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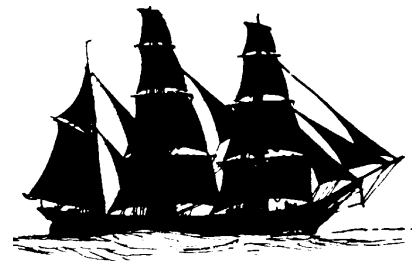
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## Miraculous Story of Raj Comes Full Circle

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

They say it takes a village to help a child in need.

Rajesh "Raj" Shahi, in the early 1990s was destined for a life of poverty as a beggar with a hunchback – until a special village in Massachusetts came to the rescue.

He had a spinal curvature issue – kyphoscoliosis – that made his back resemble a turtle shell and with no access to proper medical care in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Thanks to the community in Mattapoisett and medical staff in Boston, Shahi, now approaching 44, is a successful director of a school in Nepal, where he now pays it forward by helping children in need.

"They (friends in Massachusetts) changed my life and they have given me a new life," said Shahi during a recent interview with *The Wanderer*.

Shahi came to Massachusetts at the age of 13 in 1993, after he was sponsored by Hands in Outreach, a group that helps impoverished children in Nepal.

Nepal operates under a caste system. Shahi's family was in a lower class, and his chances of a good and successful life were minimal at best until HIO and his Massachusetts community stepped in.

Charles Duponte, a Mattapoisett resident, first initiated work to help Shahi. His then wife Johanna Duponte-Williams took Shahi in, helping him to get medical care in



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Boston and recover in Mattapoisett.

Shahi then attended Old Hammondtown Elementary School, where Grade 6 teacher Karen McQuillan prepared her students for Shahi's stay. She altered her curriculum to help students learn about the culture of Nepal and how the caste system left Shahi and his family with little access to proper medical care or any chance of upward economic mobility.

The students and staff at Old Hammondtown responded, bowing to Shahi as he entered the building for the first time, and forming protective circles around him so he would not reinjure his back.

Their first word to the student was the customary greeting of honor – "Namaste."

Shahi said that his host community in Mattapoisett and the medical team at New England Baptist Hospital helped him "to understand the value of helping others."

"They are my family. They gave me a very special time in that time (period). All my friends, they helped me a lot and are in my heart always. I am very thankful and

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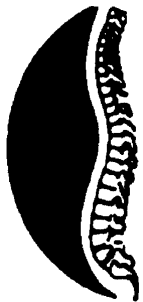
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thankful to God for giving me amazing friends for me and my life," Shahi said.

Now, Shahi runs a school with 40 students, giving back to the poor children of Nepal, completing the cycle of giving that started with him. He is married with two children of his own but calls his students his "children as well."

"I think it's karma," said Duponte-Williams, who became a mother figure to Shahi. "How amazing that all of these connections happened."

Duponte-Williams said she could never conceive a child on her own, but after her experience with Shahi, she later adopted children.

Duponte-Williams, an occupational therapist, said that before Shahi came to Mattapoissett, she looked at his picture and was moved by his smile. She and other supporters all rallied behind him.

But at first it was an uphill battle. Some medical professionals at first thought Shahi's condition was so bad that it could not be reversed.

Duponte-Williams says she remembers showing Shahi's X-rays to Dr. Tucker AuFranc, who shared them with colleagues Alexander Wright and Peter Anas. Both noticed the spinal curvature was so severe it threatened his lung capacity.

They called it the worst case of its kind.

But nobody gave up. Wright, with Anas' help, performed an eight-hour surgery on Shahi in 1993, installing in him a rod with metal side pieces into his back, with hooks that connect to his ribs.

It took months of recovery, but Shahi was able to return to Nepal but not before students and teachers at the school donated clothing to Shahi for his return home, some of which got him through the winter months in New England.

In 2008, Shahi returned for a recheck, and Duponte-Williams threw a huge reunion party.

Before his return home, Duponte-Williams introduced Shahi to different Christian religions and the local Quakers, giving him an understanding of other religions and ways of life.

Duponte-Williams said Shahi went to a Catholic church and noticed the image of Jesus on the cross. Duponte-Williams told Shahi the story of Jesus' resurrection, and Shahi

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Duponte-Williams also got to learn about Shahi's religion and ways of life. At one point, after Shahi returned to Nepal, Duponte-Williams went to a gathering for the Dalai Lama. She remembers talking to a monk and expressing concern that Shahi would have trouble adjusting again to life in Nepal. The monk responded, "It is much more likely to change your life, Dear."

Shahi lately has been complaining of back pain and will be returning to Boston later this year for a checkup and a computed tomography scan.

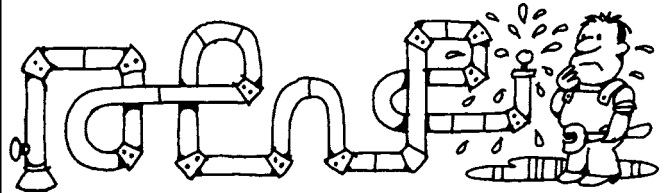
Duponte-Williams and other supporters have raised just under \$3,000, but that will likely only cover travel expenses.

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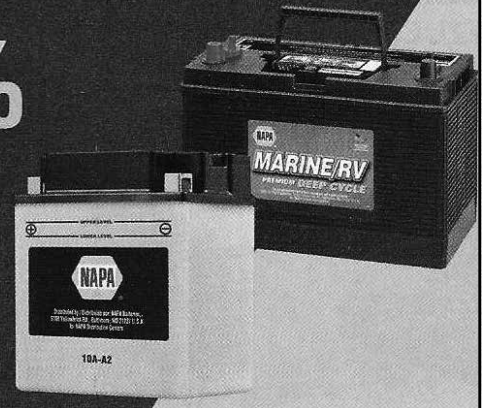
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**Walega Was Key to Growth of Public Health**

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Karen Walega was the Marion-Rochester Health District director from 1989 until retiring from that position in 2020, and she has served as Rochester's health director since then.

When she fully retires on June 23 at age 66, she'll be able to boast successfully guiding Marion and Rochester through 35 years of developments in the public-health landscape, from strengthening health-related regulations and services across the region to winning the hard-fought war against the COVID-19 pandemic and other threatening viruses.

When the Acushnet native attended college at

what was then Southeastern Massachusetts University in Dartmouth, she was interested in a career in environmental science, until a professor there encouraged her to pursue a public-health career. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology at SMU in 1981, then a Master's Degree in Public Health from Boston University in 1988.

Her first public-health job while attending BU was as health inspector for the Town of Norwood from 1983 to 1986, then health inspector for the Town of Bourne from 1986 to 1989.

She was hired as regional sanitarian of what was then the Acushnet-Marion-Rochester Health District in December 1989. The district, she said, was the wisdom of Ted Pratt of Marion to find a way to get professional, dedicated public-health services help to the small towns.

Acushnet left the district in 1997, she said, because it was facing so much new development that it needed its own services, not shared regional services. But the momentum of the district as a whole, as her position of director and health inspector within it evolved, never slowed.

In 1995, Walega recalled, Marion became the first town in the area to pass tobacco-control regulations, banning tobacco-vending machines, tobacco sales to minors and smoking in public. In 1996, the district took more action on this effort with a state grant it won to start a Tobacco Control Collaborative, which allowed it to hire Judith Coykendall as its director. That district collaborative joined with the Barnstable County Tobacco Control Program to modify the

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district's regulations in 2006.

"We had to stay a step ahead of the tobacco industry," Walega recalled. The Marlboro Tobacco Company, she explained, sent to Route 6 a van to sell smoking paraphernalia to children and parents. "Judith (Coykendall) told them they had to leave," Walega said. "We told them they couldn't entice children that way. Our

regulations evolved as the industry evolved."

As an example, in 2019, Governor Baker declared vaping and e-cigarettes a danger to lung health; the district hosted programs and regulatory changes to meet these new challenges.

The challenge around 2003 was the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus, she said, when aerial spraying took place in the late summer, closing beaches and parks. When West Nile virus struck, she recalled, dead crows fell from the sky and animal control officers had to collect and send them to a Boston lab for testing.

The district organized a vaccine clinic for H1N1 (flu) in 2010.

"It was our first pandemic," Walega said. "It taught us a lot for when the COVID pandemic came along." The

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In between these accomplishments came her biggest personal challenge. A pig farmer on Cushman Road in Rochester in 1990 was fertilizing his cornfields with fish remains called gurru that created a stench throughout the neighborhood. He would truck it to the site in the late evening or early morning and let it sit there over the weekend.

Walega called the police for him to stop this practice, but his stubbornness to comply led to Plymouth District Court and Superior Court proceedings that dragged on for years. He even stalked her, said Walega, leading her to file a restraining order against him.

But Walega is a soft-spoken woman by nature and seems to have taken this all in her stride. She said this story ended only when the man passed away.

Her own story as the region's health director is ending now, she said, because post-COVID public-health regulations are requiring her to be recertified as a health inspector. "After 40 years of service in public health, I don't want to go through the recertification process again," she said.

Also, in 2020 Marion, too, wanted to separate from the health district, wishing to be more independent again. So she "retired" from the district position and worked solely in Rochester until reaching retirement age.

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"Now it's time to do things for me," Walega said. "It's time to enjoy my life. Golf. Pickleball. Travel. Do more in my garden. I loved my job. But it's my turn to go. I was lucky to get this job. It's bittersweet. I'll be sad to leave. It's been a wonderful career for me."

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It seems only yesterday that this scourge of fall that attacked our senses cleaning up their namesake had vanished into hibernation. Now they're back, an autumnal symphony of ear-piercing noise arriving abruptly when you least expect them, seemingly at the stroke of dawn or during your afternoon nap.

It's as if a rock concert has suddenly materialized in the neighborhood. In fact, according to people who measure these things, leaf blowers can exceed 100 decibels, about the *same* as a rock concert!

One study by the nonprofit Quiet Communities and the EPA found that leaf-blower noise can "penetrate through walls." Wow!

The study must have included one poor fellow (hashtag #beatleafblowers on X, formerly known as Twitter) who told his neighbors that their landscaper's leaf blowers shook his house. They told him to go fly a kite. So he set up an amplifier on his deck, put on his silencing headphones, and blared hip-hop at the highest volume. Unfortunately, the neighbors couldn't hear the music over the sound of the blowers and were not disturbed. Not sure who won that battle.

According to the California Air Resources Board, operating a gas-powered leaf blower for one hour spews as much pollution as driving a car from Los Angeles to Denver. That may be why seven states, including California, have banned them and 200 towns around the country have restrictions on when they can be used. Even the Massachusetts Noise Code prohibits loud sounds. It says that "... yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing" are prohibited before 7:00 am. Certainly, that must include leaf blowers. And, I'll be sure to tell that to the owls and the birds.

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Spring should not be so annoying.

*Editor's note: Mattapoissett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on ...." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.*

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*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Ed Hoffer**

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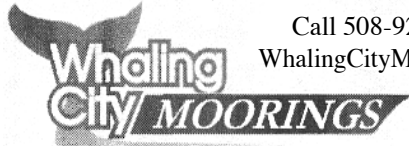
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If these do not give you what you want, go next to websites maintained by major medical centers such as the Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins or Mass General-Brigham. These will obviously lean towards attracting patients to their institution, but still have high quality content.

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When seeking health information, caveat emptor!

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

## Cemetery Regulations Loosened

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

A smaller crowd of concerned residents left the April 17 meeting of the Marion Select Board feeling better about the town's cemetery regulations after member Randy Parker recommended during the continued public hearing that the fourth and fifth items be dropped from the Cemetery Commission's revised proposal and Chairman Toby Burr agreed.

