundable handling or mailing fee in the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) in cash or check made payable to Allen &amp; Major Associates, Inc., One (1) set of Bidding Documents will be furnished for the deposit and mailing fee stated.</p> <p>Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond, Cash, Certified Check or a Treasurer's or Cashier's Check issued by a responsible Bank or Trust Company, in the amount of five (5) percent of the submitted bid, as Bid Security.</p> <p>Attention of the Bidder is called to the requirements for minimum wage rates to be paid under this Contract and the reporting associated thereto. Minimum wage rates are required as per M.G.L., Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D inclusive. Minimum wage rates determined by the Commissioner are as contained in the Contract Documents</p>	<p>as Appendix A, or the current wage rates at the time of Award.</p> <p>The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a 50% Payment Bond on the forms provided, based on the amount of the Contract.</p> <p>Contract payment will be by the lump sum price and/or unit price method as indicated on the Bid Form. No Bidder may withdraw their Bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date designated above for the opening.</p> <p>Bids for this Contract are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 30, Section 39M.</p> <p>The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to accept any Bid deemed by them to be in the best interest of the Town of Rochester, and to limit the extent of the work to keep within the limits of available funds.</p> <p><b>RULE FOR AWARD:</b> The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The lowest responsible and responsive contractor/firm must possess the skill, ability, and integrity necessary for the faithful performance of the work. The Town reserves the right to make any inquiries regarding qualifications. "Lowest Responsible Bidder" shall be as defined under MGL and contained within the Invitation to Bid.</p> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Glenn Cannon, Town Administrator/Procurement Officer OFFICE OF THE TOWN PLANNER Nancy Durfee, Town Planner HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Jeffrey Eldridge, Highway Surveyor WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT Andrew Cunningham, Superintendent ENGINEER Allen &amp; Major Associates, Inc 10 Main Street, Lakeville, MA, 02347-1674 4/11</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 to consider the following amendments to the Town of Rochester Zoning By-Laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend Section 22.50 of the Zoning By-laws-Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installations by adding a new section under 22.50.1.8 Historical Resources</li> <li>• Amend Section 22.10 of the Zoning Bylaws-Site Plan Review by adding a new section under 22.10.1.4.15 Historical Resources</li> <li>• Revise Chapter 20.40 Agricultural-Residential District, Back Lot Changes, Section D. 6.a., of the Rochester Zoning Bylaws</li> <li>• Revise Chapter 20.40 Agricultural-Residential District, Section D.1., Lot Dimensions, of the Rochester Zoning Bylaws, Access to Lots</li> <li>• Revise Chapter 20.40 Agricultural-Residential District, Section D.1, Lot Dimensions, of the Rochester Zoning Bylaws, Shape of Lot</li> <li>• Revise Chapter 21.40, Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations Overlay District, Applicability 21.40.2.2</li> </ul> <p>Copies of the articles are on file at the</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 50</i></p>

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 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**.

