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A Stitch in Time **By Marilou Newell**

The Marion Council on Aging's headquarters at the Cushing Community Center has become a destination for everything from elder services to live performances, exercise classes and, yes, a space to exhibit art. The latest installation of works created by artists from the south coast features Fiber Art pieces by Debrorah Kuhlman Hussey, Christine Anderson and Joann Vierkant.

Considered a craft versus an art due to primarily being created by women, Fiber Art can and does fall on both sides of the equation – art and craft.

Fiber Art, or works of art created from textiles and cloth, has an amazing rich history spanning nearly the entirety of human evolution. As human intelligence evolved, bringing us fire and the wheel, so too did the development of cloth-like materials used to cover and protect the body.

Consider, if you will, the discovery of Otiz, a man who lived and died between 3350 and 3105 BC. His body and the manner in which it was clothed demonstrates to us how early humans used animal hides roughly sewn together, making larger pieces that could cover more of the body.

As time went on, early humans would use flax, hemp and other grasses. How they made the leap from gathering grasses to weaving them is one of those mysteries we may never fully understand, but suffice to say they did.

Indigenous people around the globe weaved baskets to transport and hold everyday items. American indigenous tribes became famous for their blanket weavings and, as for decorative elements, created densely sewn-on bead work, bone and shells on ceremonial clothing.

In the vast documented history of threads and

On the Cover: A tree of buttons is part of the Fiber Art exhibit now on view at the Cushing Community Center on Route 6 in Marion. Not unlike fine art, where purposeful brushstrokes eventually become a picture in one of more than a dozen styles, so too does the manipulation of fabric, threads and natural *materials require intention and skill, taking this art form much further than craft. The Community Center will feature the Fiber* Art exhibit through mid-May. Photo by Marilou Newell

their uses, it is noted that China led the way with weaving around 3500 BC, followed by embroidery and whipstitching techniques around 300 to 700 AD. But it was the invention of the loom that really propelled the use of a variety of natural materials being employed to create clothes.

The internet sources we researched pointed to Egypt, where pottery found in the ancient sands (of time) depicted a frame loom with treadles to lift warp threads, leaving the weaver's hands free to beat and pass the weft threads.

By the 1200s, embroidery workshops had been established in France and England, where the nimble fingers of young girls and women created lush, decorative pieces to both grace the homes of the wealthy and powerful, as well as stitching gowns and head scarves.

In 1785 the first power-driven looms for wool combing were constructed by Edmund Cartwright, an English inventor. This took manual weaving in new directions and eventually to mechanized production.

Antimacassars, aka doilies, were crocheted primarily to protect upholstered chairs and couches against dirty hands and greasy heads. That they became

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works of intricate art speaks to the women who, once again, found a way to create not only utilitarian items but works of art.

In the 1960s and the 1970s, revolutions of all sorts became the headline news, not because of bombs but because of fashion trends. Fiber Art (as textile-crafted pieces are grouped together) enjoyed a renaissance. Artists returned to the looms, crochet hooks, knitting needles and more, and began making everything from crocheted clothing pieces to macrame plant hangers, windchimes, carry bags, headbands, kitchen towels, wall hangings and doilies.

Today many works formerly relegated solely to crafts versus fine art are, in fact, recognized as fine art by those with broader points of reference.

The exhibit at the Marion COA brings home the significance of Fiber Art as an artform worthy of attention. Quilted wall hangings, woven wall hangings, carry bags and even a pair of slip-on shoes are wonders to behold. Vibrant color and intricate weaving await you at the Marion COA now through mid-May.

Spring Show Surprises Marion Art Center By Marilou Newell

Surprises are in store for you art lovers. Just go to the Marion Art Center – where else! The MAC's spring art exhibit features two artists whose works are as different as is possible to conceive but whose backgrounds are rich in a variety of artistic expression. Bernie Klim works are primarily acrylic on canvas. Joshua Baptista's pieces are ink on collage paper and mixed media.

Klim's are drawn from the natural environment, whereas Baptista's are from architecture and personal experiences. Both styles are rapturous in their own way.

Baptista hails from the Boston area, now residing in Wareham, and has pursued a career teaching art. He completed his Bachelor of Fine Art degree from Montserrat Collage of Art in 2002. Later he pursued a Master's in Fine Art from the American University in Washington in 2008.

Baptista said the pieces in this exhibit are



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heavily influenced by the "skateboard" culture as well as producing works with a "hesher" mindset, which is described as a bit gritty and filled with oddities. We thought Baptista's works were intriguing, precisely executed and indicated his ability to draw the viewers' eyes deep into their core.

The layering of paper and cut images gives this group of works a dense, intense drama accentuated by the stark contrast of black ink on pale paper. The images evoke a world tilted on its side, peopled by skeletons. But it is not threatening, it is engaging, and the depictions of Providence-based, Victorian Era structures are exquisite in their form and detail.

We thought it reminded us of Edward Gorey meets 21st Century Goth, and they lived happily ever after.

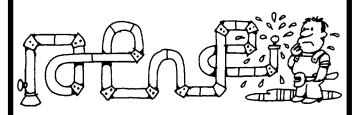
Klim is well-known for his artistic interpretations of south coast themes such as marshlands, woodlands and the like.

We interviewed him in August of 2023, at which time he shared studying at the Massachusetts College of

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Art where he earned a BFA. He later earned a master's in education. He described his method as "...expressive, reactionary, impromptu, quick," likening it to alla prima (applying a single layer of paint versus layering to create depth and light).

In Klim's paintings, the sense of soaring plants heavily leafed with sunsets is pure brilliance; one doesn't see the quickly applied brushstrokes, one sees intention and purpose and, yes, beauty. Klim believes in letting those initial, rapidly applied brushstrokes carry him along, leading to an emotional experience – he simply lets go and trusts the process.

The exhibit will be available for viewing now through May 17. Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant Street (corner of Main Street at Bicentennial Park) and is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Specially Processed American Meat Thoughts on... By Dick Morgado

I like Spam!

There, I've said it. I like Spam. That would be Spam with a big "S", not spam with a small "s". No one likes spam with a small "s". Spam with a small "s" is junk that fills your email inbox with unsolicited commercial jetsam of useless garbage.

Spam with a big "S" is a delicious wedding of pork and ham, which can be served in a variety of ways that satisfies one's hunger for specially processed American meat. It comes in an easily recognized, convenient, rectangular container that can sit in your pantry for years. Whenever the cabinet is bare of other foods and the refrigerator is empty of leftover pizza or Chinese food, Spam is the go-to luncheon choice in our house. Well, for me – my bride hates it.

Spam has been much maligned. It has a reputation as a low-quality product associated with World War II rations and poverty. Also, its high sodium content is frowned upon by sophisticated foodies of the world. Hey, I say everything in moderation, right? It is nutritious ... really ... and it fed our troops through thick and thin. If

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it's good enough for Uncle Sam's boys in the trenches, it's good enough for me.

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Spam is versatile. It can be prepared in a wideranging variety of ways. Of course it can be eaten right out of the can, sliced to fit nicely between two slices of bread, preferably Wonder Bread white, maybe toasted, perhaps with a little mayonnaise and a slice of crisp lettuce. You can fry it and pair it with your morning eggs instead of pricey bacon for a nice breakfast. It can be diced and mixed in with scrambled eggs or rice. It makes a great hash too. I haven't tried it, but some say you haven't lived until you've tasted a delicious Spam potato chowder.

There are hundreds of recipes for Spam, mostly created by Hormel, the manufacturer, but who cares as long as it tastes good. Right?

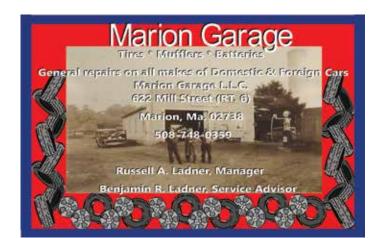
I am surprised that I have never seen Spam on a restaurant menu, particularly at a diner paired with home fries and a pickle. Mmmm good. Or a sub shop. I could certainly devour a good Spam sub from time to time. Not to mention ground Spam on a pizza. Now you're talkin'.

Spam is *really* popular in Hawaii. According to Hormel, Hawaiians consume 7,000,000 cans of Spam per year, that's five cans per person. It is ingrained in the island culture, even surpassing pineapple. "Hawaii's Spam Cookbook" is a best seller there and is a staple in nearly every Hawaiian cook's kitchen.

Who wouldn't enjoy a delicious, chopped pineapple, mango and Spam taco drizzled with a balsamic glaze. Or crispy Spam fries dipped in ranch dressing. Maybe a breakfast quesadilla or a jalapeno popper egg roll. Man, I'm hungry already.

Each May, 25,000 people or more show up for the annual Waikiki SPAM JAM, a fundraiser for the Hawaii Food Bank, where people celebrate all things Spam. Costumed characters dressed as cans of Spam circulate throughout the crowd hocking blue and yellow tote bags, T-shirts and hats. Restaurants offer samples of all their best Spam dishes. The SPAM JAM is truly Spam heaven.

I think a nice Specially Processed American Meat grilled cheese sandwich would hit the spot right now. I like Spam!





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Marion Police Wearing Cameras

Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli is pleased to announce that the Marion Police Department launched its body-worn camera program

this week.

As of April 12, approximately 75% of Marion Police officers have undergone the requisite training to be able to wear and operate the cameras. All officers who have undergone the training are now wearing the body-worn cameras while on duty. The department has set a deadline of May 1 for all sworn officers to be trained and wearing the cameras.

As part of the program, officers will be

outfitted with a V700 LTE Body Camera, which will be affixed to their uniform to prevent it from detaching.

All full-time Marion Police officers will be assigned a body-worn camera. Additional body-worn cameras will be available to part-time officers at the start of each shift. Officers will activate their body-worn cameras during routine calls for service, investigatory stops, traffic stops, foot and vehicle pursuits, emergency



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driving situations, situations that would gather evidence to enhance in prosecution, and in situations that the officer – through training and experience – believes it's necessary and/or beneficial.

The Marion Police Department's body-worn camera policy establishes guidelines for the proper use, management, storage and retrieval of video and audio data recorded by a body-worn camera during the program.

The purpose of the program is to continue to foster trust and positive community relationships by providing greater transparency. Along with greater transparency, body cameras can promote de-escalation, resolve citizen complaints and provide a valuable training

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Marion Police received two grants to support the program. The department was awarded \$42,530 from the Healey-Driscoll Administration as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) Grant Program. The state awarded \$3,600,000 in grant funds to 52 local police departments to implement or expand body-worn camera programs across Massachusetts.

Additionally, the Marion Police Department requested 22 cameras and received a \$38,063.50 grant from the Small, Rural and Tribal Body-Worn Camera Program, a body-worn camera program designed by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and Justice & Security Strategies. The program has awarded \$7,100,000 million in grant funding to 265 small, rural and tribal law enforcement agencies to support body-worn camera programs in the U.S.

"We want to notify the Marion community that we have launched this program and soon all of our officers will be equipped with body-worn cameras," Chief Nighelli said. "Our hope is to promote transparency and further strengthen our relationship with our community members."