The 2-1 vote struck from the revised regulations two-space restrictions to flower beds around gravestones. One would have limited plantings to a maximum 12 inches straight out from the front side only of the marker or monument and only to the width thereof. The other limitation proposed that was struck would have required that any edging added around the flower bed must be flush

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with the ground.

The proposed restrictions were meant to ease the task of maintenance performed by the Marion Department of Public Works.

DPW Director Becky Tilden said that most gravestones are large enough that planting to the side or behind them puts those flower beds on another plot. Jody Dickerson pointed out that the 26 acres of cemetery in Marion are maintained by the same size staff as they were 20 years ago.

Former eight-year member of the Marion DPW Chris Washburn agreed "100%" with Dickerson and Tilden, recalling the many obstacles he encountered when on the job in the town's cemeteries.

Select Board member Norm Hills' disagreement went beyond the merits of the two regulations related to plantings. He thinks the Select Board should stay of the Cemetery Commission's business.

Resident Joe Zora told Hills he had a problem with his involvement in the public hearing considering his wife Helen Hills serves on the Cemetery Commission. Helen Hills noted she has served on the commission longer than her husband has been on the Select Board. Norm Hills maintained his position that the decisions of the Cemetery Commission should not be subject to the Select Board's vetting.

The meeting room in the Marion Town House Annex building was packed for the February 6 public



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hearing that provided the feedback that sent the Cemetery Commission back to work before meeting on February 27 to review revisions to its proposed changes in the regulations.

Among the proposals the Select Board agreed on was an adjustment to long-standing fees considered to be outdated. A \$300 fee will be charged to fund the perpetual care of plots at the time of their sale, so residents will pay \$300 per plot plus \$300 in perpetual care, and nonresidents will pay \$800 per plot plus \$300 in perpetual care.

The cost of opening and closing gravesites will be as follows: On regular weekdays, \$600 will be charged for regular burial and \$250 for cremains (add \$50 per hour after 2:30 pm); and on weekends and holidays \$750 for regular burial and \$325 for cremains.

Foundations will cost \$125 per square foot (a 2x1-foot foundation would cost \$250 and a 3x1-foot foundation would cost \$325).

An existing regulation stipulated that only burial plots with a full burial in place first can be used for both full burials and cremains.

An added regulation states that "cemetery plots are for the exclusive rights of burial. Only the Town Department of Public Works (DPW) can perform burials, no private party is allowed to perform a burial.

Some of the other proposals were written to clarify existing ones.

Building Commissioner Bob Grillo presided over the meeting in the absence of Town Administrator Geoff Gorman.

In three separate votes, the board approved one-day alcohol beverage licenses for three 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm events to be hosted by the Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station: the May 19 Clamboil; the July 21 Portuguese Feast and the August 18 Senior Chicken Bake.

The board also approved a Water/Sewer commitment of \$1,350 for a new water tap (April 2).

Burr and Grillo shared the duties of the town administrator's report.

The Marion Board of Health has received grant funding to hold four seminars on stroke, the first on May 10 at 10:00 am at Cushing Community Center walking path, along with light refreshments and a raffle. Executive

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Secretary Donna Hemphill noted that Melissa Frappier hosted a wellness event last week.

On Thursday, April 25, Marion will host a Town Meeting warrant review at the Music Hall. The warrant went out in the mail and was expected to arrive at residences early this week. The Marion Town Election is scheduled for Friday, May 17, at the Cushing Community Center.

Grillo reported that the Benson Brook swap shop has opened, the construction of the harbormaster building remains on schedule and only slightly over budget while addressing land-fill issues including the discovery of some substandard materials.

"It's going to be a gem once it's done," he said.

Bill Washburn, attending the meeting, suggested the town bring back the Harbor Days festival, noting the occasion of the new harbormaster building and how the town had over 500 people for a previous harbor tour.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 pm at the Town House Annex building.

### ORR Capital Request Turned Down

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Reviewing the warrant for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting, Rochester's Select Board Monday paused longest over the one article it voted against recommending.

That article proposes approving a \$12,000,000 debt exclusion for the Old Rochester Regional School District to make capital improvements around the school campus.

Select Board member Brad Morse motioned to not recommend this article, explaining, "The reason being it's just an estimate," he said. "I don't know what it really funds." Select Board member Adam Murphy elaborated that he has pressed the school superintendent to present to the board the study of the school district's capital needs that has been prepared, but he has yet to see it.

"This is a 20, 22-year decision we have to make," Murphy said. "A decision that will affect our grandchildren. Questions need to be answered: Who will be in charge of this work? Is it in a five, 10-year capital plan? Has there been


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public comment? The superintendent had explained the projects when he was here but without documentation."

Even a member of the ORR School Committee, Joe Pires, said he had his doubts.

"It's all in good intentions," Pires said. "The school is old. Once we researched things, we found there was not enough substantial information for this plan. I've asked specific questions; I couldn't get an answer. I voted no on this plan."

Before the Select Board voted unanimously against recommending the article, Town Counsel Jay Taleran of Mead, Taleran, and Costa, LLC, explained that the article, however, must remain on the warrant because of the peculiar rules of membership in a regional school district. If



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all three towns in the district did not entertain this article on their town meeting warrants but "wash over it" instead, the measure would automatically be approved, he said. Only if the three towns actively disapprove the article would it be a dead issue.

Taleran added that was also true of the related question to approve the ORR debt exclusion that will be asked at the Town Election. That measure must also remain on that ballot.

In other warrant changes, the Select Board altered the proposed amount that would be spent for Capital Planning. Murphy recommended shaving \$49,800 that would have been spent by the Rochester Memorial School for "asphalt repair and new sealant." He suggested putting that expense on hold until after the installation of the solar canopy that is being proposed for the school's back lot. His fellow Select Board members agreed to that deletion, leading to a new Capital Planning total of \$121,180.

Elsewhere across the 21-article warrant, the Select Board recommended the proposed FY25 budget of \$22,022,613. The Public Safety Stabilization Fund will receive an additional \$140,000. The Road Improvement Stabilization Fund will gain an additional \$100,000, the Capital Improvement Fund \$300,000 and a Rochester Memorial School emergency Special Education funding account \$300,000.

The board also recommended the Town Meeting proposal to spend \$15,000 on repairing the Plumb Library

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roof after Town Administrator Glenn Cannon explained to Murphy why this expense was not a Capital Planning funding measure. Cannon said the request came late; the roof was damaged by a storm on March 19.

In other action, the board approved Building Commissioner Paul Boucher's request to raise and add Commercial Building Permit Fees. Changes include a rise in the permit fee for new commercial structures and additions to \$6 per \$1,000 of cost, \$150 for a mechanical inspection and \$150 plus \$1 per \$1,000 of cost for fire sprinklers and fire alarms. Under electrical and plumbing inspections, the change is to \$150 plus \$1 per \$1,000 of cost.

Boucher explained that new commercial development is coming to town. "We want to get ahead of

the curve," he said, adding that these changes are not to make more money for the town but to cover the increasing cost of inspection services.

The board then rescinded its vote of two weeks ago axing early voting hours for the Annual Town Election. Town Clerk Marjorie Barrows said the earlier proposal wasn't worded correctly. It would be better to rescind the decision and allow early voting, she said.

The Select Board will meet next on Monday, April 29, at 6:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane. Cannon said this meeting will be for signing the Town Meeting Warrant.

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## FinCom Recommendations All Debt for Boat

*Marion Finance Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Marion Finance Committee voted on April 10 to rescind a prior recommendation that taxpayers vote at the May 13 Annual Town Meeting to split the financing of the town's new patrol boat between \$400,000 from debt and \$400,000 from free cash. The committee then voted to recommend that the \$800,000 boat be purchased entirely on debt that would be funded by the town's Waterways Account.

Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad's motivation in bringing the decision to the members stems from the Select Board's decision to add a second option for voters to the Town Meeting warrant, one that came at Assad's urgent recommendation because he insists that should the town allocate from free cash to pay for the harbormaster's new patrol boat, a promise will have been broken. He has repeatedly expressed concern that the much-needed boat might fail at Town Meeting.

A third unanimous vote was taken to recommend that the town form an independent commission, including members of the FinCom, the Marine Resources Commission, Town Counsel and other potential members to thoroughly examine the town's Waterway's Account and provide a report to the Select Board.

In speaking to the FinCom, Assad said that until March 27, the town had planned to fund the boat entirely

out of the Waterways Account, the revenue-driven account that thrives on harbor-related fees. That plan changed at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, said Assad, at which point he felt the town was treading in a dangerous direction.

Assad said that while the town turned down the schools' request for money to fund teachers they said they need, the town somehow was going to come up with money to fund a patrol boat.

"That doesn't quite seem to make sense, right?" asked Assad to the committee. "Certainly not to the school committee, who thought the town didn't have any money. But it turns out we did."

The question, Assad said, came up how to fund the patrol boat, noting that there was no disputing the need for the boat. He made sure to compliment the Harbormaster Department and said "It was never an issue of we versus them."

Assad asserted that until March 27, all stakeholders were in agreement that the town would buy the patrol boat on debt.

"That changed at the last minute, and we said to (Town Administrator) Geoff (Gorman), 'Look, we've got the cash so it's not like we can't do it. But this is going to be on heck of an issue at Town Meeting because there are a number of taxpayers who ... are passionate about who should be funding the needs of the Waterways (Account),' " said Assad. "And the reality is that anybody who has a mooring knows that a town mooring is an absolute steal"



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For that reason, Assad said he does not have a lot of sympathy for boaters when fees increase.

Assad reported that the Select Board decided to add a second article to the warrant for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting, giving the voters the original option of paying for the boat via debt funded by the Waterways Account. An article already existed in which the town would use \$400,000 of Waterways funds and \$400,000 of free cash.

With that, he tasked the Finance Committee to rescind its recommendation of the original article and then, in a second step, vote on either an all-debt scenario or the split as outlined above.

Committee members asked why not split between debt and Waterways, but Assad said the Select Board had already closed the warrant so that option is not on the table.

Assad said he understands the Select Board's position and agrees that depleting the Waterways Fund is not a good idea.

Vin Malkoski, the chairman of the Marine Resources Commission, was invited to speak and referenced prior discussion with Assad over the MRC's ongoing contention that the town has "inappropriately taken Waterways funds and put them in the General Fund."

Malkoski said the fact of that matter, though lost over time, has been legally proven to have occurred.

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years that all departments will share in expenses that go across the entire town. Malkoski sought to clarify that Assad has been made aware of the MRC's position.

"That's the position that the town took. Whether it's legal or illegal, I haven't talked to anybody who has told me, legally, ... that what the town did over the last 10 or 15 or 20 years was illegal," said Assad. "I think what the town did was they thought they were doing the appropriate thing to assess all of those costs that couldn't be attributed to a specific department to be allocated across all those departments. That makes perfect accounting sense."

"Unfortunately, it does not comply with state law," said Malkoski.

Assad insisted they not talk about the legality of the

matter until Town Counsel weighs in.

"The town can't afford to report it, you can't afford to fix the problem," replied Malkoski, arguing that most town departments do not generate revenue. "The reason the law exists is for this exact purpose."

Assad said the only way to fix the problem is to create an enterprise fund for the Waterways Department, something Malkoski said is not necessary. Assad said the decision would necessarily come from the Select Board with a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Assad asserted that the creation of an enterprise fund would put the dispute to bed.

He then attempted to steer the committee back toward the decision at hand, to recommend the town fund



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the patrol boat entirely with debt or to fund it halfway with free cash as prescribed by the other article on the Town Meeting warrant.