### 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](http://www.RochesterChristianLC.org)

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



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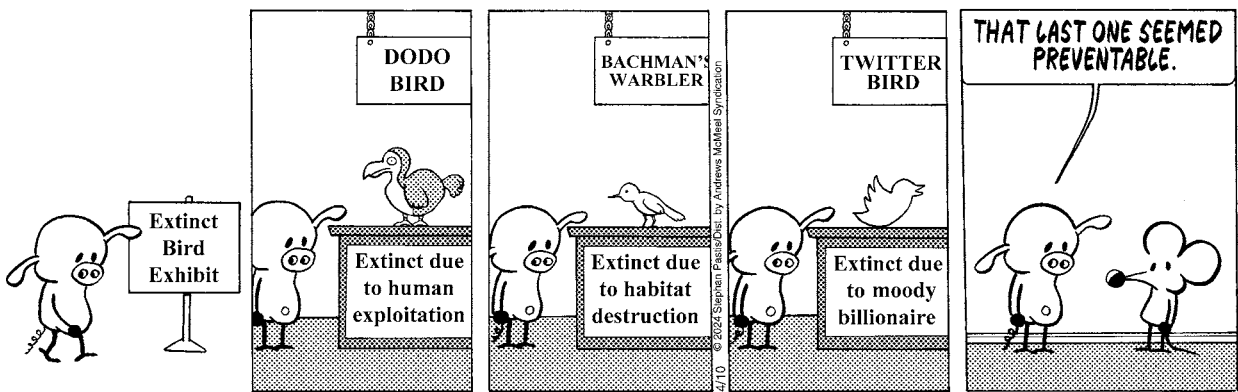
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<p>Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road during business hours and are posted on the Town's website at <a href="https://www.townofrochesterma.com/planning-board">https://www.townofrochesterma.com/planning-board</a>. Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86165939531">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86165939531</a> Meeting ID: 861 6593 9531 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/11, 4/18</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 to consider a Battery Energy Storage System By-Law within the Town of Rochester Zoning By-Laws under a new Section 22.80.</p> <p>Copies of the article are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road during business hours and is posted on the Town's website at <a href="https://www.townofrochesterma.com/planning-board">https://www.townofrochesterma.com/planning-board</a>. 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Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. <a href="https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/96815845547?pwd=MIJtRVFXOVlPTWVHaUlEg3U2l1QT09">https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/96815845547?pwd=MIJtRVFXOVlPTWVHaUlEg3U2l1QT09</a> Meeting ID: 968 1584 5547 Passcode: 146869 Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 4/11</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Robert Gray, for proposed boat shed at rear of property and garage on front of property at 114 Front Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 65A on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Natasha Molina at <a href="mailto:nmolina@marionma.gov">nmolina@marionma.gov</a> the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Paul and Linda Vivino for construction of natural stone landing from rear side of deck extending to seawall with walkway to seawall stairs, and convert temporary driveway to gravel driveway and parking at 12 West Avenue.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 3 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Natasha Molina at <a href="mailto:nmolina@marionma.gov">nmolina@marionma.gov</a> the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via</p>	<p>Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent submitted by The 95 Allen's Point Realty Trust, for proposed residential pier facility improvements at 95 Allen's Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 42C on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Natasha Molina at <a href="mailto:nmolina@marionma.gov">nmolina@marionma.gov</a> the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. Phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 4/11</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester will conduct a joint public hearing with the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Historic Commission on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application, filed by Mark and Ashley Briggs, for the property located at 0 New Bedford Road, identified on Assessors Map 4, Lot(s) 28, 28B and 28C.</p> <p>The applicant's proposed project is for the construction of a building primarily for storage of collectable cars with a private repair garage, including accessory storage and accessory office, lounge, and recreational telescope.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex 37 Marion Road, during business hours. Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89769219556">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89769219556</a> Meeting ID: 897 6921 9556 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/11, 4/18</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at <a href="http://www.wanderer.com">www.wanderer.com</a></b></p>

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## 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.

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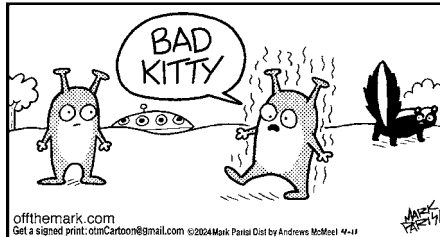
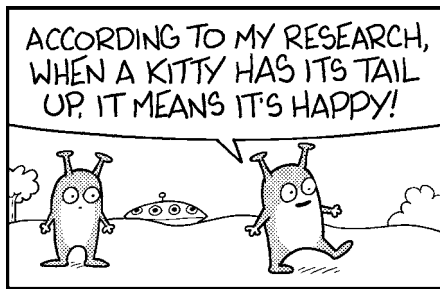
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Preference is given to children who may be considered educationally at risk, children who have special needs, children with no preschool experience, children in foster care, children who have experienced homelessness and families that meet tuition-assistance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

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

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

To register your child for the program, visit [oldrochester.org/departments/early-childhood-](http://oldrochester.org/departments/early-childhood-)

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## Tour de Creme

Mark your calendars and clear your schedule: on Sunday, **May 19**, the Tour de Crème bike ride returns for its 6th year. The 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](http://tourdecreme.org) to register and learn more.