President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing placed a priority on body camera research and camera programs. The Task Force's final report indicated that officers wearing body cameras had "87.5 percent fewer incidents of use of force and 59 percent fewer complaints than the officers not wearing the cameras."

Bird Flu – Time to Panic?

What Does The Doctor Say? **By Dr. Ed Hoffer**

What is bird flu? It is an influenza virus, related to the seasonal flu viruses that plague us every winter but one which predominantly spreads among birds. The specifics are that is an H5N1 form of influenza. (Those letters and numbers describe certain proteins on the virus surface and vary quite a bit from year to year, epidemic to epidemic.)

This particular virus has reached pandemic status







among birds – it has been found on every continent but Australia and has killed millions of birds. It seems to be spread by migrating wild birds but has been lethal to domestic fowl, leading to the culling of many flocks in Europe and America. The price of foie gras may go up.

The reason for the recent interest is that the virus can spread from birds to mammals. Foxes, cats, seals, dolphins and bears have been infected. Most recently, outbreaks of bird flu have occurred in dairy cattle in the U.S. Herds in at least five states have been infected.

In the first week of April, the virus was confirmed to have infected a human: a farmworker in Texas. This is not new; scientists have known for some time that people who have direct contact with sick birds or mammals can



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be infected. To date, there have been no known cases of human-to-human spread.

The virus has been found in the milk from infected cows and eggs of infected chickens, but the virus is killed by pasteurization or cooking. It could potentially be spread by consuming raw milk or using uncooked eggs.

To become a serious threat to human health, the virus would have to undergo major mutations to allow human-to-human spread. Not impossible, but unlikely.

Also in our favor is that the few people proven to be infected with H5N1 have had very mild illness. The man in Texas had only conjunctivitis ("Pink eye").

Finally, the antiviral drugs like oseltamivir (Tamiflu) work well to reduce symptoms, and are readily available.

So... stay away from raw milk for now, be sure to cook your eggs, and, most important, do not pick up or examine dead birds or animals, and warn your children not to do so. A veterinarian called to a north shore beach found that the dead birds were all infected. Let the pros handle it.

Sippican 'Arts in Action' Show

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Sippican Elementary School Acting Principal Doreen Lopes are pleased to share that Sippican students participated last week in the annual "Arts in Action" show.

The art show was held on April 10 and featured artwork created by students in grades K-6.

Approximately 800 pieces of art were displayed at the show with each student in grades K-6 having at least one piece chosen for display. Students in the sixth-grade Creative Collective group also had their self-directed pieces on exhibit. Their work included wheel-thrown ceramics, watercolor paintings and wire sculptures.

"Arts in Action 2024 is a wonderful Sippican tradition I'm proud to uphold," said Art teacher Katie Kirk. "It's the perfect way to showcase the many talents of our students from art to music and everything in between."





During the event, younger attendees enjoyed a series of crafting table activities, including painting, weaving, creating sculptures and much more.

The cafeteria was also transformed into a café where students performed live music for guests. The performances were orchestrated by Band Director Hannah Moore. Both jazz bands and the concert choir were showcased, along with a variety of solo artists who performed instrumental song and dance routines. Attendees enjoyed a variety of soups, chilies and desserts during performances, provided by the school café.

"The Arts-in-Action cafe' is a wonderful opportunity to share students' talents in an informal environment," said Moore. "We get to celebrate artistic talents that we often don't get to see, including dance, karate, karaoke singing and more. We all get to share our unique talents and hard work with the community."

"I'd like to thank Band Director Hannah Moore and Art Teacher Katie Kirk for organizing the performances and helping students successfully showcase their talents," Lopes said. "It was great to see what the students have been working on during band rehearsals and in art class, and I'm proud of them for putting their talents on display for us to see."

To wrap up the event, Volunteers at Sippican Elementary (V.A.S.E.) sponsored a visit from local illustrator Ralph Masiello, who hosted instructional drawing sessions for guests. Masiello created over 100

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large-scale drawings with students and gave each of them to attendees.

"Arts in Action is a wonderful way for our students to demonstrate their talents for the community," Nelson said. "We saw amazing musical performances, and I'd like to congratulate those who participated as well as thank the staff and volunteers who made the event possible."

Candidates Night in Mattapoisett

The League of Women Voters of South Coast is hosting a Candidates' Night at Old Hammondtown School on Wednesday, **May 1**, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. All candidates running for Town Offices have been

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Candidates running unopposed will have 5 minutes to introduce themselves, give a brief overview of their qualifications, why they would be a "good fit" for the position and their understanding of the scope of the office they are seeking.

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Old Rochester Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Rochester Memorial School Principal Heidi Letendre are pleased to share that Rochester Memorial School fourth-graders participated in an interactive wind turbine workshop last month.

In March, teacher Stephanie Cyr and her fourthgrade class welcomed special guests Tom Lynch and Jason Brooks, the father of fourth-grade student Nicholas Brooks. Both Lynch and Brooks are experts from the Axess Group, a renewable energy corporation.

"We are very fortunate to have had a visit from two experts in the renewable energy field," said Nelson. "This visit not only enhances students understanding of sustainable practices but also inspires them to become future leaders in environmental renewable energy."

Throughout the interactive workshop, students learned about the various components of a wind turbine and how they function to harness energy. Students learned about Lynch's and Brooks' involvement working on one of the first offshore windfarms in the U.S., Vineyard Wind.

They were shown job site photos of the different equipment parts used to make the wind turbines. Students learned that the enormous blades, which were described as being 50 feet longer than a football field can reach up to speeds of 180 miles per hour.

The highlight of the day was a hands-on activity where students had the opportunity to construct their own miniature wind turbines. The students were divided into groups to assemble their model turbines. After completing their designs, the class engaged in a friendly competition to see which group of students could



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optimize their turbine's performance to generate the most energy.

"As a school, we are very grateful that Mr. Brooks and Mr. Lynch, from Axess Group, took the time to share their expertise on wind turbines with Mrs. Cyr's fourth grade class," Letendre said. "The students were completely engaged in the scientific process of making predictions, testing their hypothesis and problem solving together as a team. These real-world experiences are so important for our students to make connections to what engineering looks like in our everyday lives."

Students placed their turbine designs in front of an industrial fan and watched the digital reading on the nacelle, which houses all of the generating components in a wind turbine, including the generator, gearbox and drive train.

"The opportunity for our students to engage with real-world experts like Jason and Tom is truly enriching," said Cyr. "Not only did they learn about wind turbines, but they also experienced firsthand the thrill of scientific discovery and collaboration."

Seniors Learn about Financial Wellness

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Mike Devoll are pleased to share that Old Rochester Regional High School hosted its inaugural Credit for Life Fair on April 10. budgeting and money management skills, as well as starting to think about building healthy financial habits.

Prior to the event, students selected a career of interest. Based on the associated salary of their chosen occupation, students were tasked with budgeting real-life expenses during the fair, such as housing, transportation, education, insurance and more. They were given checking and savings accounts and a credit card. They were also



hit with reallife, pop-up scenarios along the way, such as their luggage being lost, expenses from their best friend's wedding, saving money on insurance

for safe driving, and receiving grant money for school. "Most high schoolers don't have an

understanding of what credit is, what a credit card is, or when to use it," ORR senior Hunter Bishop said. "The best part of the event was learning how to manage our finances and knowing what accounts (credit, checking, savings) we should be paying for things with. It felt very interactive, and everyone ended up learning something."



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"It was exciting to host our first Credit for Life Fair this week to help our students learn about developing healthy financial habits," Superintendent Nelson said. "Budgeting, saving and other skills students practiced through the Credit for Life scenarios are a valuable part of financial literacy education. We are grateful to host events like this that allow students to participate in hands-on, realistic learning experiences and ask questions of professionals."

Prior to the fair, Jim Curran presented to seniors about the FitMoney financial literacy certificate program, the five habits for financial wellness and using a household budget calculator.

High school students throughout Massachusetts participate in the Credit for Life Fair in the spring. It is put on by a group of local banks that partner to support financial literacy in Massachusetts public schools.

Town Loosens Tax Work-Off Program Rochester Select Board By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester Select Board Tuesday approved amendments to the Senior Tax Work-Off Abatement Policy that will decrease the age and increase the income level that qualifies a senior to participate in the program.

Council on Aging Executive Director Eric Poulin told the Select Board that the town's regulations state that the starting point to qualify for the program is age 62 or older. He and the COA board recommend Rochester amend its language to say "60 or older," the age limit other towns have.

He added that the town should raise its cap on the number of seniors who may qualify for the program from 20 to 25, explaining the town will get more seniors interested in joining with the above change in policy. He then noted that a senior resident complaining about her property-tax bill researched the income limit accepted by



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other area towns – \$75,000 per year. Rochester's limit is \$47,000. "We're one of the lowest around," Poulin said.

The board approved all the recommended changes in a unanimous decision. Seniors age 60 and older and with a maximum yearly income of \$75,000 will now qualify to work off up to \$2,000 worth of their property-tax debt, and up to 25 seniors will be allowed on the program per year.

The board also endorsed the Buzzards Bay Coalition's request to amend the Sperry property Conservation Restriction on Marion Road by increasing the property to 16 acres.

BBC representative Allen Decker asked the Select Board to sign the amendment to add 2.38 acres east of the Elliott Farm to the 1.5 acres that town and BBC have co-owned under a Conservation Restriction since 2005. Decker said the additional land was purchased by the current, private owner in 2019. The additional acres will be used for the same purpose as the original CR, he said. It consists of good farmland soil.

Asked by Select Board member Adam Murphy if he was certain the new acreage will become farmland, Decker said, "I don't know, but they have the ability to farm it and they intend to do so." The board then swiftly approved the amendment unanimously.

In other action, the board appointed Paul Ciaburri as the Select Board's new SRPEDD representative.

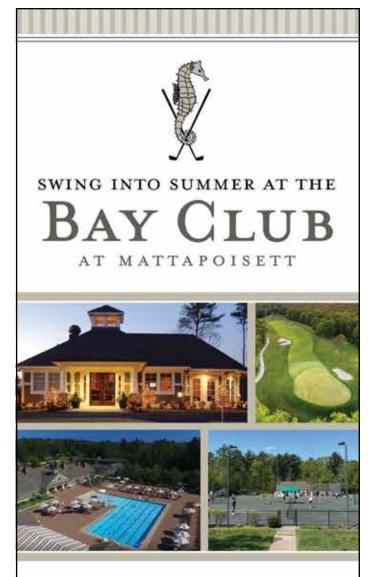
The board agreed to sign the purchase agreement for new salt sheds for \$75,000. Town Administrator Glenn Cannon said the two sheds will be placed at the Ryder Road DPW location after a separate installation contract has been finalized.

Cannon announced the Select Board will meet on Monday, April 22, to review the May 13 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Cannon announced vacancies on the following boards that need to be filled: Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member for the Soil Board, Cultural Council; Historical Commission and Historic District Commission.

The board approved the annual morning Frosty Runners Road Race route around Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School property and necessary





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road closures on January 25, 2025.