Assad asked Malkoski which scenario suits the MRC, but the two could not reach an accord in the conversation due to the lack of resolution over what the impact should or will be on the Waterways Account.

Assad reminded Malkoski that the Select Board promised the voters that the patrol boat would be paid for out of the Waterways Account and asked him if he wants the town not to honor its commitment to the taxpayers. Malkoski retorted that he would like the town to honor its commitment "to the rate payers."

Malkoski contended that the MRC's plan to increase

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fees, something it did twice, was designed to bring back approximately \$70,000 into the Waterways Account but said the town's accounting has illegally limited that revenue to approximately \$10,000 "because it was being siphoned out to pay for town hall maintenance."

Citing the existence of \$441,000 in the Waterways Account, Assad asked how the MRC accrued that much revenue under insufficient circumstances. Devoid of documented confirmation from Town Counsel, Assad characterized Malkoski's assertion that the town has acted inappropriately as "an absurdity." Malkoski stuck to his position that the Waterways Account has been mistreated by the town.

Assad apologized at the end of the meeting for getting "frosty" about the matter but hopes that a joint effort will end the long-standing disagreement between the MRC and the town government at large.

No date was set for the next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee.

### Only One Appeal Heard

*Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals*  
 By Marilou Newell

The agenda for the April 18 Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals meeting listed two hearings for special permits, but only one was heard.

An application filed by Robert and Lisa Barboza, 5 and 7 Shoreview Avenue, for the construction of a three-story, single-family dwelling and represented by David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., was ultimately continued without prejudice.

Davignon said that given there were only four board members present, his client would have to receive a "super majority" vote from the board in order to move forward with the project. He apologized to the public in attendance, primarily interested parties such as abutters, for not being able to have the case heard on this night, but it was in the best interest of his client that a continuance be granted to allow from better representation of the full board.

Hearing no objection to a continuance, it was granted.

The other case on the agenda was heard. A Special



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Permit requested by Brett and Emily L'Esperance, 0 Tupola Lane and Ned's Point Road, was also represented by Davignon.

The undeveloped lot situated on the corner of Tupola Lane and Ned's Point Road consists of two lots, which over time no longer met required setbacks. The plan as presented would join the two undersized lots into one, buildable parcel meeting pre-1972 requirements. Issues pertaining to wetlands were suggested by the public, but those would be handled when the case came before the Conservation Commission, Davignon said.

The ZBA approved both the joining of the lots to pre-1972 standards and the project as proposed for a new single-family home.

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The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, if there are cases to be heard.

**Bylaw Amendments Recommended**

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Planning Board Tuesday voted to recommend the five zoning bylaw amendments proposed for the May 13 Annual Town Meeting after a public hearing and some minor tweaking of their language.

The board approved "as written" a bylaw language change mandating that the location of any site

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Thursday April 25, 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 Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
 12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
 1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
 1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
 2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse  
 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 26, 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

McIntyre  
 2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 2:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
 3:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
 3:30 PM This is America and the World  
 4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
 4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
 5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball Div. 3 MIAA State Finals vs Charlestown  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 7:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites  
 8:30 PM Sippican 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 27, 2024

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
 9:00 AM Health Source  
 9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
 10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
 10:30 AM A Conversation With...  
 11:00 AM Auto Sense  
 11:30 AM Science 360  
 12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
 1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse  
 2:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk Show  
 3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
 4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
 4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - A Presidential Portrait  
 6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
 6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
 7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
 7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
 8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
 8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wampanoag Art for the Ages  
 9:30 PM Sippican Week Interviews  
 10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
 10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
 11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday April 28, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source

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

Monday April 29, 2024

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

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

Tuesday April 30, 2024

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

Wednesday May 1, 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 Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
 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!

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 8:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
 10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
 11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 12:00 PM Marion School Committee  
 1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
 2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
 3:00 PM Marion Board of Health  
 3:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
 4:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
 6:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
 8:00 PM Marion Planning Board  
 10:00 PM Marion Marion Conservation Commission  
 11:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
 11:30 PM Marion School Committee  
 8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
 10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 11:00 AM Rochester School Committee  
 12:30 PM ORR School Committee  
 4:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
 4:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
 5:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
 7:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
 8:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
 9:30 PM ORR School Committee  
 11:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee

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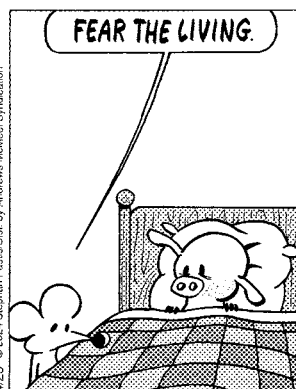
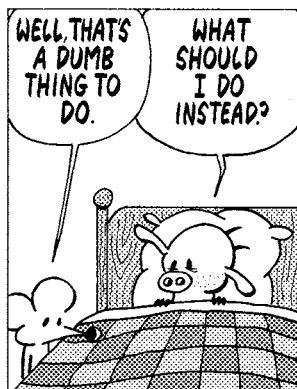
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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
 8:00 AM ORR Drama  
 9:00 AM Old Colony National Honor Society Ceremony  
 9:30 AM ORR/JHS Guppy Tank  
 10:00 AM Old Colony Jungle Book  
 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 1:00 PM ORR Music Department  
 2:00 PM ORR FORM Brunch  
 3:30 PM Autistic Presentation at ORR  
 4:30 PM Gun Safety Forum at GNBV  
 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
 7:00 PM ORR Theater Class  
 8:00 PM ORR Senior Awards Night  
 10:00 PM ORR Football vs Attleboro

## MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 3

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis





with any historical significance must be identified to avoid "mitigating impacts" to such sites during development of that location. When the project development requires altering the soil, a qualified observer must be present to ensure that historical resources are not disturbed.

The board also endorsed four other bylaw language changes. One would require that a proposed back lot in the Agricultural-Residential District be owned by the applicant for at least five years prior to an application to develop it. Another would mandate that lot access shall only being allowed through or across a viable, legal road frontage. The third amendment would hold that the required rectangular shape of a lot will no longer need to be within the 40-foot setback line.

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson said the back-lot amendment corrects a loophole that Town Counsel pointed out needs to be fixed. "The language didn't say specifically what we thought it said," Johnson said. "Now it's specific."

Regarding the lot-shape amendment, he said, "We are just formalizing what we've already been doing."

The fourth amendment the board endorsed would clarify that the town's ground-mounted solar photovoltaic overlay district is better defined as being town-owned land on High Street, not to include a privately owned parcel also at 0 High Street.

The board, however, took more time before endorsing a new bylaw adopting regulations for the

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construction and permitting of battery-energy storage systems, which are used mainly by solar-energy-array facilities. A small, residential, battery storage system, what board members called a tier-one system, would be exempt. But board members agreed that all other installations, tiers two and three, shall need a special permit and a site-plan review from the Planning Board. They also agreed that no such energy storage system may be permitted in a groundwater-protection district or inside the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District.

In other action, the Planning Board endorsed Approval Not Required applications for two newly proposed house lots at 0 Bishop Road filed by Marc T. Wilson, whose legal representative explained his client is

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creating two, new Form-A lots out of the property, both the required frontage and upland, and will be selling off one of the lots.

The board reviewed its draft decision approving JPF Development LLC's plan to construct a 15-acre, self-storage facility with seven storage buildings and a total of 300 units within the Industrial District at Kings Highway and Route 28. Johnson said the board will formally sign the decision at its next meeting.

The Rochester Planning Board will participate in the town's Interdepartmental meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center on Dexter Lane.

## SOA to Address 'High Needs' Students

*Rochester School Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

Dr. Shari Fedorowicz, the Old Rochester Regional School District's assistant superintendent of Teaching and Learning, explained the difference between the Student Opportunity Act and ORR's School Improvement Plan during the April 4 meeting of the Rochester School Committee.

The slice of money that will come into Rochester for this program (\$15,000) is relatively low, according to Fedorowicz, who nonetheless says the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will help determine learning gaps and areas of need.

The SOA focuses on high-need students and is necessarily new every three years, and it is founded upon evidence-based programs for students with low academic performance.

Narrowed down to five areas, the SOA targets: academic support and acceleration, comprehensive approach to early literacy and early literacy screening and support, expanded access to pre-Kindergarten, enhanced pathways to increase educator diversity and high-quality secondary pathways and programs.

Fedorowicz clarified that the SOA is not a grant but a \$30-per-student boost to Chapter 70 (state) funding for the outlined purposes. In the case of Rochester, \$15,000 was "embedded" within Chapter 70 funding to fund the SOA,



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which needs school committee approval and ultimately, approval from DESE.

Fedorowicz said that Rochester has relatively low diversity in its student body but has nearly 34% of which are categorized as “high needs” based on data points, including MCAS. Low-income students (20.6%) and students with disabilities (18.1%) also make up large segments targeted by the SOA.

The committee heard a presentation from Interim Director of Student Services Kris Lincoln on updates to the Individual Education Plan (IEP), last updated in 2001. The updated IEP will feature a new form that will map out the areas of support available to students needing IEP’s. The program will begin with the 2024-25 school year and be reviewed throughout the year, supplemented with professional-development opportunities.

The committee held a brief public hearing on School Choice for the 2024-25 school year and voted unanimously to remain out of the program. Prior to the public hearing, ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson noted that historically, Rochester has not been a School Choice community.

The committee accepted the donation of \$1,000 from community member and regular PanMass Challenge participant William Goldsmith to be used towards gym equipment.

The following books offered to RMS by residents Nicole and Greg Hardy, “Life Skills for Kids” by Karen

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# OBITUARIES

**Ingrid Elizabeth Hellgren**, born on April 26, 1958, spent the summers of her childhood on Converse Road in Marion with her late grandparents, Harry and Thelma Kramer Ostenfeld; and lived there most recently from 2011 through 2013. The youngest child of the late Tage and Beryl Ostenfeld Hellgren, Ingrid was born in the Poconos of Pennsylvania and lived there for 19 years. She passed away suddenly on January 6, 2024 in Port Charlotte, Florida leaving a void in many hearts.

Ingrid loved Silvershell Beach! It was the first place she wanted to go when she arrived on Converse Road as a child, and her favorite place to relax, read, and think as an adult. Like her grandmother Thelma, a pianist and music teacher, Ingrid loved music, learning several instruments, and attending as many live music events as possible throughout her life, including Friday night band concerts. She also loved to spend time with Gilda at the Stone Rooster, helping with preparations for the regular jazz nights in the summer.

An excellent and very creative cook and baker, Ingrid loved making special things for neighbors and friends, and always kept them laughing with her quirky sense of humor. Along with music and baking, Ingrid loved animals, especially elephants and ponies, though she never had one of her own. However, while a teenager in Pennsylvania, she worked at a wild animal farm where she cared for many exotics including Boa Constrictors, Tarantulas, and a Siberian tiger. Her own pets also included spiders and snakes, as well as a raccoon, squirrel, and many cats. Her beloved dogs, Hooligan, a Jack Russell and Kona, a Golden Lab, loved exploring Washburn Park in the summer, and running along Silvershell in the winter.

Ingrid is survived by her partner, Chuck Trites of Port Charlotte; her children, Carmine P. Crudele (Jennifer) of Plantation and Britt A. Crudele (Tyler Auner) of Tamarac, both in Florida; her sisters, Tonie Y. Waters of Inverness, FL and Janne Hellgren (Jack Boesen) of Marion, and her brother, Peter B. Hellgren of Stroudsburg. She is also survived by her nephews, Christian P. Waters of Cadillac, MI, and Erik L. Waters of Inverness; maternal cousins, Kenneth and Michael Grieve and Kat Gray and their families in Michigan; and her paternal uncle Ebbe Hellgren and cousins Jorgen and Ariel Hellgren and their families in Sweden. She was predeceased by her sister, Christa R. Hellgren, and by her aunt, Joan Ostenfeld Grieve (Tabor '54).

