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Kathleen Costello

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Jack LeBrun

Candidate for Mattapoisett School Committee

On **Election Day, Tuesday, May 21, 2024**, the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee encourages you to cast your vote for the best qualified candidates: **Kathleen Costello** for Select Board, and **James Muse** and **Jack LeBrun** for Mattapoisett School Committee. These candidates share with us the values of a welcoming and inclusive community for all.



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Native Perennials and More

Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library

By Marilou Newell

Oh glory hallelujah, it's spring again! It's that time of the year when gardeners in the northeast prepare to welcome the emergence of previously planted bulbs and tubers, from daylily to lily of the valley to a mind-numbing variety of flowering plants. But one expert in the field of garden design and all things growing from the verdant earth, Kerry Ann Mendez, also welcomes a vast number of native species into her gardens, and she'd like you to join that movement.

On May 11, Mendez took center stage at the Elizabeth Taber Library, a presentation hosted in concert with the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Marion Natural History Museum, to speak to gardeners on the subject of planting native specimens. She explained the importance of selecting healthy plants from trusted garden centers but also noted that even she has been drawn to big-box stores for plants if the price was right and the plants appeared healthy.

Mendez's approach to creating gardening is multilayered; she selects plants for color, texture, size and hardiness. But she is mindful that plants are food for a variety of insects and animals; thus fruits, nuts and pollen production are a large part of the equation.

Mendez said that by planting as many "natives" as possible, you are supporting a healthier ecosystem that in turn supports greater diversity of animals. From the internet, we learn that native plants, also known as "straight native species," are plants that occur in the wild minus human manipulation. Researchers found that native oaks, for example, host over 550 different moths and butterflies (primarily their caterpillars), thus feeding thousands of songbirds.

A nativar, a variant of a native plant, may sometimes

On the Cover: Sippican Elementary School students have been planting seeds under the guidance of Nate Sander of the Marion Institute. As of May 4, there is a long way to go to harvest, but the program meant to educate children and help instill nutritional awareness and farming skills includes crops such as radishes capable of the full cycle to harvest before the last day of school. In the meantime, this heavily trampled area near the bus drop-off will need tender, loving care. Photo by Mick Colageo



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occur naturally but more often than not, would never be found in nature.

Mendez pointed to milk weeds as a good food source (for animals and bugs, that is) which can easily be grown in home gardens. We took seeds of the common milk weed from a natural habitat and now two years on, have tens of spikes shooting out of the ground on their way to flowering and serving as a monarch butterfly nursery. What joy to see those newly emerged little wonders flapping around the garden. We also planted swamp milkweed, which is doing well in the upland flower beds.

The educator, landscape, architect and author of several gardening books, including "Perennially Yours" also explained how, due to homeowner-association restrictions, she has turned to container gardening. When asked, Mendez explained that she manages the large containers by moving them into the garage once they have gone dormant. In the spring, when the plants appear to be budding, they are returned to their outdoor locations. There's more than one way to circumvent what might be considered too-restrictive rules and still have amazing, flowering native plants.

Mendez talked about the importance of reading the tags that most plants come with for information on sustaining the plant and even whether or not it is a native or nativar. We tried that at a local garden center and found the tags to be woefully absent of that detail. But there were other plants that clearly proclaimed "native!"

So, as you prepare to add new plants to your gardens, don't forget you can also feed the birds and bees, keeping the circle of life more vibrant and sustainable even in the smallest ways.

EMT Group Set Marion on Course By Mick Colageo

The EMT Association created in Marion in the late 1970s has disbanded after distributing over \$440,000 in 44 years to support the town's first responders.

The decision was officially announced in a letter written by Cornelia R. Dougall stating that, "as of January 1, 2024, the Marion EMT Association has donated the last



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of its funds and has ceased to exist as a public 501(c)(3) charity, and donations can no longer be accepted."

The town's takeover of these services via the Fire and Police departments and the Board of Health lessened the need for the association, which was already lacking in next-generation members.

According to William "Dale" Jones, the original chairman, the association had essentially run its course.

"The sad thing is now we're at the point where it's best to shut down our association and not accept any more donations but recommend those donations go to the Fire Department," said Jones, who today in retirement is a crossing guard and a member of Marion's Planning Board.

The association was not a government entity but a fundraising group that distributed over \$440,000 over a 44-year period of existence. Money was raised to fund equipment on town ambulances, fire engines and police cruisers. All of the prehospital care that resulted from the association's efforts was carried out at no cost to Marion taxpayers.

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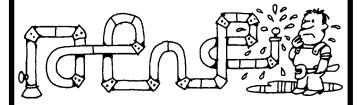
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Jones recalled a 1975 mandate from the federal government's department of transportation requiring certification for states' and towns' EMT's.

"It was such a quantum leap to see what we could do as EMT's compared to paramedics. Paramedics in the field can do what RN's can do in a hospital," he said.

With association funding, the town ran a program to teach non-police and non-fire to participate.

"Originally, we were going to make all Police and Fire EMT's, but a lot of people didn't want to do it. We ended up with a bunch of so-called civilians who completed the course," said Jones, alluding to six weeks of intensive training, academic work and hands-on experience. "At the end of the program, (Selectman) Joe Zora wanted to set up an organization."

Jones was appointed chairman. At the time, fellow Planning Board member Jon Henry was captain of the Fire Department but had too much on his plate to personally participate in the EMT program. Jones invited by Zora to review the situation. "He said, 'set up a group and you're going to be a department, just like the Fire and the Police (departments)."

Of 30 original trainees, the association realized approximately a dozen members who could make the time to serve. Some people, said Jones, just wanted first-aid training. Over 40 years, the group ran two ambulances and worked on call, adding people along the way. The association was in full force until a few years ago when Emergency Medical Services became part of the Marion Fire Department.

Jones pointed to the association's second director Jim Dougall for "good ideas" like raising money for equipment for the town. In 1980, three years after the town EMS had begun providing certified EMT's and had taken responsibility for Marion's ambulance service, Dougall formed a 501©(3) charity. His sister, Joan Wing, did the financial work. Together, they collaborated with the VFW to raise money for three ambulances for the town and associated equipment.

After EMS became part of the Fire Department, the association continued as a fund-raising arm.

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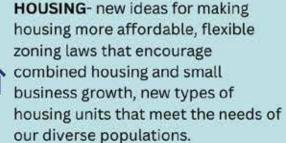
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to us and appreciated our services," said Jones. "Joan had tremendous ability to invest money we were able to use for equipment. Sometimes it's a little difficult to deal with the government. The private sector has more flexibility."

The disbandment of the EMT Association is the second time in the past few years that a group of long-standing public servants ceased operations.

Seeing that the town had similarly taken control of decision-making, the Council on Aging's Advisory Board dissolved but immediately reinvented itself outside the government context as a fund-raising arm known as the Cushing Community Center Working Group. The group has helped transform the former VFW property into a community center with an outdoor presence featuring a paved walking path, permanent benches and a lighted, covered pavilion.

The spirit of volunteerism and community commitment is very much like the history of the EMT Association.

According to Cornelia Dougall's letter, mundane items such as bandaging supplies to state-of-the-art cardiac monitors and stretchers, pagers, two-way radios and a 2022 purchase of a UTV for the Fire Department to use in remote rescue missions were all made possible by EMT Association funds. Marion EMT's and paramedics also benefited with training and continuing education. The EMT Association made its final donation to the COA for loanable medical equipment.



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Mattapoisett Select Board

There is one open seat on the Mattapoisett Select Board being contested by two candidates, incumbent Jodi Lynn Bauer and challenger Kathleen Costello. The Mattapoisett Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at Old Hammondtown Elementary School.

Jodi Lynn Bauer

I am currently the incumbent on the Mattapoisett Select Board and am seeking a second term. As a lifelong resident and dedicated public servant, I will continue working for you, the citizens of Mattapoisett. I have proven my trust by being honest, respectful, and fair to all. I have learned during



these three years that you cannot please everyone. There are countless tough decisions to be made, and sometimes what is best for the individual is not what is best for all. Our Town will be undergoing public decision making this summer regarding the Transportation Improvement Project on our Main, Water, Beacon and Old Marion roads' full-depth reconstruction. This project is designated to start by 2027 and is estimated at \$16,000,000, which will be funded by federal and state funding at no cost to the taxpayers. Community engagement is needed to come to a consensus regarding our course of action. An important aspect of this project will address our stormwater management for the environment. The infrastructure is old and is not addressing proper retention-basin cleansing before discharging into our harbor. This is just one of many important infrastructure upgrades desperately needed by the town. I would continue to work with the Planning Board and Board of Appeals to look into our current bylaws of ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units) and





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Kathleen Costello

As a candidate for the Select Board, I am committed to serving the Town of Mattapoisett to ensure that we remain a vibrant community to live, work and raise a family. As a longtime resident of the town and having worked in the private and public sectors in both the



schools and town hall, I have a unique perspective and skill set to address the challenges we face in the future while preserving what makes Mattapoisett special. I am currently the executive director for the Massachusetts Assessors, an association of over 1,500 members and several boards and committees. The MAAO is the governing authority for all Massachusetts assessors and is responsible for their education and administration. It is also an integral part of the legislative process regarding proposed changes in state law in all areas of taxation. I understand Open Meeting Law and ethics as it relates to the municipal environment. I retired in December of 2022 after over a decade as the administrator of assessing for the Town of Mattapoisett. As a senior member of the financial team, I gained insight into the challenges that face our town today and in the future. I have in-depth knowledge of fiscal finance and the impact that those decisions have on the taxpayers of Mattapoisett. I am proud that during my tenure I was responsible for the valuation and administration of the solar facilities. We were able to negotiate some of the most lucrative PILOTS (payments in lieu of taxes) in the commonwealth. This translated to a savings of approximately \$400/year on the average tax bill of \$7,732 while promoting "green" energy. My experience includes 5 years as a paraprofessional at the elementary schools, while I worked toward my commercial-appraisal license. I truly love our form of municipal government. One hand at town meetings can change an outcome, and everyone has a seat at the table. I believe that my involvement in our community, my professional experience both privately and publicly and my leadership skills make me an ideal candidate for Select Board. I respectfully ask for your vote on May 21.

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Mattapoisett School Committee

There are two open seats for three-year terms on the Mattapoisett School Committee being contested by three candidates: challengers Jack LeBrun and Kathleen McArdle-LeClair and incumbent James Muse. (Tiffany Reedy, whose term also expires this year, is not running for re-election.)

Jack LeBrun

My name is Jack LeBrun, and I am thrilled to be running for the Mattapoisett School Committee. As a proud product of our community schools, including Center School and Old Hammondtown, I understand the pivotal role education plays in





shaping successful student outcomes. I aim to ensure every student in Mattapoisett has access to a high-quality education that prepares them for success both inside and outside the classroom. I would be honored to have your support on May 21 as I advocate for excellence in our schools. Some have questioned why someone my age would pursue a role on the School Committee. My response is simple: My background and experiences have uniquely prepared me for this responsibility. Transitioning from my upbringing to my time in university, I continued to channel a passion for helping others by becoming deeply involved with my fellow student's academic success as a peer advisor. Throughout my college career, I derived immense fulfillment from guiding fellow

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Kathleen McArdle-LeClair

My name is Kathleen McArdle-LeClair and I am running for a seat on the Mattapoisett School Committee. I am a 22-year resident of Mattapoisett, and my husband Patrick and I are the proud parents of two teenage boys who were both educated in the Mattapoisett and ORR schools. I am a paralegal by profession with 30 years of experience



in the legal field and have been in my current role as a Corporate Governance paralegal for the past 10 years. This position involves oversight of all matters pertaining to the operations of our Board of Directors, including supporting board governance, policy compliance, and record keeping. Over the last couple of years, I have been educating myself on the functioning of our school board, attending committee meetings, reviewing our districts' policies and the various laws that govern those policies. I have also spent some time familiarizing myself with the budget to gain a better understanding of how that process works and its many line items. In addition, I have also been researching how the district spent covid emergency grant funding, allocated to address the serious issue of lost learning, and how the district is measuring the success of these initiatives. I believe that independent and diverse perspectives, that consider the views of all stakeholders, is vital for any board to govern effectively and fairly. Strict compliance to policy and procedure mitigates risk, assures the community that there is consistency across the district and reduces the likelihood of confusion or unfair treatment. With my professional skills and my ability to work effectively as part of a team, I believe that I will help strengthen the performance of our school committee through improved policy





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processes that will bring more transparency, trust, and accountability to the community. It would be my honor to serve you all in this role and I humbly ask you for your vote on May 21. Sincerely, Kathleen

James Muse

I have had the privilege of serving the citizens of Mattapoisett as a member of the School Committee for 12 years. I have been elected to serve as chair in past years. I addition to serving on the Mattapoisett School Committee, I have been the committee's designee to the Old Rochester School Committee for nine years. I have served on the



finance, contract negotiation, superintendent search and other subcommittees for both the district and elementary school boards. I served on the Elementary School Building Committee overseeing the schools' reconstruction. I was on the Board of Directors for the Southcoast YMCA for over 20 years. I was a trustee for Southern New England School of Law for nine years until it became the UMass School of Law at Dartmouth. I am a candidate for re-election because I believe I have an obligation to support our community whenever and however I can. Community service is a family affair; I could not serve if not for the support of my wife and children. My wife and I are extremely grateful to the administration, teachers, staff and taxpayers of our town for giving our children





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Mattapoisett Board of Assessors

There is one open seat for a three-year term on the Mattapoisett Board of Assessors being contested by two candidates: challenger Alan Apperson and incumbent Leonard Coppola.