The board approved the Old Rochester Youth Baseball Parade route through town on Saturday, May 4, starting at 9:00 am.

The Rochester Select Board will meet next on Monday, April 22, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

Fieldstone Abutters Will Be Heard

Marion Planning Board **By Mick Colageo**

A continued public hearing Tuesday night with the Marion Planning Board on Major Site Plan Review for the application of Fieldstone Farms Market to expand





its 806 Mill Street footprint upset abutters in attendance when the hearing was continued because the board is waiting on its peer review.

Planning Board Chairman Tucker Burr issued an impassioned apology to those in attendance, saying he never should have allowed a discussion to begin without that information.

Citing specific requests made by the town such as a stormwater report and zoning compliance, Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee told the board that he anticipates peer review wrapping up its work later this week and recommended waiting on that feedback before engaging in further discussion.

Things got dicey when a letter submitted by the abutters outlining their concerns was mentioned. The board batted around the merits of holding discussion and when specifics were mentioned, member Jon Henry sought a point of order in asking if the case was going to be discussed.

Vice Chairman Andrew Daniel noted that peer review will not look at screening, so the board might find that conversation to be useful. He also introduced photos that were taken, meant to address issues raised in the abutters' letter.

Doug Troyer, applicant Arnie Johnson's attorney, was attending the meeting remotely and sought to maintain the intended order of the process.

"We set up the peer review, let's get the peer





review," he said, recommending a continuance of the public hearing. "That would also allow the abutters to review the peer review."

The public hearing was continued to Monday, May 6, at 7:15 pm.

In a public hearing held earlier Monday night, the board voted to recommend several proposed bylaw changes at a future town meeting, only not the May 13 Annual Town Meeting, as the warrant has already been closed by the Select Board.

Building Commissioner Bob Grillo was consulted for his comments on some of the proposed bylaw changes: 230-2.3 Powers of Board of Appeals; 230-4.2 Table of Principle Uses; 230-5.3 Multifamily Residential Housing; 230-5.6 Special Permit and Local Initiative Program (LIP) Dwelling Units 230-5.6A and 230-5.6B(5); 230-6.1 Nonconforming Uses and Structures; Signs 230-6.2(4), 230-6.2A(5) and 230-6.2D(4) and 230-11.2 Definitions.

Grillo said the Powers of Board of Appeals needs to consult with Town Counsel for the change's potential impacts on other bylaws. He said former Town Counsel Jon Witten had told the town that most towns do not allow for a use variance anymore, so he recommended striking the bylaw. "It's something we want to make sure everything is in line before we pull the trigger on that," said Grillo.

Under Table of Principle Uses, Grillo identified





an inconsistency that he recommended Marion address regarding retail uses by right for spaces less than 5,000 square feet. He said retail is probably the least invasive of any business use, so while a restaurant can be by right, it makes sense to allow the same for retail. The board voted to recommend the change for a future town meeting.

Tweaks were made to language in other bylaws addressing accessory apartments and self-storage facilities.

The board tabled a vote on the Multifamily Residential Housing after the application of the term "affordable" was considered inconsistent in some instances with its definition where it concerns state housing laws relative to terms such as "low-income" and the 40B statute.

Local developer Sherman Briggs spoke on the matter, referring to his former proposal for 28 marketrate housing units off Spring Street, a plan he abandoned because of sewer rates he says the town is charging at \$37,000 per unit under that scenario.

"Last week, I filed for 42 units under this bylaw, and I will build the affordable units required," said Briggs, who says with a 42-unit plan he can negotiate the sewer fees.

He said Marion's inclusionary housing bylaw makes it "next to impossible" to build a market-rate development, which he believes would better serve the town because of it would generate \$300,000 per year in taxes and water/sewer fees.

Grillo recommended tabling the bylaw change and sending it back to the Codification Committee for cleanup.

During the Planning Board's April 1 meeting, the members approved a site-plan-review contract with SITEC at \$3,200 that cuts in half a previous quote at \$6,500 for the Fieldstone project.

The draft for a Short-Term Rentals bylaw was poured over. Daniel recognized editing work done by member Alanna Nelson and, prior to, Eileen Marum, in preparing a version that the board could run through in preparation for the public hearing to be held on April 16.

Among items discussed was the limit on the total number of short-term-rental units in the town. Crafted as 20% of affordable-housing units in Marion, Daniel asserted that the overall housing number is what should be referenced. Burr said he did not like putting a number on it regardless. A limit of registrations to single owners was scrapped.

Guey-Lee reminded the board of a comment at a prior meeting that predicted a "gold rush" to ensure a spot under whatever cap the town might set.

Parking restrictions were also discussed, and the board opened the floor to residents attending the meeting. Dan Crete asserted that applying a bylaw outside of a residential zone is overstepping the intent of a short-termrental bylaw's concerns.





Neither Marum nor Nelson were present at the April 1 meeting, and Burr said the board should ensure their comments on the April 1 iteration of the draft should be heard and taken into consideration.

Guey-Lee reiterated his advice that the April 1 discussion not produce a vote to recommend any aspect of the bylaw because the session was not an advertised, public hearing.

The MS4 Stormwater Management Bylaw proposal was also discussed on April 1. Burr said DPW engineer Meghan Davis would head up the process, and the board would revisit at a later date. Guey-Lee requested he remain in the loop. Burr does not anticipate the matter to continue being discussed by the board.



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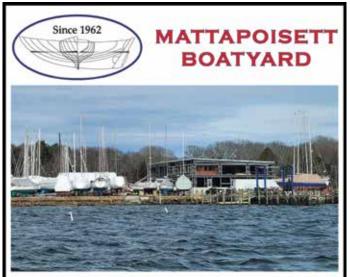
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Daniel reiterated his concern that the town obey the law but not in excess so as not to burden taxpayers.

Select Board member Randy Parker asked Burr how it came about that the Planning Board is vetting the bylaw. Burr explained it came to the board and that he has hoped that Davis would lead the way. He is against a process that would add restrictions and expense.

Daniel added that the board voted in a prior meeting not to support the current draft at Town Meeting. Guey-Lee said he and Davis determined that expertise is required to take the matter further to engage potential audits and/or enforcement on Marion's status as required by the state and federal governments. Guey-Lee said the study is being paid for by a line item in the DPW's budget.

Member Ryan Burke said that the board's pushback was essentially requesting that Davis limit the bylaw proposal to reflect the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency. In answer to a question from Parker, Guey-Lee and the board interpret Davis's presentation of the bylaw as a draft inherited rather than authored.

Daniel explained his battery-energy storage subject on the agenda to introduce the matter to the board that will be charged with drafting a bylaw. Daniel pointed out battery-farm fires contaminating water and necessitating evacuations.

"Right now, they can do it anywhere and by right, and right now we've got nothing," he said, noting that the existing solar bylaw should be integrated with a battery bylaw.

Member Dale Jones said the board should make suggestions to the Select Board on the discontinuance of Wells Road and leave it in the Select Board's hands. Crete said he worked in the area and said he experienced "many near misses" breaking on Route 6 westbound and turning right onto Wells.

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

Concrete Splash Pad Approved

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission on April 16 was David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., representing 18 Water Street Realty trust. The trust had filed a Request for Determination of Applicability for proposed repair to eroded areas of a seaside lawn and the addition of a 6 inch by 3 foot concrete pad along an existing concrete pad which was also referred to as a splash pad.

Davignon said that the concrete pad would help to control erosion from wave action topping the seawall. But before approving the application with a Negative Box 2 decision, the commissioners expressed skepticism that such a plan would control erosion from storm-related,

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wave action. They agreed that it was likely more requests such as this will come forward as more storms and their veracity become more damaging to waterside structures.

In other business, a RDA filed by David Duchaine, Ocean Drive, for the construction of a gravel driveway to a buildable lot received a Negative Box 2 decision. Also represented by Davignon, the project is in preparation for construction of a home.

An After the Fact Notice of Intent filing by Lauren and John Hartnett, 6 Ocean View Avenue, was conditioned with the additional condition that future repairs to an existing seawall may be maintained with notice to the office prior to the commencement of work.

Environmental Agent Brandon Faneuf's team reported that The Bogs, owned by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and currently under an Enforcement Order after erosion controls failed allowing the transfer of soils off the site located on Acushnet Road, stated that work was proceeding as planned. It was noted that the BBC's plan to return the agricultural bogs to their natural state was nearing completion. Hydroseeding and bridge installations are also complete.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30 pm.

Town Officials Navigate ZBA Process

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals By Michael J. DeCicco Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals on April 11 approved projects proposed and therefore expertly defended by two Town Hall officials.

The board endorsed the variance of the required, 40-foot, side setback for a one-story, onebedroom addition at 17 Gerrish Road proposed by Finance Committee Chairman Kris Stoltenberg and a Special Permit for the conversion of a basement into a dwelling unit at 305 Braley Hill Road filed by ZBA member Donald Spirlet.

Both decisions hinged on the applicants' careful arguments in favor of their petitions rather than any insider influence. Stoltenberg said the goal is for him and





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his wife to remain in their Gerrish Road home. Because of their age, he said, it has been a challenge to access their upstairs bedroom. "A first-floor bedroom would allow us to 'age in place' as they say," he said.

Stoltenberg said his 24x24-foot bedroom addition with bathroom and closet would match the colonial style of the existing home. It would be financially detrimental for them to have to move and difficult to place this addition elsewhere on the property, and the new space will be of no detriment to the neighborhood or the public good.

Board member Jeffrey Costa commended Stoltenberg for hitting all three points important to qualifying for such a variance. The board approved,



allowing a 5.5-foot side setback variance for the project, a 34.4-foot setback rather than the statutory 40-foot requirement.

Spirlet said he had built his Braley Hill Road home with the intent of someday finishing the basement. He would now like to finish 50% of that basement to build a second kitchen with bathroom and laundry room. He said his three "rowdy" grandsons need a place to play where their noise won't disturb the upstairs.

Referring to the requirements for approval of a Special Permit, he said the change is appropriate to the site, as it is a residential use. There is adequate space for the new use, and the plan offers no hazard to pedestrians or vehicle. "Abutters know what I am doing," Spirlet said.

Board members approved the Special Permit after agreeing the plan fits all the criteria for what it called a "multifamily conversion" of the basement space. Conditions included that one unit within "remain owneroccupied" and that the new space not be used for a shortterm rental.

In other business, the ZBA announced it will attend a joint meeting with the Planning Board on May 14 at the Rochester Senior Center for the 0 New Bedford Road Briggs petition.

Thomas Flynn, who served as acting chairman, reported this would be his last meeting as a Zoning Board member. He has been a ZBA member since 2011.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will meet next on Thursday, May 9, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Seawall Needs a Makeover

Marion Conservation Commission By Mick Colageo

James Jr. and Laura Ryan Shachoy filed a Notice of Intent heard by the Marion Conservation Commission on April 10 to remove and replace the stone armor located landward of their seawall at 1 Water Street.

In a 7:10 pm public hearing, Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., represented the Shachoys' application, telling the commissioners that the property was impacted by the December 2022 storm. A



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buoy, he said, went over their seawall and took a chunk out of their lawn. Other damage occurred in the yard and stone driveway.