Not interested in riding? There are many different volunteer opportunities available; visit the volunteer page of the website to sign up. Fund-raising is also encouraged for riders and 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

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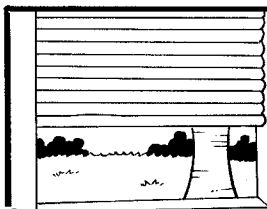
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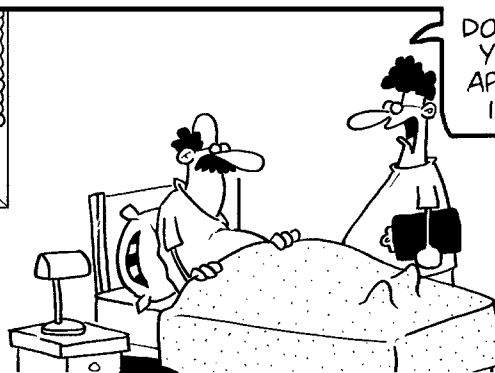
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### Rochester Historical Society News

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.

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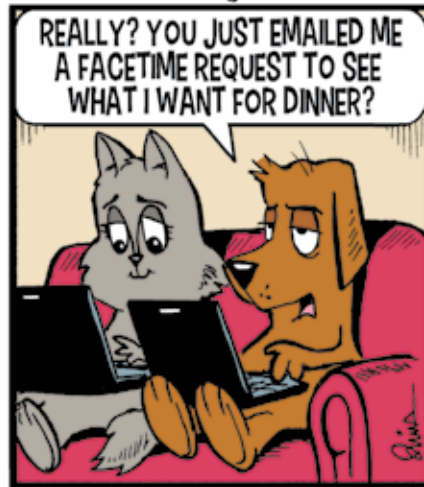
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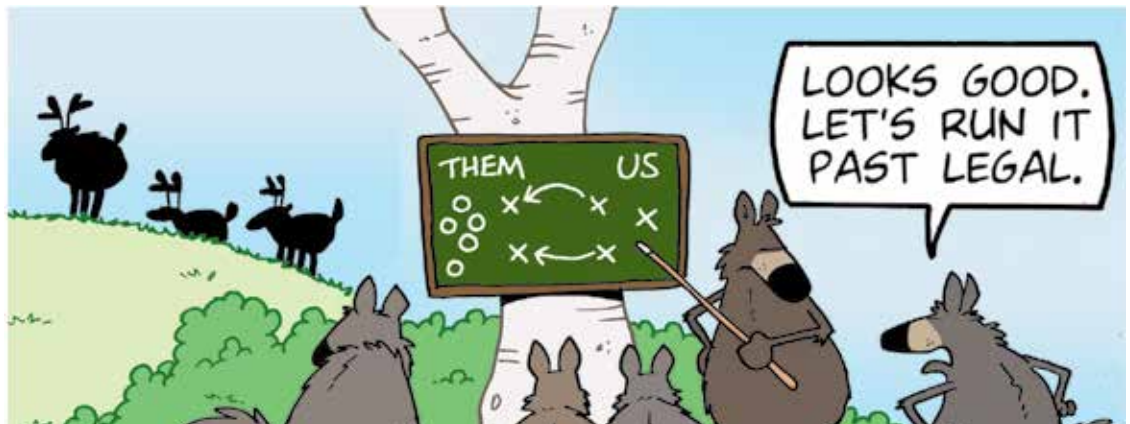
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| Alexis Sylvia          | April 12 |
| Ben Austin             | April 12 |
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| Brielle Ducharme       | April 12 |
| Chloe Gleason          | April 12 |
| Connor Hubbard         | April 12 |
| Crystal Gleason        | April 12 |
| Elizabeth Belanger     | April 12 |
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| Morgan Roy             | April 12 |
| Aimee Hill             | April 13 |
| Chloe Lanagan          | April 13 |
| Edward Sweeney         | April 13 |
| Ellen T. Perry         | April 13 |
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| Richard Langhoff       | April 13 |
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| David Longworth        | April 14 |
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| Tom Aleks              | April 16 |
| Brent Lestage          | April 17 |
| John Oldham            | April 17 |
| Kelsey Callahan        | April 17 |