Alan Apperson

In presenting my qualifications for a position on the Mattapoisett Board of Assessors, I will first list my experience as a volunteer member of Mattapoisett town boards and committees. I am currently serving in my 15th year on the Capital Planning Committee (CPC) with responsibilities that include meeting with town department managers each



year to review and prioritize their requests for funding for capital projects to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting and to develop projections for spending during the next 10 years. The CPC plays an important role in helping the town maintain an AAA bond rating by assisting in the process of maintaining a balanced budget and identifying long-range expenditures. I previously served for a total of over 10 years on the Conservation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The experience I have gained from working with the various town boards and departments has been invaluable. This background, along with my professional career as an Environmental, Health and Safety Compliance manager, taught me the skill of being able to work effectively with other parties. My formal education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Miami, and I also worked as a licensed Real Estate broker. If elected, I will work with the board members to assess the value of all real and personal property within the town and to process and act on abatement and exemption applications. I understand that it is incumbent upon the assessors to assure that all taxpayers are heard, and if the situation arises that the taxpayer is due an adjustment in their taxes, I will work to quickly ensure this is made. With the experience, skills and knowledge that I have presented herein, along with my familiarity with the town as a lifelong resident, I feel that I am well suited for the assessor position. Should I be elected, my belief in the fair and equitable assessment of every property, for every individual property owner, will be my guiding principle. I ask for the voter's support at the poles on May 21.

Leonard Coppola

To the taxpayers of Mattapoisett: I am Lenny Coppola and it has been a privilege to serve you over

the past 12 years as an elected member of the Board of Assessors. The BOA is a three-member panel responsible for "approving valuations, determining abatement applications, approving property tax exemptions, managing the overlay account, and providing new growth estimates during the budget



process." In prior years, the Assessors office in our town was clearly understaffed in comparison to other towns of our size and type. Thankfully, the Assessors office is now properly staffed and well managed, improving efficiencies in all aspects, all due to the hard work and diligent efforts of our Assessors team. One of the important roles of the board members is to act on abatement applications filed by taxpayers disputing property valuations. As a Massachusetts certified residential appraiser with an expertise and long history in the field of real-property valuation, I am a valuable resource to the community with the ability to address valuation opinions based on sound appraising principles and practices in compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). My number-one goal as a member of the board is to continue to be fair and equitable to all taxpayers. I respectfully ask for your vote on May 21, and many thanks to all of my supporters.

Rochester School Committee

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the Rochester School Committee being contested by four candidates: challengers Matthew Bache and Joshua Trombly and incumbents Jason Chisholm and Robin Rounseville. The Rochester Town Election will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at the Senior Center on Dexter Lane.

Matthew Bache

My wife, Nicolette, and I have been residents of Rochester for 10 years. We are proud parents of three children, Gabriel, Isaiah, and Aria. I currently hold and operate a local company, Bache's Plumbing and Heating. Nicolette is currently a teacher at East Fairhaven Elementary School. I am running for a seat on the Rochester School Committee



because I firmly believe that parents, guardians, and taxpayers have the right to transparency and accountability when it comes to our children's education and the use of our tax dollars. I plan on bringing business experience, financial knowledge, organizational skills, blue-collar values, common sense, and the voice of the parents to the school committee. In addition, the current school committee has made it clear it wishes not to hear a dissenting opinion from parents or students. They've done their best to isolate themselves from the public's voice. I believe the current school committee has caused divisiveness and chaos with their stances on subjects such as the books and their use of taxpayers' dollars. I firmly

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believe that a compromise could have been made that would've appeased all sides and stopped the division that has taken place in the Rochester community. If you're looking for a candidate who will still uphold the highest moral code, yet understand people's moral codes are different, I would be that candidate. I believe in being pro-active, not reactive, in all things, especially when it comes to your tax dollars. You will have full transparency with me. I humbly ask for your vote on May 22, 2024. I'm listening.

Joshua Trombly

My name is Josh Trombly, and I am running for a seat on the Rochester Memorial School Committee. I live in Rochester with my wife Jessica and two children Jaxon and Lila. I am a fiscal conservative and a proud union member with over 23 years of experience in negotiating, compromising, and finding creative solutions to difficult issues. In the last year and a half, I have attended almost all RMS, ORR, and Joint school committee meetings in person. I have studied the process and have been able



to identify opportunities for improvement. I have spoken with teachers, parents, and many community members and all seem to share one common issue. They feel they are not being heard. Some teachers feel unappreciated and misrepresented in the community. Some parents





feel uninformed about policy, curriculum, and the most effective ways to get information, and many members of the community feel they have no voice whatsoever in how the future of Rochester is shaped through our schools. All of these concerns are fixable, and all can be fixed by an RMS school committee with the right members. Up until now, we have been told that some things are just the way they are, and the committee has a system in place that works. I do not believe that the system works, and I believe it is time for the system to change. We need to prioritize academic excellence and put our teachers in a position to succeed by ensuring their voices are heard. We need to create a way for parents to access the information they require to remain informed, and we need to be able to hear from the community on agenda items before they are voted on instead of after. If I am fortunate enough to be considered for your vote, I will champion debate and diversity of thought. I will listen to and represent all citizens of Rochester and challenge any attempt to silence your voice or discourage your participation in the education of our children. I respectfully ask for your vote on May 22nd.

Robin Rounseville

My name is Robin Rounseville, and I am running for re-election to the Rochester Memorial School Committee. My husband Scott was born and raised in Rochester, and we have lived here for 36 years. Next month, we will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. Our four

children attended RMS; two went on to Old Colony, and two attended ORR. We currently have four grandchildren enrolled at RMS. Our grandchildren are a big part of our lives, and I love that I am able to watch them thrive at RMS. I have a long history of service to Rochester, including: Story Hour and summer activities at the public



library; member and past president of the Friends of the Plumb Library; Girl Scouts troop leader for 6 years; PTO member/president; RMS School Council; and RMS School Committee member since 2000. During my time on school committee, I have served on multiple subcommittees, including as a local representative to ORR, contract negotiations, and S.M.E.C. I currently serve on the Tri-Town Education Foundation, Budget Subcommittee, and the ORR Joint School Committee. I have also been a part of several principal and superintendent searches, and I was on the school committee through the school expansion. There is a huge learning curve to school committee work. Experience does matter, but it doesn't mean I have all the answers. However, there are some things I know for sure: Children need to feel safe at school, both physically and emotionally; Children need to be challenged and supported academically; Children need to be celebrated for their individuality. Families and constituents need to be heard, not just during open comments but also through emails and interactions in the community. School staff and administration also need to be valued and respected for their dedicated work. School staff need the appropriate resources to help our students succeed. RMS needs a strong budget to support our academic programs and initiatives, maintain our building, and provide the compensation that our hard-working staff deserves. I have worked hard with these beliefs in mind and hope to earn the chance to continue to serve our community.

ORR School Committee

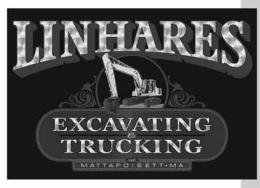
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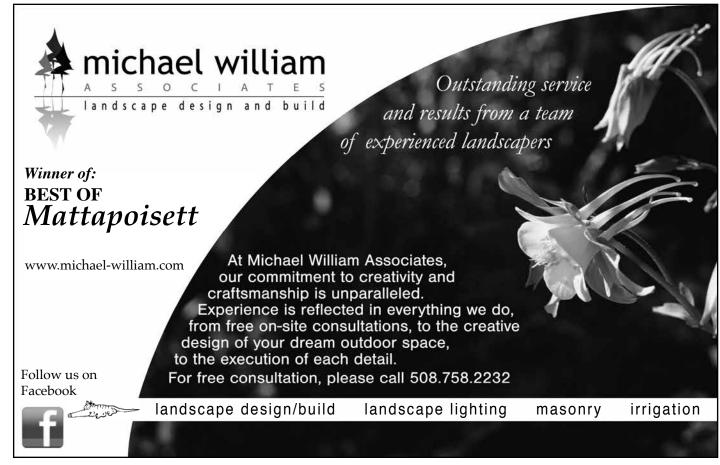
Matthew Monteiro

Rochester is a wonderful place that deserves dedicated public servants with its best interests in mind. I've been very active - serving on the Historic District Commission since 2015, as our representative for Tree City USA since 2016, and on our Land Trust since 2018. This year I was appointed by the Select Board as a representative on the



Steering Committee for Rochester's Master Plan, using input from our citizens to shape a vision for Rochester's future. I ran for ORR District School Committee in 2021

because nobody had stepped up and I wanted to ensure the work was not left undone. I was (and am) well aware of pandemic related challenges for our students. Mental health strain and loss of learning children experienced were and are priorities for the schools. The good news is programs are in place to address these issues, such as a leadership program to foster belonging and acceleration academies for learning. Our district is catching up to educational standards faster than the state, and we are always looking to do even more. I serve on the Budget, Superintendent Evaluation, and Equity subcommittees, and as our Massachusetts Association of School Committees delegate, voting on statewide policy and advocating for our schools at the State



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House. I understand the importance of communication and collaboration, and I am the only school committee member to have attended all four parent and community feedback sessions for our strategic 5 year plan. Your feedback was heard. I can think of no skill every student will need in their lives more than personal financial literacy, which is an understanding of how to make responsible fiscal decisions. Developing expertise in monetary matters will serve them as a lifelong skill, and I seek to continue to promote the development of financial literacy education. The three years experience I have means I deeply understand how I can make a positive difference for Rochester. I look forward to continuing in service to its citizens both in my volunteer roles including

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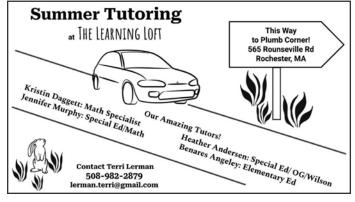
Ken Clarke PO Box 404 Mattapoisett, MA 02739 508-742-7466 as your elected representative to the ORR district committee. I hope I can count on your vote on May 22.

Stacie Noble Shriver

I am Stacie Noble Shriver. I'm running for the ORR School Committee to sit, collaborate and <u>fairly</u> represent Rochester's concerned residents. I offer common sense concerning curriculum issues and in assisting the Superintendency. I stand for high educational standards,



curriculum accountability and fiscal responsibility. Over the next four years, the stated strategy of the ORR District is to develop a Portrait of a Graduate (POG). We are one year into this 5-year timeline. Last year the district purchased this new curriculum from a Massachusetts company, recently reorganized in 2020 with Covid money, or ESSER. Sales incentives guaranteeing a subsidy were set to expire, when the school district purchased this material and it created urgency, I can imagine, for better or for worse. Now our public education has been held captive by a powerful and well-funded industry. The only reason this happened is because the current School Committee goes along to get along... in voting and paying for the program. This may seem like good teamwork, but Rochester's children deserve not to be guinea pigs. While the current parental notification law provides some level of protection by allowing parents to opt their children out from lectures or lessons dealing "primarily" with human sexuality, we need closer observation. Many agree the "opt-out" law is useless because the transformative Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum infuses sexual concepts into English, Math and Science as well. I support an "opt-in" law where parents have to "opt in" their children to any event where human sexuality would be discussed. This requires transparency. As a physician, I am trained to prevent injury. I look for trends and intervene before damage occurs. Hoping we are doing the right thing is not enough. Most agree we should not be experimenting with our own kids to suit and monetize corporate scholastic global agendas. I stand for knowing and doing what our own individual children need to flourish. Our kids' futures are at stake, and who will protect them if we





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Park Commission

There is one open seat on the Rochester Park Commission being contested by two candidates, challenger Nathaniel Reece and incumbent Kenneth Ross.