A Celebration of Life will be held on her birthday on Ft. Myers Beach in Florida. Remembrances would be greatly appreciated to a food bank or an animal rescue facility.



**William "Bill" do Carmo**, 94, of Marion, formerly of New Bedford died peacefully at home on Saturday, April 20, 2024. He was the husband of Doris Carmo for many years.

Born in New Bedford, the son of

the late John and Alice (Lopes) Carmo, he lived in New Bedford most of his life.

Bill was a lifelong entrepreneur and community activist. As president of Carmo & Associates, Consultants, Real Estate, and Construction, he worked as the project manager for the construction of the Roosevelt, Normandin, and Keith Middle Schools. From 1984 to 1991 Bill was the Senior Project Representative for over 4,000 units of affordable housing in Massachusetts through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

As president of the New Bedford chapter of the NAACP he was responsible for the construction of the NAACP Community Building. With the assistance of local banks and philanthropists such as Richard Young of Titleist and Jim Ottaway of the Standard-Times, Bill worked to resolve discrimination in employment, education, and housing. Bill was a founder of the former United Front, now Temple Landing; a Trustee and Board Member of the Whaling Museum; an Election Commissioner for the City of New Bedford; a member of the New Bedford Port Society; Housing Chairman for the NAACP; involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Bedford; and Chairman of the New Bedford Regional Airport.

Bill served proudly in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force for six years during the Korean War. During his service he was denied the opportunity to become a military pilot due to segregation in the military. Bill took it upon himself to earn his private pilot's license which he held for the rest of his life.

He is survived by his children, Carla Roderick and husband Wayne of New Bedford, Robyn Carmo of Los Angeles, Andrea Carmo of New Bedford, Victoria Gonsalves of New Bedford, William S. Carmo of New York; his siblings Dolores Spencer of Fairhaven, Catherine Cabral of Dartmouth, and George Carmo of New Bedford; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, his former wives, Vivian Lindo and Beverly do Carmo; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his siblings Louis Carmo, Robert Carmo, Charles Carmo, Michael Carmo, John Carmo, and Ethel Fox.

Bill's visitation will be held Thursday, April 25th from 4-8 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St, New Bedford. Burial will take place in Rural Cemetery privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

**Patricia M. (Charbonneau) Chaplain**, age 90, died peacefully, at the Manor at Carpenters, on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020. Her husband of 68 years, Richard (Dick) Chaplain, was at her side.

Pat was a 1947 graduate of Middleborough High School and a 1951 graduate of Syracuse University, earning her BA in Music. She lived in Lakeville, MA in the 60s and 70s; Ft. Ashby, WV in the 80s and 90s. She taught private music lessons

Harris; "Inspiring Stories for Amazing Boys" by Emily Green; "Inspiring Stories for Amazing Girls" by Eva Kinsley; "Elephants Are Not Birds, Saga One" by Ashley St. Clair; "Good Bears Always Tell the Truth (Cubs to Bears);" "Otto's Tales Today is Flag Day" by PragerU; "Otto's Tales Today is Father's Day" by PragerU; "Otto's Tales Today is Mother's Day" by PragerU; "Otto's Tales Today is Thanksgiving" by PragerU and "What Should Danny Do? On Vacation!" by Ganit and Adir Levey, were declined by the committee.

Before the vote, Nelson reported that the school librarian cited a lack of professional review of the books in recommending that they do not meet the criteria for approval.

Upon a motion to decline the donation, Nicole Hardy argued on behalf of the books and against the committee's rejection thereof to the point where Chairperson Sharon Hartley called a point of order in the meeting that Hardy ignored, resuming her argument.

Committee member Anne Fernandes questioned the limit of the resources used to establish professional review and suggested that other sources should be considered beyond those customarily used by the librarian. Fernandes' was the lone dissenting vote against the decline of the donation.

The committee unanimously approved a fundraiser called Double Good for the sixth-grade class involving the sale of popcorn, 50% of every purchase going a parent-run carnival.



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## OBITUARIES

to local high school musicians for many years and was active in her local churches, including being the choir director and organist at the Church of the Annunciation in Ft. Ashby.

Pat and her husband retired to FL where they enjoyed golfing, dancing, sunshine and visits from family and friends.

Pat is survived by her husband and children: Michael (Mattapoisett, MA), Sarah Chaplain Whelley (Moultonborough, NH), Gregory (Norfolk, VA), and David (North Conway, NH). She leaves 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.



**Richard Louis "Dick" Chaplain**, 95, passed away on February 12, 2024, in Lakeland, Florida. He

was the husband of the late Patricia M. (Charbonneau) Chaplain, with whom he was married for 68 years.

Born on June 21, 1928, in Avon, Massachusetts, the son of the late Wilfred and Alice (McCarthy) Chaplain, Dick grew up in Middleborough, graduating from Middleborough High School in 1946. Immediately after graduation, Dick enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving from 1946-1948 - a WWII Veteran. Upon his discharge from the Navy, Dick furthered his education at Champlain College in Plattsburgh, NY, graduating in 1953.

Dick worked for many years as an engineer for Hercules Corporation, both at the Taunton, Massachusetts facility (Havig/Hascon) and at the Cumberland, Maryland facility (Allegheny Ballistics Lab), where his innate ability to perceive complex engineering designs and translate those designs into production models earned him great respect and recognition. In his spare time, he was an avid golfer and a gifted woodworker and carpenter. Many of his creations now reside in the homes of family members. He even built a family vacation cabin in New Hampshire!

Dick and Pat are survived by their four children: Michael (Mary) of Mattapoisett, MA; Sarah (Peter) Whelley of Moultonborough, NH; Gregory (Nikki) of Norfolk, VA; and David of North Conway, NH. He was blessed with 9 grandchildren: Aimee Boothe, Kathleen McCabe, Brenna Chaplain, Patrick Whelley, Michaela Kohler, Collin Whelley, Andrew Chaplain, Brooke Conigliaro and Abigail Chaplain; and 9 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Carol Mitchell.

A combined memorial service for Dick and Pat will be held at St. Anthony Church, Mattapoisett, on Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 am. Interment will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Middleborough.



# MOVIE REVIEW

## Don't Touch That Dial

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

*Late Night with the Devil*. Starring David Dastmalchian and Laura Gordon. Directed by Colin and Cameron Cairnes. Running time: 93 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters and on home streaming media.

For the longest time I kept giving *Late Night with the Devil* the benefit of the doubt, overlooking things and tones that didn't square with the film's presented milieu — it's supposed to be footage from a late-night TV talk show that aired live on Halloween 1977. It's got subtly powerhouse work by David Dastmalchian, striding into a rare lead role with confidence and his usual emotional transparency. He's playing Jack Delroy, the host of the fourth-network show *Night Owls with Jack Delroy*, and it's clear he's watched enough vintage chat and horror-host shows to have internalized how such hosts acted and spoke. Dastmalchian makes the movie fun to watch all by himself. It's the movie around him that falters.

Obsessed with beating Johnny Carson's ratings, Jack loads his Halloween show with guests he hopes will lure and hook viewers. There's "Christou" (Fayssal Bazzi), a psychic who purports to be in touch with audience members' deceased loved ones. There's Carmichael Haig (Ian Bliss), a Randi-type debunker of flim-flam. Finally, there's reputedly possessed girl Lilly (Ingrid Torelli), whose parapsychologist guardian Dr. June Ross-Mitchell (Laura Gordon) saved her from some sort of demonic cult. It's not long before Jack finds out the real target of satanic energy isn't any of his guests.

Gee, could the (real-life) Bohemian Grove and its shadowy meetings of powerful men in the entertainment industry have something to do with it? Grasping at any means to take down Johnny, Jack has joined these weird ritualistic get-togethers in the woods. This isn't a spoiler, as the too-explicit narration spills the beans right at the start. We then learn Jack's wife had died of lung cancer despite never smoking (such a thing is rare but not so unheard-of as to suggest demonic cause). So we go into all the supernatural events with the knowledge that it's all happening due to Jack; he is the nexus of this paranormal activity.

This is why horror movies get less legitimately frightening the deeper they wander into the weeds of exposition. It becomes Jack's problem, Jack's fault, rather than something random and scary that could happen to *you*. As I said, *Late Night with the Devil* is a fun tribute; sometimes it looks like genuine 1977 video footage and sometimes not (I assume because if it looked *too* much like video from 1977 it'd just look terrible, like a smeary, stickey fifth-gen dupe). It's a decent enough stylistic calling card for the brothers Cairnes,



who also wrote and edited the film; perhaps next time they could hire another writer, or resist whatever pressure they may have been under to force the weird events — including levitation, projectile vomiting and someone with worms emerging from his flesh — to make some sort of narrative sense instead of allowing them to be harrowingly unexplained.

What's worse, rather than letting the whole film just be the show's footage, the brothers Cairnes often give us black-and-white "behind the scenes" segments that are necessary, I guess, to deliver plot points (as when someone dies offscreen and Jack hears about it during a commercial pause), but that also violate the imaginative contract we've bought into that this is actual coverage taped off of late-night TV. Not that we literally believe it's real, of course, but we *want* to like what the movie is doing, *want* to make ourselves vulnerable to whatever scares it packs, and such breaks in the style and narrative shatter what should be unquestioning absorption. Again, it's a writing issue.

Dastmalchian is one of the most effortlessly engaging actors we've got. In a recent two-parter on *The Rookie* he played a corrupt ex-soldier who faked his own death; his character showed such strong certainty that he was untouchable by the cops (including the one he once served with) we were left with little reason to doubt him. *Late Night with the Devil* lets Dastmalchian run the gamut from TV-host smarm to insecurity to grief to terror — it's a full package. The movie would be considerably easier to dismiss and forget without him as Jack, the ringmaster of his own small circus whose animals get out of his control. For his pains, he's just surrounded by a bunch of Australian actors who needed work. One of them, Rhys Auteri as Gus, Jack's Ed McMahon figure, gives an on-target performance without ego. Most of the rest of the cast appear to be too "in character" as guests on a Halloween show — are they on the level or not? These directors seem to know how to leave good actors alone, but the (let's say) other actors don't get the guidance they need. By the time the climax fizzles out into a weak post-climax that fills the studio floor with casualties but leaves us unmoved, some of us may already have checked out mentally. Enjoy the movie for Dastmalchian, but don't expect much more.



Fernandes initiated a discussion on parent volunteers, asking if the COVID-canceled activity has been restored and to what degree. Rochester Memorial School Principal Heidi Letendre said there are many volunteers at RMS subject to CORI (background) checks.

The committee heard financial, food services and facilities reports from Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber, who noted a job opening in the Food Services Department.

In her report, Hartley said the superintendent's review subcommittee met and that news should be forthcoming shortly on that front.

In his report, Nelson promoted an acceleration camp for April vacation week and also noted that the capital requests made by ORR to the Town of Rochester for facility upgrades were being supported by the town's Capital Planning Committee.

Fedorowicz reported that Rose Bowman, recently retired as principal of Mattapoisett Schools, would be addressing teachers on parent-teacher communication.

During Open Comment, resident Karen Thomas noted that the same arguments made on behalf of a book that was unsuccessfully challenged by a citizen could apply to the books declined by the committee on this night.

Nelson noted that the READS Collaborative Quarterly Report Overview is available for review.

The committee entered executive session and reasons 3 (strategy for negotiations) and 7 (compliance).