Davignon said his group was not available to survey the damage until the fall of 2023. More storms in December 2023 eroded the lawn, so the survey was redone.

The proposal is to remove all the small rock and replace it with a rip-rap seawall. All the work will be done in the lawn area behind the coastal bank, according to Davignon, who noted the land is subject to coastal storm flowage and in the buffer zone. None of the work will be done in the resource areas seaward of the coastal bank.

Access will be provided by the driveway and the



gravel road to the wharf on the north part of the lot.

The new rip-rap seawall will keep the same width and contour as the present wall with boulders reinforcing. The difference will be the same elevation and the elimination of low spots.

Davignon identified direct waves crashing vertically up the wall and shooting down the other side of the wall as the cause of erosion.

"That's what's causing damage, and by putting in, basically, a 12 foot-wide splash pad will prevent that (wave action) from doing any damage...," said Davignon. "When you look at all the storms we've had over the last year and a half, this is the extent and we're going to go beyond that. ... Can't promise they won't have some



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minor damage, but this should solve the problem that they're having with the current storm-event cycle that we're in right now."

Commissioner Shaun Walsh asked if the mortar being proposed to fill cracks and voids will inadvertently create a barrier. Davignon said the work would be done on the top couple of feet of wall, just above the high-tide line.

Walsh also asked if Davignon had considered a 1-to-1 sloped wall.

"It was my first consideration," said Davignon, who was rebuffed by his client. "Their response was they didn't want to touch any of the seawall because it's still intact. ... That will all but double the cost of the job. ... As it is, I believe this is going to be pretty expensive."

Abutter Michael Moore commented to support the Shachoys' application.

The case had yet to be assigned a Department of Environmental Protection number, so the public hearing was continued at the applicant's request to April 24 at 7:00 pm.

Indian Cove Trust was issued a Negative Box 2 Determination of Applicability, green-lighting its plan to install an Osprey nest/stand in the salt marsh on property off Indian Cove Road also listed as Map 18, Lot 127.

In comments to the Planning Board on Ever Ortiz, 13 Washburn Lane, Doubrava said the applicant seeks to sell used cars in a General Business zone. Noting there is buffer zone on the 12-acre property, including a site known to people as the skating pond, Doubrava suggested it depends on where the construction and vehicle storage will occur, saying Ortiz may need to file.

Also in comments to the Planning Board, the commission determined that Eydie Matteos – Healing Villa Company, LLC, 163 Front Street Suites 100 and 102, is not jurisdictional to the commission.

The commission granted Anne Bramhall a threeyear, extension in her Order of Conditions for work at 260 Converse Road.

Following up on comments from the public submitted on two properties (21 Olde Meadow Road and Point Road vacant lot, Map 10, Lot 11), Conservation



Agent Doug Guey-Lee prepared a letter that the commission would submit advising the owners of those properties that they have jurisdictional areas on their properties and that if planning activity, it would be recommended that they discuss their projects with Guey-Lee to determine if it should involve an application with the commission.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

FY25 Budget Leveraged by Bus Deal

Mattapoisett School Committee By Mick Colageo

After a budget public hearing held on March 21, the Mattapoisett School Committee voted its recommendation of the FY25 school budget as presented for voters' consumption at the May 13 Annual Town Meeting.

Old Rochester Superintendent of School Mike Nelson told the committee that a major driver of the budget process this year was the negotiation of a new bus contract that in FY25 will cost Mattapoisett taxpayers \$714,225. Amaral will remain ORR's and Mattapoisett's bus company, but the costs are impactfully pricier than they were when the contract was being extended at \$525,500 on a year-by-year basis.

In his opening remarks, Nelson thanked Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber, Budget Subcommittee member Jim Muse, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco and Finance Committee member Colby Rottler for their work in sharing information that he said helped ORR form a "strong, level-services budget" for presentation to the Mattapoisett School Committee.

As proposed by the superintendent, the FY25 operation budget total of \$8,064,433 is estimated to be a 4.146% (\$321,009) increase over the FY24 budget of \$7,743,424.

General funds are applied to: Academics, Student Services, Facilities, Technology and Transportation.

Center School is allotted \$3,097,959 and Old Hammondtown \$2,481,797, with \$855,561 going to Facilities, \$714,225 to Transportation, \$439,634 to Student Services, \$274,018 to Central Office and \$201,239 to Technology.

The Central Office figure referenced ORR's Core Literacy program, as Nelson publicly reinforced the district's priority on reading skills.



State aid overall will increase 1.14% (from \$1,005,221 to \$1,016,711).

Barber identified a 7.49% decrease in FY25 (the 2024-25 school year) enrollment (from 414 to 383 students).

It will cost \$130,618 in FY25 for Mattapoisett to send three students to Bristol County Agricultural High School in Dighton. That expenditure consists of \$67,769 in tuition, \$17,939 in the town's share of debt service for a construction project at Bristol Aggie, and \$44,910 in transportation.

Budget offsets of \$378,307 include \$241,582 for Student Services, \$116,725 for Center School and \$10,000 each for Old Hammondtown and Facilities.

Sources for grant funding and other special revenues come from a \$191,582 Circuit Breaker, ORR's School Choice program (\$70,000), The IDEA Grant (\$100,725), facility rentals (\$10,000), and the EEC Grant (\$6,000).

These offsets are most notably applied to tuition collaboratives (\$166,582) and Special Education (\$100,725).

Committee Chairperson Carly Lavin acknowledged the budget challenges for this year but stressed the importance of keeping a reading specialist on staff, something the FY25 accomplished.

After a comment section with the committee – clarification on Bristol Aggie yielded the fact Mattapoisett has no options to avoid paying \$130,618 to send three

student there – Lavin sought comment from the public (there was none), and the public hearing was closed.

Together with the \$130,618 approved for Bristol Aggie, the total approved was \$8,195,051 for FY25. The vote was 5-0 unanimously in favor.

The committee took separate votes to approve the new bus contract and to approve a \$70,000 transfer from the revolving account.

In her Chairperson's Report, Lavin expressed appreciation for the diligent work of the ORR administration in a challenging budget process. Lavin also noted recent activities in Mattapoisett schools, from basketball to an arts and sciences show she called "fabulous."

In other business, the committee approved the FY24 Safe and Supportive Schools Continuation Fund of \$10,000 (grant). ORR is looking at the grant as a source to fund the Responsive Classroom and in the long view is looking to establish curriculum for social/emotional learning.

The committee approved the READS Collaborative Agreement Amendment to add Brockton and Whitman-Hanson as members.

Student Collin Nashold was on hand to present a donation of an author-autographed set (Books 1-10) of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series; the books were donated by Collin Nashold and his mother Kimberly Nashold. Old Hammondtown Principal Kevin Tavares noted that







the original plan was to display the books, but that Collin insisted the books be put into circulation. Muse made the approval motion, the committee enthusiastically agreed, and they applauded Collin Nashold for his deed.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 pm at Center School and via Zoom.

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To the Editor;

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Sincerely,

Janet Wallace, President Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library

To the Editor;

Save our Green Community Designation. It's hard to believe that the Town of Marion would vote to end its status as a Green Community, but the Select Board is considering it. Marion's Energy Management Committee (EMC) brought this program to the town seven years ago believing that we should support the Commonwealth's effort to reverse or mitigate climate change. Destructive storms, weird weather and global warming will come to Marion just as they have in the rest of the world unless we all join the effort to reverse the trend.

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Towns on the Base Code are generally known for doing as little as possible in the fight against climate

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Donna McAuley Kelly, age 87, of Weston and Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, died peacefully on April 6, 2024, after a valiant three-year battle with several cancers. She was surrounded by her husband of 65 years, Hugh J. Kelly, and her loving family.

Born on September 4, 1936, and raised in the Bronx by the late Mary (Dol-

ly) Buckley and Harold J. McAuley, Donna was the eldest of eight children, and had the benefit of an Ursuline Education from elementary school through her graduation from The College of New Rochelle in New York. She later attended Boston College working towards her Master's Degree in Speech and Language Therapy, which enabled her to pursue her passion for working with children as a Speech and Language Pathologist for the Natick Massachusetts School System.

Donna had a radiant spirit with an insatiable appetite for learning. She was often found investing in the stock market by day and diving into a good book at night. She was a prolific artist who loved nothing more than sculpting in clay and stone or translating a beautiful view to her canvas using oil and watercolor. She enjoyed deep conversations where she shared her vast knowledge and wisdom with others but loved nothing more than enriching the development of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Donna was predeceased by her parents and siblings David McAuley, Paula Hollis, Brenda Victoria, and Laura Samuelson; and survived by her siblings Barbara Kelly, Brian McAuley, and Martha Keller. She is survived by her devoted husband, Hugh J. Kelly, their five children Chris (Shirley), Hugh (Shannon), Brian, Katie Hay (David), Donna Ruhanen (Troy); and 22 grandchildren, Erin Banta, Megan Cochran, Joe, Cat, Clare, and Emma Kelly; Nicho, Aggie, Theo and Temi Kelly; Patrick, Michael, Faith, Julia, Koko and Aedan Kelly; Grace & Keira Hay; Jack, Finn, Elle and Tom Ruhanen. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, Jack, Hudson, and Belle Banta; Georgia, James, and Charlie Cochran; and Alice Kelly.

The Kelly Family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the tireless professional caregivers and nurses who tended to Donna over the last two years as well as the devoted staff of Good Shepherd Hospice Services of Massachusetts.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 am on Saturday, April 20th at St. John The Evangelist Church, 9 Glen Rd, Wellesley Hills, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Donna McAuley Kelly Scholarship Fund at the Academy of Mount Saint Ursula, 330 Bedford Park Boulevard, Bronx, New York, 10458.

Online guestbook at gfdoherty.com. Arrangements by George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, Wellesley.

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. change. I would rather that Marion follow the more responsible path and continue its campaign for a healthier world.

Energy Management Committee members recommend that we stay with the Stretch Code and remain a Green Community. Let's hope that the Select Board and others in this beautiful town will agree when the issue comes to a vote.

Bill Saltonstall

Member of Energy Management Committee

Nasketucket Bird Club

The next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on Wednesday, **April 24**, at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street. Free and open to the public. More bird info at the Nasketucket Bird Club website: www.nbcbirdclub.com or the Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/NasketucketBirdClub

Woodpeckers, Presented by Dana and Bob Duxbury-Fox. Come and hear Dana and Bob tell the fascinating story about the Woodpecker family of birds. With 233 species in the world, they are found almost worldwide where trees are abundant. They can't sing like some other birds, but they certainly can make a lot of noise. They don't migrate but survive on a variety of foods. They are the super craftsmen of the bird world using their bill like a chisel. Their four legs hold them vertically firm on a tree while they carve out their





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LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING Check www.orety.org for the latest updates to the schedule.