Nathaniel Reece

I am running to advocate for the improvement of the parks in our beautiful town of Rochester. My combination of community volunteerism, experience, and education make me a great candidate for the Park Commission. As a five-year resident, parent of three young children, and volunteer of two youth organizations, I have regularly



used the parks. I am the leader of the Rochester Cub Scouts and a board member of the Old Rochester Youth Baseball League. In both roles, I encourage youth enjoyment of the outdoors and participate in efforts to

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maintain outdoor spaces in our town. These experiences have given me ideas on how to enhance the quality, functionality, and safety of our parks. My professional and educational experience affords me the technical aptitude to be a Park Commission board member. With a Bachelor's in Engineering and a Master's in Management, I have the soft skills to listen to the input of others and make logical decisions and the technical skills to make the improvements needed. My highest priority is Gifford Park, which is situated in the heart of the town and adjacent to a land trust. It has incredible potential and is an ideal place for residents to gather and strengthen community bonds. However, apart from the baseball fields, the playground and basketball court do not attract

residents. The bathrooms in the garage are nonfunctional. The parking areas are not well defined and are undersized for baseball game attendance. Therefore, I would like to use resident feedback to redesign the park to create a space that people will use and be proud of for years to come. I am excited about improving our town's parks and creating a better future for our community. Thank you for considering me for the position on Election Day.

Kenneth Ross

My name is Ken Ross and I'm seeking re-election to the Rochester Park Commission. I was first elected in 2012 and I have tried to do a good job serving. The Park Commission has 3 elected members, and during nearly all the 12 years I have served, David Hughes and David Sylvia have also served on the commission. We have always



worked well together, and I believe in working together to make our town parks a point of pride. My wife Sarah and I moved to Rochester in 2004. When I think about Rochester, the first-rate school system for our 2 children was most important. Other reasons we moved would include the overall quiet, healthy, safe, hardworking community that Rochester is. Twenty years after moving here, my family and I feel fortunate to live here. Serving on the Park Commission is my way of giving back to a great town. The Park Commission is responsible for overseeing park use and upkeep, including maintenance and improvements. To be clear, the Rochester Highway Department, led by Jeff Eldridge, is the reason the parks look so good. The Park Commission processes field use requests and responds to any questions or concerns regarding the parks from any individual, youth, or adult sports organizations. Some of the groups and individuals who have interacted with the Park Commission include baseball, basketball, softball, football, skateboarders, K-9 instructors, pickleball, soccer, lacrosse, picnickers, playground users, and walkers. We have always encouraged field use by as many different groups as possible, so that one sport does not dominate field use. Every town resident has access to our town parks. If re-





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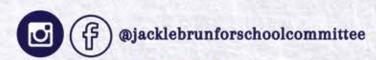
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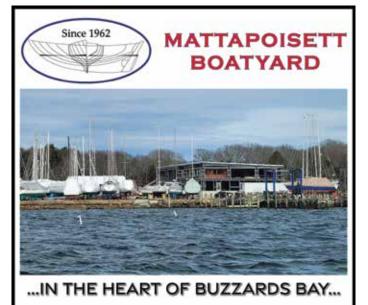
My name is Jack LeBrun and I am running for the Mattapoisett School Committee because I want to make a difference in our community. Growing up in Mattapoisett and attending the local schools, I have a fresh perspective on the education system in town and ideas about how we can make improvements for the next generation of learners. I am well-versed in conflict resolution and passionate about fostering a culture of respectful collaboration for effective problem-solving. Please check out my website to learn a little more about me and why I am running at www.electjacklebrun.com

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elected, I will continue to show up for Park Commission meetings, address concerns, process requests for field use, and try to make sure the parks continue to look good. The Park Commission will continue to operate within our budget each year. The Park Commission is fortunate to receive donations each year, which are used for park improvements. I appreciate the votes I have received in the past, and I'm asking for your vote for re-election. Sincerely, Ken Ross

Trustees of Plumb Library

There are two open seats for three-year terms on the Board of Trustees for the Plumb Library being contested by three candidates: incumbents Shauna Makuch and Kelley Medeiros and challenger Portia Silk (Sydney Lewis has withdrawn from consideration).

Shauna Makuch

The Plumb Library has been a big part of my life for as long as I have lived in Rochester, which will be 17 years this July. My children have, quite literally, grown up in this little library that we lovingly call a second home. I would greatly value the responsibility to continue making sure that the best



interests of the library, our staff and the community are a top priority. My goal is for a thriving library with programs and services for all. Your continued support and vote on May 22 would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Shauna Makuch

Kelley Medeiros

My family, including two children at RMS, is dedicated to the evolution of our library, including supporting me for re-election. Two of the three-year term I served as chair of the board. I take pride in this challenging role, which is surprisingly not about picking books or helping with children's programs as I naively thought before running.



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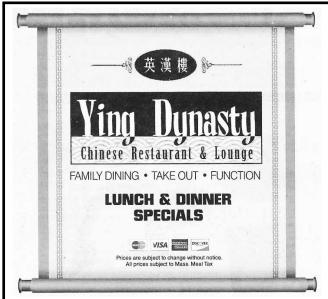
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building that were safety related and a new space for our children. We had an amazing, tenured director retire, then embarked on a journey to find a vibrant new director who has been a wonderful partner and face of the library. We revamped our policies/procedures to align with the law and gained clarity on town vs board responsibilities. We began progress on a new, updated website thanks to a partnership with Old Colony RVTHS. During and post-Covid, we continued to drive engagement of our programming. I have been lucky to have a great board, but I do not consider us to be done and ask for your vote to continue this effort. As I look to the next three years, I want to draw your attention to the critical stage we are in. My background is in legal and includes a master's in

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public policy, which I have leaned on heavily to drive progress on library issues. After this election, the board will be creating a new five-year strategic plan. Our town deserves a library not only up to par, but I foresee us being a standard for libraries of comparable size. Thinking of long-term sustainability challenges, such as declining funding issues from state grants and small staff, we have work to do. We can improve our engagement with residents and sustainability by having volunteer opportunities, which is something we are currently working to implement. There is so much more I could say, but I implore you to vote for me and visit our library! Thank you for your consideration, Kelley Medeiros.



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Portia Silk

I remember how the floors creaked in my library. I can almost smell the basement we met in for my Brownie troop. The carpet was a soft white Berber where we sat for story times. Santa was there every year. Funny that I also remember signing the book card at checkout and getting the red stamp for the due date. I think most



of us have these sorts of library memories. Libraries are cornerstones of communities, and ours is no different. Who helps shape these memories? The Board of Trustees. I made the decision to run for the board out of a sense of service to Rochester. I've been a Rochester resident since 2011 and a practicing radiologist in Massachusetts since 2009. Our only child is graduating this year, having attended RMS through ORR. I'm deterring empty-nester syndrome! I know the value of a library in a small town, having grown up in a mountain community smaller than Rochester. I'm a life-long learner like so many of you. I think of the library board as the crew behind a good play. The ones that organize the lights, sounds, and costumes to ultimately produce something amazing for the audience to experience. The mechanics, so to say. So why vote for me? I don't yet have experience as a trustee, but I'm a fast learner. I'm organized. I've been in private medical practice for nearly 15 years, which provides



experience with earnings, hiring, workflow, contracts, and collaboration. I show up. I never give less than my all. I'm a fresh face with new ideas. The library needs community support more than ever. I hope you consider giving me your vote on election day. If you would like more information about me, please check out my Facebook page, "Portia Silk for Library Trustee."

Marion School Committee

There are two open seats for three-year terms on the Marion School Committee being contested by three candidates. Below is a statement from incumbent Michelle Smith. Statements from incumbent April Nye and challenger Kristina Callina ran in the May 9 issue of The Wanderer. The Marion Town Election will be held on Friday, May 17, at the Cushing Community Center.

Michelle Ouellette Smith

As a candidate for re-election, I am humbled and honored by the opportunity to continue serving our community for another 3 year term. For over the past 12 years, I have dedicated myself wholeheartedly to the betterment of Sippican and the ORR educational system. I am committed to continuing this important work. During my tenure at Sippican, I have



had the privilege of witnessing the impact that a quality education can have on the lives of our students. Guided by a commitment to excellence, equity, and inclusivity, I have worked tirelessly to ensure that every child has access to the resources, support, and opportunities they need to thrive academically and personally. Together with my esteemed colleagues on the school committee, as well as our dedicated educators, administrators, parents, and community members, we have achieved significant progress in advancing the goals of Sippican and the ORR District. From implementing innovative programs to improving student outcomes and closing achievement gaps, we have worked collaboratively to ensure that our schools remain at the forefront of educational excellence. However, there is more work to be done. As we look to the future, we will confront











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Chicken, Broccoli & Ziti	34.00	54.00

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New Committee in Select Board's Hands

Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting

By Marilou Newell

The May 13 Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting included moments of verbalized personal attacks and frustration during an hour-long debate on the pros and cons of the establishment of a new committee to help oversee the village road reconstruction project.

Voters supported the creation of the committee, technically authorizing Select Board to act on the matter, which is now anticipated by Town Administrator Mike Lorenco in one of the board's future public meetings.

Spearheading the effort to gain a seat at the decision-making table regarding all matters related to the proposed reconstruction of the village roads (Main, Water and Beacon streets and Old Marion Road) was Tree Committee Chairman Sandra Hering along with Bonne DeSousa, well known for her work on bike-path advocacy.

The duo, along with four others, was able to get a citizen's petition on the warrant asking the Select Board to establish a new committee that would provide outreach and information to the town's residents on the design

options that might lead to a plan that would spare trees currently targeted for removal.

Using the Tree Committee platform to engage in public dialog over concerns that too many mature trees especially along the waterfront (20-plus at last count) would be felled to make way for new sidewalks and overhead utilities, meetings were held and Tree Committee members ramped up public interest for protecting the trees in question. But the Tree Committee believed more could be done to protect trees and, as inclusion requests increased, several members moved to try and establish a new committee whose stated purpose among other things would be public engagement and inclusion.

Hering said that the new committee is not meant to be a subcommittee of the Tree Committee.

At times, the debate over Article 23, which was advanced on Town Meeting floor and inserted in the 14th position on the 23-article warrant, became confrontational with some Town Meeting members insinuating that the Select Board withheld information, has not been transparent and has not held sufficient public meetings to vet the suggested construction preliminary design.

Select Board members Jordan Collyer and Tyler Macallister both attempted to make points that the project has been under a nearly 10-year review in which public meetings have been held, that trees requiring removal have been discussed at length, that the board has done its homework reviewing whether utilities can be placed underground and regarding the potential replanting of trees to provide a future shade canopy.

The two Select Board members also discussed the funding aspects of the reconstruction work and the need to advance the project to 25% design status in order to maintain the town's status on a TIP grant that would cover a vast majority of costs now estimated at \$16,000,000.

Proponents for a new committee to push details into the public domain and consider design options and other aspects of a road-reconstruction project countered that not enough has been done from a public perspective and that by having a seat at the design table, such a committee would assist in gaining a finished product that all would

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Hering acknowledged that proponents of a new committee had only recently learned that such a committee would be working in an advisory capacity only, but she still believes a committee is necessary.

At various times throughout the debate, Town Moderator Jack Eklund had to remind a speaker to keep comments civil and on the subject absent personal attacks, at one point causing police security personnel on site to take on a ready stance should escalation require intervention. Decorum was, however, maintained. "Article 23" was moved by Town Meeting, authorizing the Select Board to move forward at a future Select Board meeting.

The balance of the meeting delt primarily with financial matters. Article 1 Officers Compensation was moved. Article 2 General Operating Budget was for a FY25 operating budget of \$33,298,565 was also moved.

Article 3 Appropriation for OPEB Liabilities for a sum of \$229,100 was moved. Articles 4 and 5, Departmental Revolving Fund Authorization, and Establishment of a Roadway Design and Construction Revolving Fund were both moved.

Article 6 Establish a Conservation Commission Revolving Fund \$30,000 was moved, as was Article 7 Cyclical Annual Property Revaluation and Town Mappings \$50,000.

Also moved were Articles 8 and 9, Cyclical Annual

OPEB Actuarial Report, and Personnel Schedules.