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, at 6:30 pm at Rochester Memorial School, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 pm at ORR Jr. High School media room.

## Girls Tennis Serves Up Fast Start

*ORR Sports Roundup*

By Aiden Comorosky

The ORR Old Rochester Regional High School girls' tennis team defeated Dighton-Rehoboth, 5-0, on April 17. The win moves their record to a perfect 4-0. Zadia Goyette and Alaina Redsicker were named the players of the match. Their next match will be on Thursday, April 25, at home

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against Apponequet.

### Boys Tennis

The Bulldogs beat Seekonk 4-1 on April 18. Their record is now 2-1. Their next match will be on Thursday, April 25, at Apponequet.

### Baseball


ORR defeated Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, 8-7, on April 17. Collin Mills was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs' next game will be at home on Friday, April 26, against Somerset Berkley.

### Boys Lacrosse

ORR shut out Somerset Berkley, 12-0, on April 19. David Lally was named the player of the game. The Bulldogs' record is now 3-3 heading into their next game

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# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS

Rochester Memorial School students were treated on Tuesday afternoon to an educational exhibition of the dog-like robot "Spot," a \$200,000 machine of which there are approximately 1,500 in the world, according to Kevin Garell, a Rochester resident who works for Waltham-based Boston Dynamics, the manufacturer of the robot. Garell was assisted in two presentations by his sons Gavin and Grady. Photos by Mick Colageo



The local celebrity is the new Black Baldy calf born on Acushnet Road on April 17. A second calf is expected any day now, a sure sign that spring is on the way. Photo by Chrystal Walsh



The Marion Natural History Museum's Community group had a terrific morning doing some bird watching with Justin Barrett last week. Justin is the president of the Nasketucket Bird Club and longtime member of the museum's Board of Directors. We saw 28 different species including a yellow rumped warbler, a pine warbler, an eastern towhee, Downey woodpeckers, northern flickers and many chipping sparrows. The museum wishes to thank Justin for sharing his expertise with the group. Upcoming museum programs are available on the museum's website: [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org). Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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



against Fairhaven on Friday, April 26.

### Girls Lacrosse

The Bulldogs faced Apponequet on April 17 and won 12-3, bringing their record to 5-1. Their next game will be at Fairhaven on Friday, April 26.

## Rebuilding Cougars Look to Leaders

*Old Colony Sports Roundup*

By Logan Hamlet and Brianna Mello

As the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School girls' varsity softball season begins, the fans and families of Old Colony are compelled to see the upcoming season underway.

Last year, the team's win-loss ratio was 8 wins, 10 losses. However, with a young team and only three returning players on the roster this year, the hope for the team is to improve that record.

The returning starters, who have been reported to be as solid as they come, are junior Patty Spillane, junior Kayleigh DeSousa and senior Lindsey Bacchiocchi, the latter referred to as "a big weapon" by Coach Brandon Mendez.

With these three returning players leading the way, the team goal is to gain experience and improve their skills in order to make it into the Mayflower Athletic Conference playoffs.

## Letters to the Editor

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To The Editor:

On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, during the Marion Planning Board meeting, I felt as though I was in an 1800s town meeting, where male thinking and behavior showcased the subordination of women.

Throughout the meeting, a couple of male colleagues continuously interrupted preventing me from effectively communicating my thoughts. This is not the

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights April 14-April 20

- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Crapo St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – General service
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Reservation Way – Health/welfare
- Olde Knoll Rd – Paper service
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- South St – General service
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Ichabod Ln – Health/welfare
- Mansfield Ave – Animal complaint
- Water St – EMS/medical
- Indian Cove Rd – General service
- Washburn Ln – MV collision
- Mansfield Ave – General service
- Mill St - Fraud
- Pine Grove Ln – Follow up
- Field Stone Ln – EMS/medical
- Hartley Ln – General service
- Holmes St – Road hazard

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights April 14-April 20

- Holly Ln – Assist citizen
- I195 East – MV violations
- Third St – Domestic disturbance
- Marina Dr - Vandalism
- Upland Way – Medical assist
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Acushnet Rd - Disturbance
- Crystal Spring Rd – General service
- Snow Fields Rd – Suspicious persons
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- River Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Acushnet Rd – Open door
- Oliver's Ln – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Chris' Pl – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – General service
- North St – Assist citizen
- Briar Rd – Animal control
- Water St – Parking violation
- Baker Ln – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Cecelia Ave – General service
- Pico Beach Rd – Noise complaint

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights April 14-April 20

- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – MV stop/towed
- North Ave – MV stop/towed
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Mattapoisett Rd – Assist other agency
- Clapp Rd – Outside smoke
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Rd – Animal control
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Lost animal
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – Road hazard
- Walnut Plain Rd – Assist other
- New Bedford Rd – House lockout
- County Rd – Outside investigation
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Snipatuit Rd – Follow up
- Forbes Rd – Follow up
- Kings Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Rounseville Rd – Animal control
- Sarha Sherman Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- Snipatuit Rd – Well being check
- Dexter Ln – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – MV stop/towed
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- High St - Harassment

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



# REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

## COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, April 29:** Buttermilk chicken, mashed potatoes, Italian blend vegetables, oatmeal roll, mixed fruit

**Tuesday, April 30:** Hot dog, baked beans, cabbage and carrots, hot dog roll, sliced apples

**Wednesday, May 1:** Bourbon chicken, Yukon gold potatoes, chuckwagon corn, corn muffin, Mandarin orange

**Thursday, May 2:** Roast pork w/apple gravy, parsley mashed potatoes, butternut squash, persas

**Friday, May 3:** Tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, plum

## CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, April 29:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Tuesday, April 30:** Taco Tuesday – soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad  
**Wednesday, May 1:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds

**Thursday, May 2:** Chicken lo mein, oriental noodles, fortune cookie

**Friday, May 3:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, April 29:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

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**Friday, May 3:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, April 29:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Tuesday, April 30:** Taco Tuesday – soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, May 1:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds

**Thursday, May 2:** Chicken lo mein, oriental noodles, fortune cookie

**Friday, May 3:** Grilled chicken club on hamburger roll, savory green beans, roasted chic peas

## ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, April 29:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

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**Friday, May 3:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, April 29:** Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries

**Tuesday, April 30:** Taco Tuesday – soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, May 1:** Bulldog breakfast sandwich, baked sweet potato rounds

**Thursday, May 2:** Chicken lo mein, oriental noodles, fortune cookie

**Friday, May 3:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

## OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, April 29:** Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll  
**Tuesday, April 30:** Cheese pizza quesadilla & fries

**Wednesday, May 1:** Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans & garlic bread

**Thursday, May 2:** Linguica sandwich & fries

**Friday, May 3:** Assorted pizza

first time I have experienced discrimination and prejudicial behavior from self-centered men on or associated with the Marion Planning Board.

Despite the interruptions, I was determined to be heard for it is well-known that unwelcome male behaviors undermine professional growth, damage mental well-being, and perpetuate harmful stereotypes. The overbearing and controlling behavior of several men associated with the Marion Planning Board constitutes abuse, and it must be stopped.

All Marion residents benefit when all voices can be heard and valued equally. As a professional, I am committed to working with my colleagues to create a positive and inclusive Planning Board.

Eileen J. Marum, Clerk  
Marion Planning Board

To the Editor,

I encourage Marion residents to attend the Select Board meeting on May 7 to support the town's participation in the Green Communities program. The Select Board should always seek ways to reduce property owner tax burden.

Since Marion joined in 2018, Green Communities grants funded many projects - saving taxpayers more than \$500,000. With energy consumption now reduced by 24% thanks to these upgrades, Green Communities helps taxpayers save tax dollars -- which helps all of us -- every year.

The grant opportunities aren't over. In June, Marion could apply for up to \$220,000 to improve wastewater treatment plant control systems and heating systems in water and sewer pumping station heat systems.

Yes, every Green Community needs to follow the most current version of the Stretch Building Code. But don't we all want homes with lower utility bills that are ready for the future? The National Association of Realtors reports that more than half of all buyers consider these features when shopping for homes. We know that young families and seniors especially look for ways to stay within their budgets.

If you can't come to the May 7 meeting in person, please show your support for Marion's Green Communities



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# Super Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Big trucks
- 5 "Serial" podcast host Koenig
- 10 Brothers Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan
- 15 Like GI garb, often
- 19 Woeful things
- 20 Bingham of "Baywatch"
- 21 Slobber
- 22 Nivea rival
- 23 Outfit
- 26 Lassies
- 27 All upset, with "up"
- 28 "... flaw — feature?"
- 29 Actor Knotts
- 30 Wrung (out)
- 32 Deli classic
- 33 Bother a lot
- 35 Frank of rock
- 38 Outward display of courage
- 40 Attachable with a click
- 42 Hits, as a fly
- 44 Fill with love
- 45 "The X Factor," e.g.
- 47 Congeal
- 49 Short sleeps
- 50 Diane once of NPR
- 51 Gentlemen
- 53 Breather
- 56 Apple option
- 59 Cow sound
- 62 Primer for a wall, e.g.
- 67 Names anew
- 70 Outdoor enclosure for a tabby
- 72 Abundant
- 73 Cow sound
- 74 Despot Amin
- 75 It's often played during a massage
- 78 "Let us spray," e.g.
- 79 Recognize
- 80 Central Asia's — Sea
- 81 Honking birds
- 82 Old Jewish ascetic
- 84 Snootiness
- 87 Cur's warning
- 89 Snake's warning
- 90 Not bogus
- 91 Small plateau
- 93 Give relief to
- 96 Choir female
- 99 Responses to massages
- 101 Something revealed by a scale
- 107 Fly without a co-pilot, e.g.
- 110 Like a famed Vatican chapel
- 112 Roll around in mud or dust
- 113 Mascara, e.g.

- 115 Writer Calvino
- 117 Ethiopia's — Selassie
- 118 Ovid's lang.
- 119 Tubers often candied
- 120 Engine speed meas.
- 121 By way of
- 123 Tattooist's supply
- 124 Otherwise
- 126 What eight answers in this puzzle might say if they could talk?
- 131 Increase, with "up"
- 132 Internet sales
- 133 Increase, with "up"
- 134 Villain in "The Avengers"
- 135 609-homer Sammy
- 136 AC— (big name in auto parts)
- 137 Promotes heavily
- 138 Leg joint

### DOWN

- 1 Most wealthy
- 2 Actress Douglas who starred in "Grace of My Heart"
- 3 Pertaining to an opening of the larynx
- 4 Former jet to JFK
- 5 Mix, as batter
- 6 Desi of Desilu Studios
- 7 Sleazy paper
- 8 King topper
- 9 Furry feet in back
- 10 Biblical utopia
- 11 Shirt part
- 12 Clemente of baseball
- 13 Oompah
- 14 Band genre
- 15 Tooth on a gearwheel
- 16 A Gulf state
- 17 Patroller around a food court
- 18 Bivalve mollusks
- 24 Sweltering summer day
- 25 Ivory, e.g.
- 31 Lion's hideout
- 34 Fast glance
- 36 Burnt residue
- 37 Gp. once led by Ararat
- 38 Raft wood
- 39 Soda brand
- 41 Utmost
- 43 Dickens' miser
- 46 Opposite of lge.
- 48 Three, to Fifi
- 52 Slippery road condition
- 54 "The Hunger Games" escort
- 55 Blueprint data, in brief
- 56 From Dublin or Cork
- 57 Jason's wife, in myth
- 58 "Ta-ta!" in Tours
- 60 Central Florida city
- 61 Crayon stuff
- 63 Less of a lie
- 64 Louvre Pyramid architect
- 65 Adjectives modify them
- 66 Message-leavers' cues
- 68 Astronomer Tycho —
- 69 Mattress brand
- 71 Fierce female feline
- 76 1972 Eric Clapton hit
- 77 Chinese menu letters
- 83 Aussie girl
- 85 Newlywed man
- 86 "Got it, man"
- 88 San Luis —
- 92 Slightly excessive
- 94 "How cute!"
- 95 Ugly foe of Popeye
- 96 Neverending
- 97 Not deserting
- 98 Frightful flies
- 100 Like always
- 102 "Ode — Grecian Urn"
- 103 Costa — Sol
- 104 Use as a skating surface
- 105 Mount — College (Elaine Chao's alma mater)
- 106 12-year-old kid, say
- 108 Set in place
- 109 Gave the nod
- 111 — City (Ohio town named for William Henry Harrison's moniker)
- 114 Theatricalize
- 116 Like sheep
- 120 Move, to a Realtor
- 122 Tattooist's supplies
- 125 Green org.
- 127 Ocasek of The Cars
- 128 Endeavor
- 129 Spying setup
- 130 Big name in civ. rights

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A little wool-gathering is OK, but don't let that dreamy state linger beyond midweek, when you'll want to be ready to take on new workplace responsibilities.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. The 29th should bring news about a business opportunity.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show off your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion up a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along with your plans. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to see the details that others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing an offer that possibly seems too good to be true. A trusted colleague has advice.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as the peacemaker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored, but don't launch yours before rechecking all the facts and sources. Also, be sure that you can rely on support from certain people.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly by mid-week that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

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participation by signing this petition online at <https://bit.ly/Marion-GC>.