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PUBLIC ACCESS **Comcast Channel 9** Verizon Channel 36 Thursday April 18, 2024 7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape 8:00 AM Cape Conversations 8:30 AM For Your Health 9:00 AM A Conversation With... 9:30 AM Pete on the Street 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show 10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education 11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment 11:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking? 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline 1:30 PM Two Tones with George I ones 2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Diane Lopes Flaherty 3:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Brand - 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 19, 2024 7:00 AM Seniorcize 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 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 Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz 4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV 5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball Div. 3 MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV 6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites 7:30 PM Šippican Historical Society -Wampanoag Art for the Ages 9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show 10:00 PM SouthCoast Green Team Recycle Events 11:00 PM Democracy Now! Saturday April 20, 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

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Sunday April 21, 2024 6:00 AM Health Source 6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape 7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church 8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church 9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester 10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion 11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication 11:30 AM Tri-Town TV 12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking? 12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline 1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre 1:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show 2:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider 3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show 3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz 4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers 4:30 PM The World Fusion Show 5:00 PM Tri-County Annual Children's Concert 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict 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

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Wednesday April 24, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape 8:30 AM For Your Health 9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road 9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show 10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment 11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV 12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking? 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline 1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV 2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education 2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days 2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday 3:00 PM A Conversation With. 3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard 3:45 PM Sippican Week Interviews 4:00 PM Paltrocast 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 Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule 7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen 10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission 11:30 AM Marion Planning Board 2:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Aboeals

2:30 PM Marion Finance Committee 5:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission 6:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission 8:30 PM MarionBoard of Health 9:00 PM Marion School Committee

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11:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee

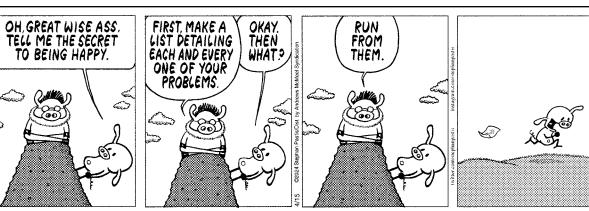
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EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 **Daily Schedule** 7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly 8:00 AM ORR School Committee 9:30 AM ORRJHS Parent Orientation 10:30 AM Old Colony TV 11:00 AM Old Hammondtown School News 11:30 AM RMS Chorus Concert 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 1:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show 1:30 PM Old Colony Drama 3:30 PM ORRJHS Drama 4:30 PM ORR Music -A Night of Jazz 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 7:00 PM Old Colony Football vs Fairhaven 9:00 PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven 11:00 PM Old Colony Football vs Holbrook

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spacious homes and find food. We will go a bit deeper to see how this family evolved, their special biology and how they live in difficult locations. Of course, we have come up with some interesting stories about many of the most interesting species that might surprise you.

Upcoming Events at the Mattapoisett Library

April is Financial Literacy Month, and to celebrate, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is offering two programs to help patrons manage their finances and build their best lives.

Dollars and Sense: Financial Literacy for Teens ages 12-18 - The MFPL joins with Nick Daddona to offer teens a free financial literacy workshop on Wednesday, **April 24**, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. During this 90-minute workshop, Nick will share tips to help teens make better decisions about their money. Registration is advised.

Building Wealth 101 for Adults 18-35. Want to take control of your money but need help getting started? Join Trevor Oldhan via Zoom on Tuesday, **April 30**, from 6-7 pm to learn how to build a budget, manage your spending, and save for the future in a 60-minute workshop designed to increase your financial empowerment. Registration is required for the Zoom link.

For more information or to register for these events, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org, visit our website: MattapoisettLibrary.org, or stop by and see us at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett.

Local Teens Request Animal Shelter Donations

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library's Teen Advisory Board is collecting donations for the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. The shelter needs nonclumping cat litter, laundry detergent, bleach, canned dog food, Lysol cleaner, Pine Sol, and dry cat food. They would also be interested in other appropriate things, such as dog and cat toys, blankets, etc. All donations may be left in the bins at the Mattapoisett Library located at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, until **May 14**.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lawrence, the Adult Services Librarian, at ALawrence@ sailsinc.org. The Teen Advisory Board appreciates your





support of the Fairhaven Animal Shelter.

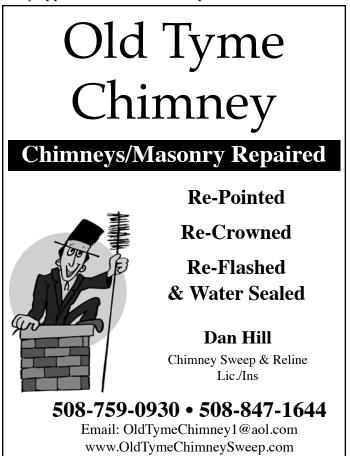
Mattapoisett Scholarship Committee

The Mattapoisett Scholarship Committee met recently at Town Hall after being inactive since Covid school closures. The members eagerly voted to Award up to \$1,500 to deserving and qualified applicants who complete the application process.

The Details are:

Eligibility: Mattapoisett Resident, High School Senior

Award(s): The total Scholarship Award amount is \$1,500. The Committee reserves the right to decide how many applicants will receive a stipend that will, in total,



TRITOWN HAPPENINGS







The Marion Natural History Museum's after-

school group had fun with hands-on inspections of some of our local amphibian species. We took a look at Green frog tadpoles, Wood frog and salamander egg masses. We also looked at some of our aquatic invertebrates, such as Water boatman, Caddisfly larvae and others that help by breaking down the leaves at the bottom of the pool and starting the forest food chain. Check out our upcoming programs at marionmuseum.org. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

The Marion Art Center spring exhibition features works by Bernie Klim and Joshua Baptista. Klim's style of rapidly applied, single-layer brushstrokes presents the viewer with a sense of fresh breezes guiding the artist's hand. Baptista's drawings invite the viewer into a world slightly off center but thick and dense with emerging stories. Now on view through May 17. Photos by Marilou Newell



Sippican Elementary School students participated in the annual "Arts in Action" show last week. During the event, younger attendees enjoyed a series of crafting table activities, including painting, weaving, creating sculptures and much more. Approximately 800 pieces of art were displayed at the show with each student in grades K-6 having at least one piece chosen for display. Photos courtesy ORR District



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

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not exceed the \$1,500 total.

Requirements: Students should submit their letter of recommendations, transcript and a cover letter addressing the following criteria: "The committee shall take into consideration each recipients financial need, character, scholastic record and involvement in community work as well as extracurricular activities." Successful applicants will be informed by **June 5**. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Submission Deadline: **May 15**.

Request blank and submit Completed Forms to: Mattapoisett Town Hall, c/o Catherine Heuberger, Town Clerk, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Phone: 508-758-4100. Email: townclerk@mattapoisett.net

Covid Clinic

On February 28, the CDC advised a second Covid 19 vaccine dose for those age 65 and older. This recommendation is due to the increased risk for severe illness in older adults and data on vaccine effectiveness. People who are immunocompromised are also eligible for an additional dose of the Covid 19 vaccine.

A second dose is suggested to restore protection that may have waned in people over age 65 and/or immunocompromised, who received a vaccination in the fall.

Since the new CDC recommendation, many seniors have inquired as to whether there will be a local clinic. The Rochester Board of Health and the Rochester Senior Center have coordinated with a local, independent pharmacy, The Apothecary in Westport, to provide a Covid 19 vaccination clinic. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, **May 14** from 10-12 at the Rochester Senior Center. The Apothecary has requested that people register ahead of time for the clinic so that the pharmacist brings enough vaccine. The pharmacist will bring some additional vaccine to accommodate limited walk-ins.

People who are not up to date with the Covid 19 vaccine are also welcome at the clinic on **May 14**. This is an adult only clinic and you do not have to be a resident of Rochester.

To register in advance (requested but not required), please contact the Rochester Senior Center at 508-763-8723. On the day of the clinic, please bring your





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MOVIE REVIEW

History Repeats

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Civil War. Starring Kirsten Dunst and Nick Offerman. Directed by Alex Garland. Running time: 109 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

Like a lot of flashpoints for cultural controversy, Alex Garland's Civil War isn't much to get angry or enthused about. It's not a bad movie; it just isn't what a lot of viewers will be wanting and expecting. Civil War is about a second such conflict in America, and some of its sounds and visuals have the spooky-surreal punch of the invasion sequences in John Milius' Red Dawn. Garland, like Milius, wants the American audience to feel what it's like to live under a hostile military presence. But he also wants to fashion a bouquet to war correspondents — our heroes are a quartet of combat photographers/writers, and they only get in the thick of things every reel or so. Meanwhile, the narrative takes no sides, which seems meant to placate the red and the blue by presenting a purple story that has already annoved both sides.

Lee (Kirsten Dunst) and Joel (Wagner Moura) are seasoned war journos, joined by aging writer Sammy (Stephen McKinley Henderson) and neophyte shutterbug Jessie (Cailie Spaeny), who looks about 12. The American president (Nick Offerman) has somehow gotten himself a third term and done other dictatorial things. This has resulted (I guess?) in the country splitting up into factions — loyalist states (Florida, Colorado), neutral spaces, and a secessionist movement called the Western Forces based in a comically unlikely detente between Texas and California (Gavin and Greg, together at last!)

That last detail is your loudest indication that *Civil War* isn't meant to be a statement about our current polarized situation (and a surprising amount of reviewers really, really wanted it to be). It extrapolates a reality that *could* happen here into a story about the truth-tellers, the press who (theoretically, anyway) seek to capture what's happening and report on it. Garland's defense of the media against charges of "fake news" and "enemy of the people" is about the closest he gets to condemning a certain former president



who, to these eyes, has very little in common with the president Offerman plays (for one thing, Offerman doesn't have the material — he's in it so little one could comfortably hold one's breath throughout his scenes).

Every so often there's stuff for Lee and Jessie to photograph, and Garland sticks to the stuttery realism of modern war cinema, the clatter and muffled bass of combat, people abruptly felled as though connected to the sky by an invisible thread that's been snipped. It was done with more panache and feral virtuosity in *Children of Men*, but Garland's attempt to honor the chaos of real warfare is noble. The comparison is apt, because despite what many of its overexcited boosters claimed, *Children of Men* plopped us *in medias res* in a grim meathook future and then had nothing much to *say* about it other than how much it would suck. *Civil War* is the same. Garland pays a price for his noncommittal approach: his world-building suffers to the point of being nonexistent or at least irrelevant.

If *Civil War* were a better movie it might spawn a franchise, like the odious *The Purge*, telling a variety of stories set in the dystopia it creates. Garland's America has me wanting to know more about it than what we're given piecemeal. What started the war, what politics were involved, how do some towns apparently choose to opt out of the conflict altogether? Meanwhile, Garland's narrative is old and full of familiar tropes; the protagonists meet their predicted fates at the predicted times, and Jesse Plemons turns up on the road — this is in essence a glorified roadtrip movie, with our heroes on their way to D.C. to secure an interview with the president — to be creepy and militaristically sadistic in the manner of heavies in a hundred B-movies. Which Civil War basically is, though a well-acted one, and precisely calibrated in the combat sequences. But people need to chill about it. It is what it is, not what we want it to be.

insurance card (or cards if you have more than one), and wear a short-sleeved shirt.