Articles 10 and 11 both dealt with Capital Expenses Article 10 for accepting the committee report and Article 11 for funding of capital requests. The funding of such items as fire helmets, trucks, an ambulance and local schools' infrastructural needs amounted to \$1,154,800 from the general fund.

Article 12 Old Rochester Regional Debt Authorization for \$12,000,000 in capital improvements to the senior and junior high school buildings and campus was postponed indefinitely at the ORR District's request.

Article 13 Water/Sewer Building \$4,700,000 was moved with sources earmarked from property sales and ARPA funding.

Articles 14 and 15 for the allocation of revenues Community Preservation Act and the funding of one grant as requested by the Historical Commission for the continuation of townwide inventory of historic assets and buildings were both moved.

Articles 16, 17 and 18 dealt with Water and/or Sewer financial matters, including the funding of a major sewer main on Oakland that services a large swath of the community, supplemental request of \$120,000.

Article 19 Amendment to By-law for Highway title was postponed indefinitely; it would have allowed for a title change from Highway Surveyor to Highway Superintendent. Article 20 Amendment to By-laws for Finance Committee garnered some discussion on



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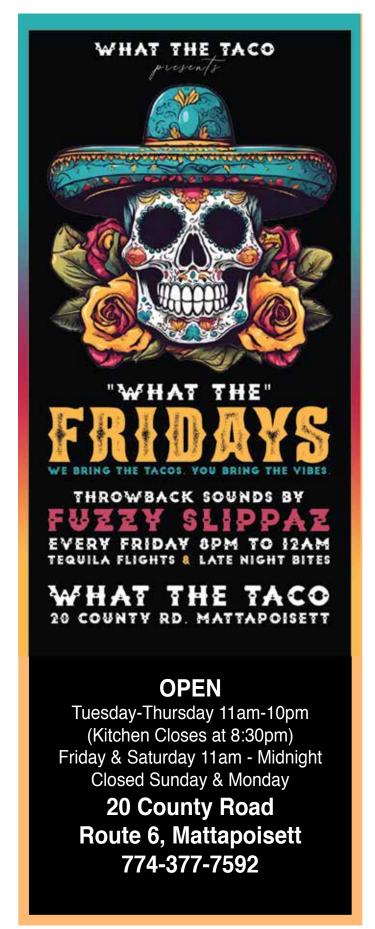


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the language of the motion but was ultimately moved to allow the Select Board to accept applications for open seats regardless of residential location within the community. Heretofore, board members were not only selected for financial backgrounds but also to represent various established neighborhoods.

Article 21 Amendment to By-laws for House Numbering was moved and now makes it clear that such numbering is established by the Assessor's office. Article 22 Public Works Improvement article was also moved.

At the highpoint in the meeting, 160 registered voters participated in one of the oldest forms of a democratic society – Town Meeting. By the time the meeting was adjourned, that figured had dropped to 120.

Zoning Articles Draw Feedback

Rochester Town Meeting **By Michael J. DeCicco**

A zoning article brought the most residents to the microphone as Rochester's Annual Town Meeting otherwise breezed through its 21-article warrant on Monday night at Rochester Memorial School.

The meeting's 178 attendees passed a bylaw amendment mandating that lot access shall only be allowed through or across a viable, legal road frontage and that the required rectangular shape of a lot will no longer need to be within the 40-foot setback line. But first this article stirred resistance with the stipulation that a proposed back lot in the Agricultural-Residential District must be owned by the applicant for at least five years prior to an application to develop it.

Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson said these changes were basic housekeeping. He said Rochester's new town counsel and building inspector have said that the town's interpretation of these current bylaws did not reflect their wording, and that has to be corrected.

A resident stepped to the microphone to complain this change will kill a deal he was on the verge of completing to buy a property, a plan that would have led to preservation of open space. With this change, a property owner would face restrictions that could lead that person to a larger development rather than a sale, he said. "That five-year regulation is excessive," he said.

Another questioner asked if the age of the house itself would make a difference and where did the five-year figure come from?

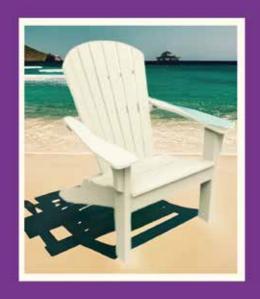
Johnson answered that that the original bylaw being changed here was created approximately 19 years ago, and he didn't know why the figure was used. But he quickly explained that the five years of property ownership requirement is there because the Planning Board doesn't want a developer to buy, then quickly flip a property for resale and further development. Ultimately, this article passed by the required two-thirds majority vote.

The meeting's next important bylaw amendment



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vote was to approve new regulations for the construction and permitting of solar-array, battery-energy storage systems.

"These systems are the newest, 'greatest' invention being required by the state," Johnson explained. "And we don't have regulations for them."

Johnson said the regulations will prevent these systems from being built in the town's environmentally sensitive Groundwater Protection District and the Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed, except by special permit. "It's critical to get this approved to protect us," he said. Small, residential, battery-storage systems will be exempt, he noted.

The meeting also passed two other impactful bylaw amendments. One mandates that the location of any site 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 other amendment changes when town meetings may be held: on any Monday before the third Monday of May (rather than "the second Monday in May"), starting in 2025.

The meeting began by passing a \$26,032,613 town operating budget for FY25. Before motioning that this figure be approved, Stoltenberg said, "The total FY 2025 General Government Budget (non-school) is \$11,383,700, which is an increase of \$326,921 or 2.16 percent. We did have our challenges this year. We were significantly over budget."

To close the town's budget gaps, Stoltenberg said, the Finance Committee had to remove budget requests from additional personnel to a new police car and to ask Old Rochester Regional High School to make its own budget "adjustments." The result, he said, is a town in solid budget condition.

After endorsing the FY25 budget, the meeting approved the following spending from available funds: \$15,000 for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) to fund the future obligations to the town's retirees, to stabilization funds \$140,000 for Public Safety, \$100,000 for Road Improvements and \$300,000 for Capital Improvements, \$121,180 in capital funding to include \$24,000 for a Fire Department utility terrain vehicle, \$60,000 to overhaul two Rochester Memorial School HVAC units and \$37,180 for a new financial-software package for the town's Financial Department, \$300,000 to assist with the needs of Special Education students at Rochester Memorial School and \$15,000 to replace the Plumb Library roof damaged in a storm last month.

The meeting postponed indefinitely an article to approve a \$12,000,000 debt for capital improvements to the ORR High School and Junior High School buildings and campus. Last month, school district officials withdrew their request for these funds.

Town Moderator David Arancio announced this will

be the last town meeting for Stoltenberg, who is retiring from the Finance Committee at the end of this term and Town Administrator Glenn Cannon, who was scheduled to become Carver's town administrator on May 14. Stoltenberg will serve on the search committee for a new town administrator. Finance Director and former Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar has returned to her former dual role on an interim basis.

Patrol Boat Funding to Be Split

Marion Annual Town Meeting

By Mick Colageo

Monday night's Annual Town Meeting at the Sippican Elementary School proved a vast majority of voters agree that the Marion Harbormaster Department needs a new, 33-foot, \$803,000 patrol boat. What also emerged was the taxpayers' priority on avoiding debt, even if it means going halves on the cost. They voted 92-60 in favor of splitting the cost between the Waterways Account and "free cash."

Before the vote, Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad went to great lengths to ensure that voters understood that they had been promised two years ago that the boat purchase would not impact taxpayers but be paid entirely out of the Waterways Account, which is funded by harbor-related fees.

Assad, a longtime boater, went so far as to recommend Monday night that the Marine Resources Commission raise mooring fees to 500% of their present cost. He insisted, with the waiting list, that less than 5% would walk away from their moorings as a result.

Upon the Finance Committee's first opportunity to review the warrant, Article 16 contradicted the original plan by proposing essentially a 50-50 split between the Waterways Account and "free cash," a method by which Town Administrator Geoff Gorman and Finance Director Heather O'Brien felt was most fiscally responsible. The Select Board concurred. The Finance Committee did not.

Assad would go before the Select Board to protest the article as written, but after a lengthy argument he did initiate a compromise, the addition of an Article 16A that would allow voters to choose the original financing plan, an \$803,250 debt exclusion to be absorbed entirely by the Waterways Account.

"The Waterways responsibilities haven't changed one iota. ... If we have that much excess cash, we ought to be returning the funds to the taxpayers," argued Assad at Town Meeting Monday night to a swell of applause.

However, voters ultimately sided with the perspective offered by resident Alan Menard, who said, "This is a town issue" and strongly objected to putting the entire expense on the boat owners.

Gorman had offered the same argument in defending Article 16 as written when Assad took his concerns before the Select Board. Assad stressed that he, too, knows the town desperately needs a new patrol boat

but felt going back on its word might jade voters and cause Article 16 to fail.

That did not happen for the majority.

The emerging belief among municipal officials and apparently among the residents, is that statewide police reform, combined with an increasing awareness of the need to protect waterfront properties from the harbor and a general sense of the Harbormaster Department as a townwide arm of the Police Department and not just a provider of services to boaters, has rendered the patrol boat a townwide service.

There were dissenting opinions such as that held by resident Frank McNamee, who sided with Assad and stated that the articles should be put forth as a choice rather than one at a time with the town-authored Article 16 first and only needing to address 16A should 16 fail.

There was a motion and a second to consider Article 16, and it carried. The boat will be paid for upfront, with roughly half the money coming from the Waterways Account and half from free cash.

Before all was said and done, MRC Chairman Vin Malkoski said, "I'm offended at the suggestion that we raise fees willy-nilly, we have never done that. ... there's a plan. ... had we been able to see through that plan, the boat would have been paid for by cash."

Citing state law, Malkoski was referencing his longstanding argument that the town illegally draws funds from the Waterways Account to feed the town's







General Fund. Assad insists the town has always acted in good faith with the MRC.

Article 16A was passed over by a unanimous vote. Marion's FY25 operating budget of \$28,837,711 carried without controversy, as did votes approving the Water (\$2,505,438) and Sewer (\$3,645,200) enterprise funds.

It was already known that the Old Rochester Regional School District had requested postponement of its \$12,000,000 debt-exclusion proposal for high school/junior high building and campus upgrades (Article 17), but the Wells Road article also wound up on the cutting-room floor.

Article 33 proposed a vote discontinuing as a public way the short stretch of Wells Road that cuts across from Route 6 to Spring Street, effectively authorizing the Select Board to negotiate concessions with abutters in return for

the easement. The premise is the action would allow the town to make a larger, more attractive business parcel.

Asked about a traffic study, Gorman said waiting on the state could leave Marion in the same situation come 2030.

At that point, George "TJ" Walker motioned that the article be postponed until the town provides "specificity." Walker elaborated to note the lack of a plan, description, a disclosure of registered owners, whether an owner would be vetted as with proof of good standing with the town and disclosure of any insider dealing and/or conflict of interest.

Walker's motion was seconded when Gorman sought a point of order, saying, "We can't enter into discussion with abutters without authorization from the town."

"You certainly can," countered Walker, who serves

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Cornelia Harrop Middleton, June 19, 1962 - May 1, 2024

Nina was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts to Jane Shearer Harrop and William Henry Harrop III and grew up in Padanaram, MA. She attended grade school and early high school in Dartmouth,

MA and spent the rest of her high school years at Suffield Academy in Connecticut. She earned her BA summa cum laude at Providence College and her Masters in Social Work from Rhode Island College. She was a crisis navigator in the emergency department of Good Samaritan Medical Center, Brockton, MA the final ten years of her career. She lived her life to the fullest, including during her final four years with breast cancer.

Nina was an athlete - a runner, sailor, and excellent skier - who relished the outdoors. She was a champion of women's rights. Together with her husband John she raised their daughter Cency in their Mattapoisett home. Nina loved travelling and spending time at the family cottage on the shores of Lake Michigan.

In addition to John and Cency, Nina leaves behind her son-in-law Anders Fogel and grandson Magnus, her brother William Henry Harrop IV, his wife Cathy, her nephew Will, and nieces Jen and Delaney, as well as a wealth of wonderful friends. She leaves a hole in a lot of hearts, or better to say she finds a lasting place in them.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute Jimmy Fund or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

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Robert M. Sherman, 87, of Rochester died peacefully May 7, 2024 at St. Luke's Hospital.

He was the husband of Harriett S. (Salley) Sherman, with whom he shared 70 years of marriage.

Born in Rochester, son of the late Clifford L. and Margaret (Gifford) Sher-

man, he lived in Rochester all of his life.