Sincerely,  
Alanna Nelson, Marion

### Academic Achievements

Daniela Gil Veras of Marion, Allison Paim of Marion, Kathleen Dunn of Mattapoisett, and Lilah Gendreau of Mattapoisett were named to the 2023 fall semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston. To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

### Racism Conversation Coming to Friends

Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) is excited to announce the fifth in series, "Community Conversation: Racism - Let's Talk About It," on Saturday, April 27, at the Friend's Meeting House, 103 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

In this open and inclusive dialogue, we'll come together to explore the complexities of racism, its impacts on individuals and communities, and how we can work collectively to create a more just and equitable society. This event aims to provide a safe space for meaningful discussions, sharing personal experiences, and learning from one another. Whether you're new to these conversations or have been actively engaged in anti-racism work, your voice matters.

Let's listen, learn, and take meaningful steps towards building a world where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Together, we can spark positive change. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the conversation.

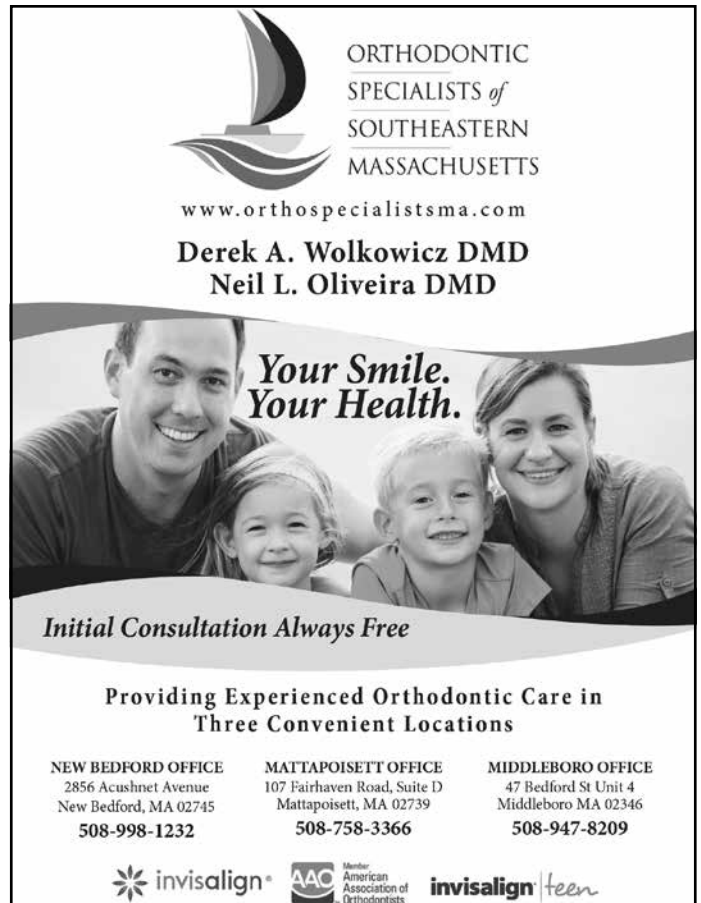
Find more info and RSVP at [tritownagainstracism.org/events](http://tritownagainstracism.org/events).

### Clothing Donation Box Opening in Marion

The Town of Marion has partnered with St. Pauly Textile, Inc., to provide a wood-frame clothing drop-off shed for community use. The collection shed is located behind the Elizabeth Taber Library at 8 Spring Street and was installed



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I CAUGHT A CATERPILLAR. I BET YOU COULD IMPRESS LIBBY IF YOU SWALLOW IT.



HEY LIBBY, CHECK IT OUT. WANNA SEE ME EAT THIS HERE CATERPILLAR? I'LL DO IT.



GULP!



WELL, THAT SURE DIDN'T WORK. MAYBE IF YOU WERE TO BURP UP A BUTTERFLY?

during the first week of April.

This shed is designed to give community members a clean, convenient, and well-kept option to donate used clothing.



Accepted items include clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases and stuffed animals. Both used and new items are accepted. Donations must be placed in tied-up bags before being left in the shed.

The shed is accessible any time of the day and will be emptied weekly. The town will receive funding for donated clothing and additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs.

"We're excited to present this opportunity to community members to declutter during spring cleaning, while also giving back to those in need," said Marion Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman in a press release.

St. Pauly Textile, Inc., partners with businesses and organizations to collect and distribute donated items to those in need in the U.S. and 44 countries. It collects more than 150,000 total pounds of clothing each day at more than 1,400 drop-off sheds. In 2023, St. Pauly Textile, Inc., estimates it collected 68 million articles of clothing, assisting about 8,300,000 people worldwide.

Community members with questions about donations may contact St. Pauly Textile at 585-924-7941 or by emailing questions@stpaullytextile.com.

### Stroke Awareness Walk in Marion

The Marion Fire Department, Board of Health and Council on Aging are partnering to kick off Stroke Awareness Month with a healthy walk around the walking path located at the Cushing Community Center on Route 6 on **May 1** at 10:00 am.

During the event, town representatives will promote healthy living and awareness about stroke-risk

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<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3-5, the Mattapoissett Tree Warden will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Board during a regularly scheduled meeting at the Mattapoissett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, 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</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1208</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>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 &amp; 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.</p> <p>Grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to By-law §§ 18.10.B.2, 20.30.F.9, and 20.40.F.6.</p> <p>A Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission pursuant to By-law § 23.10 and M.G.L. c. 40C §7.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89769219556">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89769219556</a> Meeting ID: 897 6921 9556 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 4/18, 4/25</p>	<p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Remote meeting Option</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Danyca Filiatreault for the remote participation information: <a href="mailto:dfiliatreault@marionma.gov">dfiliatreault@marionma.gov</a> during normal business hours. Tucker Burr, Chair Andrew Daniel, Vice-Chair 4/18, 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Remote meeting Option</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board or Town Clerk during normal business hours. 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Tucker Burr, Chair Andrew Daniel, Vice-Chair 4/18, 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF MARION KATHERINE MILLIGAN OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES NOTICE OF TAX TAKING</b></p> <p>The owners of occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Marion in the County of Plymouth and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public, are hereby notified that the taxes thereon, severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as the Collector of Taxes for the Town of Marion by the Board of Assessors of said town, remain unpaid, and that said parcel(s) of land, pursuant to the provisions</p>	<p>of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intent to take for the Town of Marion on the 9th day of MAY, 2024 at 10 o'clock am at Marion Town House the following parcels of land for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with demand, interest and all legal costs and charges to the date of taking, unless the same shall be previously discharge. All plans referred to are on file in the Assessor's Office.</p> <p><b>78 WAREHAM ROAD LLC,</b> Land located at WAREHAM ST in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 3.810 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000700024, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 540/6 96. For FY-2023 Billed \$5,253.64 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$590.73 Tax Due \$4,553.69. *****</p> <p><b>78 WAREHAM ROAD LLC,</b> LAND located at 3 BOURNHURST RD in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 3.300 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000700025, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 540/6 96. For FY-2023 Billed \$4,723.03 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$852.55 Tax Due \$5,585.58. *****</p> <p><b>78 WAREHAM ROAD LLC,</b> LAND located at WAREHAM ST in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 4.700 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000700027, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 540/6 96. For FY-2023 Billed \$5,894.16 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$674.60 Tax Due \$5,187.05. *****</p> <p><b>78 WAREHAM ROAD LLC,</b> LAND &amp; BUILDING located at 78 WAREHAM ST in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 11.320 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000700029, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 540/6 99. For FY-2023 Billed \$18,290.66 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$3,440.66 Tax Due \$21,758.62. *****</p> <p><b>78 WAREHAM ROAD LLC,</b> LAND located at WAREHAM ST in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 5.850 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 00070028C, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 540/6 96. For FY-2023 Billed \$5,345.71 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$688.84 Tax Due \$5,274.07. *****</p> <p><b>ARCHER BARBARA ANNE &amp;, ARCHER JAMES C III,</b> LAND &amp; BUILDING located at 151 COUNTY RD in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 12,677.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 00220039A, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 38100/0116. For FY-2023 Billed \$2,543.78 Fees \$10.00 Interest \$138.26 Tax Due \$1,107.03. *****</p> <p><b>EWELL WESLEY J &amp; GREENE W TRUSTEES,</b> CROSS NECK REALTY TRUST, LAND located at DELANO RD in MARION, in jurisdiction TOWN containing 30,665.000 SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 000500028, recorded at PLYMOUTH COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/</p>

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factors, signs and symptoms, and how to lower your risk of having a stroke. We will also have light refreshments for attendees.

Come share with us a morning of exercise, education, and learn more about the upcoming events that we have planned for Stroke Awareness Month.

### **Matt York at the Mattapoissett Library**

We are thrilled to announce Matt York will be visiting us at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library on Saturday, **May 4** at 2 pm to present Johnny Cash-Songs and Stories.

A longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career, spanning from his early beginnings in the 1950's to his passing in 2003. York was recently nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and his album Gently Used was named one of Patriot Ledger's best albums of 2022.

No registration required. All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at [mkskaar@sailsinc.org](mailto:mkskaar@sailsinc.org). You can also find more information on our website at [MattapoissettLibrary.org](http://MattapoissettLibrary.org).

### **Mattapoissett Annual Town Meeting & Election**

The Town of Mattapoissett's Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, **May 13**. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium, 135 Marion Road. More information regarding the warrant, articles will be available in the coming weeks on the town website.

The Town of Mattapoissett's Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, **May 21**, at Old Hammondtown School which is located at 20 Shaw Street. The polls will be open from 8 am until 8 pm. If you have already requested a mail in ballot for all elections this year, you will receive a ballot for the Annual Town Election in the mail as soon as they are available.

Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x 2 if you have any questions relating to either of these very important events or check the official town website at [www.mattapoissett.net](http://www.mattapoissett.net).