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

The scholarship is made available through the Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship Fund. This award was created and named after Helen Adams Arthur (1940-2008), who was a beloved resident of Marion and alongside her husband Richard I. "Dick" Arthur, a long-time volunteer for the organization. Helen held a deep interest in the preservation of the beautiful open spaces in Marion.

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

Requirements for the application include:

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

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

Completed applications should be postmarked by **May 1** 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](mailto:info@sippicanlandstrust.org). Please note that volunteer opportunities are available at the Sippican Lands Trust.

### 31st Annual Buzzards Bay Swim

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

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

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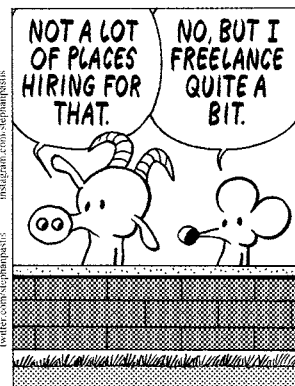
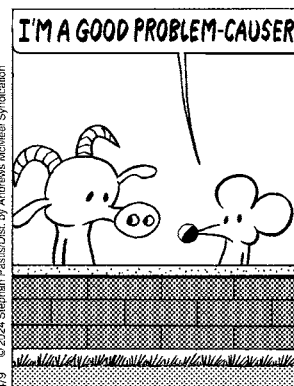
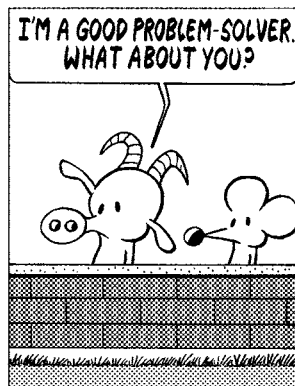
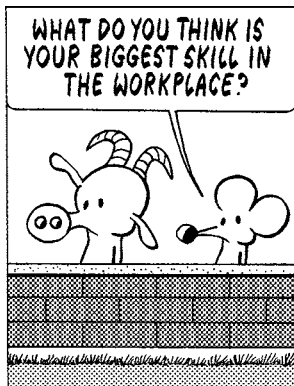
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
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Coalition. The other is the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, a 100, 75, or 35 mile bike ride that traverses the Buzzards Bay watershed from Little Compton to Woods Hole. The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