Robert was the proud owner of R.M. Sherman Builder, having built countless custom homes in the tri-town.

He enjoyed hunting in his younger years, farming and spending countless hours on his father's cub tractor.

Survivors include his wife; his 5 children, Bryan Sherman and his wife Laurene, Diana Sherman-Knapp and her husband Wayne, Donna Ray and her husband Gene, Melanie Sherman-Morris and her husband Darren, all of Rochester and Brett Sherman of Mattapoisett and Florida; a sister, Jean Finnegan of Longmeadow, MA; 11 grandchildren, Meredith, Erin and her husband Rob, Clifford and his wife Alison, Wesley and his partner Nikki, Christopher, Benjamin, Andrea, Robert, Carrie and her husband Michael, Michael and his wife Paula and Madeline and her fiance Mark; 3 great-grandchildren, Gilbert John, Aubrey Anne and Logan James; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Linda Sherman and Clifford Sherman, Jr. and "special brother" to the late Diana Laycock Macy.

His visiting hours were held on Friday, May 10th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. His Graveside Service was held on Saturday, May 11th in the Sherman Cemetery, Pine St. Rochester. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

on the Board of Assessors.

Select Board member Norm Hills suggested deferring to Town Counsel for comment.

Walker went on to state that the Marion Board of Assessors unanimously voted to suspend Article 33 due to process. "This article lacks transparency," he said, asserting that as of Monday there was no plan on file with the town clerk (contrary to the article). Walker asked Town Moderator Brad Gordon to confirm with Town Clerk Lissa Magauran.

Gorman noted that Select Board minutes posted at MarionMA.gov include a diagram for the road. Magauran said she did not have a sketch of Wells Road with the article; however, it was in the Select Board office.

Walker argued that "the usual process has not been followed" and therefore "an informed opinion by the public is not possible," contrary to "the spirit of Open Meeting Law. ... No one's against a project, we're against a process."

Walker and then John Rockwell moved the question, and Dr. Ed Hoffer seconded. The majority voted to cut off debate and then to indefinitely postpone Article 33.

Article 15 approved appropriation of \$1,699,645 for construction and equipping of a new Department of Public Works operations center at Benson Brook. The appropriation will be split between \$803,195 from free cash and authorize the treasurer with the Select Board's approval to borrow the remainder (\$896,450).

MRC member Scott Cowell took the occasion to seek information on the current DPW facilities on Route 6, stating the harbormaster's case for inside storage, something that won't be achieved with the current construction of a new Maritime Center at Island Wharf.

Cowell's questions yielded a 9- to 12-month timeline and ideas for the current DPW to evaluate the integrity of the aged buildings at the site. Select Board member Randy Parker noted that the water tower is still being used and that the site is in the process of tying into the sewer. Parker envisions at least saving the concrete building and installing bathrooms but could not make any promises to the MRC.

Parker had an extra-busy evening reading articles,



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as Select Board Chairman Toby Burr was unable to attend.

The two-thirds vote easily went to approval of the DPW funding article but not without Jon Henry's nay on the basis that the town may be budget conscious to a fault. He questioned the integrity of the prefabricated structure being planned. Parker, who represents the Select Board to the DPW Building Committee, openly disagreed.

Jennifer Jones, the owner of property at 207-215 Wareham Street, got the approval she sought for Article 35, which will change the residential site from General Business to Residence E. (The Select Board did not recommend lest it be construed as "spot zoning" and not for the benefit of the town as a whole).

Rockwell pointed out that the land sits in a flood

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6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx 6:30 PM Tri-Town TV

7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review

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 Southcoast Green Team Recycle Events

10:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Plymouth North

11:00 PM Rochester Historical Society Mary's Pond with Peter Balzarini

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Shall We Dance? 9:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review

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6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon

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Church of Marion 11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication

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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 - Unplugged

- Matt Richard & Donn Legge 8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report 9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series 10:00 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Sippican Historical Society -The Revolutionary Temper with Robert Darnton

Wednesday May 22, 2024 7:00 AM Seniorcize 7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good 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 First Congregrational Church of Rochester

12:00 PM Tri-Town TV

12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town 12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?

1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV 2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education

2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday 3:00 PM A Conversation With...

Bernard 3:45 PM Sippican Week Interviews

4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz 4:30 PM Sippican Historical Society -

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 -Shall We Dance 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 Sippican Historical Society -Alexander Hamiliton

GOVERNMENT **Comcast Channel 26** Verizon Channel 39

10:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission

3:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

4:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission 5:30 PM Marion Finance Committee 6:30 PM Marion Board of Health 7:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing

Commission

1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline

2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days

3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston

Tremont Advent Christian Camp

MARION **Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen

11:30 AM Marion Planning Board 3:30 PM Marion School Committee

8:00 PM Marion Marine Resource 10:00 PM ORR School Committee

ROCHESTER **GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26** Verizon Channel 40 **Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen 7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission 8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board

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EDUCATION CHANNEL **Comcast Channel 8** Verizon Channel 37 **Daily Schedule**

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly 8:00 AM Center School Tribute to Rose Bowman

9:00 AM Center School Info Session 10:00 AM Old Colony - Jungle Book

11:00 AM Cable History of Old Colony 12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 1:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police 2:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs

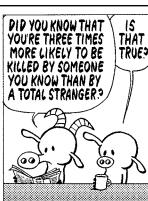
Bishop Stang 3:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs **GNBV**

4:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives 6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly 7:00 PM Old Colony - Mr. Cougar 9:00 PM The Harvard Krokodiloes

10:00 PM ORR Football vs Attleboro **MATTAPOISETT** GOVERNMENT **Comcast Channel 26**

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zone and recommended voters reject the site as a target for residential growth. "We're being asked to approve high-density housing where there will be flooding. Doesn't seem good planning to approve housing of high density in a coastal flood plain," he said.

Hills added that the land is in a "squash zone," meaning a hurricane would put it under water.

Planning Board Chairman Tucker Burr and Planning Board and Affordable Housing Trust member Eileen Marum supported the article. Burr said approximately half the homes in Marion are "basically in a flood zone." He identified the question as, "do we want to increase the density?"

Developer Sherman Briggs, citing his ownership of Residence E property, supported the project because the town needs housing and cited tax revenue lost at Little Neck Village.

The two-thirds voted narrowly carried, 69-33. Menard offered two criticisms of Article 14, grouping all of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee recommendations. "Back in the day ... we took the larger ones and broke them out. I think we should go back to that, but ... I don't think some of this stuff is capital expenditure," he said, referencing records digitization, one of 24 CIPC items not related to Water and

Sewer Enterprise funds.

The CIPC article subtotal of \$2,372,177 was broken down to \$1,383,177 from free cash, \$750,000 from Water Retained Earnings and \$314,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings. The bigger-ticket items: \$182,000 to refurbish Fire Engine 2, \$175,000 for records digitization; \$130,000 for a hook-lift-system truck and \$100,000 for the Island Wharf water line.

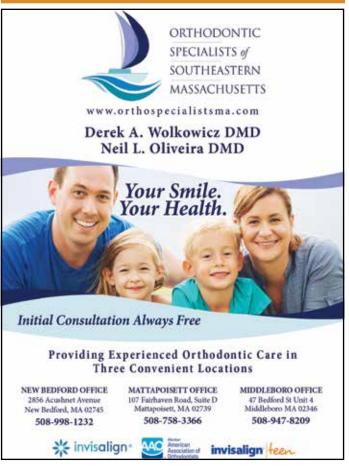
Emergency generators at Marion's wells will cost \$675,000, and the annual Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Removal program will cost \$200,000.

Community Preservation Committee Chairman Jeff Doubrava read Articles 20-30 that distribute Community Preservation Act (state) funds at the CPC's recommendation on a grant-match basis.

Among the beneficiaries of CPA funds will be \$120,000 for easements and \$75,000 for engineering expenses for the Shared Use (bike) Path and an engineering study of the Silvershell Beach parking









Garden Group held its spring plant sale on Saturday in Bicentennial Park, where Elizabeth Taber's statue kept a watchful eye on the proceedings. Photos by Mick Čolageo















Run like a Mother 5k. Photos by Robert Pina











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lot (\$77,000). An article that would have funded an engineering study for the restoration of Bird Island Lighthouse (\$28,925) was passed over because \$30,000 was approved under the CIPC article.

Article 31, which would have asked voters to consider deleting the state's Stretch (energy) Code and effectively remove Marion from the state's Green Communities program was tabled at the last Select Board meeting, citing the need for more information that will be forthcoming over three public meetings.

Article 34, which asked voters to amend the Zoning Map of the Code of Marion by redrawing the boundaries of the Aquifer Protection District, a preliminary step in making the map "as current as possible" to assist homeowners, according to Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee, was tabled. Rockwell said the article "just needs a little more work."

Search Committee Settled

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The one obstacle to organizing a plan to find Rochester a new town administrator has been cleared.

The board on May 9 approved the roster for the Town Administrator Search Committee that it originally proposed after Town Counsel advised that Personnel Board Chairperson Kristine Nash was wrong when she argued on May 5 that the language in the town's Personnel Bylaw did not exclude her from serving on the important search panel.

Nash's objections delayed forming the committee that will find a replacement for Glenn Cannon, who was scheduled to leave the position of Rochester's town administrator following the May 13 Annual Town Meeting. After seeking Town Counsel's input, the Select Board broke that log jam after saying a letter from Town Counsel confirmed that the town's reading of the Personnel Bylaw on the matter was correct. Members on the Personnel Board are not allowed to serve on other such committees.

"He clarified that after reviewing bylaw language, he's determined that she cannot serve on the search committee," Select Board member Adam Murphy said.

As a result, Select Board member Brad Morse motioned that the committee to find Cannon's replacement will consist of himself, Financial Director and soon-to-be Interim Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar, former Town Clerk Paul Dawson, Finance Committee Chairman Kris Stoltenberg and resident David Eckert.

In other action, the board approved a three-year extension of E.L. Harvey and Son's Trash and Recycling Collection contract with the town. The only complication here came when the company's Municipal Manager Michael Szczepan said his superior was away at a conference and would not be able to sign the contract

extension until May 10. Board members said they see no problem signing the contract themselves first as there are no major changes.

The board also approved assigning two police officers to the Town Election polling places at 67 Dexter Lane on May 22. They are reserve officers Pete Sylvia and Stephen Reimer.

The Rochester Select Board's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane.

Eight Acres Still Need a Variance

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals on May 9 granted a side-setback variance to allow the construction of a 20x40-foot, inground pool and 8x10-foot sundeck at 276 Snows Pond Road.

The homeowner, John Kirk, needed a variance of the requirement that such a construction be located no closer than 40 feet from the lot's side setback. Because of the shape of his 8.1-acre lot, he has to build at a 25-foot side setback, he said.

ZBA Chairman David Arancio and member Davis Sullivan focused their questioning on whether the pool could be moved closer to the house. Kirk answered that his home is oriented sideways on the lot so there would not be enough space for safe passage to and from.



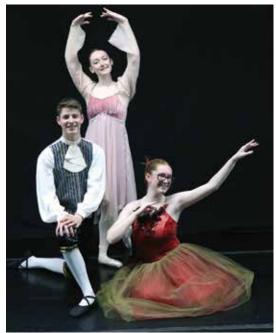
TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Displaying flags at veterans' graves. Photos by Robert Pina







The School of the New Bedford Ballet will present its 38th annual full-length ballet, The Secret Garden, at the New Bedford High School Bronspiegel Auditorium on Saturday, June 15, at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm. The cast includes Allison Root of Mattapoisett (standing), Gabriel Coughlin of Rochester (kneeling) and Grace Rousseau of Mattapoisett (sitting).





Actor and activist Annawon Weeden spoke to a full house at the Marion Congregational Church on May 11. Sponsored by the Marion Art Center, Weeden spoke on all matters indigenous from languages to the creation story shared by many nations. Weeden also noted the use of wampum (created from quahog shells) to make jewelry and as a form of monetary exchange. He told a rapt audience that his life's work was educating young and old alike about indigenous people. Photos by Marilou Newell



Gardening expert Kerry Ann Mendez presented on native species on May 11 at the Elizabeth Taber Library in an event sponsored by the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Marion Natural History Museum. Photo by Marilou Newell

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Board member Donald Spirlet motioned for the approval after noting Kirk had satisfied the criteria of a zoning-panel approval. The shape of the lot itself is a hardship. No other plan would work. "And I don't see a detriment to abutters," Spirlet said.