### **Machacam Club**

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 1**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoissett. Social time begins at 5 pm followed by dinner at 6 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please transmit your counts by 9 pm, Saturday. Questions - please submit to [cwmccullough@comcast.net](mailto:cwmccullough@comcast.net)

### **Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee**

On Sunday, **April 28** from 1:30 to 3:00 pm, in the downstairs meeting room of the Mattapoissett Free Public



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The project is located at 16 Winnatuxett Beach Road, and is further identified as Lot 57 on Assessor Map 5. **Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Marc Wilson, for the property located at 0 Bishop Road, Rochester, MA, 02770 designated as Lot 65 on Assessors Map 43A. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family dwelling with on-site well, septic, and associated grading within the buffer zone.</p> <p>The applicant's representative is Darren Michaelis of Foresight Engineering, Inc., 518 County Road (Wishbone Way), West Wareham, MA 02576.</p> <p>This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81833673918">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81833673918</a> Meeting ID: 818 3367 3918 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoissett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Richard C. &amp; Darla J. Tenglin.</p> <p>The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicants propose upgrade the Septic System to Title 5 compliance with the installation of a 1,500 gallon septic tank, 1,000 gallon pump chamber and a chamber leaching area. The work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones AE (E1.</p>	<p>16) and VE (E1. 17) with a minor portion within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of the Top of a Coastal Bank.</p> <p>The address where the activity will occur is 96 Aucoot Road which is further identified as a Lot #162 on Mattapoissett Assessors Map #3. 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>On Thursday March 21, 2024, the Marion Board of Health voted to amend a regulation entitled, "Guidance for Body Art Establishments". The amended regulation will go into effect May 21, 2024.</p> <p>For a copy of these regulations, please contact the Marion Board of Health, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.</p> <p>The changes were made in the following sections: 21.02 Definitions: additions and updates 20.04.03 Restrictions: no branding or scarification 20.05.01 Operation of Body Art Establishments, Physical Plant (m) 20.05.02 Requirements for Single Use Items Including Inks, Dyes and Pigments (b, c, f), i.e., pens, markers, mapping pencils etc., use of distilled or sterile water to dilute ink, dyes, pigments 20.05.03 Sanitation and Sterilization Measures and Procedures (*) (d) 20.05.04 Posting Requirements (a): updated disclosure statement 20.05.05 Establishment Recordkeeping (a) Establishment information, which shall include: (1, 3, 8, 9); (b) (1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8); (c) (3, 6, 7); (d) 20.06.04 Health History and Client Informed Consent (a); (2); (a) (6); (a) (10) 20.06.05 Added fingernails to be short and clean, hair restrained 20.06.06 Added gloves are to be used throughout the entire body art procedure 20.09.03 Application for Body Art Establishment Permit: shall expire on December 31st 20.10.03 Application for Body Art Practitioner Permit; 20.10.04 (c), (d), (g), (h): shall expire on December 31st 20.10.06 Approving Authority Enforcements (a), (b), (c), (d), (e): inspections no less than once a year Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chair 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Marion Town House Conference Room, 2 Spring Street, to consider the petition of Verizon New England Inc and NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy proposing to place new facilities, Pole 7/1.5, on South Street. Carleton Burr, Jr. – Chair 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, 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 15 Seamarsh Way Family Trust, PO Box 461, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to repair areas of erosion in the lawn and driveway caused by winter storms, pick up loose rock and</p>	<p>place on edge of lawn along boulder seawall, install driveway stone, and loam and seed lawn areas. The project is located at 15 Seamarsh Way, and is further identified as Lot 33 on Assessor Map 6. **Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, 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 Raymond Silveira c/o Marc Deshaies, Esq, 0 Foster Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to seek confirmations of wetland boundary as shown on the referenced plan. The project is located at 0 Foster Street, and is further identified as Lot 72-A on Assessor Map 8. **Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Notice of Intent submitted by William E. Mansfield, 0 Harbor Acres Lane, Assessors Map 12, Lot 57 in Mattapoissett, MA. The applicant proposes to perform roadway improvements to Harbor Acres Lane within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. **Contact concomm@mattapoissett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoissett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Daniel Oliver Revocable Trust &amp; Anna Louise Victor Oliver Revocable Trust.</p> <p>The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicants propose to perform repairs to the seawall, lawn and fence caused by Coastal Storms.</p> <p>Work to be performed partially on a Coastal Beach, Coastal Bank and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.</p> <p>The property is located at 40 Water Street which is further identified as Lot #196 on Mattapoissett Assessors Map #9. 4/25</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoissett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by James B. Barron, Jr. &amp; Anamaria Mierzyteran-Barron. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicants propose to perform seawall, lawn and fence repairs caused by Coastal</p>



Library, the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee is honored to present its last in a series of Spring Speakers' Forums, featuring Danielle Allen, the James Bryant Conant University Professor at Harvard University. Ms. Allen is an internationally recognized expert on democracy. She is also Founder and President of Partners in Democracy. She is a seasoned nonprofit leader, democracy advocate, tech ethicist, distinguished author and mom. During the height of COVID in 2020, Danielle's leadership in rallying coalitions and building solutions resulted in the country's first-ever Roadmap to Pandemic Resilience. Her policies were adopted in federal legislation and a Biden executive order. Danielle also made history as the first Black woman ever to run for statewide office in Massachusetts. In her role as board chair for Partners in Democracy, she continues to advocate for democracy reform to create greater voice and access in our democracy and drive progress towards a new social contract that serves and includes us all. Her many books include the widely acclaimed *Our Declaration: a reading of the Declaration of Independence in defense of equality*; *Cuz: The Life and Times of Michael A.*; and *Justice by Means of Democracy*. For more information about this Forum, please contact Nicki Demakis, Chair of the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee at [ndemakis@tidlaw.com](mailto:ndemakis@tidlaw.com).

### Rochester Arbor Day

On Friday, **April 26**, there will be a very brief, approximately 10 minute, presentation outside at the Council on Aging in Rochester on Dexter Lane at 6:30 pm in appreciation of Arbor Day and the recent planting of several trees. All are welcome to attend.

### Get Summer Sorted

ArtStart is the MAC's summer art program for children ages 4 1/2 to 9 years, offered in June and July each year. ArtStart teachers are specialists in music, dance, theater and art, most of whom teach throughout the year and are professionals in their fields. Activities include arts and crafts, theater, music, games and storytelling. The ArtStart program runs weekly, from 9:00 am–12:30 pm daily, except for July 4. The cost for each 5-day session is \$250 for MAC Members and \$290 for nonmembers, while the 4-day session costs \$200 and \$235, respectively. Session one begins **June 24**. The final, fifth session ends on **July 26**. View all details and register online at [marionartcenter.org/artstart](http://marionartcenter.org/artstart).

All Things Art is an immersive weeklong program

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Current MAC membership at the Family level (\$75) or above is required for discounted tuition on programs.

### Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library will sponsor their Spring Book Sale on the lawn of the library on Friday, **May 10** from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday, **May 11** from 10 am-3 pm. Thousands of books, all in good condition, as well as puzzles, games, and DVDs will be available for purchase.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring St, Marion and parking is available on street or in the parking lot behind the library.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Elizabeth Taber Library's Summer Reading Program. The Friends are always welcoming new members to join and also have volunteer opportunities for those who might be interested.

Also on Saturday, **May 11** at 11 am, the library is presenting a lecture on Remarkable Natives for Beautiful Gardens. By Kerry Ann Mendez. This free event is cosponsored by the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Marion Natural History Museum. Sign up for the event is at the library.

### Mattapoissett Library Artist Series

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library Artist Series presents a quilt exhibit entitled "April Showers Brought

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On Saturday, **May 25** from 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Despres will offer a program in the Mattapoisett Library Large Meeting Room called Sewing with Everyone. This one-session class is for anyone who wants to organize a group sewing project. The class will offer tips, pointers, and techniques showing how to help include and engage everyone in participating, be they 3 or 103, able-bodied or physically-challenged, experienced or have never touched a sewing machine. Laurie Despres has been a quilter for over 35 years during which time she has assisted a wide variety of groups to create quilts together. This program is free and

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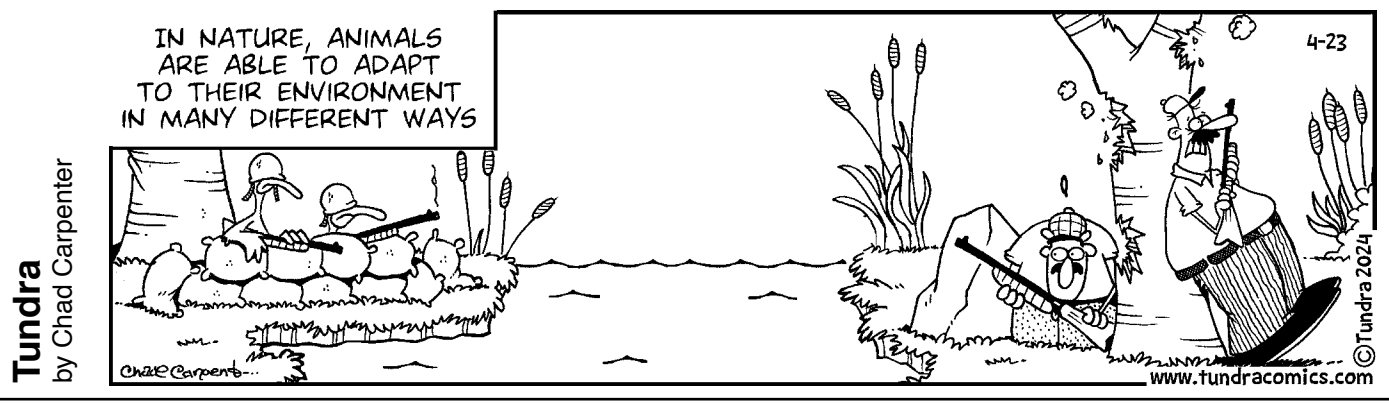
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In **June** on the weekend of the **2 and 23**, the Historical Society will be hosting a Historic Fair with a Colonial Flair. There will be many activities for children and adults that will be fun and help prepare for celebrations of the upcoming 250th birthday of the USA.

Some activities will be a living history exhibit, music, early American games to play, animals, a bake sale, interactive events, a scavenger hunt and much more. In the coming weeks, there will be additional information on our June event.

### Church of the Good Shepherd Rummage Sale

Church of The Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham is having its annual spring rummage sale on Saturday, **May 11** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Items include clothing, coats, shoes, books, puzzles, games, toys, small furnishings, domestic and white elephant items. All proceeds to benefit the many outreach programs for the community and beyond.

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

The picture with this article is a little hard to see, but it is a picture of Bob Hiller, owner of East Over and his 3 yr. old grandson, Jacob. They are riding in a wagon pulled by the farm's iconic Clydesdales at the Rochester Women's Club 3rd Annual Earth Day Expo in 1992. With Earth Day this past Monday, the Women's Club continued their annual Earth Day events with a town-wide cleanup as did others in the Tri-Towns.

When Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970, it was because of a realization by some that the earth which had been taken for granted for centuries needed protection.