MWC Offers Continuing Education Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is pleased to offer a continuing education scholarship award to a Mattapoisett resident who is re-entering the academic world after graduation or receipt of GED and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree or certificate. The application is available online at www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org. All applications must be postmarked by **May 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events including the Taste of the Town and the biennial garden tour to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. These scholarships are intended to support the club's belief in the importance of education and its grateful dedication to the community. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

Tri-Town Hiking Challenge

Mattapoisett Land Trust is introducing the "Hike50 Challenge" in celebration of their 50th anniversary this year. From **May 1 through August 31** of this year, MLT challenges you to hit the trails in the Tri-



THE POLISHED LOOK SALON AND DAY SPA

Thank you for the outpouring of support and loyalty. After more than 40 years in business, I have decided to sell my building and step away from running the Polished Look Salon & Day Spa. We will officially be closing April 20th. I started this business in 1984, growing it from a nail salon to a full-service salon over the years, and have thoroughly enjoyed your patronage. I will always be grateful for the wonderful memories and support of the community. We extend our deepest gratitude to our loyal clients for your unwavering support throughout these years. It has been an honor to serve each and every client. We have had many great employees over the years, and I thank each of them for their years of dedication. I wish everyone the very best and thank you again for your kindness over the years. I will treasure every thought and send out blessings when I think of each and every one. This is a reminder to those who have a remaining balance to use up your gift cards.



We look forward to seeing you in the meantime. Please be aware there will be another entity opening mid-May. Most of the staff will be retained and we will keep all clients posted. With a Grateful Heart, Brenda Gomes

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS

MARION

Log highlights April 7-April 13

- Crapo St Officer wanted
- Delano Rd EMS/medical
- Taunton Ave General service
- Park St Animal complaint
- Washburn Park Rd Missing person
- Rezendes Ter Missing person
- Village Dr Message deliverv
- Field Stone Ln Road hazard
- Mill St Officer wanted
- Crapo St Paper service
- Village Dr EMS/medical
- Wianno Rd Health/welfare
- Farm Rd EMS/medical
- Wianno Rd Follow up investigation
- West Ave Animal complaint
- Dexter Rd EMS/medical
- Inland Rd EMS/medical
- Oakdale Ave Officer wanted
- · County Rd Follow up investigation
- Inland Rd EMS/medical
- · Lewis St General service
- Delano Rd Disturbance/family
- Ichabod Ln MV complaint
- Card Dr Officer wanted
- · Lewis St General service
- Cove St Structure fire
- Spring St Juvenile offense
- West Ave MV fire
- Holly Pond Rd Suspicious MV

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Log highlights April 7-April 13

- Marion Rd – General service
- Long Plain Rd Follow up
- Neds Point Rd - MV stolen
- North St Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Wildwood Ter Health/welfare
- Crystal Spring Rd Follow up
- Melanie Ln Assist citizen
- Aucoot Rd 911 call
- Cove St Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Cove St Medical assist
- Railroad Ave Parking violation •
- Pico Beach Rd Civil complaint
- Shaw St General service
- Brandt Island Rd MV violations
- Wildwood Ter General service
- Mechanic St MV crash
- Tinkham Ln Restraining order
- Marion Rd Animal complaint
- Church St MV violations
- Main St MV stolen
- Pepperbush Ln Ambulance request Railroad Ave Officer wanted ٠
- Beech Wood Rd Harassment
- Melanie Ln Health/welfare
- Prospect Rd MV violations
- Tobey Ln Medical alarm
- North St Animal control •
- Marion Rd MV crash
- Mendell Rd Road hazard North Ave – General services Marion Rd – General services High St – 911 call

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Log highlights April 7-April 13

Gerrish Rd – MV lockout

Tilson Rd – Burglar alarm

Vaughn hill Rd – Follow up

Neck Rd - Medical

Gerrish Rd - 911 call

Mattapoisett Rd – MV stop/towed

Mayflower Ln – Animal control

County Rd – Suspicious activity

Coombs Rd – General services

Dexter Ln – General services

Vaughn Hill Rd - Disturbance

Cranberry Hwy - MV collision

County Rd – Suspicious activity

Featherbed Ln – Suspicious activity

Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency

Hartlev Rd – Animal control

Ryder Rd – Animal control

Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation

- Snipatuit Rd Noise complaint
- High St General services
- New Bedford Rd Investigation

veggie sticks

carrots

cookie

patty

breadstick

veggie sticks

bowl

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bagel pizza & side salad

tater tots & pancakes

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- Cranberry Hwy General services
- Marys Pond Rd Suspicious activity
- Forbes Rd Suspicious activity

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Monday, April 22: Crispy chicken

sandwich, oven baked fries, steamed

brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune

Thursday, April 25: Spaghetti &

meatballs, steamed broccoli, garlic

Tuesday, April 23: Zesty orange chicken,

Wednesday, April 24: Pancakes, maple

syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown

Friday, April 26: Munchie mania basket:

crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain

pretzel oven baked French fries served

Monday, April 22: Teriyaki beef stir fry

Tuesday, April 23: Dino chicken nuggets

Wednesday, April 24: Early release day -

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Thursday, April 25: Scrambled eggs,

Friday, April 26: Assorted pizza

w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh

• Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision/arrest

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

EGIONAL LUNCH

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 22: Minestrone soup. macaroni n' cheese, escalloped tomatoes, whole wheat roll, tropical fruit Tuesday, April 23: Chicken jambalaya, confetti rice, snowflake roll, fresh nectarine Wednesday, April 24: Meatloaf w/ rosemary gravy, au gratin potato, trio vegetable blend, whole wheat bread, birthday cake, diet: low sugar cake Thursday, April 25: Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, spring blend, oatmeal roll, lemon pudding Friday, April 26: Pollock "COTD" w/ Newburg sauce, bowtie pasta, beans bonanza, dinner roll, pineapple

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Monday, April 22: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked fries, steamed carrots

Tuesday, April 23: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, April 24: Pancakes, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty

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Thursday, April 25: Spaghetti & meatballs, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, April 26: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 22: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked fries, steamed carrots

Tuesday, April 23: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, April 24: Pancakes, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, hashbrown patty

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OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR **& SENIOR HIGH**

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April 18, 2024

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Town and log 50 miles of hiking.

This Hike50 Challenge is a fun incentive for folks to explore trails and get outdoors in Mattapoisett, Marion, and Rochester. Participants are encouraged to log miles on trails managed by Mattapoisett Land Trust, Rochester Land Trust, Sippican Lands Trust, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition within the Tri-Town community. Those who log 50 miles by August 31 will receive a special edition MLT 50th anniversary baseball hat, 50th anniversary stickers, and a complimentary 1-year membership with MLT.

Go online to mattlandtrust.org/about/50thanniversary to read the rules of the challenge and to print out your own mileage tracker. Mattapoisett Land Trust will host a kick-off hike soon as a way to jump start your mileage, so keep an eye on their events calendar. What better way to celebrate MLT's 50th anniversary than exploring the ecosystems they have conserved.

Southcoast Poets Read at the Mattapoisett Library

Award-winning members of the Southcoast Poets will be reading at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Tuesday, **April 30** at 6:30 pm. Vivian Eyre, Elizabeth Sylvia and Margot Wizansky will each be reading from their award-winning books and will be introduced by library director Susan Pizzolato, herself a member of the group.

Vivian Eyre's recently published "Ishmael's Violets" (Kelsay Press, 2023) depicts in lyric detail her concern for the plight of whales and sea. Her poems have appeared in many literary journals including: Bellingham Review, J Journal, One Art, Pangyrus, Quiddity, Spire, SWIMM, The Fourth River, The Massachusetts Review, The Orchards Journal, The Santa Ana Review, Turtle Island Quarterly, Twelve Mile Journal, and others. She recently started a series, Poets in Conversation, in an art gallery at the Imago Foundation for the Arts, in Warren, Rhode Island, where she resides.

Elizabeth Sylvia's debut book "None but Witches," won the 3 Mile Harbor Book Prize in 2022. Her poems have been published in many journals including Chautauqua, Crab Creek, The Greensboro



Review, Permafrost, Pleiades, RHINO, The Southern Review, Soundings East, Spoon River Poetry Review, and others. She is currently circulating a manuscript centered around Marie Antoinette, privilege, and climate change. She teaches English at Bourne High School and lives in Mattapoisett.

Margot Wizansky has recently published two books, "Wild for Life" (Lily Poetry Review) in 2022 and "The Yellow Sweater" (Kelsay Press) in 2023. She has poems in many literary journals such as The Missouri Review, Poetry East, Lumina, Inkwell, Quarterly West, Potomac Review, the American Literary Review, and others. She has edited two anthologies: "Mercy of Tides: Poems for a Beach House," and "Rough Places Plain: Poems of the Mountains." In "Don't Look Them in the Eye: Love, Life, and Jim Crow," she transcribed the oral history of her friend, Emerson Stamps, whose parents were sharecroppers and grandparents were enslaved. Her original poems accompany his story. Margot lives in Mattapoisett, where she also paints, and in Brookline.

The books by these poets will be available for purchase and signing at the reception following the reading in the community room downstairs in the library, which is located at 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. This event is part of the Purrington Lecture Series sponsored by the Mattapoisett Library Trust. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Rumors of a change in the workplace could make you a mite uneasy about going ahead with implementing your ideas. Best advice: Ignore the talk and proceed as planned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice, then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures will ease in time for weekend fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind up to the possibilities of facts that you're currently unaware of. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the 22nd, the Lions' dens become a "purrfect" place for you Fine Felines to relax in over the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project a long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up any travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next week. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January

19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on a project that you put aside. Your efforts will bring a surge in your self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you're generous with others, be sure that you're not overlooking your own needs. Take time to assess your situation and make adjustments where necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being applauded for your achievements is great, but watch out that you don't start acting like a star. It could lose you valuable support with your next project.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your strong belief in justice along with your leadership qualities help you protect the rights of others. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

You Are Somebody Special

A Ladies Friendship Luncheon will be held on Saturday, **May 4** from 12:00 to 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Congregational Church of Rochester, located in the center of town (11 Constitution Way). Too often we are told things about ourselves that are untrue. We believe the lies that are told to us by our parents, siblings, friends, and teachers. These lies shape the way we live and feel about ourselves and our relationships with others. However, the truth is that we are special to God. Invite a friend to come and discover how much God loves us and how each of us is somebody to Him. Advance reservations (\$15/person) required. Please RSVP to the church office by calling 508-763-4314 or emailing rochestercongregational@ comcast.net by April 28.

Rochester Candidates Night

Come meet the candidates, **May 8** beginning at 6:30 pm at North Rochester Congregational Church, North Ave, Rochester. The Rochester Republican Town Committee is putting on this event

All school committee and Select Board candidates have been invited to speak followed by a time for questions/answers.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

Sunday evening's sermon topic is: Are You Sure You're Going to Heaven? This event will be a Christian Gospel presentation, including an invitation to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Hear the Gospel proclaimed, bring a spouse, family member, friend, or neighbor.