The resulting approval vote was unanimous, 5-0, with a condition that the pool be no closer than 25 feet to the side setback.

In other business, board member Jeffrey Costa asked for clarification regarding the panel's next meeting. The ZBA was to meet jointly with the Planning Board and the Historic District Commission on May 14 regarding a proposal by Mark and Ashley Briggs to construct two buildings primarily to store collectible automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles and a private hobby barn on New Bedford Road.

Costa asked who will conduct this meeting and if there will be voting. Arancio said it will be informational only, allowing all three boards to hear the application information at the same time. At the end of the meeting, all three boards will vote to continue discussion.

The project will require Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board, a Special Permit from the ZBA and a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals' next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Hobby Barn Digested in Joint Meeting

Rochester Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historic District Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Planning Board, Historic District Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals met jointly Tuesday to hear a proposal by Marion resident Mark Briggs to construct two buildings to store and repair collectible automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles on New Bedford Road.

The project labeled "Briggs Hobby Barn" will require Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board, a Special Permit from the ZBA and a Certificate of



Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman David Arancio called the joint meeting more "an ingestion of information" than anything else.

The public hearing that preceded this summary started with Briggs' attorney, Karla Chaffee, and architectural and engineering consultants Jason Maurer and Bill Madden explaining the design as it has been refined by over a year of previous meetings with town officials.

On 3 acres of an 8-acre parcel, Briggs will build a private hobby barn with an attached silo-shaped observatory for a large telescope and a small repair shop. Access will be limited to family members and invitees. The two buildings will have seamless, metal-clad siding, shaded midnight bronze, lit by low-ballard lighting, and the structures will be angled, fenced in and covered by trees to make the complex hard to see from the roadway.

"The architect will blend into the neighborhood with a barn-like feel," Madden said.

From board members, the strongest pushback came from Historic District Commission member Sara Johnson regarding the choice of siding. "In the entire Historic District, there is no precedent for metal siding," said Johnson. "That's not something we could easily endorse. I wish you'd explore other materials."

Chaffee said no one will see the buildings from any public way because of the shade of the siding and



MOVIE REVIEW



Ape Redux

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes. Starring Owen Teague and Freya Allan. Directed by Wes Ball. Running time: 145 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.

We're over an hour into *Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes* before we hear a human voice. That's not to say we hear *no* voices; the apes here, "many generations" after the events in 2017's *War for the Planet of the Apes*, have become, for them, downright chatty (though they mostly speak haltingly still, with occasional flutters of sign language). The human is Mae (Freya Allan), who is smarter than the average feral human at this stage in the *Apes* timeline. She throws in with some idealistic chimps in opposition to Proximus Caesar (voice of Kevin Durand), head of a more violent ape clan, who wants to get into a vault that contains lots of technology. Still, the movie privileges ape voices over the few speaking humans'.

I was a major fan of the preceding three *Apes* films, which, with the help of Andy Serkis as Caesar, shook out as unusually insightful Hollywood blockbusters. They felt as though they mattered and had something to say — they had *substance*. *Kingdom* isn't nearly as sharp or as full of surprising details, but it engaged me anyway. If this franchise is to go on without Caesar, telling stories about his legacy and how it is used and misused isn't a bad way to go. Our hero here is Noa (voice of Owen Teague), member of an eagle-training clan headed by his father. Proximus and his army invade Noa's village, kidnapping the able-bodied of his clan so they can work to open the vault. Noa, Mae and an especially bright orangutan, Raka (voice of Peter Macon), ride off to free the eagle clan and otherwise discourage Proximus' plans.

Caesar and Serkis are missed, but the story here is sturdy enough that we get on board. It has a lot of good will from the previous films going for it, and manages to hold onto some of it. The problem is, I'm not sure how many flavors of story can be told in this universe; how many times can they reiterate the monkey-Spartacus plot? The special effects, as always, are magical — a chimp named Anaya at one point signs "Anaya is scared" and shows the most abject facial expression of misery I've ever seen. The work on all the apes is top-flight, enabling them to convey any emotion and all its nuances. When apes from the peaceful eagle clan are reunited with clanmates they thought dead, they respond with unfiltered joy that's like a shot of oxygen. The apes mostly haven't learned to



be circumspect with their feelings — that's a human thing ("echoes," the apes call us) — though the shrewder, and more aggressive, of the primates can dissemble.

Kingdom is more interesting when alluding to details and threads that it just lets go. William H. Macy turns up as a sketchy history teacher who's been tutoring Proximus, and I wanted to sit in on one of those classes. A short tale about what exactly a human would teach an ape about the time before, when (as acknowledged here) humans dominated and kept apes in chains, would be a good one to tell in an Apes TV episode or comic book. This teacher implores Mae to forget about the good old days and get used to the new way of things, indicating that the humans have developed opportunistic people who'll try their luck with the apes rather than sleeping under trees. If another trilogy is planned, maybe they'll get into the concept of human "donkeys" (the term derisively used in War for those apes who worked with the human militia).

This 56-year-old franchise seemed to run out of gas in the '70s, and Tim Burton's attempt in 2001 read more like his riff on the Apes themes than a serious bid to relaunch. But the reboot series starting in 2011 found fresh and intriguing things to explore, and Andy Serkis' virtuoso complexity as the hero seemed to lift everyone else's game (it is, I feel, his crowning achievement in mocap acting). If we can't have his Caesar (though in a franchise that in its second film blew up the earth and then circled back to 1970s America in its third, never say never again) and the franchise can't just be left alone now, I suppose an *Apes* going concern is fine. Thoughtful writers can pursue issues in the *Apes* 'verse that make comparable franchises look like pabulum, and special effects have sharpened to the degree that the world of the apes can be shaped and demolished in ways that aren't limited by the physical world. But if they're just going to retell the story of good and bad apes and humans fighting each other again and again, why bother?

that other siding materials are "astronomically" more expensive. She added that Briggs and company have worked hard to redesign in the name of answering town officials concerns.

"You have made a great effort in that regard," Johnson admitted.

ZBA member Jeffrey Costa pointed to Briggs' contention that he will need a Class II license merely to get the right insurance but will not sell cars. "You will not be a commercial use but will get a commercial license?" Costa asked. "If it's a gray area to me, it's going to be gray to someone else."

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson insisted a site-line test be conducted to determine what the public will see from the road, over Chaffee's objections that this was not necessary.

The three boards ended the meeting by continuing their parts of the hearing to their next meeting. The ZBA continued to Thursday, May 23, at 7:00 pm. The Planning Board continued to Tuesday, May 28, at 7:00 pm. The Historic District Commission continued to June 5 at 6:00 pm. All three meetings will be held at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Bulldogs Take SCC Tennis Title

ORR Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School girls' tennis team has won the South Coast Conference tournament championship for the second straight year. Liz Houdelette and Mari Sudofsky were doubles champions, and Neva Matos was the singles tournament champion.

On May 9, the Bulldogs defeated Wareham 4-1, as Sudofsky was named the player of the match. The Bulldogs took a 12-0 record into Tuesday's match against Somerset Berkley and were to visit Wareham in a Wednesday rematch before completing the regular-season schedule with matches Thursday, May 16, at Apponequet and Tuesday, May 21, at Fairhaven.

Boys Tennis

ORR defeated Dighton-Rehoboth, 3-2, on May



7, improving to 8-2 while staying on a hot five-match winning streak. Their next match will be at home against Apponequet (13-0) on Friday, May 17.

Girls Lacrosse

The ORR girls' lacrosse team defeated Dighton-Rehoboth, 17-4, on May 10. Tessa Winslow was named the player of the game, as the Bulldogs' record moved to 10-4. The Bulldogs were scheduled to host Bourne on Wednesday and host Dartmouth on Thursday, May 16, at 5:30 pm.

Boys Lacrosse

The Bulldogs defeated Dighton-Rehoboth, 6-4, on May 10, improving to 7-6 while facing Wednesday's match at Bourne and two more road games to finish the schedule on Monday, May 20, at Dennis-Yarmouth (4:30 pm) and on Thursday, May 23, at Nantucket (4:00 pm).

Cougars Complete Comeback

Old Colony Sports Roundup

By Logan Hamlet

Faith Young belted a triple in the last inning and was driven home on a squeeze bunt by Lindsey Bacchiocchi to win the game for the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School girls' softball team on May 7 against Upper Cape Tech.

The host Cougars battled back from a seven-run deficit for the 13-12 victory. Getting her first win as a pitcher was Kayleigh Desousa, who pitched six innings,



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TRI-TOWN POLICE Logs



MARION

Log highlights May 5-May 11

- Beach St Health/welfare
- Washburn Ln General service
- Wareham Rd EMS/medical
- Delano Rd Suspicious activity
- Cross Neck Rd Suspicious activity Olde Knoll Rd EMS/medical
- Converse Rd Animal control
- Mill St General offense
- Vine St Parking enforcement
- I195 MV collision
- Front St Officer wanted
- Point Rd EMS/medical
- East Ave General offense
- Ichabod Ln EMS/medical
- · Piney Point Rd EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd Health/welfare
- Point Rd Road hazard
- Planting Island Rd Animal complaint
- · Wareham Rd MV collision
- · Front St General service
- Wareham Rd Health/welfare
- Front St MV collision
- Wareham Rd Follow up
- Village Dr General offense Joanne Dr Disturbance
- Front St Disturbance
- Crapo St Animal complaint
- Spring St Health/welfare
- Point Rd Suspicious MV

MATTAPOISET

Log highlights May 5-May 11

- Linhares Ave Health/welfare
- Railroad Ave Parking violation
- Church St Assist citizen
- Church St Parking complaint County Rd Assist citizen
- Aucoot Rd 911 call
- Barstow St Burglar alarm
- County Rd Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd MV violations
- Barstow St General service
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd Health
- Water St Animal control
- North St MV violations
- Marion Rd General service
- Acushnet Rd Health/welfare
- Driscoll Ln Burglar alarm
- Marion Rd Disturbance
- County Rd Summons service
- Fieldcrest Ln 911 call
- Acushnet Rd MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd Larceny/forgery/fraud Prospect Rd Suspicious person

- Church St 911 call Marion Rd MV crash
- Pine Island Rd 911 call
- Wildwood Ter General service
- Water St General service
- Fairhaven Rd MV crash
- · Baker Ln Medical/assist

ROCHESTER

Log highlights May 5-May 11

- County Rd Erratic MV
- Rounseville Rd 911 call
- North Ave MV stop/towed
- Marys Pond Rd Medical alarm
- Stuart Rd Public assist
- Hartley Rd MV stop/citation
- Benjamin Dr Scam
- Neck Rd MV stop/citation
- Pine St Medical
- North Ave Suspicious MV
- Cushman Rd Animal control
- Rounseville Rd Lost animal
- Ryder Rd General service
- High St Road hazard
- County Rd Animal control
- Sarah Sherman Rd Message
- North Ave MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy 911 call
- Winfield St MV stop/arrest
- Marys Pond Rd MV collision
- Quaker Ln General services
- Walnut Plain Rd Medical alarm
- Neck Rd MV collision/citation
- North Ave Public assist
- Vaughn Hill Rd MV stop/towed
- Marys Pond Rd Noise complaint
- Snipatuit Rd Burglar alarm
- Forbes Rd Assist other agency
- Hartley Rd 911 text

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



egional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 20: Greek meatballs, penne, peas & mushrooms, multigrain bread,

Tuesday, May 21: Shrimp Mozambique, yellow rice, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, pears

Wednesday, May 22: Tossed salad w/ Italian dressing, Mexican chicken & bean chili, brown rice, corn muffin, pineapple Thursday, May 23: Turkey w/gravy, parsley mashed potatoes, butternut squash, oatmeal roll, Oreo cookies, low

sugar: Lorna Doone Friday, May 24: BBQ pork rib sandwich, smiley tots, green beans & pepper, hamburger roll, sliced cinnamon apple

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 20: BBQ chicken on a pretzel roll, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, May 21: Cheese quesadillas (OR) chicken quesadillas, brown rice, black bean salad, taco topping bar Wednesday, May 22: Pancakes, maple

syrup, hashbrown patty, low salt sausage Thursday, May 23: Spaghetti & meatballs,

steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick Friday, May 24: Munchie mania basket:

crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 20: BBQ chicken on a pretzel roll, oven baked French fries,

Tuesday, May 21: Cheese quesadillas (OR) chicken quesadillas, brown rice, black bean salad, taco topping bar

Wednesday, May 22: Pancakes, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, low salt sausage patty

Thursday, May 23: Spaghetti & meatballs,

steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick Friday, May 24: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 20: BBQ chicken on a pretzel roll, oven baked French fries, Tuesday, May 21: Cheese guesadillas (OR) chicken quesadillas, brown rice, black bean salad, taco topping bar Wednesday, May 22: Pancakes, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, low salt sausage

Thursday, May 23: Spaghetti & meatballs, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick Friday, May 24: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

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OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Friday, May 24: Assorted pizza

Monday, May 20: Build your own beef tacos: salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans in a taco shell or over rice Tuesday, May 21: Chicken nuggets & fries Wednesday, May 22: Chicken parmesan & spaghetti Thursday, May 23: Hot dogs & fries

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only allowing 2 hits and striking out 12 UTC batters. At the plate, Desousa went 3-for-5 with a run batted in. Patty Spillane batted 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI's. Sharon Delancy also batted 3-for-4 with a double and 2 RBI's.