### 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

### MNHM Coastal Explorations

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

### 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



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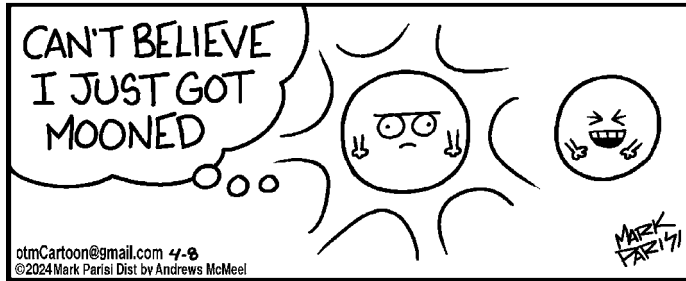
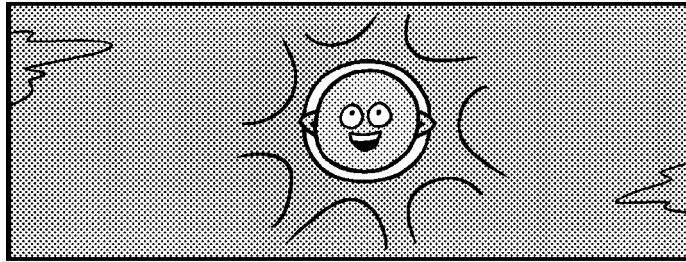
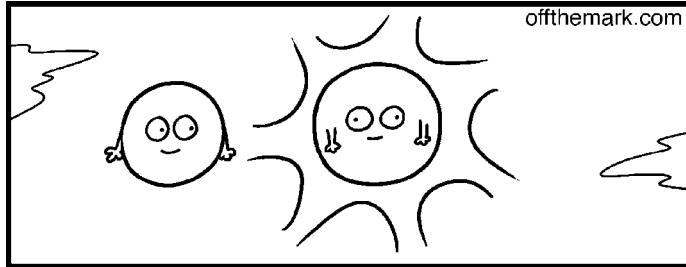
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standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this “unplugged” performance featuring mainly acoustic sound, without the volume and density often experienced during larger concerts in the MAC Theater. 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](http://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 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](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

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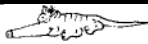
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### Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	April 11	10:46	11:10	4:31	4:08
Friday	April 12	11:39		5:15	4:51
Saturday	April 13	12:04	12:34	6:02	5:36
Sunday	April 14	1:02	1:31	7:10	6:29
Monday	April 15	2:01	2:29	9:11	7:39
Tuesday	April 16	3:02	3:29	10:19	9:32
Wednesday	April 17	4:06	4:31	11:04	10:50
Thursday	April 18	5:09	5:30	11:36	11:34
Friday	April 19	6:01	6:19		12:01
Saturday	April 20	6:42	6:59	12:12	12:26
Sunday	April 21	7:18	7:35	12:50	12:54
Monday	April 22	7:52	8:08	1:28	1:25
Tuesday	April 23	8:25	8:40	2:08	1:58
Wednesday	April 24	8:59	9:13	2:46	2:32
Thursday	April 25	9:36	9:49	3:24	3:06
Friday	April 26	10:16	10:29	3:59	3:42
Saturday	April 27	11:00	11:15	4:34	4:19
Sunday	April 28	11:49		5:11	5:01

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	April 15th
	Full Moon	April 23rd
	Last Quarter	May 1st
	New Moon	May 7th



### I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

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

In the April 4, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 14

### PUZZLE ANSWERS

#### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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### SCRAMBLERS

solution

- Pursue;
- Portal;
- Inhale;
- Obtuse

Today's Word  
**OPPOSITE**

Sudoku Answer

5	6	1	7	3	2	8	9	4
8	9	2	6	1	4	7	3	5
7	3	4	5	9	8	1	2	6
3	1	8	2	6	9	4	5	7
2	4	7	1	5	3	6	8	9
6	5	9	4	8	7	2	1	3
9	7	5	8	4	1	3	6	2
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16 oz. Selected  
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Salsa ..... **\$3.49**

Newman's Own  
16 oz. Selected  
Dressing ..... **\$4.49**

Newman's Own  
9.6 oz. Selected Microwave  
Popcorn ..... **2/\$6**

Gatorade  
28 oz. Selected  
Sports Drink... *Must buy 2 for discount!* **2/\$5**

David's  
16 oz.  
Kosher Salt ..... **\$3.49**

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Granola ..... **\$3.99**

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Chicken  
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Fenway - 14 oz. Pkg.  
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Allen's  
Rotisserie Chickens ..... **\$9.99** ea

Ithaca - 10 oz. Tub. Selected  
Hummus ..... **\$4.99**

Boar's Head - 8 oz. Pkg.  
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