Be assured that your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, so that your soul will go to heaven on the day you die.

Please join us on Sunday, **April 21**, at 6:30 pm, Knights Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett.

Pastor/Evangelist-Mathew Vangel (Long-term



resident of Mattapoisett, and 6-year pastoral seminary student) will be preaching.

For more information call (508) 998-6990, or E-Mail: Mat@Christianbelief.com, or Facebook: Mathew Vangel.

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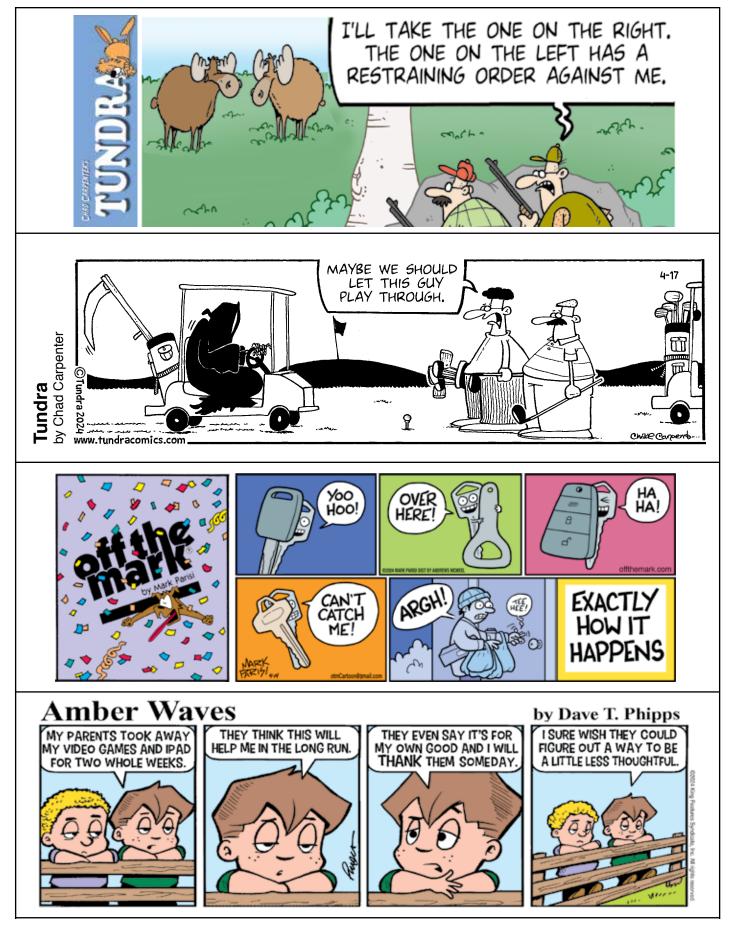
Join us in Wickenden Chapel on Sunday, **May** 5 at 4:00 pm, for "Songs of Solace," featuring French composer Gabriel Fauré's Requiem in D Minor, a work that was performed at the composer's own funeral in 1924, and one that is noted for its calm, serene, and peaceful outlook. Seekers of solace will also find comfort in our renditions of the traditional African-American spirituals "Deep River" and "City Called Heaven," as well as uplift and renewal in "Make Our Garden Grow," Leonard Bernstein's finale from his operetta "Candide." Ticket information can be found on our website at sippicanchoralsociety.org/tickets.htm. We are proud to participate in the MA Card to Culture program in order to make our performances accessible to those for whom cost is a barrier.

UCT to Host Lacrosse Out Cancer

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School is proud to host a Lacrosse Out Cancer Challenge on Saturday, **May 4** at Upper Cape Tech's Football Field, offering an afternoon of competitive lacrosse games and



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comradery as they rally together to raise awareness for pediatric cancer research.

Lacrosse Out Cancer is a lacrosse based "challenge" to raise awareness for the benefit of pediatric cancer research. Individual athletes or teams may pledge involvement for the purpose of awareness or to raise donations for the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation. The pledge is to participate in 47 reps on a daily or weekly basis to represent the 47 children diagnosed every day with pediatric cancer.

On **May 4**, the below match-ups will be hosted on Upper Cape Tech's Football Field:

Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs South Shore 12:00 pm Boys 'Varsity Lacrosse vs South Shore 1:30 pm Boys' JV Lacrosse vs South Shore 3:00 pm

There will be a suggested donation price for the game of \$4.00 for students and \$7.00 for adults. All proceeds will go towards the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation. We hope that together we can Lacrosse Out Cancer and make a meaningful impact against pediatric cancer.

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.

We will have a dumpster in our parking lot for Rochester residents. Small items will be welcomed. Each family is allowed a few items. No more than two large garbage bags. No electronics, appliances, paint, clothing, toxins, televisions, dehumidifiers, hazardous materials, metal or tires. Our dumpster will be monitored and only the allowed item will be accepted.

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.

This presentation is a "teaser" to prepare the public for the launch of this summer's celebratory exhibit

of the 100th anniversary since the Wanderer's shipwreck, "Wanderer 100: The Afterlife & Legacy of Mattapoisett's Last Whaler. It explores why the Wanderer has been honored, celebrated and venerated through the years and asks the questions, "Why is the Wanderer iconic?" and "Why do we love her so?"

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

Cushing Cemetery

There will be a Biannual Cushing Cemetery meeting at the Mattapoisett 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 familyfriendly event will begin at Washburn Park where you will receive a location to clean, yellow safety vests, gloves,

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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:

• Amend Section 22.50 of the Zoning Bylaws-Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installations by adding a new section under 22.50.1.8 Historical Resources

• Amend Section 22.10 of the Zoning Bylaws-Site Plan Review by adding a new section under 22.10.1.4.15 Historical Resources

• Revise Chapter 20.40 Agricultural-Residential District, Back Lot Changes, Section D. 6.a., of the Rochester Zoning Bylaws

 Revise Chapter 20.40 Agricultural-Residential District, Section D.1., Lot Dimensions, of the Rochester Zoning Bylaws, Access to Lots
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Copies of the articles are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road during business hours and are posted on the Town's website at https://www.townofrochestermass.com/ planning-board.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86165939531

Meeting ID: 861 6593 9531 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923

Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/11, 4/18

TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 consid-

er a Battery Energy Storage System By-Law within the Town of Rochester Zoning By-Laws under a new Section 22.80. 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 https://www.townofrochestermass.com/

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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,

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identified on Assessors Map 4, Lot(s) 28, 28B and 28C.

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.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex 37 Marion Road, during business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89769219556 Meeting ID: 897 6921 9556 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/11, 4/18

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3-5, the Mattapoisett Tree Warden will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Board during a regularly scheduled meeting at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 6, 2024 on the request for a permit authorizing, and consent of the Planning Board for, the cutting and removal of the following: Acer Rubrum DBH 23" and Codominant Stem 17" DBH located at 14 Marion Road, Marion Road being a designated scenic way in Town; Quercus Alba DBH 16" located at 14 Marion Road, Marion Road being a designated scenic way in Town. (Publication posted upon the Tree(s) requested to be removed). 4/18, 4/25

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1208

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of John Kirk, for property located at 276 Snow's Pond Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 38, Lot 39, who is seeking a Variance for the required 40-foot side setback on a proposed inground pool, under Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 4/18, 4/25

TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Historic District Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Council on Aging building, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA 02770. The public hearing is a joint public hearing where the following relief is requested via applications made by BriggsBrains, LLC, care of Mark & Ashley Briggs, for the property located at 0 New Bedford Road, previously identified on Assessors' Map 4, Lot(s) 28, 28B and 28C, now consolidated to one lot as Map 4, Lot 28:

Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board pursuant to Town of Rochester Zoning By-Laws ("By-law") § 22.10.

Grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to By-law §§ 18.10.B.2,

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20.30.F.9, and 20.40.F.6.

A Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission pursuant to Bylaw § 23.10 and M.G.L. c. 40C §7.

The Applicant's proposed project is for the construction of a building to store collectable automobiles, trucks, and other motor vehicles and a private hobby barn.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road or by visiting the Town Clerk's Office at 1 Constitution Way, during business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89769219556 Meeting ID: 897 6921 9556

Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 4/18, 4/25

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding school choice for the 2024-2025 school year at 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. This hybrid meeting will be held at the Center School located at 16 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/96815845547?pwd=MIJtRVFXOVIPTWVHaUILcEg3U21IQT09 Meeting ID: 968 1584 5547

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Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 4/18

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Chase A. Wingate of 42 River Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to add a single story 24x22 first floor addition located in 100 ft buffer zone. The project is located at 42 River Road, and is further identified as Lot 17.0 on Assessor Map 73.0.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/18

TOWN OF MARION

PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room

550 Mill Street

Also Available via Remote meeting Option

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:10 pm to consider the request of Ever Ortiz for a Special Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Section 230-4.2(I) Motor Vehicles Sales to conduct automotive sales of used vehicles in a general business district.

The property is located at 13 Washburn Lane, Unit 6, Marion MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 11, Lot 69, zoned general business.

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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. Please use the subject line Town Cleanup.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Tag Sale

Find a treasure at the Mattapoisett 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 Mattapoisett 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 Mattapoisett, 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 Mattapoisett 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 Mattapoisettlibrary.org through the Events Calendar.

Volunteers are encouraged to gather in front of the library for assignments, or families and friends can start from their homes and clean up their neighborhoods or nearby parks.

Children under 14 are welcome, but they should be supervised by an adult or guardian at all times.

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 Mattapoisett 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 Mattapoisett's response to solid waste, a significant challenge with escalating consumption that poses significant threats to our environment and public health.

Mattapoisett Road Race College Stipends

July 4 will be here before we know it and so will the 52nd running of the Mattapoisett Road Race, "4 on the 4th" Begun in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Since then, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students. The online application can be accessed via a QR code available at the high school guidance office. The application deadline is **May 17**.

High Tea & Treasures Road Show

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Hosted by The First Congregational Church of Marion on Saturday May 18 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm, this event will be held at the Community Center, 144 Front Street (rear of the General Store parking lot) on the second floor. The Community Center is equipped with a chair lift at the end of the long hall. In addition to the Afternoon Tea, guests are encouraged to bring an antique, piece of jewelry, art or a curiosity piece to be reviewed by experts in their field. Marion's local antique expert, Frank McNamee, along with colleagues Nick Taradash and Abigail Field will provide information and commentaries. Their love of history has led Frank, Nick and Abigail to their current careers with each having an affinity for a specific area whether it be jewelry, manuscripts, decorative art and design, or textiles, clothing and East Asian antiques. Frank, Nick and Abigail have conducted appraisal discovery days for numerous nonprofits groups

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Andrew Daniel, Vice-Chair 4/18, 4/25

TOWN OF MARION

PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street

Also Available via Remote meeting Option

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:05 pm to consider the request of Healing Villa Co, LLC for a Special Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Section 230-4.2(C) Personal Business and 230-4.2(G) General Retail Establishment to provide reiki services in Suite 102 for privacy and suite 100 for holistic retail.