On May 9, Old Colony faced Bristol Aggie and lost 16-13. Desousa pitched 5½ innings of relief, allowing 6 earned runs on 5 hits while striking out 10. At the plate, Desousa batted 2-for-3 with a double and 3 RBI's. Spillane went 3-for-4 with 3 doubles and 4 RBI's. Laila Servis went 3-for-5 with 2 RBI's, and sophomore Cori Wilkinson batted 2-for-3 with 2 RBI's.

The Cougars, 5-8 after a 14-2 loss on Monday at Tri County, were scheduled to visit Bristol-Plymouth on Wednesday and will host Blue Hills Regional on Friday, May 17, at 6:00 pm at Dexter Lane fields in Rochester.

Correction

In the article about the May 7 Marion Select Board meeting in the May 9 issue of The Wanderer, it was incorrectly reported that resident Chris Washburn suggested that if the Stretch Code were applied to older Marion houses, many would become teardowns. The statement was made by Bill Washburn, Chris Washburn's father.

Letters to the Editor

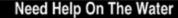
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thanks and gratitude for the beautiful addition to our town with the extension of the bike path. We watched and waited patiently and finally when the day came we got to thoroughly enjoy meeting new fur friends and their owners while walking on the new addition. This letter is a thank you as well as our pup lightening, the big white dog, loved the walks he got to take often twice daily with the beauty and serenity that made us all so happy. Our big white pup lightening moved over the rainbow bridge this past week and won't get to continue his enjoyment of the new addition to town, but we know he would want us thanking all those involved for making something so special he got to enjoy as often as possible.

As for us we will be back at walking minus our four-

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That anxious feeling disappears with a reassuring gesture from a loved one. In addition, the weekend holds some pleasant surprises for the ever-adventurous Lamb.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A planetary lineup creates unsteadiness both on the job and in your private life. Stay the course, and you'll soon ride out the worst of the unsettling effects.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Leave nothing to chance. You need to get more involved in working out problems at home and on the job. Meanwhile, a Sagittarian offers romantic possibilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A new relationship suddenly presents unexpected problems. Clear up all misunderstandings now to avoid more serious situations later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to act on long-delayed projects, both personal and professional. A new job prospect opens up some exciting possibilities. Check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those on-the-job changes continue to bring new challenges. In your personal life, be more flexible in dealing with a loved one who needs your help.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personal problem creates some concern at first, but your prompt attention helps to get things sorted out. Family and friends provide much-needed support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A strong positive attitude helps disperse a cloud of negativism around you. A friend reaches out to offer loving support when you need it the most.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A setback in an important relationship results from a misunderstanding. Forget the finger-pointing and take the first step to set things straight.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Keep an open mind about changes in your personal life. What seems unacceptable at first might prove to be otherwise when more facts begin to emerge.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to start the healing process for bruised or broken relationships. There may be some resistance to a reconciliation, but don't give up.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) During this period of change, the wise Pisces should avoid swimming in rough waters. Take time for things to settle before making a serious commitment.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are friendly and enjoy good company. You have a fine sense of business and are more likely than not to succeed at whatever you choose to do. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

legged pal, but will savor the memories we made with him. We as a town are so very, very lucky to have another special place to go, explore and enjoy.

A sincere thank you to those again who made it possible.

Sincerely, The Oldham Family, Mattapoisett

ORCTV Annual Meeting

ORCTV will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, **June 27** at the ORCTV studio. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm and will include the election of officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. All current ORCTV station members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The nominees for 2024 are: Bill Tilden – Marion seat Tim Smith – Mattapoisett seat Nancy Sparklin – Rochester seat Chris Charyk – Membership seat

Academic Achievements

Dean College is pleased to announce that **Joseph Bacchiocchi** of Rochester has been inducted into the following honor societies for their academic achievements: Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

Sydney DaSilva was named among the students who qualified for Belmont University's spring 2024 Dean's List.

The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MassCPAs) announced that **Raegan Rapoza** of Marion was awarded the Women in Accounting Scholarship Silver Scholarship by the MassCPAs Educational Foundation's 2024 Scholarship Program.

Marion Memorial Day

The 2024 Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, **May 27** starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front Street, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

The 2024 procession and remembrances will follow same route as in past years, stepping off from the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial, the town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of devotion".

The procession and remembrances will feature the Sippican School Marching Band led by director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band. The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Technical Sergeant Mandy Givens of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

The featured speaker is Charles A (Charlie) Brown,

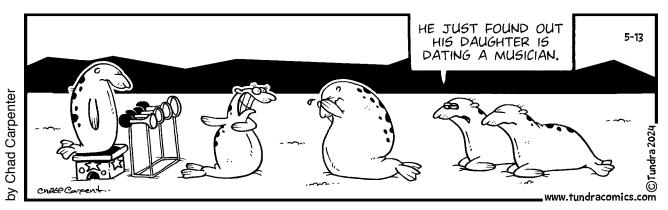


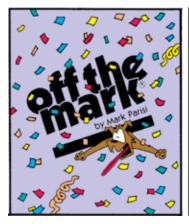
a resident of Marion since the early 1990s. Mr. Brown enlisted in the United States Army in January 1966 but was quickly selected for Officer Candidate School, a 24-week program at Ft. Benning, Georgia upon completion of which he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December 1966. In June of 1966, Lieutenant Brown was transferred to Vietnam and assigned to the First Cavalry Division Airmobile, with 430 helicopters that were their rides into battle. He was combat wounded in December 1966 and again in January 1967. Then, in January of 1968, his Division was flown just north of Hue and defended against the North's Tet Offensive. Following nine months in the field, Lieutenant Brown was transferred to the battalion headquarters. On May 5, 1968, the battalion



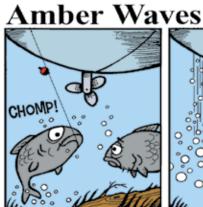
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was attacked and partially overrun. Lieutenant Brown received his third Purple Heart and the Silver Star for actions leading his troops in defending the headquarters. In the years since, Mr. Brown has spent an extensive amount of time supporting his combat brothers, their families and the families of our fallen. After his military service, he had a 25-year career in technology and nine years dealing in Asian Antiques. He also served nine years as an emergency medical technician. Mr. Brown is married to his wife Carol and has three grown children.

Residents are encouraged to attend the remembrances as well as stand along the parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

Mattapoisett Library Speaker Program

America's failing healthcare system: how we got here and where do we go? Presented by Dr. Edward Hoffer. Join Dr. Edward Hoffer at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Tuesday, May 28 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm as he discusses America's failing healthcare system: how we got here and where do we go? Dr. Hoffer will cover why the U.S. spends vastly more on healthcare than other developed countries and yet has mediocre health outcomes, where the money goes and what people can do to protect themselves. This critical topic is relevant to each and every one of us as we learn to navigate the healthcare system. Dr. Hoffer was an undergraduate at MIT, MD at Harvard, and did his residency and cardiology fellowship at Mass General Hospital. He was in private practice for 40 years combined with research on medical informatics at MGH. Dr. Hoffer works half-time at the MGH Lab of Computer Science on AI, trying to help doctors make more accurate diagnoses. He is the author of the book entitled Prescription for Bankruptcy. Look in The Wanderer for the topical and helpful medical articles Dr. Hoffer submits. This program is free and open to all.

Electronics & Household Appliance Recycling Event

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, Inc. is sponsoring another Electronics and Household Appliance Recycling Event. The event will be held on Saturday, **June 1** in the parking area next to What the Taco restaurant, 22 County Road, Rt 6, Mattapoisett, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Donation receipts provided.

This event presents a great opportunity to clear out all that unwanted clutter that's accumulated in and around the house or office. All are encouraged to sort through their basement, attic, office, garage, etc. for any electronic or electric devices plus any household appliances (large and small) just collecting dust and no longer needed. Bring them to this event and for a nominal tax deductible donation have them fully recycled. Pickups considered for home bound individuals.

Donation is required for these items (not to be included with max carload): \$35 each, all TV's & monitors

(flat screen / CRT / projection) \$20 each, computers, laptops, tablets, printers, toner cartridges, Large Household Appliances: refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, stoves, dishwashers, washing machines and dryers.

Donation is requested for these items: \$5 each, cell phones, land line phones and computer accessories, including keyboards, mice, speakers, drives, printers, memory cards, video games, camera/video/audio equipment, fax/copy machines, wires, plugs, Small Household Electric Appliances: toasters, irons, hair dryers, microwaves ovens, toaster ovens, can openers, amplifiers, pre-amps, set top TV boxes, scanners, shredders, blenders, mixers, coffee makers, metal poles (less than 8 ft long), metal desks, barbecue grills (no propane tanks), pots and pans \$60 maximum per carload for donation requested items only.

Donations to Lions Club, Inc. are tax deductible as may be allowed by law. Mattapoisett Lions Club, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) IRS approved public charity.

For more information, contact Lion Bob Saunders at 508-758-4675.

Red Oak Garden Plant Sale

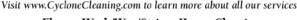
The Red Oak Garden is hosting a plant sale on Saturday, **May 25** from 10 am to 2:00 in the Parking Lot between Ying Dynasty and What the Taco. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Red Oak Garden which is a part of the Helping Hands and Hooves therapeutic horseback riding and gardening program.

Garden members are friends and neighbors of all ages and backgrounds who have come together to work and learn in the garden. The group strives to cultivate healthy soil and nutritious produce as they study and learn from nature's wisdom. This season, as the group experiments with growing new vegetables and flowers, they will continue to share their harvest with the wider Southcoast community.

Members of the garden have started herb, vegetable and annuals from seed. Local perennials and natural garden trellises will also be for sale. Cash or check payments will gratefully be accepted.

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application, filed by Highland Development Ventures, for the property located off County Road, identified on Assessors Map 17, Lot 41.C7.

The applicant's proposed project is a self-storage facility that consists of four buildings with one being a multi-story.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87412227621 Meeting ID: 874 1222 7621

Or Call: 1 646 876 9923

Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/16, 5/23

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Washington Island View LLC.

The Applicant proposes to construct house additions and in-ground swimming pool together with associated site work.

All of the proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 17 & 20) and within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank. The property is located at 2 Ocean View Avenue which is further identified as Lot #140 on Assessors Map #14A.

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**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/16

TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Randolph Alexander, Wolf Island Trust for property located at 96 Wolf Island Road in Rochester and is designated as Lot 8A on Assessors' Map 3. The applicant is proposing the installation of a gravel driveway, stone patio, stone walkway, and landscaped areas for an existing single-family dwelling. The work is located within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

The applicant's representative is G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., 266 Main Street, Wareham, MA 02571.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 5/16

TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Estate of James Barton, Estate of Sharon Barton for property located at 0 Gifford Lane in Rochester and is designated as Lots 7, 7A, 12, 15, and 16 on Assessors' Map 39. The applicant's request is for the review and approval of multiple wetland resource boundary limits

The applicant's representative is Gregory Downey, 700 Pleasant Street, Ste 210, New Bedford, MA 02742.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law.

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Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 5/16

TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room

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Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Continued Public Hearing on June 3, 2024, at 7:05 pm to consider the request of 78 Wareham Road, LLC c/o Matthew Zuker for Special Permits pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Chapter 230-7.2 General Requirements under 230-5.3 Multifamily Housing, 230 – 8.11 Erosion Control and 230-8.12 Inclusionary Housing. The Board will also consider an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Chapter 230-9.1 of the Code of the Town of Marion.

The property is located at 78 Wareham Road, Marion, MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 7 Lots 24, 25, 27, 28C and 29, zoned Residence E.