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|----------------------|----------|
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| Robert Teixeira      | April 25 |
| Rosalyn Gula         | April 25 |
| Cole Higgins         | April 26 |
| Diane Brewster       | April 26 |
| Mario Rego           | April 26 |
| Michelle Vachon      | April 26 |
| Nicole Kearns Berger | April 26 |
| Ryan Blanchette      | April 26 |
| Hannah Ribeiro       | April 27 |
| Jerry Johnson        | April 27 |
| Linda Rosa Denise    | April 27 |
| Raymond Edward Reyes | April 27 |
| Sam Pasquill         | April 27 |
| Susan Griffith       | April 27 |
| Vera Gibbons         | April 27 |
| Walter D. Costa      | April 27 |
| Emily Hiller         | April 28 |
| Jennifer Gerrior     | April 28 |
| Mary Flood           | April 28 |
| Tyler Jones          | April 28 |
| Bryan Querim         | April 29 |
| Claire Keene         | April 30 |
| Jimmy Nunes          | April 30 |
| Monique N Shurtleff  | April 30 |
| Noah Sommers         | April 30 |
| Robb Pomerleau, Jr.  | April 30 |
| Dawson Franco        | May 1    |
| Peggy Wright         | May 1    |
| Stephen Lombard, Jr. | May 1    |
| Suellen Aiken        | May 1    |

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com). To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



**DUE TO A ROGUE WINDSHEAR, TIM'S SECRET WAS OUT**





The concept of protecting the earth takes many forms; acknowledgement of climate change and working to slow it; sensible development that doesn't overwhelm our land and water and the simple act of not littering.

In order to achieve these goals, land preservation is important, and it was important to Bob Hiller who worked with the Trustees of Reservations and the townspeople of both Rochester and Marion to preserve the lands of East Over. The Rochester Land Trust works hard to protect the fields, woods and streams of Rochester for all of us.

Equally important is the preservation of our history and this is where the Rochester Historical Society comes in. To paraphrase one of our ancestors, knowing where you come from is important in forging plans (for a person or a town) for going forward.

At the Society we work to save and (importantly) share the history of our town and its residents. We do this with our collection of newspapers, maps, letters, books, pictures and other ephemera as well as physical items like antique clothing, signs, the organ, tools etc. all stored in our Museum at 355 County Rd.

The Museum housed the East Rochester Congregational Church and was passed on to us by the last congregation. We are the stewards of this 1887 structure which is on the Register of Historic Places. We take our stewardship seriously, but we are a relatively small nonprofit (though one we hope has a big presence) and we receive no financial aid from the town of Rochester. This means that we rely on memberships, donations, raffles and bake sales to maintain the church/museum building. When we replaced the roof, I always say that we did it one cupcake at a time, but to be honest, it would not have been possible without a very generous donation by George Church.

Currently we need to repair our steeple from which panels have been falling. This is causing some leaks and falling plaster inside so it can't be ignored. George is no



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longer here to help us out, so we are hoping that those who agree with us on the importance of preserving our historic buildings will donate to the \$3000.00 that we need to fix the steeple.

Donations should be sent to: Rochester Historical Society, PO Box 322, Rochester, MA 02770. We will be happy to send you a receipt to use with your taxes.

### Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity

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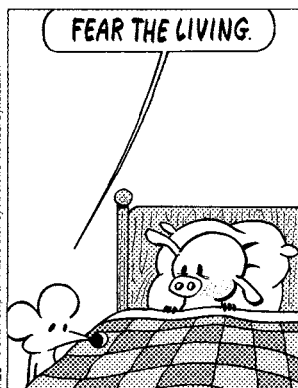
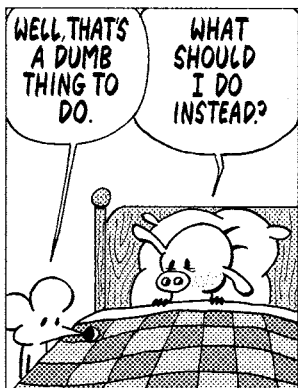
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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis



so thankful for the Housing Ministries of New England's recent financial support of the farmhouse-style, 3-bedroom, 2 bath, 2-unit duplex currently being built in Westport, MA. The funds will be distributed toward construction costs to complete the duplex that will house two families.

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) became an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International in December of 1996 and currently serves the towns of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Wareham, New Bedford, Dartmouth and Westport. BBAHFH is currently looking for land for its next build.

BBAHFH joins hands with local businesses, builders, subcontractors, volunteers, and donors, all lending their time, skills, and resources to help local families in need of a well-built affordable homes. BBAHFH relies upon gifts of land, discounted properties, donated and discounted materials to assure the affordability of the houses that are built. Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization.

BBAHFH also offers the community a "Brush with Kindness" program that allows Habitat to serve local low-income families who need repairs on their home such as weatherization, painting, fixing up an existing porch, adding a ramp, repairing a roof, or making a home accessible again.

To donate or nominate a family, visit their website at [www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org](http://www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org) or call the Habitat office at (508) 758-4517.

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Join The Elizabeth Taber Library and author and garden expert Kerry Mendez, Saturday **May 11** at 11am, upstairs at the Marion Natural History Museum, for "Remarkable Natives for Beautiful Gardens," an introduction to dazzling native specimens that attract accolades as well as pollinators. The presentation includes mail-order sources for natives in addition to your local garden center. Spaces are limited, please call or sign up at the library.

Find some great gifts for Mother's Day and support the library with a visit to the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library outdoor book sale on the library lawn **May 10 to 11**.

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

### 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



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Requirements: Students should submit their letter of recommendations, transcript and a cover letter addressing the following criteria: "The committee shall take into consideration each recipient's 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 Christine Richards, Asst to Town Operations, P.O. Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Phone: (508) 758-4100 ext 4, Email: [crichards@mattapoisett.net](mailto:crichards@mattapoisett.net)

### Tri-Town Writers Run with Sippizine

Ten writers and artists share their work on the theme "running" in the latest issue of Sippizine. The South Coast community culture journal, launched in 2023, encourages residents to interpret an idea from their perspective.

"The mix of poems, prose, photography and cartoon make Sippizine a lot of fun to page through," says editor and publisher Alanna Nelson.

Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Dartmouth, Westport and Fall River residents are represented in the third issue of Sippizine. You can read Sippizine online or get a print copy at [www.Sippizine.art](http://www.Sippizine.art). Nelson also leads free writing prompt sessions.

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### Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	April 25	9:36	9:49	3:24	3:06
Friday	April 26	10:16	10:29	3:59	3:42
Saturday	April 27	11:00	11:15	4:34	4:19
Sunday	April 28	11:49		5:11	5:01
Monday	April 29	12:07	12:44	5:55	5:49
Tuesday	April 30	1:04	1:41	6:52	6:51
Wednesday	May 1	2:04	2:39	8:10	8:12
Thursday	May 2	3:05	3:40	9:32	9:47
Friday	May 3	4:08	4:44	10:31	11:06
Saturday	May 4	5:13	5:45	11:18	
Sunday	May 5	6:13	6:41	12:06	12:00
Monday	May 6	7:07	7:32	12:59	12:42
Tuesday	May 7	7:58	8:22	1:51	1:26
Wednesday	May 8	8:48	9:10	2:43	2:10
Thursday	May 9	9:37	10:00	3:32	2:57
Friday	May 10	10:27	10:50	4:17	3:43
Saturday	May 11	11:18	11:42	4:59	4:29
Sunday	May 12		12:12	5:42	5:16

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

### I Found the Aardvark!

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

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

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*  
In the April 18, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 17

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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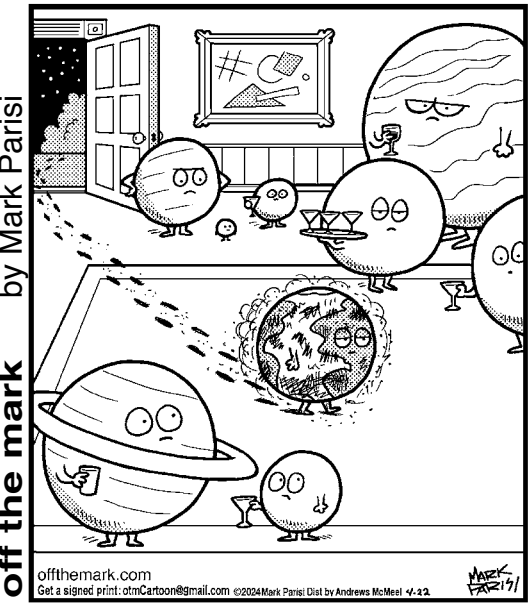
solution

1. Burst; 2. Belong;  
3. Weird; 4. Scare

Today's Word  
**WARDROBE**

### Sudoku Answer

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





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Potato Crisps ..... **2/\$5**

Just Iced Tea  
16 oz. Selected  
Organic Tea Drinks ..... **\$2.49**

Stacy's  
6.7-7.33 oz. Selected Variety  
Pita or Bagel Chips ..... **2/\$7**

Chobani  
52 oz. Plain or Extra Creamy  
Oatmilk ..... **\$4.99**

## MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Allen's  
**Chicken Tenders**  
**\$3.99**  
lb



Boar's Head  
**Imported Swiss Cheese**  
**\$10.99**  
lb



Boar's Head  
16 oz. Pkg.  
**Uncured Kielbasa** ..... **\$8.99**

Boar's Head  
**London Broil Roast Beef** ..... **\$15.99**  
lb

Store Packaged  
**Asian Noodle Salad** ..... **\$6.99**  
lb

Castello  
8 oz. Pkg. Creamy or Dill  
**Havarti** ..... **\$7.99**

Bel Gioioso  
8 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety  
**Cheese Wedges** ..... **\$4.99**

Allen's  
**Rotisserie Chickens** ..... **\$9.99**  
ea

## AWESOME APRIL DEALS!

**Our March Madness Inventory Reduction Sale has been Extended thru Mid-April!!**

Find some incredible deals on amazing wines.

We're making room for some updates in our wine section. Don't miss out on this once a year opportunity!

All sale wines are labeled and priced to sell!

## BAKERY

Speciaty Bakers  
6 ct. Pkg.  
Dessert Shells ..... **2/\$3**

27 oz. Pkg. Fresh Baked  
8 Inch Apple Pie ..... **\$6.99**

## CHEF PREPARED

Festive!  
Mexican Lasagna ..... **\$12.99**  
ea

Delicious & Made Fresh Daily!  
Spicy Peanut Noodles ..... **\$10.99**  
lb

Fully Cooked  
BBQ Baby Back Pork Ribs.... **\$11.49**  
lb

Homemade Savory Pies to Go!  
Chicken **\$12.99** **\$18.99**  
Pot Pie ..... ea Small Large

Shepherd's **\$12.99** **\$17.99**  
Pie ..... ea Small Large

## GARDEN CENTER

6 Pack  
Annuals ..... Flats (48 Plants) - **\$2.99**  
ea. \$19.99

Cold Season - 6 Pack  
Vegetables & Herbs ..... **\$2.99**  
ea.

1 Cubic Foot w/Extended Feed Mix  
Fafard Container.... **\$11.99** ea. or **2/\$22**

1 Cubic Foot Bag. Ultra - Great time to prep your garden!  
Fafard  
Ultra Planting Mix.. **\$10.99** ea. or **2/\$20**





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**SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, April 26th — Thursday, May 2nd, 2024**

# BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus Boneless Top Sirloin Steaks  
**\$8.99** lb



Friends' Store Baked Ham  
**\$9.49** lb



Food Club 8 oz. Selected Variety Bars or Shredded Cheese  
**2/\$5**



Chi-Chi's 17 oz. Burrito Size Flour Tortillas  
**\$2.59**



Ro-Tel 10 oz. Selected Variety Diced Tomatoes  
**\$1.59**



Ben & Jerry's 16 oz. Selected Variety Non-Dairy or Ice Cream  
**\$4.99**



## QUALITY PRODUCE



Pint Blueberries ..... **\$3.99**

Fresh Minneola Oranges ..... **\$1.49** lb

Sweet Vidalia Onions..... **\$1.49** lb



Hot House Grown Tomatoes..... **\$1.69** lb

Fresh Zucchini or Summer Squash **\$1.69** lb

Fresh Red or Yellow Peppers..... **\$2.99** lb

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!