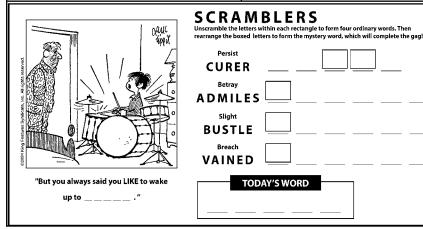
The property is located at 163 Front Street, Suite 100 and 102, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 77, zoned limited business.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Devin Sprague, 3 Byrne Avenue, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to remove invasive vegetation and damaged/hazard trees in an approximate 4000 sf area located greater than 100' from mapped wetlands, seed the management area with a native grass and wildflower mix. The project is located at 3 Byrne Avenue, and is further identified



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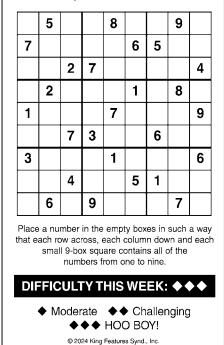
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Limited parking is available in the church's lot at the right rear of the General Store parking lot. We kindly ask all others to park at the Town Wharf on Front Street, opposite the Marion Music Hall.

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





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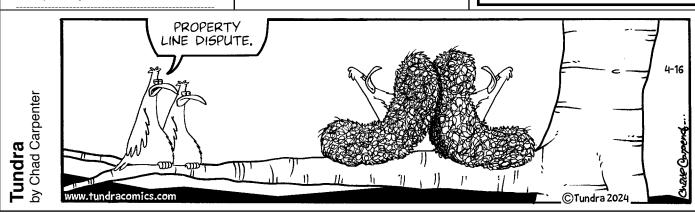
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Catherine Imbriglio is the author of two books of poetry, Parts of the Mass (Burning Deck), which received the Norma Farber First Book Award from the Poetry Society of America, and Intimacy (Center for Literary Publishing), which received the Colorado 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, 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.

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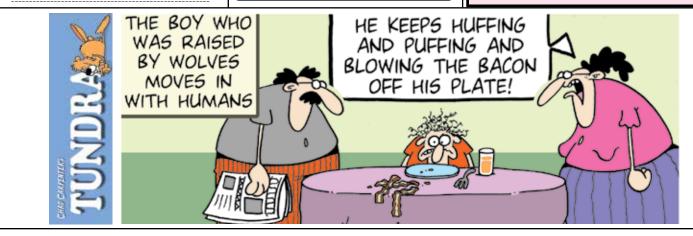
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MAC's First Ever YArt Sale

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 to sell? Vendors are invited to sell their own items at the event but must be present for setup and cleanup and remain throughout the entirety of the event. To see more details, including a list of approved items, or to apply to sell your materials, visit marionartcenter.org/events. Fill out the simple online vendor application form, and a committee member will contact you with more details. Submissions are due no later than Friday, April 19. The Marion Art Center cannot accept donated items at their location ahead of time. All materials must be delivered to the event site on the day of the sale.

Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race

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

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

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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, coed 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 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.

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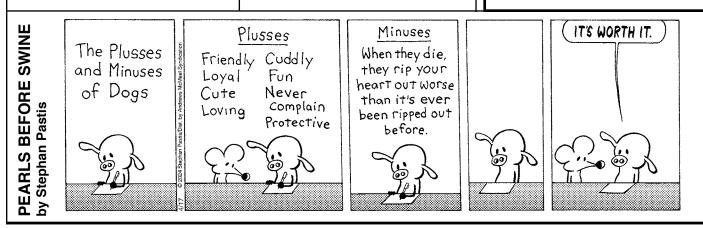
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the Artist Series exhibit by Mattapoisett resident Ray Rose. Called "An Antarctic Adventure: a photographic essay of the incredible beauty of Antarctica," Rose took the photographs during his recent trip to the Antarctic. Rose has traveled the world 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.

Tour de Creme

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

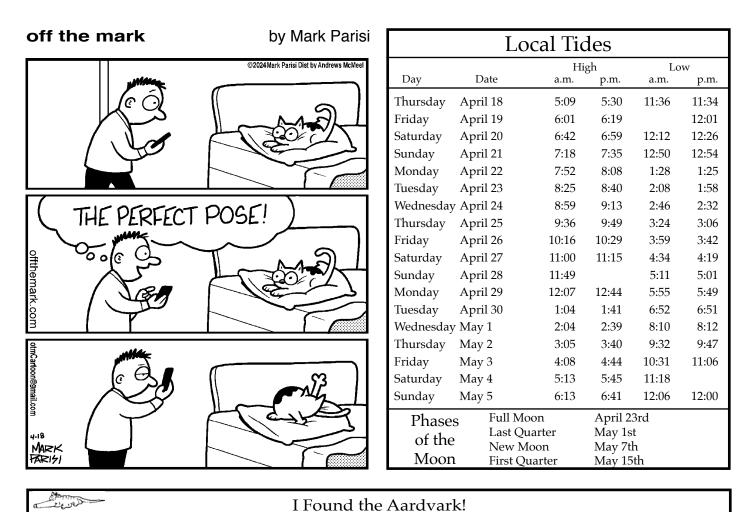
Cycle from Mattapoisett through Fairhaven, Freetown, Rochester, Acushnet, Lakeville and Middleborough, stopping for a free scoop of ice cream at creameries all along the routes. Register and choose between a 9-, 22-, and 45-mile ride; the longer you ride, the more ice cream you'll eat. Afterwards, riders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



Registration is open until **May 12**, and rides tend to fill up quickly, so visit tourdecreme.org to register and learn more.

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

Real Estate Trans.	ACTIONS	See pa	See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com					
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price			
Beaulieu, Marc	Kowaleski, Carolyn P TR	5 Beach St	Mattapoisett	03/27/2024	511,000.00			
Souza, Lesley	Carolyn P Kowaleski Trust							
Bgre LLC	Franklin-frye, Paula	1019 Point Rd	Marion	03/28/2024	311,500.00			
	Franklin, Gilbert E Jr							
	Nixon, Karen							
	Franklin, Gary							
	Burgess, Kendall							
	Beckham, Kristina							
	Franklin, Gregg							
	Franklin, Glen							
Theva, Jay Muruga	Ferguson, Joseph J	7 Railroad Ave	Mattapoisett	03/29/2024	440,000.00			
Theva, Didi Pathak	Ferguson, Jenna P							
Cornish, Michael J	Ryan, Susan G	15 Holly Ln	Mattapoisett	03/29/2024	1,000,000.00			
Cornish, Meredith								
Cornish, John								
Cornish, Debra								
Sealord Enterprises LLC	Decas, Gregory L TR	0 Cranberry Hwy	Rochester	04/01/2024	530,000.00			
	Parola, Cynthia K TR							
	Decas, Dean J TR							
	Decas Real Estate Trust							
Buzzards Bay Coalition Inc	Morris, Gerard W TR	52 Wolf Island Rd	Rochester	04/01/2024	30,000.00			
	Morris, Lucille A TR							
	Morris Trust							
Evans, David	Richards, Howard R	4 Sagamore Rd	Mattapoisett	04/02/2024	617,500.00			
Evans, Viella	Richards, Brenda							
	Richards, Natalie T Est							
Ross, Kathryn E	Ross, Matthew A	10 Ichabod Ln	Marion	04/02/2024	110,000.00			
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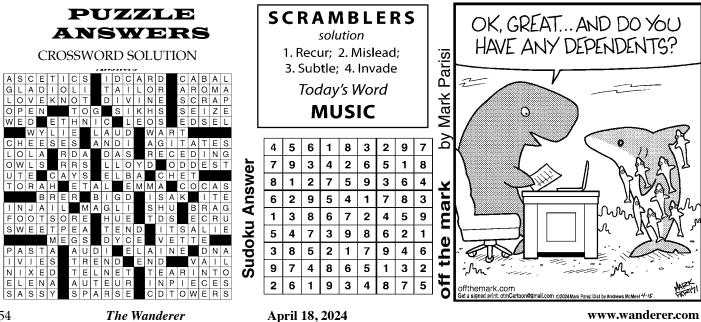


I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on I Found the Aardvark In the April 11, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 35



		FFECTIVE:					
Friends'		hursday, April 25th, 2024					
rnengs •	565 Rounseville Road	Rochester, MA 02770					
marketplace	Phone: 50	08.763.5333					
at PLUMB CORNER	Open Dail	y: 7am–9pm					
CROCERY, DA	RY & FROZEN						
Betty Crocker	Quaker 18 oz. Old Fashioned or Quick 1-Minute	ELEVEL ELEVEL					
17.5 oz. Pouch Chocolate Chip	Oats	C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C					
Cookie Mix	Kellogg's 15.9-16.6 oz. Original or Crunch Raisin Bran	Bell & Evans					
Z/\$6	Lindsav	Chicken Thighs					
and	5.756 oz. Selected 2/\$6	\$249					
Food Club	Mazola 32 oz. ŚĘ 50						
12 oz. Selected	Bob's Red Mill	Bell&Evans					
2/\$9	1.76 oz. Selected, Peanut Butter & Oats Bob's Bar	Bell & Evans					
2/ U	Just	Chicken Drumsticks					
AriZona	16 oz. Selected Iced Tea\$249	\$949					
Gallon, Selected \$399 Iced Tea	Dawn Powerwash 16 oz. Fresh Scent \$549						
AriZona	Dish Spray	Bell&Evans					
11.5 oz. Cans. 12 Pack. Selected \$699 Iced Tea	8 oz. Regular 2/\$3 Sour Cream	Kayem - 12 oz. Pkg. Selected \$799					
Gatorade 28 oz. Selected	Hood	Small Batch Bacon					
Sports Drink Must buy 2 for discount!	5.3 oz. Selected 4/\$5 Cottage Cheese	Store Packaged BBQ Baked Beans					
Check out our half price frozen o	leals. Good until they are gone!						
AWESOME APRIL DEALSI	BAKERY	Store Packaged Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp					
Our March Madness	Superior on Main	Bel Gioioso - 16 oz. Pkg. \$749					
Inventory Reduction Sale	9.75 oz. Pkg. Mini Eclairs\$49	Sliced Mozzarella Log					
has been Extended	Steve's Snacks Bakery	Boar's Head - 10 oz. Tub, Selected Hummus .					
thru Mid-April!!	⁶ oz. Pkg. Whoopie Pies	Allen's					
Find some incredible deals		Rotisserie Chickens					
on amazing wines.	GEERINGERINGER	GARDENGENHER					
We're making room for	Spicy Mexican Lasagna\$1299	CHINER MENTINES					
some updates in our wine		6 Pack Annuals Flats (48 Plants) - \$19.99 299					
section. Don't miss out on	Delicious & Made Fresh Daily! Spicy Peanut Noodles	6 Inch Pot - Assorted Colors! \$599					
this once a year opportunity!	Chicken \$1299 \$1899	10 Inch - Assorted Colors! Pansy Hanging Baskets\$2499					
All sale wines are labeled	Shophord's Small Large						
and priced to sell!	Pie II a	Cold Season - 6 Pack Vegetables & Herbs					
SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!							