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Danyca Filiatreault for the remote participation information: dfiliatreault@marionma.gov

Tucker Burr, Chair

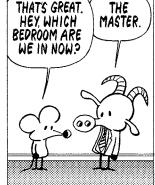
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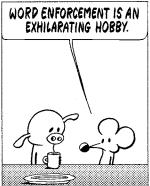


PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis









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For more information about The Red Oak Garden and Helping Hands and Hooves, please visit their website www.helpinghandsandhooves.org.

Mattapoisett Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will be holding its next book sale during Harbor Days and will take place on **July 20 and 21**, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Meeting Room of the library, 7 Barstow Street.

A wide collection of donated books are available. The average hard cover book is offered for \$2.00, with similar low prices for other categories. A book bag may be filled for \$20.00 using a library bag; recycled bags may be filled for \$15.00.

Donations of books may be dropped off at the library during normal operating hours. Volunteers are also needed for setup, sale and clean-up. If interested, please contact the Friends at (508) 758-8274, or via email at sites.michael@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the programs and activities at the library.

Richard Cutler to Speak at Plumb Library

Join us on Saturday, May 25 to hear from local scifi author Richard Cutler as he talks about his books and the current day misconceptions and confusion regarding science fiction. Richard Cutler is an engineer who dwells on historical events and future possibilities-combining these with a cynical view of what some believe led to his first two books, Course Correction and Carbon Neutral, followed by Altered Horizon. His newest book is Trappist-1 pi Factor. When not writing, he restores early 1900s automobiles, or he, his wife, and their cat go cruising. Books will be available for sale and signing (cash or check, please). Light refreshments will be served. There are 25 spots available for this event. Please register through our online Events Calendar.

Marion Church History Tour

Delve into the rich history of The First Congregational Church of Marion and its foundational role in the town's development with the upcoming event, "Ship Captains' Legacy: Charting The First Congregational's History," hosted by The First Congregational Church and The Sippican Historical Society.

Scheduled for Saturday, **June 8** from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, this immersive journey will chart the rich history of The First Congregational Church and its connection to the life of Marion for the past 300 years. Starting at the main Church building at 28 Main Street in Marion, the tour includes light refreshments, and will feature engaging presentations from Will Tifft of The Sippican Historical Society.

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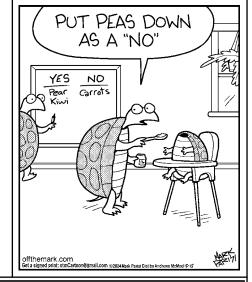
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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The highlight of the event includes a tour of the iconic 1841 "Captains' Meetinghouse," which serves as the Church's historic sanctuary. Participants will also learn about the Church's historic Congregational Chapel at 37 Main Street (presently Penny Pincher's Exchange). Attendees will have the unique opportunity to consider the historical Hutchings Organ (ca. late 1800s), ring the clock tower bell, and hear about the upstairs story of the Marion General Store, integral to the Church's beginnings (1702-1841).

Artifacts from the early years of the Church will also be on display, with colorful descriptions from local history lover, Bob Jones.

Registration for this experience is limited to 60 attendees, and interested individuals are encouraged to secure their spots promptly by registering at: shorturl.at/CTV56.

There are some aspects of these historic facilities which unfortunately provide mobility restrictions; the Congregational Chapel requires a stairway for access.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable event.

We kindly ask that tour attendees park at the Town Wharf on Front Street, opposite the Marion Music Hall, or on side streets around town.

Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came together to make the Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship a reality for the 2024 school year. Jennifer was a champion for special needs students, and we're very proud to be able to continue that legacy with this scholarship. It is with great honor that we announce the establishment of a two-thousand dollar scholarship, awarded to a student who has utilized special education services and is seeking a higher education.

Jennifer's spirit of support and advocacy for special education resonates deeply within this initiative, and it is our commitment to continue awarding the Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship for years to come, ensuring that her legacy continues to inspire and uplift students and the community.

For those who wish to contribute and be a part of this endeavor for the 2025 school year, you can use Venmo





@Jen_Rusinoski_Scholarship_Fund, or contact us at 508-922-0541. Your support means everything and helps us carry forward Jennifer's legacy, making a difference in the lives of future scholars. Thank you.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

I was planning to write about bridges this week, but the news of Robert Sherman's passing changed that. I have to say that I've always called him Bob or Bobby, probably because that's what my mother always called him. When my husband and I were considering buying a



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house at Center Village, the news that the Shermans had bought one there was enough to convince John that it was a good idea.

Bob always rode around in his pickup to check on his properties, so he would frequently pull over to chat if he found us outside. I never knew what the day's story would be. My favorite one was about his riding his bike to then Harriet Salley's house. He would have to pass by Jack Wilson's garage and Jack would call him over and

tell him to turn around and go home. He would tell him that he was making a "big mistake". All the men hanging around the garage would give him a hard time, but they didn't deter him.

It seems Bob noticed Harriet and her long, blonde curls when he was in 5th grade and she was in 6th. Some years later, he spotted her at a Grange dance and



that was it. Sharing his love of square dancing, he taught her the steps and they could often be found at the square dances on Mattapoisett wharf. They married in their teens and were married for 70 years.

Bob became my hero one summer day. There was a horrific smell permeating the family cottage, and my mother was expecting renters the next week. My brother had tried to find someone to take care of the problem with no success, so my mother called her cousin and Harriet relayed the message to Bob.

Bob left the \$1,000,000.00 house he was working on and came to the rescue. I met him there and he determined that he would need to cut a square out of the back hall floor to get to the source of the problem. He then sent me off to buy lime so I wouldn't be there for the worst of the extrication of a putrefied baby fox that had gotten stuck between the floor joists (the cottage sat on cinder blocks) and died. That day he definitely went above and beyond for an older cousin he probably hadn't seen in years.



When I started to write these articles for the Wanderer, I wasn't sure if I was reaching an interested audience. I bumped into Bobby at Plumb Corner one Thursday. He had just picked up his magazine and told me that my stories were the reason that he got there early to get a copy. That's when I knew I was successful.

I used to tease Bob that his picture was in the Post Office (like the wanted posters of old). Actually, he is in a Hartley family photo that is in the PO Box area with other historical pictures. He's the baby on Grandma Hartley's lap and my mother is two rows back and four in from the right. With Bob gone, I feel like it's the end of an era and I know he will be missed.

Rochester Historical Society News

Along with the weather, things are warming up at the museum at 355 County Road. June will bring our two day Historic Fair with loads of activities for both kids and adults. **July 17** will be Music with Tom and Sheila Perry (downstairs or outside) followed by our ice cream social, and **August 21** will be a Pot Luck supper.

Writers Workshop Redux

This is a place to share ideas and your work, whether you are a writer or just have stories that want to be told. We meet every fourth Friday, from 10:15 am until 12:15 pm, at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, in the basement Community Room.



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June Quintin	May 16
Roy R. Andrews	May 16
Ben Fearing	May 17
Ethel Howard	May 17
Adrianna Wright	May 18
Bree LeFavor	May 18
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Natali McGrath	May 18
Summer Rose Alexandre	May 18
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Grace Alford	May 19
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Ryan Cusick	May 21
Sophia Cruz	May 21
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Unveiling of the Wanderer Model

The Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street invites the public on Sunday, **May 19**, from 2 to 4 pm to view the Unveiling of the Wanderer Model created by Master model shipbuilder George Lowery. Mr. Lowery will be in attendance and will give a brief presentation about the model and how he built it. The Wanderer model took over 2,000 hours of painstaking labor to complete and is authentic down to the smallest detail. Worth over \$90,000, the Museum is grateful to be able to add it to its collections and to share it with the public. It will be the centerpiece of this summer's exhibit.

In celebration of this event, the Museum will host a group of Sea Shanty Chorus singers who will perform songs that were sung in 1924 at the "Sea Service" on board the Wanderer the day she departed on her last voyage. Refreshments will be served.

Rochester Friends of Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will be holding a Book Sale on Friday, **May 17** from 12 noon to 5 pm and Saturday, **May 18** from 10 am to 2 pm. The Plumb Memorial Library is located at 17 Constitution Way in Rochester. Weather permitting, the sale will take place outside near the Gazebo. Otherwise, the sale will be held in the Library's Program Room downstairs.

The Library is offering bargain prices on books, games and puzzles. The Plumb Library Youth Group will also be holding a Bake Sale on Saturday.

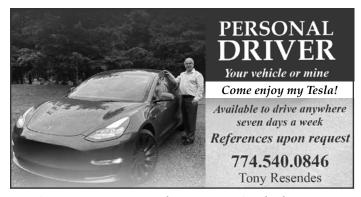
Book donations are being accepted during Library open hours. Please do not place donations in the book drop.

Proceeds from the Book Sale help fund Library programs. We hope to see you there and appreciate support from the community.

Providence Poets to Read at the Mattapoisett Library

Award-winning Providence poets Karen Donovan and Catherine Imbriglio will read from their poetry on Saturday, **May 18** at 2 pm, as part of the Purrington Series sponsored by the Mattapoisett Library Trust.

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



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

Catherine Imbriglio is the author of two books of poetry, Parts of the Mass (Burning Deck), which received the Norma Farber First Book Award from the Poetry Society of America and Intimacy (Center for Literary Publishing), which received the Colorado Prize in Poetry. Her poetry and criticism have appeared in After Spicer (John Vincent, ed.), American Letters &

NOTICE, MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing will be conducted on 5/13/2024—5/24/2024.

Flushing will begin 5/13/2024 at 7:30 pm and go on until 3:00 am in the Acushnet Rd. and North St. / Crystal spring Rd areas.

Night flushing will also be conducted on 5/20/2024 from 7:30 pm to 3:00 am in the Center of Town along with the Acushnet Rd /Park St/Mendell Rd area.

Daily flushing will be conducted the entire time between 5/13/24--- 5/24/24, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. (Signage will be placed on the roads that are being flushed daily) some Hydrants may continue to run into the evenings to address any discolored water concerns.

During this period of time, Please check your water before using if you find any discoloration, try running your cold water tap for a couple of minutes to flush out your service, as always please contact us for any questions or concerns.

Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas.

Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street. Other areas may be affected due to system hydraulics please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Chlorine may be injected into the system when flushing begins and will continue until flushing is completed.

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here you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother
of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly
beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure
me in my necessity (make request). There are none
that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived
without sin pray for us who have recourse to
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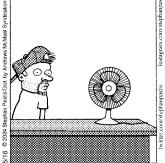
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis













Commentary, Aufgabe, A Broken Thing: Poets on the Line, Conjunctions, Contemporary Literature, Denver Quarterly, Epoch, Green Mountains Review, New American Writing, Pleiades, Poetry International, The Pact, West Branch and elsewhere. A selection of her poetry was anthologized in the Iowa Anthology of New American Poetries, ed. Reginald Shepherd (University of Iowa Press). She is a senior editor in poetry for Tupelo Quarterly.

Both poets will have poetry books available for purchase and signing following the reading. Light refreshments will be served.

The event was rescheduled from an April date when a power failure occurred in Mattapoisett, and the library had to be closed.

Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race

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

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

For the Mattapoisett River Racer (MRR) boats, the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include the new kayak division and the MRR open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, coed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old). Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

Preregistration is required. Only one registration session will be held at the Rochester Council on Aging (RCOA) Senior Center, 67 Dexter's Ln, Friday, **May 17** at 6:30 to 8:00. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form



must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained by **April 13** at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman Road or at the registration session or email Art (artbenner@comcast.net) and request the rules and registration form.

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

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

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

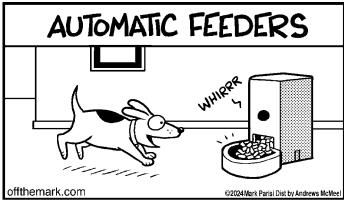
For further information, contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email; artbenner@comcast.net. Check Facebook 'Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race for updated info.

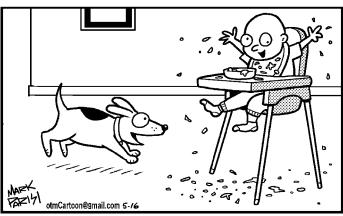
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by Mark Parisi





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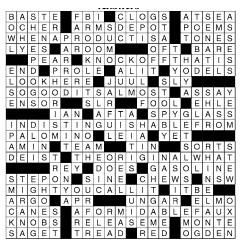
Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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

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- 3. Design; 4. Hustle

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